



# The Southern Ute Drum

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Elliot Hendren crawls his way through the mud pit, the first obstacle in the Ute Warrior Challenge held on the last day of the Tri-Ute Games, Thursday, May 31 at Lake Capote.

More Tri-Ute Games photos pages 19-24.

## Tri-Ute Games



### Athletes stand together for Tri-Ute Games

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the Tri-Ute games in Ignacio, returning to the SunUte Community Center once again for the welcoming ceremonies.

Young athletes from each of the three Ute tribes competed against each other in a variety of sports including: archery, basketball, volleyball, golf, running, traditional hand game and a Ute Warrior Challenge.

Guest speakers, evening activities and a photo booth added to the multi-day sporting event, which encouraged friendly competition and sportsmanship among Ute athletes.

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL CORNER

### Second quarter Tri-Ute Council meeting held in Towaoc

By Lindsay Box  
SU COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The quarterly Tri-Ute Council meeting was held at the Ute Mountain Ute Casino in Towaoc, CO, on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

The meeting brought together leadership from the Tri-Ute Mountain Ute, Southern Ute and the Ute Tribe. Vice Chairman Cheryl A. Frost and Council Member Adam Red represented the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the day-long meeting which included discussion of the Tri-Ute Services, a Shoshonean Ute Language Reunion, the renaming of the Gore Mountain Range, Lake Night-horse, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Medicaid expansion, and a letter to the University of Denver regarding Ute Tribes' flag raising. The meeting was wrapped up with reports from each Tribe.

A long-awaited memorandum of understanding ("MOU") between the



Lyndsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Ute Tribe Council Member, Shaun Chapoose, addresses the Tri-Ute leadership while Southern Ute Council Member, Adam Red listens in.

Ute Mountain Ute and the Southern Ute Indian Tribes to provide limited services and resources to members of our sister Tribes is still on the table. Both Tribes are going to identify what services and resources would be available for tribal members residing on the other Ute tribal reservation. This discussion was tabled until next quarter and after services have been identified and cost share details have been agreed upon.

The Ute Tribe has opted out of this MOU.

The three Ute Tribes will be hosting the annual Shoshonean Language Reunion in Ignacio, CO at the Sky Ute Casino & Resort between July 23-25, 2018. The Reunion will include Ute language and history seminars, workshops on Ute culture such as horsemanship, as well as a parade and a fashion show.

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## UTE NATIONS DAY

### Utes honor Bear Dance Chiefs

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

"As Ute tribes get ready for the Bear Dance, remember that this is a tradition and a culture we teach our young children that they will pass on, may your day be blessed with happy memories ... Tog'oiak'," Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage stated during her welcoming address to all in attendance at Ute Nations Day.

True to tradition, the annu-

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McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box sings a couple rounds of Bear Dance songs with individuals from the Ute Indian and Ute Mountain Ute tribes on Thursday, May 24.

## CCIA

### Bear Dance adds to CCIA agenda

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) met in Towaoc, Colo. on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation for their quarterly meeting, Friday, June 1. The call to order was made by Lieutenant Governor Lynne, who Chairs the Commission.

Mary Ontiveros, Colorado State University (CSU)



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs gather for their quarterly meeting at the Ute Mountain Ute Casino, Friday, June 1.

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## First dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box opens the Bear Dance grounds, and invites the Southern Ute Royalty to introduce themselves on Friday, May 25. The first round of dancing is a Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy tradition, where teachers and students make the trek from the school to the Bear Dance corral each spring to take part in the first dances of the weekend.

More Bear Dance photos on page 13-14.

## Honoring all who served



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Airmen, Austin Box (USAF Ret.) and Terry Knight (USAF) lead the procession from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park to the Bear Dance bridge, overlooking the Pine River, and then onto the Ouray Memorial Cemetery as part of the Southern Ute Memorial Day Ceremonies, Monday, May 25.

More Memorial Day photos on page 16.



WILDFIRE UPDATE

## Montezuma Creek fire update

Staff report  
DURANGO INTERAGENCY TYPE 3  
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

A lightning storm on June 3, 2018 started a series of fires on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. On the afternoon of June 4, fire-fighters from multiple agencies responded to reports of smoke and found multiple fires in the southeast corner of the reservation. At 1800 (6 p.m.) the Durango Inter-agency Incident Management Team assumed management of the fires, which they are calling the Montezuma Creek Incident.

As of 0800 (8 a.m.) on June 6, 2018 the largest of the fires, the Montezuma Creek Fire, was 20% contained at 8 acres. The fire is located on a very steep slope and a Type 1 hot-shot crew has been ordered



courtesy Stephen Orr/Durango Interagency Incident Team  
The Montezuma Creek Fire burning on Southern Ute Indian Reservation can be seen in the distance.

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WILDFIRE PREVENTION

## Preparedness program for Southern Ute tribal members

By Don Brockus  
SU RISK MANAGEMENT

Wildfire hazards are extraordinary this year. A plan is being developed to help members prepare their home sites to be as safe as possible from destruction by wildfire. Attached is an announcement inviting you to attend an education session in the Multi-Purpose Facility at 6:30 p.m., June 12.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive  
Drought conditions throughout the region have prompted stringent fire restrictions as multiple wildfires burn throughout Southwest Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

During that session we will discuss:

- How to prevent fires and fire restrictions.
- How to make your home defensible in the event that a fire approaches.
- How to manage fuels around the property and federal programs to help you do that.
- How to react and what to take if a fire approaches your home.

All the speakers will be persons who work in these

areas professionally. The Tribal Council is also considering how to help members prepare defensible space around their homes. The goal is to make plans for all of you who want a strategy for creating defensible space around your home. We hope to provide any labor and equipment needed to create defensible space around the homes of Southern Ute elders. The service provid-

ed could include removal of dangerous trees, brush, weeds and other debris. For all other tribal members, there may be equipment and labor charges for the work, but the home site plans will be free. The Risk Management Department is also seeking grant funds to help with this effort, but none have been located as of today.

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS

## SU Reservation enters Stage II Fire Restrictions as of June 1

By Rich Gustafson  
BIA SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

Due to the current dry fuel conditions and the occurrence of recent wildland fires, Stage II fire restrictions have been implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation land is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year.

Stage II Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Reservation.

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

- **OPEN BURNING:** Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- **AGRICULTURAL BURNING:** Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
- **CAMP FIRES:** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. Charcoal broilers and wood and coal stoves used outside of dwellings are classified as campfires and prohibit-

ed. Fires for ceremonial sweats are allowed upon notification of the local fire authority and/or BIA Fire office and approval from them.

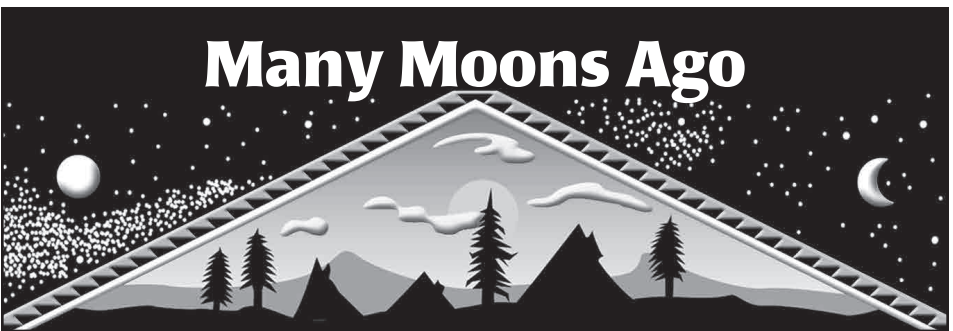
- **FIREWORKS:** Possession, discharging or use of any type or fireworks is prohibited.
- **SMOKING:** Smoking is restricted to designated areas, within structures or within vehicles equipped with ash-trays.
- **OPERATING EQUIPMENT:** Operating or using any internal combustion engine (chainsaws, generators, etc) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions are attached or 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., June 1, 2018 and will remain until conditions improve.

To read complete restrictions go to the Drum's website: [www.sudrum.com/news/2018/06/04/southern-ute-reservation-enters-stage-ii-fire-restrictions](http://www.sudrum.com/news/2018/06/04/southern-ute-reservation-enters-stage-ii-fire-restrictions)



SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Veteran Sunshine Smith made the Walk of the Warriors as she does every year. Smith, along with her family cast a wreath to the river in memory of warriors.

This photo first appeared in the June 5, 1998, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Ute Singers with the crowd walking to the cemetery, during Memorial Day.

This photo first appeared in the June 10, 1988, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Erwin Taylor giving instruction to summer Jr. leaguers at Ute Park.

This photo first appeared in the June 9, 1978, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

### Swearing-In Ceremony & Reception

Recognizing the newly elected Tribal Council Member

Monday, June 18, 2018 beginning at 09:00 a.m.  
Leonard C. Burch – Tribal Council Chambers

Reception to follow in the Hall of Warriors

This event is open to Tribal Members, staff, and local officials. The swearing-in ceremony will begin promptly at 09:00 a.m. with a reception to follow in the Hall of Warriors.

Light refreshments will be served.

#### Agenda

09:00 a.m.	Call to Order & Invocation	Chairman Christine Sage
09:05 a.m.	Certification of Votes	Southern Ute Election Board
09:10 a.m.	Tribal Council Remarks	Tribal Council
09:30 a.m.	SCSYAC Remarks	SCSYAC Members
09:35 a.m.	Remarks from Visiting Dignitaries	
09:45 a.m.	Light snacks and refreshments	

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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







Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Chief, Terry Knight gets business underway for the spring ceremony, Friday, June 1.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The 'Catman,' Tyler Ute, works hard to keep everyone on track during the opening of the UMU Bear Dance, members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs visit the Bear Dance each spring.

## TRI-UTE MEETING IN TOWAOC • FROM PAGE 1



Lyndsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Members of the Tri-Ute leadership gather at Ute Mountain Ute Casino for their quarterly Tri-Ute Council meeting. All three Ute tribes were represented at the meeting in Towaoc, Thursday, May 31.

Ms. Karn Stiegelmeier, a Summit County Commissioner, attended her third Tri-Ute Council meeting to discuss the renaming of the Gore Mountain Range (named after an Irish aristocrat, Lord St. George Gore). In 1850 Gore, traveled to Summit County on a hunting venture. Much to the dismay of the Native Americans and military scouts guiding the hunt, Gore wastefully slaughtered many bear, buffalo, elk and deer. Summit County Commissioners have formally approved the name change and seek suggestions from the Tri-Ute leadership. Shaun Chapoose from the Ute Tribe stated, "This is more than just renaming the mountain range. The forced removal has taught us to be cautious and thoughtful of our involvement." The White River and Uncompahgre bands of Utes were removed from Gore area. The Tri-Ute leaders discussed various names, deciding on an unofficial suggestion. Ute Tribe Council Member finished, "let me know if you want to give it back."

Tri-Ute leadership also talked about the recreational use of Lake Nighthorse. Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute expressed frustration with the recre-

ational use and permitting of motorized boats on water, which was the result of the Colorado Ute Water Settlement. "It is important for us as leaders to pass on the history of that water. Drought is taking our water and we have this big water storage that people are taking advantage of for recreational use," conveyed Ute Mountain Ute Council Member Deanne House. Southern Ute Council Member Adam Red shared that the recreational use was part of the "fine print" in an agreement with the funder and the Bureau of Land Management.

Vice Chairman Frost and Ute Mountain Ute Council Member Juanita Plentyholes shared that the budget proposed by President Trump called for cutting funding to the Community Health Representative (CHR) program that many tribal communities benefit from. Leadership also shed light on a state change to Medicaid which requires enrollees to participate in community engagement and/or enter into the workforce. Council Member Plentyholes argued that many federally recognized tribes should be exempt from this new regulation per our treaties with the federal government. Tri-

Ute leadership also shared the widespread concern of the opioid use and abuse on each reservation. Leaders and staff from the respected Tribes are looking into grant funding to combat this epidemic.

Tri-Ute Leadership also discussed a draft letter regarding the University of Denver raising the flags of the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho and Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations on their campus. Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribal Councils agreed to participate in the letter, while the Ute Tribe needed additional time to decide on their participation tabling the item until next quarter.

The meeting concluded with updates from each of the tribes. Southern Ute shared updates from the Permanent Fund departments, highlighting events that had taken place since last quarter. The Ute Tribe expounded on their fight at the federal level for true sovereignty and self-determination. Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman, Harold Cuthair, wrapped up the meeting with an invitation to attend the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance, powwow and other activities taking place over the following days.

## BEAR DANCE FILLS CCIA AGENDA • FROM PAGE 1

Vice President for Diversity spoke on behalf of the university, citing a recent incident on a campus tour, involving two young Native American students from New Mexico. The two individuals were pulled off of the organized tour, after a visiting parent made a phone call to campus police, claiming that the young men's presence seemed suspicious. Campus police, ascertained that the individuals were signed up for the tour, and not a threat. Nevertheless, feeling unwelcome, the perspective students returned home, rather than rejoining the tour.

The University is working hard to make sure future students feel welcome and support CSU's mantra of diversity for students, visitors and faculty. "Student safety, and providing a welcoming environment, is our first priority," said Ty Smith, CSU Student Diversity Programs. We need to educate our staff and faculty — furthermore want to make sure that every student that comes on a tour understands this land was not always CSU's land, Smith emphasized.

The upcoming Shoshone-Numic Language Reunion dates were announced to members of the Commission, which will be held in Ignacio, Colo. from July 23 – July 25.

One of the key points of



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

One aspect of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) meeting each spring is the opening of the Bear Dance in Towaoc, Colo., a CCIA tradition.

concern among members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe was the recent opening of recreation at Lake Nighthorse in Durango, Colo. "The recreation portion [of Lake Nighthorse] is another example of our resources being misused," Southern Ute Councilman Adam Red said. Stating that motorized boats are a negative aspect of the reservoir's recreation plan in regards to the original intent of Lake Nighthorse, which was designed to fulfill the settlement of Ute water rights. "One of the things that the Tribe wants to make sure is that the water does stay clean and clear," affirmed Southern Ute Councilman Cedric Chavez.

On a positive note, Red confirmed that there will be some hunting rights in the

Nighthorse area for tribal members, associated with the Brunot agreement.

Members of the Colorado Ute tribes, along with members of the Commission travelled to the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance grounds in Towaoc, Colo. to help bring in the first day of dancing. The spring celebration was held from Fri. June 1 — Mon. June 4. "It's all about the celebration of the bear coming out of hibernation," Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Harold Cuthair said.

The Commission announced that they will look to reconvene in Ignacio, Colo in September (date to be announced), and again in Denver, Colo. on Dec. 7th to coincide with the exhibition opening of, 'Written on the Land-Ute History,' Ute Voices exhibition at History Colorado.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Marcellen Ute (far left) dances in rhythm with her chosen partner at the Bear Dance on Friday, June 1.

19th Uto-Aztec Shonshonean-Numic Reunion

# Narúúvü Nüwygai

## Still talking



**July 23 to 25, 2018**

**Sky Ute Casino Events Center**  
**Ignacio, Colorado**

Conference registration deadline: June 22, 2018  
For More Information Contact: Dustin Weaver at (970)-563-2987  
or [dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)



## IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Honor Roll – 3rd Quarter

### 6th Grade

Solymer Cosio	3.5
Rylan Maez	3.5
Marcus Maez	3.5
Vincent Naranjo	3.5
Phillip Quintana	3.5
Zoey Ray	3.5
Devante' Montoya	3.6
Wade Dunbar-Burger	3.7
Allison Egger	3.7
Sierra Salazar	3.7
Maci Barnes	3.8
Diana Cundiff	3.8
Kaycee Jefferson	3.8
Kimberlyn Palmer	3.8
Eva Salazar	3.8
Zoey Ashley	4.0
Kacey Brown	4.0
Lauren deKay	4.0
Corey Gomez	4.0
Darlyn Lechuga	4.0
Teryn McWhirter	4.0
Ell Ranney	4.0
Willow Schulz	4.0
Elizabeth Williams	4.0

### 7th Grade

Rachal Goodwin	3.5
Makayla Herrera	3.5
Tayshaun McEwen	3.5
Christopher Francis	3.7
Julian White	3.8
Laci Brunson	4.0
Trinity Strohl	4.0
Chayton Wells	4.0
Keona Whitey	4.0

### 8th Grade

Chloe Sindelar	3.5
Orlando Salazar	3.7
Lexy Young	3.7
Jackie Carrillo	3.8
Monika Lucero	3.8
Kourtney Schurman	3.8
Tyler Barnes	4.0
Alannah Gomez	4.0
James Mars	4.0
Avaleena Nanaeto	4.0
Alexis Pontine	4.0
Eli Pratchett	4.0
Laura Witt	4.0

## Box family present scholarship



courtesy Michael Hirano Culross

Eddie and Betty Box presented the Dorothy Burch Scholarship to Southern Ute tribal member and Bayfield High School graduate, Jakob Box at their home on Sunday, May 27. "Jakob has done so many beautiful things, he is good in school and serves as a role model to others in the community," Betty Box said of her grandson. A deserving student is selected for the scholarship each spring. There were no outside applicants this year, so the Box family chose a deserving student from the community. In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship to help with education needs, boys will receive a Pendelton blanket, and the girls receive a shawl. Applicants, whom are generally local, young adults, have to submit their stories in writing — these are my grades, these are my goals, said Betty Box. "That scholarship is what we do, it supports 'Mom' Box's memory."

## 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:

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

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 pm on Monday, July 9, 2018 and shall state the basis for the nomination.** You may also Email the letter to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto: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.

## Center of Southwest Studies' summer lectures

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College kicks-off its summer lecture series based on the theme, "Women in the Southwest," with a presentation from Judith Reynolds, O'Keeffe's Odyssey to the West, on Wednesday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Center's Lyceum Room #120. Long before her death in 1986 at the age of 98, Georgia O'Keeffe had become a cultural icon, America's most famous woman artist. Buried in the O'Keeffe legends there are many unknown images, rarely discussed facts, and a troubling medical history. Judith Reynolds will discuss O'Keeffe's precipitous rise to national prominence, her move to the American Southwest, and the way she navigated the seasons of her life. Judith Reynolds is an arts journalist, art historian, and political cartoonist. The Center of Southwest Studies, now in its 54th year, provides an active program of free public lectures and events year-round at its museum, research library, and archives facility on the campus of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. For more information, please contact the Center's business office at 970-247-7456 or visit <http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu>

## Elder Celebration

## Dinner

All Ute Elders Are Welcome!

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In the event of a funeral the Elder Celebration Luncheon will be rescheduled to another date.

For more information contact: Edward Box III at (970)-563-2984

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BGC club member Malahi Coriz and SUPD Chief Ray Coriz help SUPD officer Bosick get wrapped up in the events at the BGC’s end of year celebration.

# It takes a village BGC celebrates community

**To kick off summer, the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) held their end of year celebration on Wednesday, May 23 in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. BGC members spent the afternoon eating pizza and playing games at different booths that were supervised by the Southern Ute Police Department, the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers and by the Southern Ute Victim Services Department.**

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



BGC club members, Malachi Coriz and Elias Pena smile at the camera with SUPD Chief, Ray Coriz.



Halana Richards attempts to place a Pepsi can on top of two more soda cans with dry spaghetti noodles.



BGC club member, Elias Pena has some fun cleaning up after the celebration.

## VETERANS SERVICES

# Veterans Affairs Health Care

By Richard Schleeter  
LA PLATA COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICES

The Durango VA Contracted Community Based Outpatient Clinic has a highly knowledgeable staff available to serve all primary health care needs and has the capacity for more veterans to receive free or low cost primary health care.

The VA provides a comprehensive medical benefits package of health services that are available to all enrolled veterans. The benefits include preventive care services, hospital services, prescription drugs, home health care services, long term care benefits, and nursing home benefits.

While many veterans qualify for enrollment and cost-free VA health care services based on a compensable service connected condition or other qualifying factors, certain veterans will be asked to complete a financial assessment at the time of enrollment to determine their eligibility for cost-free medical care and medications. The assessment is based on the veteran’s gross household income from the previous calendar year.

If you are one of the many veterans reaching retirement age and you are now on Medicare, or a veteran without health insurance, or if you are just out of the service

and are having a difficult time finding a primary care provider, then VA health care may be an option for you. VA health care is available to all veterans discharged under honorable conditions. There is no time limit to apply and combat service is not a requirement. If you served honorably in the Armed Forces, no matter when and where, you can apply for VA health care benefits.

With VAHC being considered creditable coverage under the Affordable Care Act, now is a good time to apply for enrollment in this program. Enrollment in the VA health care system provides veterans with a safety net against being fined or penalized under the Affordable Care Act for not having any form of health care insurance. This is a great thing for veterans who cannot afford to purchase health care coverage.

Veterans currently enrolled in the VA health care system must be seen at least once every 12 months to maintain enrollment. If you are not seen by the VA once a year, you will be required to re-enroll in the VA health care system before the VA will provide any health care services. This is important to remember because for those who cannot afford to purchase additional health insurance, loss of your VAHC benefits means the loss of your health care safety net.

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 [www.co.laplata.co.us/](http://www.co.laplata.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 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, except holidays, and appointments are encouraged. Call 970-382-6150 to schedule an appointment with the CVSO.

## Taylor retires



courtesy Shelly Riddle/SU Natural Resources

Administrative Assistant for Tribal Planning, Sarah Taylor and Acting Planning Director, Jacob Garlick toast to her next chapter during the retirement celebration, Wednesday, May 30.

## MONTEZUMA CREEK UPDATE • FROM PAGE 2

to assist the other crews working on the fire. The only other sizeable fire is called the Kerns Canyon Fire and is currently 2 acres and 75% contained. It is expected to be fully contained today.

A total of 10 other small fires were located and are all 100% contained at less than 1/10 acre each. There

were no accidents or injuries reported yesterday. A total of 140 people will be assigned to the incident today, including 1 hotshot crew, 3 hand crews, 8 engines, 2 water tenders, and 1 bulldozer. Today crews will focus on constructing line and cooling any hot spots on the two remaining fires.

Continued warm and dry conditions are forecasted across the region. Stage 2 fire restrictions remain in place for most of southwest Colorado. Local residents are encouraged to prepare their homes and properties for wildfire and be registered with their county’s emergency notification system.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division

Southern Ute Utilities Water Department will begin conducting annual fire hydrant flushing on Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 15. During this important maintenance, customers may experience some discolored water at your tap, due to the dislodging of debris inside the water main. If you experience discolored water, please open/flush all plumbing fixtures (bath tub/sinks etc.) for a period of not less than 10 minutes or until clean water returns. If the problem persists, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Main Office at 970-563-5500. We apologize for any inconvenience as we strive to provide customers with the highest quality water.

## PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM • FROM PAGE 2

To help us complete this process please let us know if you are interested in this program. By signing up, you are not obligated to do anything except to let us visit and evaluate fire dangers around your home. Any other actions would require additional permission from

you. If you would like to have us visit and evaluate outdoor fire safety at your home, please send an email with your name address and phone number to Risk Management or fill out, sign and bring the form to the meeting or the north desk of the Leonard C. Burch Building

before the close of business at 5 p.m. on June 19. Send emails to: [dbrockus@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrockus@southernute-nsn.gov).

Please join us for our Wildfire Educational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on June 12, in the Multi-Purpose Facility. Desserts will be provided.





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Graduates of the Ignacio High School express their accomplishment during the customary throwing of the caps.

**The Ignacio Bobcats of the graduating class of 2018, commenced from Ignacio High School this past Memorial Day weekend. The 47 graduates received their diplomas as witnessed by families, friends and loved ones. The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Ceremonies took place outdoors, on the Ignacio High School Field, Saturday, May 26. Southern Ute tribal member, John Valdez earned Valedictorian honors, and 20 fellow Southern Ute tribal members joined Valdez in venturing out into the world after High School.**



Hailey Ruybal (left) and Mamakwa Valdez clasp hands and raise them in celebration upon the podium before family, friends and loved ones.



Ignacio High School Principal Melanie Taylor gives John Valdez his Valedictorian medal prior to addressing his fellow classmates.



Andrea Lujan said the Parent Dedication en Español (in Spanish), after Kaylie Guse, Mamakwa Valdez, Cloe Velasquez and Joseph Vigil said the dedication in English.



Nathan Atencio, Joseph Vigil, Daniel Weaver and Kai Roubideaux huddle together prior to assembling in formation to walk onto the Ignacio Football field for graduation.



Raeann Martinez, Wren Bourriague and Makayla Brown stand upon the podium prior to taking their seats.



Kai Roudideaux points to the heavens in acknowledgment of receiving his diploma.



An eagle feather worn by Freedom Hunter can be seen in the foreground as Kai Roudideaux introduces Commencement Speaker, Burt Baldwin.



Chamisa Edd gave the Invocation in her native language of Diné.





# Southern Ute Tribe, Special Election: June 15, 2018

AMY J. BARRY

Tribal membership your right to make a difference is upon you once again. What direction are we headed? Who is communicating what our current priorities are as a people? Who is speaking on behalf of the people?

There are many crucial projects on the table today that impact our ways of life. Our youth are speaking out, making requests for assistance to make a positive difference for our tribal community, yet they are not receiving any advocacy, why? We constantly respond to the outcries for assistance for those who bend the ear constantly of those with authority, but what about our silent majority? Who is their advocate, who knows what their ideas are or what issues they need addressed?

The time is now tribal membership ... the time to take action on behalf of the people rather than the tribal government. Too many times, our people are told no, because of policy or because we are waiting on statistics and proof from staff who do not advocate for the tribal membership, when are we going to listen to the very people who are responsible for our existence as a Tribe? Status quo will always be status quo

and our Tribe has been comfortable with this philosophy for far too long. We need our department directors to start bringing solutions to the table rather than constantly presenting road blocks to say no for our people to function in society today.

Our leadership have our endowment on the table to address the diversity of investments, but we have not heard one update on how the endowment plans to address the financial needs of our young people who have been receiving the same benefits for years regardless of the cost of living. We address that for our elders within the financial plan, and rightfully so, but when are we going to address those very issues for our 26-54 year olds and our 18 and under children who depend on their parents and guardians to advocate for them to exist into perpetuity? That time is now!

There are many topics that can be acted upon to address the very needs of our people today. While global issues continue to arise for tribal nations across the country, we need to stay mindful of our local issues that need to be addressed.

The BIA has never been a strong advocate for our Tribe. We have always had to pick

up the slack so we meet the needs of our Tribe today regardless of who is in charge on a national level. We need to focus on our own Tribe's needs and open our eyes to our people who reside on and off of the reservation. Provide services to the many, not the few. If we are subsidizing services for some and not the many, the government needs to be asked why and to be transparent to our people to explain why and how we plan to mitigate these issues.

Equality amongst us as a people must take a forefront with good foresight from our tribal leadership to do what is in the best interests of us a people, to protect our tribal resources, not as individuals. I ask you to think about this prior to casting your vote on June 15. Vote for a leader who will not be afraid to bring these issues to table for action, for debate, and to demonstrate transparency to the people on a consistent basis.

This is not a popularity contest, this is an opportunity for a tribal leader to make their people a priority and to make their voice a constant reminder in meetings that impact our Southern Ute ways of life.

Vote Amy J. Barry on June 15 for consistent advocacy for Pino Nuuciu. Togoia!

Southern Utes Become Priority

Transparent Teamwork By Leadership Must Occur to Make Change

Always Promote Consistent Leadership & Decision Making

Youth Have Listened, Youth Have Spoken, Time For Action

Willingness To Promote Personal Interaction With Membership

Opportunity To Invest In Ourselves & Our Resources Now

Keys To Tribal Stability & Success Start With A Unified People

Encourage Maximizing Tribal Services Through Accountability

ON JUNE 15 – MAKE IT COUNT!



**VOTE AMY J. BARRY**  
FOR SIX MONTHS OF CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP

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.**

**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  
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305  
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email is [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

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

The Election Board has determined these 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.**

held at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, CO

**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.**

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
JUNE 15, 2018**

**COUNCIL MEMBER  
NOTICE - VOTE FOR ONE**

- ☐ Janelle F. Doughty
- ☐ Amy J. Barry
- ☐ John J. Washington
- ☐ Deanna Frost
- ☐ Pearl E. Casias
- ☐ Corliss M. Taylor

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NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.**

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**PEARL E. CASIAS**  
For Tribal Council on June 15

*“We have work to do!”*

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

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08 & 22	05 & 12	03 & 10

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Ignacio's John Valdez whirls around to see up court after grabbing a rebound against Norwood during the 2017-18 season. He has been selected for the 2018 CHSCA All-State Games in Alamosa, Colo.

IHS SPORTS

Select Bobcats called to All-State Games

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

“When I was a freshman, it was definitely a goal of mine to be an All-State player,” recalled John Valdez recently. “Especially last year when I was going through that ‘transition’ period, it just motivated me to work last summer to get bigger, and just to get mentally tough and ready to play this season.”

And after helping lead the Ignacio boys back to the Class 2A State Championships this past winter, the moment he'd hoped for as a ninth-grader is now upon him. Friday, June 8, the now-graduated Ignacio senior guard will suit up one last time as a prep-level athlete during the 62nd Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games held on and about the Adams State University campus in Alamosa, Colo.

As of Monday, June 4, Valdez was shown as being part of a squad coached by 3A Bayfield's Jeff Lehnus and Trent Phelps. But if that prospect wasn't interesting enough, his teammates will likely include BHS center Ryan Phelps and 3A Pagosa Springs forward Isaiah Griego – giving the team a true southwestern look and feel.

San Luis Valley standouts

Carlos Parra (Del Norte, guard/forward) and Zach Sittler (Sanford, guard) will also provide some punch from the 2A Southern Peaks League, with Colorado Springs Mesa Ridge's Deven Nelson, Johnstown Roosevelt's T.J. Sterling and Westminster Mountain Range's Michael Polson doing so from the 4A C.S. Metro, 4A Tri-Valley and 5A Front Range Leagues, respectively.

Tentatively rounding out the roster will be 1A Co-topaxi's Kurt Voll and 1A Weston Primero's Vince Damelio, both standing – like Valdez – in the 5'11"-6'0" range, but capable of some serious production. Damelio, in particular, made statewide headlines this season when he sank 24 of 27 field goals (10 of 11 from three-point land) and totaled 61 points against South Baca [Pritchett/Vilas/Campo] County.

Incredibly, Damelio and the Bulldogs fell 89-74 to the Patriots, after having survived a 35-31 struggle at Co-topaxi (Damelio scored 18 for PHS; Voll netted nine for the Pirates) the night before.

“It's an amazing feeling,” Valdez said, of his inclusion.

The Games' boys' basketball semifinals will be played at Alamosa High School on Friday, June 8 at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., with

the third-place game set for 11 a.m. the next morning inside ASU's Plachy Hall. The first-place battle will then begin around 2 p.m.

All-State volleyball action will begin on Saturday, June 9 at 9 a.m. inside the ASU Fieldhouse adjacent to Plachy, with Ignacio setter Shoshone Thompson amongst those suiting up for coaches Gina Hollen (2A Dolores) and Candace Shaw (3A La Jara Centauri).

As of the 4th, Thompson's teammates will include: Taynin Abbott (3A Arvada Faith Christian), Emily Hanenberg (4A Pueblo West), Rachel Kusbel (4A Longmont), Allie Nidey (1A McClave), McKensie Penkoff (2A Westcliffe Custer County), Sydney Ritschard (2A Kremmling West Grand), Delaney St. Pierre (5A Colorado Springs Coronado), and Sarah Stevelinck (2A Lyons).

The third-place match will likely begin at noon, with the championship to follow at 1 p.m.

ADDITIONALLY

Representing 4A Durango, former Lady Bobcat Hilda Garcia will play in the CHSCA All-State Girls' Basketball games under coaches Nick Cornelison and Mikala Fletcher of 1A Walden North Park.

IHS BASEBALL

Roubideaux leads IHS' All-SJBL picks

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If he made good contact against your pitch, the ball was probably going a long way.

If you made good contact against one of his pitches, that ball would probably fly just as far.

That was Kai Roubideaux this spring in a nutshell.

And that, along with his ability to play either infield corner position and his leadership in general, was more than enough for the now-graduated Ignacio senior pitcher/infielder to be named First Team All-San Juan Basin League ending the 2018 season.

In the voting, Roubideaux garnered 25 of 30 possible points – trailing only Dolores senior infielder/pitcher Justin Purkat (30 out of 30) and Nucla freshman infielder Tyler Wytulka (26/30), and finishing ahead of Dove Creek sophomore infielder/pitcher Ty Smith (24/30).

DCHS senior Derek Kibel and NHS senior Cord Colson shared First Team All-League catcher honors, with DHS' Brennan Hite, DCHS' Kieron Huskey and NHS' J.D. Brantingham the First Team outfield trio, DHS' Tel Hamilton the all-around 'utility' player, and IHS senior shortstop Trace Lovelace a First Team designated hitter (along with Dolores' Neil Farias).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kai Roubideaux (15) bashes a Dolores pitch late in the 2018 season. Roubideaux was recently named First Team All-SJBL.

First Team pitchers were Dove Creek freshman Hayden Gray and Nucla junior Will Gabriel.

Ignacio junior outfielder Joe Herrera was named Second Team All-SJBL along with Dolores catcher David Schmittel, infielders Dakota Smith (DHS) and Tristen Jarmon (DCHS), and pitcher Cameron Chavez (DHS), while IHS senior catcher Nate Herrera and sophomore infielder/pitcher Ian Weinreich (as a 'utility') were also recognized.

Purkat, Kibel and Gabriel shared Athlete-of-the-Year, while Dolores' Rusty Hamilton was voted Coach-of-the-Year after the Bears went 5-1 during regular-season league work and finished 9-12 overall.

“It feels good, you know?” said Hamilton. “My kids wanted to, you know, smash the ball instead of using their smarts and batting like they

should. But yeah, I thought ... we were good.”

Under COY contender Curtis Garver, Dove Creek finished 10-10 after losing a 17-14 shootout to Nucla in the 1A-District 1 Tournament finale. Unable to defend the 2017 Class 1A State Championship, but still earning the chance to do so, NHS (11-11) also broke even this spring after falling 5-2 to Iliff-based Caliche (16-9) in the grand finale played at All-Star Park in Lakewood, Colo.

After posting a 3-3 SJBL record – matching DCHS, against whom they won 14-4 and later lost 6-2 – the Mustangs had eliminated Westminster Cornerstone Christian in the eight-team tournament's quarterfinals and Peetz in the semis to then battle the Buffaloes, previously tops in the District 4 Tournament.

IHS finished 4-16 overall and 1-5 in league.

Best foot forward



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chamisa Edd (3) boots a pass into midfield space during road action this spring at Alamosa. The All-3A/2A Southwestern (Intermountain) League Team listing was recently released, and the Lady Bobcat senior, most often used as either a midfielder or defender, was awarded Second Team All-League. Player-of-the-Year distinction went to both AHS senior forward Katie Parkins and Bayfield senior forward Savannah Kaufmann, while Coach-of-the-Year went to AHS' Cheyenne Sinn.

Children Class For the Month of June, July, & August 2018

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July- 14,21, 28  
August- 4, 11, 18

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SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS  
Upcoming Events

- **Four Corners Cutting Horse Club: July 12-16 and July 18-22.**  
This club features cutting competitions in which cutters come from all over the U.S. In the past we have had the world champion cutter compete here.
- **Tres Rios Junior National Finals Rodeo: August 17-19**  
Qualifying for children ages 12-19 in Breakaway and Calf roping. Participants from all over the US will compete for slots for the NFR in Las Vegas, NV in November.



Info & future events: [www.skyutefairgrounds.com](http://www.skyutefairgrounds.com)  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds located at 200 East HWY 151, Ignacio, CO 81137

June Multi-Purpose Facility Events

Event	Date	Time
Yard Sale	June 23	9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Crocheting	June 17	1:00 PM—4:00 PM
Sip, Chat & Chew	June 22	11:30 AM—1:30 PM

For More info or to sign up call MPF at: 970-563-4784





## TRIBAL OBITUARIES

**WEAVER** – Anna L. Weaver passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at her daughter's home. She was 64 years old.

Anna was born February 1, 1954 at Mercy Hospital in Ignacio, Colorado to Ella Washington and Robert Buck Weaver. Anna was the youngest girl of thirteen children. Anna grew up in various locations some of which included Ignacio and Oklahoma but found her way back to Ignacio, where she settled down, got married, and had her two daughters. She then worked numerous jobs on the Southern Ute Reservation such as Southern Ute police department dispatch, the wood-yard, grounds maintenance, Elder Services, and volunteered numerous places throughout the community.

Most importantly her favorite job was being around friends and family laughing and joking. Anna's hobbies included traveling to watch her grandson's basketball games, camping and fishing with her grandchildren, cooking for her grandchildren, hunting, gambling at the casinos, and most of all Anna enjoyed Beardance and watching her grandchildren dance.

A few of Anna's interests were spending time outdoors, creating traditional chokers and shawls, reading mystery books, listening to her stereo, spending time with friends, she enjoyed to-work because it kept her busy, and being a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan and over her heels in love with Elvis.

She is survived by her daughters: Ella



Marie Ramos and Marie Joy; grandchildren: Dominika Raven-Marie Joy, Calvin Klein Levato, Jr., Faustino Luciano-David Joy, Damitre Riley Burch, Mamie-Ruth Burch, Selena Cook, Rhianna Carel, and Maleina Carel; siblings: Hazel Weaver, Ella Louise Weaver, and Michael Tom, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and other siblings.

A wake was held at her home in Ignacio on Friday, May 25, 2018. A Funeral was held Saturday, May 26, 2018, at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

**WHITEMAN** – Carlos Lorenzo, "KILLLA", Whiteman went to be with the creator on May 24, 2018. Carlos was born on the 29th of September 1999, in Durango, Colorado to Tara Vigil and George Whiteman Jr. He is survived by his only son, Zitayvius Red Hawk Richards, Grandparents: Darlene Frost, Pete and Marlene Vigil, Siblings: Jalisa Paul (Orion Watts), Jesse Vigil (Angel Vigil), Shyanne Vigil (Raph Herrera), Nephews: Orion H. Watts, Myles Vigil, and Neices: Olyvia Watts, Myah Vigil, and Zayla Herrera.

Carlos is preceded in death by his Grandfather, George Whiteman Sr. and Grandmother, Ramona Brady from Lame Deer, Montana. Carlos was a proud member of both the Dog Solider Society of the Northern Cheyenne, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. At a young age he took great interest in his cultural ways, and held the title of "Southern Ute Indian Brave", as a Northern Traditional Dancer in 2010-2011. Carlos was an extremely talented artist. His arts included drawing, in which he won many awards for, playing the drums, and most importantly creating music. He went by his stage name, "KILLLA", which he wrote, composed, and preformed his own Trap Music.

Carlos was such a humble, compassionate, and caring young man with a very big heart. He had an infectious smile, great sense of humor, and strong warrior spirit. KILLLA you are extremely loved and will be greatly missed.



Carlos leaves behind numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and the Great Malinko Family, "Whoop", "Whoop".

Rosary was on Monday, May 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Saint Ignatius Church, a wake to followed at Tara Vigil's residence in Ignacio, CO. The family also had a sunrise ceremony Tuesday, May 28, 2018 at Tara Vigil's residence.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at Saint Ignatius Church. Burial was held at Ignacio East Cemetery. Reception followed at the Multi-Purpose building. Purple and green were Carlos' favorite colors.

tistevan II. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **September 10, 2018**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2018.  
BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

#### In the Estate Of,

**Case No.: 2018-PR-0108**

**Robert Anthony Thompson, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **June 26, 2018 at 10 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of May, 2018  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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### NOTICE OF PROBATE

#### In the Estate Of,

**Case No.: 2018-PR-0116**

**Joycelyn Ann Dutchie, 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 **July 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 4th of June, 2018  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

#### In the Legal Name Change of,

**Case No.: 2018-NC-0113**

**Brett White Falcon Santistevan, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Brett White Falcon Santistevan has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as William Chris San-

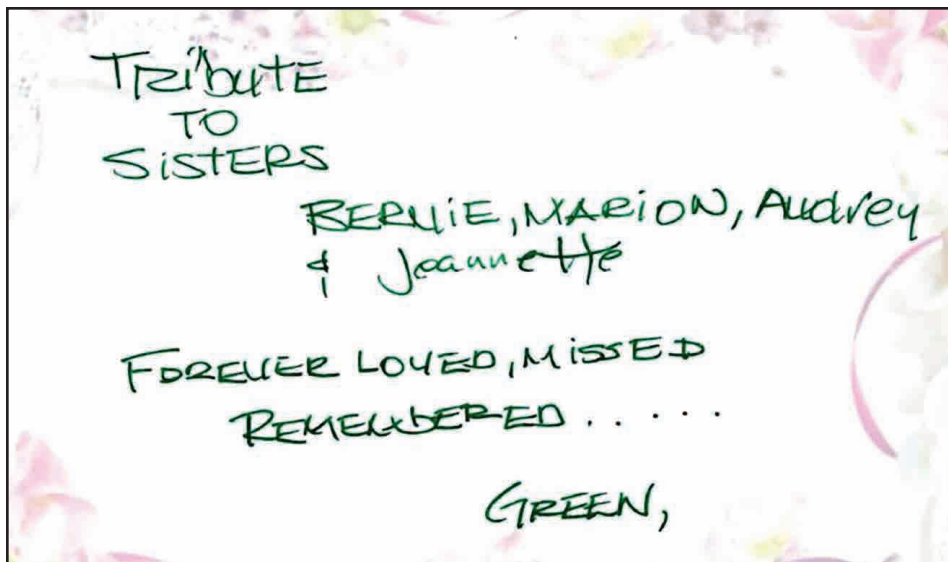
### NOTICE OF HEARING

**Case No.: 2018-CV-0044: Priority Sales & Rentals vs. Carletta Armstrong**

The undersigned are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Money Demand before the above named Court on August 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Paula Trujillo, Southern Ute Tribal Court

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS



### Congrats Ryan!

Congratulations to Ryan Bravo for graduating from Pueblo Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive! What an achievement! For all the times of late night studying and lack of sleep, it was all worth it. You are smart, able and can achieve whatever you want in life. You have a strong sense of faith that God is always there to guide you. Never stop learning, live life to the fullest and give it nothing but your best. Remember the good memories of your graduation day and the big dreams for the future. Thank you Dee for always supporting him...

We are so proud of you Ryan! Well done!

Love always,

Mom, Mavis, Romeo, Natalie, Cassidy and Samuel



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

### What a team!

SunUte knocked it out of the park but it wouldn't have happened without the support of Tribal Council and the Executive Office as well as just about every single Permanent Fund Department, the Casino, the Ignacio School District and Los Pinos. PR, Wildlife, Culture and the Executive Office all sponsored events and swag! And the crew out at Lake Capote ... wonderful! There were over 300 athletes from the three sister Tribes and every kid went home with a smile on their face, mud in their ears and color everywhere else; plus a few bruises from three days of competition.

This was the first time any of us ran the Tri-Ute Games and it took all of SunUte working together to make this happen plus keep the building open at the same time. Our main concerns were safety and fun. We sent the kids home all in one piece and happy!

The amount of time that was put into this was extraordinary! SunUte Recreation has

been working on this for months, along with many other SunUte staff.

The volunteers from our community and from the employees were extraordinary ... scorekeepers, officials, run-arounds, coaches. There is no way we could have done it without all of you.

The Casino catered lunch at Lake Capote for 400 and it was delicious plus housed the visiting athletes, coaches and chaperones. Having Tanaya Winder and Nicco Montana here was GREAT! Two powerful, strong native women with amazing hearts who took the time to listen and speak with our youth.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council spoke at the lunch and assisted with the Elders. The best compliments came from the kids themselves. So many took the time to say thank you!

If you see a SunUte staff member, give them a pat on the back. I am truly so proud to work with this team.

## Notice to the Tribal Membership

The Tribal Information Services (TIS) Department will no longer provide information on deceased tribal members without the consent of the immediate family. The newly established policy is to provide the family the right to privacy. TIS will notify only the Departments that provide direct services to the membership. The flags will continue to be lowered in honor of the deceased.

## Correction

In a photo published in the May 25 issue of the Drum, Glenda Bad Bear was misidentified as Helen Munoz.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
**June 22**  
Deadline:  
**June 18**

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## Boards, Committees and Commission Vacancies

### BOXING COMMISSION VACANCY

Closing 6/28/18 – The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has two (2) commission vacancy. Terms are staggered; one year, two year and three year; individual will receive commission pay; the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are; Must be 21 years of age; Shall be of good character; and Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses. Submit your letter of intent by 3 PM on June 28, 2018 to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, PO Box 737 #74, Ignacio, CO 81137 or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) or call Hilda at 970-563-2291.

### ELECTION BOARD

Closing 6/29/18 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) full-time Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, June 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonestly or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical location: 356 Ouray Drive/LCB, 2nd floor east wing. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

### ETHICS COMMISSION

Closing 6/15/18 – The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill TWO vacancies for “Alternate Member-At-Large” on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members NOT employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and

Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way by June 15, 2018. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### 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 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. Questions, speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

### WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 7/31/18 – 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. Information, 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 – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – 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. 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. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

## SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENTS 30-day Tribal Member Comment Period for Proposed Revisions to the Tribal Employment Rights Code

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is considering proposed revisions to the Tribal Employment Rights Code and is seeking input from the tribal membership. The proposed revised Tribal Employment Rights Code is posted on the Tribal Member Portal. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/members>. Log in and click the “View proposed revised Tribal Employment Rights Code” link to view the code. Please submit your comments by June 25th to: Ms. Hilda Burch, TERO Department: PO Box 737, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137. Questions or to have a paper copy of the code mailed to you, please call Sharon Cloud at the TERO office 970-563-0117.

## Office Of The Special Trustee (Ost) has relocated

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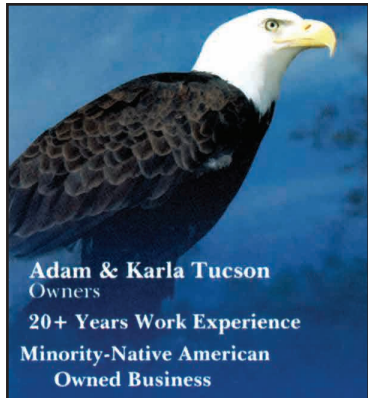
## Notice Of Draft Title V Operating Permit And Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that five Title V Operating Permit renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division’s Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

- **Applicant: BP America Production Company;** Facility: Four Queens Central Delivery Point, Section 26, T33N R11W, 20 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company;** Facility: Animas Compressor Station; Section 1, T33N R10W, 14 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company;** Facility: Capote Compressor Station; Section 33, T33N R9W, 11 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company;** Facility: Elk Point Compressor Station; Section 1, T33N R10W, 8 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.
- **Applicant: Public Service Company of Colorado;** Facility: Tiffany Compressor Station; Section 4, T32N R6W, 8 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas transmission facility.

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP’s website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permits and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing until June 24, 2018.

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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.

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

#### Director of Property & Facilities

Closing date 6/18/18 – Under general direction of the Executive Officer, manages divisions and programs responsible for maintenance and repairs of Southern Ute Tribal buildings, grounds, and vehicle fleet. Responsible for employee supervision, troubleshooting, problem resolution, and projects associated with the maintenance and repair of Tribal grounds, buildings, and vehicles. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annually.

#### Grounds Maintenance Worker

Closing date 6/18/18 – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

#### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Closing date 6/12/18 – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

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

Closing date 6/12/18 – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

#### Endocrinologist (Part-time)

Open until filled – Providing specialty endocrinology services e to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

#### Family Practice Physician

Open until filled – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

#### Human Resources Director

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

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#### Nurse Practitioner

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

#### 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.

#### Police Sergeant

Open until filled – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

#### Public Health Nurse

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

#### Summer YEP Workers

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

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for 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

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#### Bowling Mechanic (Full-time)

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#### Bowling Shift Leader (Full-time)

All aspects of center's operations, including entertainment, events and parties, equipment, and company initiatives in the absence of the Bowling Coordinator and Director of Bingo and Recreation. Must consistently deliver exceptional guest service and build these relations through soliciting feedback, addressing and resolving customer complaints. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have High school diploma/equivalency. Must have 2 years of bowling center experience OR 3 years customer service or hospitality experience. Must have at least 1 year supervisory experience. Group event sales, event/party planning or promotional experience preferred.

#### Busser (Full-time)

Performs multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Busser job duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 16 years old. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able to read and write at an 8th grade level. Must have basic mathematical skills. Must be able to work as a team and demonstrate a willingness to learn.

#### 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.

#### Event Staff (Full-time)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up and re-set of events in all banquet areas. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service, as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions and teamwork. High School diploma/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.

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

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting 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.

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

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

#### \*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.

#### Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Performs multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. Must be at least 18 years old. High school diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have 3 months of previous dishwashing experience.

#### Line Cook (Full-time)

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. 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 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.

#### Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. You will be cleaning an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift. Must be at least 18 years of age. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. One year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business.

#### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

Security department is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a high school diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

#### Server (Full-time)

Provides an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

### Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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#### Human Resources Assistant – SUGF Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 6/21/18 – Provides administrative support to the Growth Fund Human Resources office, including benefits administration, and training and development, presenting a positive and professional image to Growth Fund employees, applicants, Tribal members, and the public. Minimum qualifications include: High School diploma or equivalent is required. Three years full-time Human Resources experience is required. Must have advanced knowledge and skill in computer software programs in the Windows environment; MS Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Must have attention to detail and a high level of organizational skills. Must have strong communication skills to answer employee questions with courtesy, tact and diplomacy. Must have general knowledge of office or personnel systems, and office practices. Must have, or be able to obtain, knowledge and understanding of Growth Fund Personnel Policies and Procedures. Must be skilled in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and proof reading. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable under the Growth Fund's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

#### Land Assistant Trainee – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 6/15/18 – Position to provide training and experience for up to six months in order to learn and assume responsibility for routine office and clerical duties involved in carrying out the activities of Energy Land Department. Minimum qualifications include: Must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. High School diploma or equivalent is required. Six months of clerical experience is required. Must commit to regular and prompt attendance. Must commit to a program that involves training and on-the-job experiences. Must have a pleasant personality and work well with the employees and the public. Must have knowledge and skill using Microsoft Word, Excel, MS Outlook, and Internet Explorer and be willing to learn database software currently used in Energy Department. Must be skilled using modern office equipment to include calculator, scanning and copy machine, postage machine, and fax machine. Must have strong organizational skills. Must have willingness to take initiative, assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

### Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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#### Local Area Network Administrator – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 6/22/18 – Manages information systems, desktops, laptops, servers, routers, and other network appliances in a distributed environment to provide hardware and software support for Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS). Responsible for enterprise shared services network design and coordination of customer support.

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#### Road Runner Transit Driver (Part-time)

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FLY FISHING

It's now open, and the fly fishing is great!

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Lake Nighthorse is now officially open to fishing from a power boat. In order to write an unbiased column about fly fishing Lake Nighthorse, from a motor boat, I felt it was my duty to research that subject. So my fly fishing friend Sam and I launched his flats boat to check everything out. I can tell you it is GREAT!

Before I go any further about fly fishing on Lake Nighthorse I want to say to Cathy Metz, her staff, and all the various agencies involved, who never gave up and kept working to get the lake open, "THANKS Y'all did a good job."

O.K., enough sentiment. We launched at the brand new concrete boat ramp that has a metal dock, for easy passenger loading. Also, close to the ramp and dock are bathroom facilities. Once we launched we headed west, through the open use area, as fast as we could. That would have been about 20 mph.

Once we arrived at the no wake zone we throttled back to stay legal. It didn't take long to find an area that looked and smelled fishy — you have to fish to understand that. We lowered the trolling motor and began our research project.

For rods we used 6-weights, lines were floating with 9-foot, 4-pound test leaders. As usual, I tied on a dry fly. I just had to see if I



could coax a big trout up to eat my fly. I couldn't. So, I joined Sam in using something that sank. I tied on my favorite bead head, green, Woolly Bugger. It worked great.

At the west end of the lake there are two islands and lots of little inlets that hold trout. The water was so clear, that even 10 feet down we could watch a trout take the fly. The one drawback to that was as I watched a trout follow the fly I couldn't decide if I should slow my strip down to allow the trout to catch up, or speed it up as if it was a green minnow trying to get away. This is one area that will need lots of practice.

As we fished around the islands and inlets we caught brown and rainbow trout. All were fat and very healthy. I guess that's what you'd expect when a lake has just opened. I'm told there are kokanee salmon in the lake, sadly I didn't catch any of those. Again, I'll just have to keep exploring the lake.

After fishing at the west

end of the lake we went east to fish the shoreline between the boat ramp and the dam. Wouldn't you know it, we had the same experience as we did at the west end. Clear water, lots of trees with places for trout to hide, it just seemed to get better and better. Here I tied on a small popper, and actually had a trout or two follow it. I know this because the water was so clear I could see the fish trail my fly.

On my next outing I plan on trying a mouse pattern. I have fly fished areas where mice are a big part of the trout's diet. I guess because there must be lots of protein in mice.

We are now in possession of a real gem. I saw people fishing from the shore, paddle boarders, kayakers, canoes, and motor boats. I talked with people who were so excited about the new lake they had a hard time finding enough positive adjectives to describe it.

Here's my challenge to everyone enjoying Lake Nighthorse. Let's keep it pristine. When I write a follow-up column next spring I want to be able to say I didn't find one plastic thing floating along the shoreline, there were no worm containers left were folks had enjoyed a day of fishing, and all trash had been placed in the garbage cans in the parking lots.

We have waited a long time for Lake Nighthorse to open; let's make that wait worthwhile.

YOU ARE INVITED!

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

INDIAN MINERAL OWNER QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

WHERE: BIA – Southern Ute Agency  
Ignacio, CO

WHERE: Southern Ute Senior Center  
Ignacio, CO



WHEN: Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING: Any specific documents you would like to discuss.

Representatives from various Federal Agencies responsible for managing trust minerals will be available to answer your mineral ownership and/or royalty questions regardless of where your allotment is located.

For more information, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) at 800-982-3226

Refer to our website for additional dates and locations.



United States  
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Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Site

INTERIM SLUDGE MANAGEMENT LOCATION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified an interim location to manage sludge generated at the Gold King Mine Interim Water Treatment Plant (IWTP). The interim sludge management location will be established at the Kittimac Tailings source area, approximately 6.5 miles northeast of Silverton, Colo., along County Road 2.

EPA will mix the non-hazardous sludge from the IWTP with mine tailings in the Kittimac Tailings area. This will reduce the high water content of the sludge and allow it to be more efficiently managed.

Managing sludge at this location will require transferring sludge from the IWTP by truck. EPA plans to conduct a pilot test of this process for one week in mid-June and will resume in early fall for a duration of about five weeks. EPA is working closely with San Juan County and the Town of Silverton to reduce any negative impacts to the community from transporting sludge.

If you have any questions about the construction of the temporary management location, please contact:  
Kerry Guy, EPA on-scene coordinator  
303-312- 7288 or guy.kerry@epa.gov

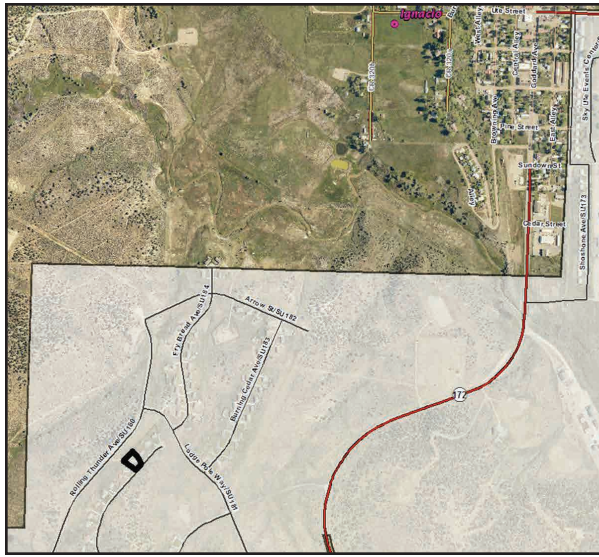


45-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

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)**

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.



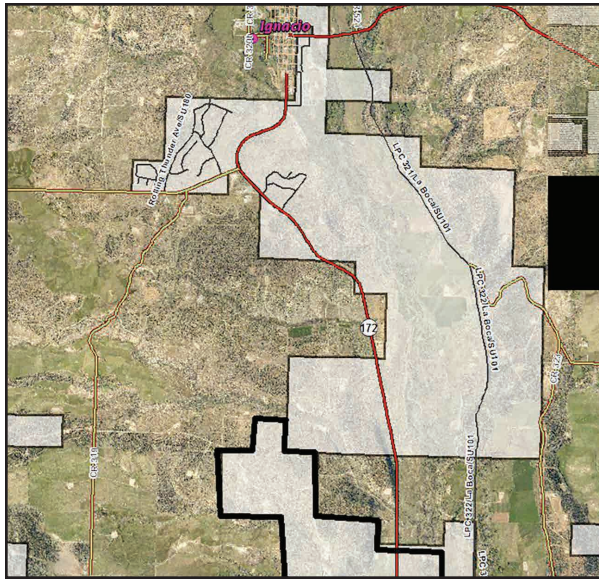
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Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Carol Olguin has submitted an Application for Assignment of Tribal lands for the land described below:

**Township 33N, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M., La Plata County, Colorado**  
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

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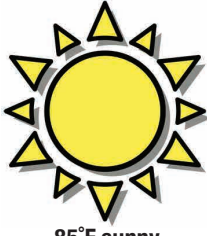
- Enrolled Tribal Member 14-18 yrs. old.
- Must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.
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- For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.



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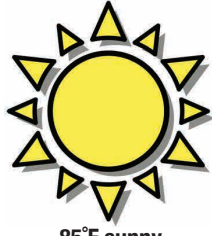
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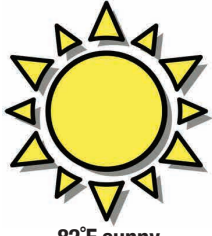
85°F sunny  
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Saturday, June 9



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Sunday, June 10



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# Southern Ute Bear Dance

*Southern Utes celebrate Spring in Ignacio*



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# Southern Utes dance under blue bird skies



Lisa Frost, leads younger dancers in the line dance during the opening of the spring celebration in Ignacio, Colo.



Conrad Thompson sings with his fellow Southern Ute singers, as the Bear Dance comes to a close, Monday, May 28.

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Young girls wait patiently, ready to pick their partners in the Bear Dance.

**The Southern Ute Bear Dance brought men and women, of all ages, together over Memorial Day weekend, May 25–28. This spring celebration was held in conjunction with the Bear Dance Powwow, and culminated with a traditional feast of stew and watermelon. The Bear Dance is both spring celebration and social dance. Woman's choice – dance partners are picked with the flick of a shawl. The four day celebration starts out with line dancing, as the dancers hit their stride, the 'Catman' cuts them, and dancers' break into pairs with their partner – careful not to fall as they move to the rhythm of the growlers.**



Dedicated dancer, Mia Tallbird takes a moment of repose between Bear Dance songs.



Southern Ute dancer, singer Marvin Pinnecoos sports a new ribbon shirt for Memorial Day weekend.



Marcos White, (red shirt), line dances with his partner at the Southern Ute Bear Dance, Monday, May 29.



Bart Powauke (center) catches up with a friend in the Bear Dance corral.



Northern Ute singers tear it up at the Southern Ute Bear Dance.





# Memorial Day weekend brings dancers together



Contestants from the men's golden age powwow category line up after their contest at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow on Saturday, May 26.



Head gourd dancer, Darwin Whitman Jr. leads the group of gourd dancers through the last blanket song at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow on Saturday, May 26.



Southern Ute Navy Veteran, Raymond Baker carries in the United States flag alongside Air Force Veteran, Austin Box who carries the Southern Ute flag during grand entry on Saturday, May 26.



Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage looks out over the dancers, veterans, drum groups and audience members during Grand Entry on Friday, May 25 at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow.

**Color, laughter and prayers from the annual Southern Ute Bear Dance fill the Sky Ute Fairgrounds over Memorial Day weekend. The event brings together various tribes and nations from across Indian Country to celebrate gourd dancing, powwow contests and hand games throughout the weekend; Friday, May 25 – Saturday, May 26.**

**Photos by McKayla Lee**  
The Southern Ute Drum



A young tiny tot dancer catches the camera during an intertribal song at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow on Friday, May 25.



The Southern Ute Royalty stop to pose for a picture as they make their way around the dance floor during an intertribal song on Friday, May 25.



Arlene Suma, Willette Whiteskunk, Leonora Burch and Lisa Frost stand together for a photo after dancing during an intertribal song Saturday, May 26.

## Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow Results

### Jr. Girls Traditional – Combined

- 1st Leah Ware
- 2nd Cedar Redfoot
- 3rd Edidiona Ekiko

### Jr. Girls Jingle

- 1st Juanita-Jean Becenti
- 2nd Lily Grant
- 3rd Danica Snow Bedonie

### Jr. Girls Fancy Shawl

- 1st Vivian Toya
- 2nd Kee'ala Walsey
- 3rd Maniye Jack

### Teen Girls Traditional – Combined

- 1st Wheylaya Becenti
- 2nd Leiyalynn Yazzie
- 3rd Taina Pinnecoose

### Teen Girls Jingle

- 1st LaShia Becenti
- 2nd Aleka James
- 3rd Teiyanna Becenti

### Teen Girls Fancy Shawl

- 1st Mikayla Goodnight Trujillo
- 2nd Cheyenne Manheimer
- 3rd Deondra Merritt

### Women Southern Traditional

- 1st Victoria Archeluta
- 2nd Delaine Alley
- 3rd Audrey Broken Shoulder

### Women Northern Traditional

- 1st Michelle Ware
- 2nd Tillie Covers Up
- 3rd Maryon Blackhair

### Women Jingle

- 1st Latanya Robinson
- 2nd Shaina Snyder
- 3rd Keira Sandoval

### Women Fancy Shawl

- 1st Mikayla Goodnight Trujillo
- 2nd Cheyenne Manheimer
- 3rd Deondra Merritt

### Women Golden Age

- 1st Priscilla Schrock
- 2nd Sharon Broken Shoulder
- 3rd Ladybird Jack

### Jr. Boys Traditional – Combined

- 1st Darrian Archeleta
- 2nd LaShane Becenti
- 3rd Emanuel Tahhahwah

### Jr. Boys Grass

- 1st Sheldon Scaplock III
- 2nd Mylan Archuleta
- 3rd Leighton Yazzie

### Jr. Boys Fancy

- 1st Adam Topaha
- 2nd Shawdee Haungooah
- 3rd Henry Whiteskunk III

### Teen Boys Traditional – Combined

- 1st Nate Bedoni
- 2nd Marcus Trujillo
- 3rd Taylor Begay

### Teen Boys Grass

- 1st Travontae Becenti
- 2nd Xavier Martin
- 3rd Natai'lighting Bedonie

### Teen Boys Fancy

- 1st Kaidon Draper
- 2nd Dez Draper

### Men Southern Straight

- 1st Michael Grant Sr.
- 2nd Ryland Jim
- 3rd Jeremy Bear

### Men Northern Traditional

- 1st Brandon Jack
- 2nd Kenny Donaghey
- 3rd Bruce LeClaire

### Men Grass

- 1st Lee Jack Jr.
- 2nd Sheldon Scaplock
- 3rd Slik Nez

### Men Fancy

- 1st Boyee Ladd Jr.
- 2nd Cory LeClaire
- 3rd Sheldon Johnson

### Men Golden Age

- 1st Fred Murphy
- 2nd Rudy Bob
- 3rd Thomas Edison Yaz

### Drum Contest – Combined

- 1st Iron Bear
- 2nd Young Eagle Creek
- 3rd Young Style





# Southern Ute honor those who served

**The Southern Ute Veterans Association honored those who served during the annual Memorial Day ceremonies, Monday, May 28. The Ceremony began in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park with Master of Ceremonies, Howard D. Richards Sr. and other members of the Association recognizing various veterans and military personnel. A special recognition by the Veterans Association was made for Vietnam veterans. Yellow Jacket (Ignacio) and Red Spirit (Ft. Duchesne) sang Honor and Flag songs, respectively. A procession was led by Austin Box and Terry Knight to the Bear Dance Bridge where a wreath was blessed and released into the Pine River for those Naval personnel lost at sea. The procession continued to Ouray Memorial Cemetery. A prayer was given by guest speaker Alden Naranjo, and Marlana Valdez sang Amazing Grace. A Flag song and "Fallen Warrior" song was sung by Red Spirit. Prior to a 21-gun salute and "Taps" which concluded the Day of Remembrance.**



Veterans, families and community members walk along the End of the Trail road towards the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



The Color Guard, comprised of veterans of many nations, stand at attention as Southern Ute Veterans Commander Howard Richards Sr. raise and lowers the flags to half-staff.



Ute Mountain Ute veteran, Terry Knight (USAF) offered a prayer and prior to releasing a wreath into the Pine River for those who perished at sea.



Alden Naranjo Jr. (CO.NG) offered a prayer at the base of the Ouray and Buckskin Charlie's memorials.



Pete Vigil (Army) was given a blanket from Southern Ute Veteran, Raymond Baker (Navy).



Gordon Hammond (USMC) received a blanket from Southern Ute Navy Veteran Raymond Baker.



In what has become a tradition during the Memorial Day Ceremonies, all present veterans at the event assemble in front of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial for a group photo.





# Ute Nations Day: Bear Dance Chiefs



Bear Dance singers gather together for a group photo after the Ute Nations Day event ends on Thursday, May 24.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage and Miss Southern Ute Lorraine Watts present Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box with a certificate and gift on Ute Nations Day.

**Photos by McKayla Lee**  
The Southern Ute Drum

## UTES HONOR BEAR DANCE CHIEFS • FROM PAGE 1

al Ute Nations Day brought the three sister tribes; Ute Indian, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute together to honor past and present Bear Dance Chiefs.

After being reestablished by the Southern Ute Cultural Department in 2011, Ute Nations Day has honored: tribal elders, veterans, law enforcement, royalty and councilwomen. All past Ute Nation Days have honored individuals who have contributed to the three Ute tribes in aspects of Ute life, culture, government and service.

At this year's celebration, each tribe's Bear Dance Chiefs and their families were the center of attention. The event was hosted on Thursday, May 24 in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

Guest speaker and Southern Ute tribal elder, Eddie Box Jr. shares a story of his earliest memory of the Bear Dance in the early 1950's. "My dad would go through a lot of preparations before everybody came; all the prayers and all the things that had to be taken care of were done," Box said. He remembers being a young kid and before going down to the Bear Dance grounds his mother would cook potatoes and spam to give them energy through the day. He spoke of the excitement that would take over everyone, as they begin to dress in their Bear Dance regalia.

The Chiefs from the Ute Indian Tribe included: Albert Cornpeach, Paul LaRose, Henry Cesspooch, Skylar Lomahaftewa, Lloyd Arrive, Antonio J (AJ) Kanip, Refell Kanip, Serenus

Kanip and Rudy Myore. The families or representatives of Wallace Tabbee, Milton Arrats, Pete Mountainsheep, Lorrain Post, Milton Jenkins, Billy Chapoose, Jim Wash Accawanna, Leroy Toponotes Sr., Ray Taveapont, Henry Cesspooch, Jensen Jack, Albert Arrats, Franklin McCook, Hank LaRose, Alloin Myore, Cotonuts, Julius Sireech, Amos Perank, Wallace Jack, Guy Pinnecoose Sr., smitty Chimburas, Paul Cornpeach and Sidney Atwine were honored with certificates and gifts as well.

Current Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box was honored with a certificate and bag of goodies by members of the Southern Ute royalty. Rudley Weaver, and the sub-chiefs Jake Ryder and Jon Chavarillo were presented with gifts as well as the families of Eddie Box Sr., Gerald Howe, Julius Cloud, Ralph Cloud, Bird Red, Ernest Burch, Harry Richards, Bonnie Kent and Graves Kent.

From the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Terry Knight Sr., Farley Ketchum Sr., Mark Wing, Austin Jacket, Carl Cuthair Jr., Terry Knight Jr., Scott Jacket III and Boyd Lopez each received a certificate and gift from the Southern Ute Culture Department.

Honorary Bear Dance Chiefs, Ira Cuthair and Thomas House Sr. were presented with gifts as well on Ute Nations Day.

Honorees from White Mesa were given certificates and gifts, their chiefs consisted of Jack Cantsee Sr., Jack Cantsee Jr., Harry

Lang, David Wells, Edward Dutchie and Myers Cantsee.

The families of Homer Tom, Gerald Ketchum, Carl Cuthair Sr., Gilbert Dutchie, Arthur Dutchie, John Wing, Vernon Dutchie, John Miller, Mr. Coyote, Jack House, Nathan Wing, Bill Gunn, Charlie Knight, Scott Jacket Sr., Louie Hamlin, Hall Taylor, Henry Jacket Sr. and Jacob Lopez were all honored at the Ute Nations celebration.

"I'm in this for the people and it's a really tough job, but I feel good about it because it helps us rejuvenate." Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box stated while reminiscing about the times his grandfather would talk with him about the importance of being Ute and keeping those traditions alive.

As Ute Nations Day came to a close, all the Bear Dance Chiefs in attendance made their way over to the growling boxes set up in a half circle in the corner of the Multi-Purpose Facility to sing one song. As they began to sing, the audience members all quiet down and it seemed as though everyone started to move to the rhythm.

One song turns into many – making it harder and harder to keep from dancing, the singers start to pick up the pace and sing round after round of bear dance songs. When the last song is sung, the groans of protest can be heard, but the excitement of opening day for the Southern Ute Bear Dance can be felt in the air as people pack up and head outside, bringing this year's Ute Nations Day event to a close.



Matthew Box and his father Eddie Box Jr. share a laugh before they sing Bear Dance songs.



The Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance singers, gather at the growling boxes during Ute Nations Day.



To close the Ute Nations Day event, all Bear Dance Chiefs were asked to sing together.



# Bear Dance: Other Happenings



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Elliot Hendren (far right) sings during a round of hand game while his team mates hide the bones during the annual Southern Ute Bear Dance Hand Game Tournament on Saturday, May 26 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Southern Ute Bear Dance Hand Game Results: 1st Colorow; 2nd Bay; 3rd Kathryn; 4th Little Southern Utes; and Consolation Jerry.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tasha Herrera gets ready to slam the softball while playing in the Los Pinos Softball Tournament Saturday, May 26.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

RC Lucero pitches the softball at the Los Pinos Softball Tournament. Lucero and his team "Skinned up" won the co-ed tournament that was held on Sunday, May 27.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Marge Barry (left) and Kree Lopez offer to lend a hand as the Bear Dance feast gets underway.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Elliot Hendren works hard at the Bear Dance, running plates of food out to the tables for elders, ahead of the mid-day feast, Monday, May 27.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Duke Baker heads home after a teammate hits a ball into the outfield.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Hand game coordinator Mike Santisteven, team "Little Southern Utes" and coach Carla Snow pose for a photo with the prize money they took home after winning fourth place in this year's Southern Ute Bear Dance Hand Game Tournament that was hosted at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, in the exhibit hall on Saturday, May 26.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Volunteers take a moment of their own time to assist elders with food plates during the Bear Dance feast, Monday, May 27. Ernestine Maez navigates the serving line, helping fill plates with corn and stew.





# Southern Utes host 2018 Tri-Ute Games



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

307 student athletes, along with coaches and royalty from all three Ute tribes, gathered at the SunUte Community Center, in their respective colors — Red, Blue and Yellow, following the opening ceremonies for Tri-Ute Games, Tuesday, May 29.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association carry in the flags while Ignacio's Yellow Jacket Drum Group sings a grand entry song for the opening ceremony of the Tri-Ute Games.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

To open the Tri-Ute games, athletes and supporters filled the SunUte gymnasium on Tuesday, May 29.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Master of ceremonies, Sheila Nanaeto keeps the audience entertained by cracking jokes and talking about the history of the Tri-Ute games on Tuesday, May 29.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Howard Richards Sr. brings in the colors alongside his fellow veterans during the games opening ceremonies.

## TRI-UTE GAMES • FROM PAGE 1

The final day of activities and the Ute Warrior Challenge brought the athletes, coaches and tribal dignitaries to Lake Capote where the three daylong event came to an exciting climax under blue skies.

The Tri-Ute Games are hosted by a different Ute tribe each year, this year's games were held Tuesday, May 29 – Thursday, May 31.

## Being Ute

*(As presented at the Tri-Ute Games)*

*A poem by Tanaya Winder*

Wake up, greet the sun, and pray  
Burn cedar, sweet grass, sage –  
sacred herbs to honor the lives we've been given,  
for we have been gifted these ways since the beginning of time.

Remember, when you step into the arena of your life  
think about those who stand beside you, next to, and with you  
Your ancestors are always in your corner, along with your people

When we enter this world we are born hungry,  
our spirits long for us to live out our traditions  
that have been passed down for generations.  
Prayer, ceremony, dance, language - our Ute ways of being.  
Never forget you were put on this earth for a reason –

Honor your ancestors.  
Be a good person, be who you are, be a good relative

We are strong, beautiful and unique.  
We are a part of a great legacy,  
carrying on traditions through the centuries.

We support each other, our sister tribes,  
together (nana-ma) is the way we thrive.  
We are a part of a family that never dies,  
but endures into the spirit world.

We honor our ancestors by honoring our spirits in song, ceremony, and prayer.  
We honor our bodies when we dance or play on the field or court.  
We challenge and push ourselves to keep our culture living because we are alive.

We live, we love, we pray, we honor our ancestors  
by embracing the strength and resilience that lives in our bones.  
Our blood flows ancestral, Ute strong, coursing through our veins like rivers  
reminding us to be who we are meant to be – brave, warriors who have survived.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Yellow Jacket singers honor athletes and pay tribute to members of the community with an honor song, Tuesday, May 29.





# Tri-Ute Games: Archery & Hand Games



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute archers gather in the early morning light for the Tri-Ute archery challenge, which brought youth together from all three tribes to test their marksmanship along the Bear Trail and the Los Pinos River corridor for friendly competition.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

3D targets were strategically placed along the Los Pinos River, adding another layer of challenge and realism for the young archers, Wednesday, May 30.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tri-Ute archers (12-15-year-old bracket), draw and aim at the 3D Sasquatch target in the middle of Scott's Pond, pictured left to right are Kyle Rima (12), Keona Whitey (13), Mathias Reed (13), and Tawne Weider (15).



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Lorraine Watts draws and takes aim at a one-yard, porcupine target. Not as easy as it looks to score a bulls-eye.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Destiny Lucero take aim at the archery range during a warm up session, ahead of the archery challenge.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Leandra Litz of team Southern Ute, sings during a round of hand game against the Ute Mountain Ute team on Tuesday, May 29.



courtesy Josh Broholm/SU Wildlife

Travis Nanaeto, Krista Richards and Jack Frost III pose with the 3D Sasquatch, which was setup in the middle of Scott's Pond, for the Tri-Ute archers to shoot at.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Dominick Goodtracks switches up the bones during Tri-Ute hand games with team members Vincent Naranjo and Christen Heart, on Tuesday, May 29.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tri-Ute archers, 16-18-year-old, stand with the Bull Elk at the end of the Bear Trail course. (left-right) Christen Heart, Lorraine Watts, Kolton Begay, Kerwin Tom, Levan Reed, Archery coach Krista Richards and Leander Collins.





# Tri-Ute Games: Basketball & Volleyball



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Allisianna Baker (age bracket 15-18 years) goes up hard for the layup while surrounded by Ute Tribe's defense.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Team Southern Ute players Jaelyn Alston (far right), Ollyvia Howe and coach Tori Archuleta, shake hands with the Ute Mountain Ute team after a game of Tri-Ute volleyball in the SunUte gymnasium on Tuesday, May 29.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Julian White goes for the save on Wednesdays Southern Ute team vs Southern Ute team at the Tri-Ute Games.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Calvin Lavato gets ups as he hits the one-handed layup in a close game versus Ute Mountain Ute.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Cadell Thompson goes for the fade away jumper while team mates run to assist.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

During one of the Tri-Ute volleyball games, Sierra Red, volleys a ball back to the Ute Indian team on Tuesday, May 29.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Heavily guarded, Lexy Young goes up for the shot against Ute Mountain Ute's Latyr Lopez.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Volleyball player, Bella Howe gets ready to serve during the 16-18-year-old volleyball game, Tuesday, May 29.



# Tri-Ute Games: Swim, Golf, Run & Wrestle



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth helps swimmers from each tribe learn how to dive in a small diving clinic she hosted on Wednesday, May 30.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kyle Rima doesn't give up at his match vs the Ute Tribe held at Ignacio Middle School on Tuesday, May 29. Wrestlers spent a morning enjoying a wrestling camp and competing in dual tournament.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute athletes competing against each other in golf, enjoyed themselves despite the bright New Mexico sun and summer heat, Tuesday, May 29 at Aztec Municipal Golf Course.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute runner, Dirlenzo Frost makes good time along the Bear Trail as part of Wednesday's 5K cross country challenge.



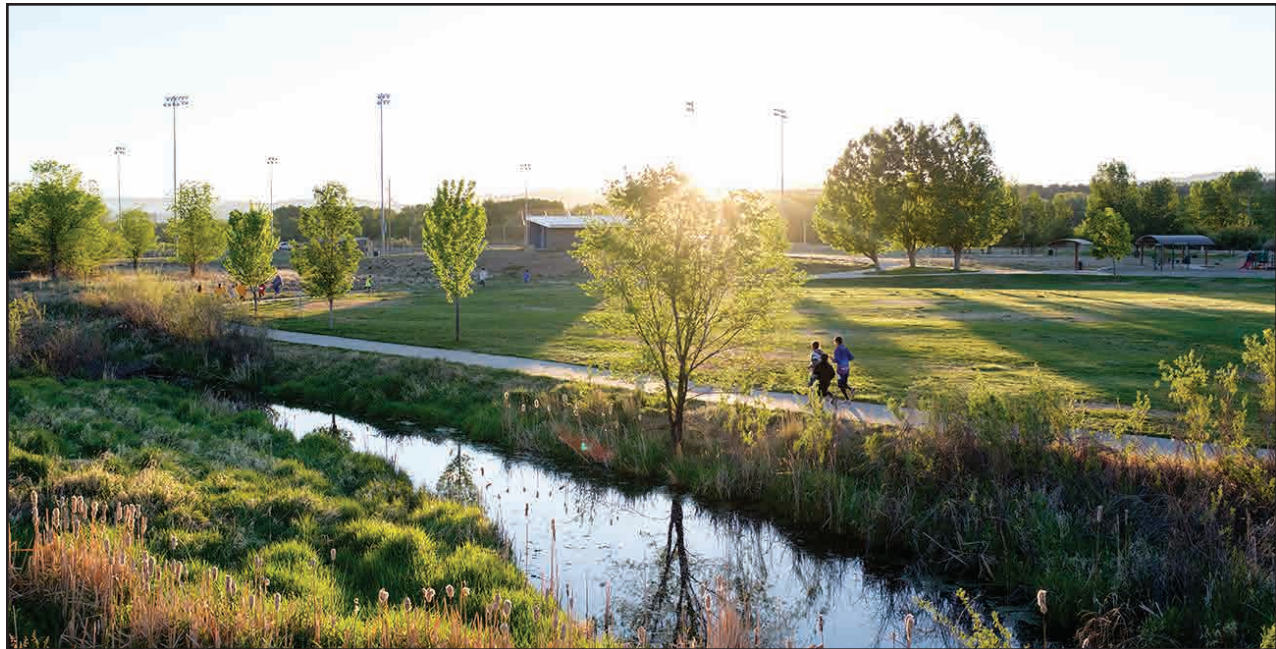
Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jet Hight wins his leg of the swimming relay at the Tri-Ute Games held at SunUte Community Center from Tuesday, May 29 — Thursday, May 31.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Golfers from all three Ute tribes paired up for nine holes of golf in Aztec, N.M., groups were age based, and teams played through the course alongside their coaches and chaperones — this group played under the guidance of Eric Marquez (far left).



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Runners make their first lap around SunUte Field at daybreak, as part of the Tri-Ute Games 5K run, which started and finished at SunUte Community Center, Wednesday, May 30.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

During the Tri-Ute dual wrestling tournament, Nate Hendren fights hard to win a wrestling match against a Ute Tribe wrestler on Tuesday, May 29.





# Tri-Ute Games: Events and Guests



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tavian Box enjoys sliding around the shaving cream, baby oil covered plastic at Tri-Utes Water Wars held on Wednesday, May 30 at SunUte Field.



courtesy Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Former Ute Tribal chairmen attend the 2018 Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio, Colo. on Wednesday May 30. Howard D. Richards Sr., former Chairman for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Irene Cuch, former Chairman of the Ute Indian Tribe attended the archery shoot to watch the athletes compete and socialize with one another.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Rylie Lang and Kielely WhiteThunder enjoy the Tri-Ute Games down time and listen to guest speaker Tanaya Winder sing and play the guitar, a part of the Tri-Ute Games evening activities for all athletes on Wednesday, May 30.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute athletes, Lorrian Watts and Dominick Goodtracks run through the water Los Pinos Fire Dept. provided at the Tri-Ute Water Wars event Wednesday, May 30 at the SunUte Field.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory members, Jazmin Carmenoros and Elijah Weaver throw shaving cream at one another at the Tri-Ute Water Wars on Wednesday, May 30.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Amaira Watts stands to take a photo with UFC Women's Flyweight World Champion, Nicco Montano in the Tri-Ute 'Selfie' booth on Wednesday, May 30.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute athlete, Kerwin Tom kicks the ball as Southern Ute players: Elliot Hendren, Dewayne Hendren, and Dominick Goodtracks look on, during a kickball game on Wednesday, May 30 on the Patrick Silva Memorial Field.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Joseph Garcia rolls the bowling ball down the lane, hoping to get a strike at Rolling Thunder Bowling Alley a Tri-Ute Activity held Wednesday, May 30.



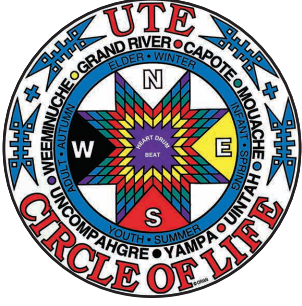
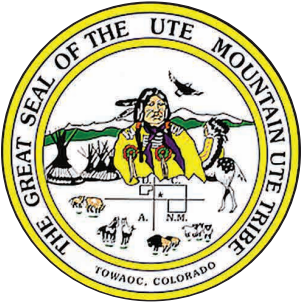
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Vincent Naranjo leaps into a shaving cream and cold water filled pool in the hopes of not getting tagged out by SunUte trainer, Sean Etsitty at first base.





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Domarian Rivera and Kyle Rima slither their way under the tape to get through the mud pit.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute athlete, Keona Whitey takes her turn climbing over the Ute Warrior wall at Lake Capote on Thursday, May 31.



courtesy Agatha Bison

Runners begin the running course of the Ute Warrior Challenge at lake Capote.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Council members, Lorelei Cloud and Cedric Chavez were presented this Ute Nations Day flag that was signed by athletes from all three Ute tribes at Lake Capote on Thursday, May 31.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

With the help of SunUte Recreation Manager, Virgil Morgan, Julian White aims for a target at the last obstacle on the Ute Warrior Challenge.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Council Woman Lorelei Cloud and Executive Officer McKean Walton spend some time out on Lake Capote after the Ute Warrior challenge ends on Thursday, May 31.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth takes young athletes across Lake Capote on Thursday, May 31 when all Ute Warrior challenge activates are done.