



## The Southern Ute Drum turns 50!

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### THREE SPRINGS

## GF Properties Group seeks tribal member for trainee position

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The GF Properties Group, LLC is seeking an interested Southern Ute tribal member for a unique trainee position at Three Springs in Durango, Colo.

The Facilities Technician Trainee position is open to applicants with little to no experience, but must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma. The program could be as long as three years, or shorter depending on the individual’s previous experience and certifications.

“This is a great way to start a career,” emphasized Maria Baker, assistant HR manager for the Southern Ute Growth Fund. Applicants would receive on the job training and certifications in building systems



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

GF Properties Group, LLC oversees commercial and residential units adjacent to the Plaza in Three Springs.

maintenance. “It could be quicker if they have some of the experience already,” Baker stated.

The position entails mostly field type operations, day-to-day maintenance to keep Three Springs running well and looking good, explained Tim Zink, real estate portfolio manager for GF Proper-

ties Group.

The focus is on GF Properties owned assets: Three commercial buildings, 15 rental units, vacant lots and the undeveloped property to the north leased for agricultural use. “On the vacant lots, it’s about keeping the

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### TRIBAL MEDIA

## The Southern Ute Drum gains recognition at SPJ

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum garnered numerous awards for outstanding photography and journalism in 2018 from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). The newspaper joined the SPJ association in 2011, and has continued to earn journalistic accolades in the years since.

The newest member of our news team – McKayla Lee, Reporter/Photographer for The Southern Ute Drum, brought home a Third Place award in News Photography for “Ute voices, tribal histories shared in Denver,” covering History Colorado’s “Written on the Land: Ute Voices, Ute History” exhibit.

The Southern Ute Drum’s dedicated coverage of the Tri-Ute Games Tribal Fair brought home two more photojournalism awards for the newspaper. Public Relations Coordinator Trennie Collins earned Second Place in Feature Photography, for “Horsing Around” covering the equestrian aspects of Ignacio’s Tribal Fair. Newspaper Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley garnered a Third Place in Sports Photography for “Ute Archers” for coverage of the annual Tri-Ute Games.

Former Southern Ute Drum reporter, Maria Rivera earned Second Place in Business: General Reporting for her article on a local boxing gym, titled “Ring in 2018 like a champ.”

The Southern Ute Drum competes in its circulation class, listed as newspapers under 5,000 copies per print. Never-the-less, our publication competes in SPJ’s Region 9, which is comprised of newspapers and magazines across Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

The Top of the Rockies award reception was held in Denver, Friday May, 3 at the Denver Press Club.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

McKayla Lee won Third Place in News Photography for “Ute voices, tribal histories shared in Denver.”



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Trennie Collins won Second Place in Feature Photography for “Horsing Around.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jeremy Wade Shockley won Third Place in Sports Photography for “Ute Archers.”

### TRIBAL MEDIA

## A brief history of the Southern Ute Drum

By Fabian Martinez  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Thursday, May 9th of this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Southern Ute Drum. Since its first publication in 1969, the Southern Ute Drum has continued to provide a newspaper for the tribal membership and the surrounding Ignacio area. The Drum, for many individuals, has become a “legacy” of the Southern Ute Tribe by meticulously documenting current tribal history and milestones throughout the years.

For many individuals looking back at the Drum is a nostalgic reminder of events of the past like countless Bear Dances, powwows, tribal fairs, meetings, Tribal Council inaugurations and many other events. These events are also nostalgic because they allow us to remember those tribal members who have passed on. The Southern Ute Drum is history for the Tribe and its members, but it also has a history itself. Very few know the entire story but it can be pieced together by looking carefully at its pages and talking with those who were there throughout the decades.

By the early 1900’s, newspapers were the most popular form of media to get your news. Within La Plata county three newspapers existed after the year 1910: The Durango Herald, The Bayfield Blade and The Ignacio Chieftain. The Ignacio Chieftain was first published in 1910 and is often a very sentimental memory for many elders. Its “iconic” flag shows a picture of the chief wearing a war bonnet along with the massive script for the newspaper’s name. Not much is known about the origin of the newspaper other than it was a family owned business.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

The Southern Ute Drum rolls off The Farmington Daily Times printing press in New Mexico, Feb. 12, 2009.

For a time, The Chieftain was published in Ignacio weekly and was an important lifeline for the community because the newspaper featured coverage of events within Ignacio and Bayfield. It had a section dedicated to the school lunch menu, and a column that was close to a “personals” section. Within these “personals” sections, families and individuals would highlight what is going on in their life. As an example: “Mr. and Mrs. ‘Smith’ visited their daughter Jane and her husband Clarke on Monday in Durango.” For many younger individuals, this type of column seems out of place, but for those living in the area during 1950’s, it made sense. This column, in some cases, was one of the best ways to keep in contact with others in a predigital age.

The Ignacio Chieftain continued to publish and provide for the Ignacio and Bayfield communities into the mid-1970’s when it ceased production. By this time, The Southern Ute Drum had become fully established as a formal paper dedicated to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe beginning in 1969.

The idea of getting a newspaper for the tribe started as early as 1954 when the idea was proposed by Bob Bennett to Dr. James Jefferson while he was stationed in Virginia during his military

career.

“I was told by Bennett that the Tribe should start a newspaper,” said Jefferson. “And so, I wrote a letter to the Tribal Council and the Council started the ‘Drum.’”

The newspaper at that time was a small newsletter operated by Eddie Box Sr., and little is known about the newsletter other than it operated in a small capacity. In 1969, the formal Southern Ute Drum newspaper was developed, and Dr. Jefferson became the first editor of the paper. The paper operated in the Tribal Affairs building with a hand press that was operated by Dr. Jefferson himself. Jefferson would print notices and ads for the tribe.

By 1972, Charles Trimble, a member of the Lakota Sioux tribe, received a grant to develop the Native American Press Association. The Drum was one of the early members of the association with Dr. Jefferson as the president of the association.

Jefferson would operate the Drum with a small staff and produce a newspaper that was biweekly and be printed out of the office.

“[At first] we worked with the Durango Herald, then we went to Farmington, and finally the Pagosa Springs Sun,” explained Jefferson. “I was in charge

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## Gathering returns to Tingley



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Outside of Tingley Coliseum Southern Ute Brave, Levi Lopez and his sister, Little Miss Southern Ute, Patience Watts stand for a photo. The two siblings were enjoying a moment outside under clear skies following the Grand Entry for the Gathering of Nations Powwow on Saturday, April 27 in Albuquerque, N.M.

See Gathering of Nations photos on page 10.





GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – SKY UTE CASINO & RESORT

AGENDA

9:00 AM	Flag & Victory Songs	Yellow Jacket & Southern Ute Veterans Association
9:10 AM	Call to Order & Invocation	Tribal Elder
9:20 AM	Welcome	Tribal Council
9:30 AM	Permanent Fund Department Updates	Presenters
11:30 AM	Sky Ute Casino Resort Update	Mr. Charley Flagg
12:00 PM	Luncheon	
1:10 PM	Tribal Council Projects & Priorities	Tribal Council
3:30 PM	Questions & Answers	Tribal Council
4:30 PM	Closing Prayer & Retreat of Colors	Tribal Elder & Southern Ute Veterans Association

PRESENTATIONS

**Permanent Fund Department Updates:** Permanent Fund Departments and the Apprentice Program Committee will provide updates to significant changes to programs and services that fall within the scope and mission of the departments listed. New program offerings and/or changes that impact the Tribal Membership will be shared.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort & Event Center:** The Sky Ute Casino Resort will present a recap of the last year, sharing the year over year financial comparison, strategic changes, and the vision for the Casino’s future.

**Tribal Council Projects & Priorities:** Tribal Council Members, the Executive Officers, and the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council will provide the Tribal Membership with an annual update on individual initiatives with background information, projects and commitments they are a part of, and what significant travel they have attended.

Questions

- There will be an open mic for Tribal Members to ask their individual questions.
- At the end of each presentation, questions will be allowed on presentation material only.
- All other questions and concerns will be addressed during the Question & Answer portion of the agenda.
- Tribal Members can also submit their questions in written format for a Council Affairs staff to ask on their behalf. Please write questions down on sheets provided.
- If you wish to ask a question, please raise your hand and a Council Affairs staff will provide you with a microphone. Questions will be limited to one minute. A timer will be placed on the screen for your reference. Once the timer has expired, please finish your question.
- If you wish to submit a written question, please bring your questions to the front table or hand to the Council Affairs staff who will be walking around collecting questions throughout the presentations.

**Web-Ex Event Registration:** The General Meeting will be streamed for Tribal Membership only. Members must register by following the links on one of these locations: Tribal Member website, Tribal Facebook, and in the Southern Ute Drum and on the Drum’s website. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email. You will only be allowed to register once, and you will only be granted access from a single source, so please do not share your registration information with anyone.

**Booth Information:** The departments that are hosting a booth in the entryway of the meeting were chosen to share specific programmatic information with the tribal membership. Please take time to meet the tribal staff and learn about their department offerings.

**Attendance:** This will be a closed meeting for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to attend. Any visitors will be asked to leave. Tribal Members that require additional assistance will be allowed one guest for the duration of this meeting.

Southern Ute Tribe Wolf Informational Workshop



Join us for a scientifically informed workshop designed to address the facts, realities, and social dynamics surrounding the business of wolf recovery, wildlife conservation, hunting, and ranch sustainability. The workshop will be presented by those with extensive and real experience working and living with wolves on the landscape. This is an opportunity to hear from first-hand knowledge, not second-hand stories, not hype, but from honest perspective. In addition, we will hear directly from a tribal member who will share insights into the role wolves play in Southern Ute culture. We hope that this workshop will provide an opportunity for open and meaningful discussion among the presenters and participants. Our goal is to learn as much as to share during our time together.

When	Saturday, May 18, 9:00am - 2:00pm <i>Pre-registration <u>not</u> needed</i>
Where	Sun Ute Community Center 390 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO 81137
Who	Attendance is restricted to Southern Ute tribal members  <i>* Free snacks &amp; refreshments</i>

Discussion Leaders

Hanley Frost Sr.

Hanley is the Cultural Education Coordinator for the Southern Ute Tribe. He is also the Sundance Chief for the Mouache and Capote bands. His Southern Ute name is Wolf.

Carter Niemeyer

Carter Niemeyer has Bachelor of Science (1970) and Masters (1973) degrees in wildlife biology from Iowa State University. He has been a state trapper for the Montana Department of Livestock, and a district supervisor for USDA Wildlife Services in western Montana managing and controlling large predators. He was chosen as the wolf management specialist for USDA Wildlife Services covering the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. In that position, he was responsible for livestock depredation investigation, as well as wolf capture for research, relocation or removal. Niemeyer was a member of the wolf capture team in Canada during reintroduction in the mid-1990s.

In 2001 he was recruited by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to run the agency’s wolf recovery program in Idaho, and retired in 2006. Carter has also worked on wolf issues in Washington, Oregon and California, as well as England, Scotland, France and Kyrgyzstan.

Breana Owens

Breanna is a multi-generational rancher from California and Oregon, and conservation biologist with Point Blue Conservation Science. She will discuss her experience from living in a state with no wolves, to wolves returning to the landscape including on her family’s ranch. Breana will share her perspective on the best way forward to ensure long-term ranch sustainability.

Karin Vardaman

Karin currently serves as the executive director for the Working Circle Proactive Stewardship initiative. Karin has over 30 years in wildlife conservation; she has been working in wolf conservation for the past eight years. Her primary focus includes working within livestock communities to reduce predator-livestock conflict, support working ranch resilience and sustainability, and educating the urban public on the value of working ranches in preserving wildlife habitat. Karin will bring discussion from a social-dynamic side, as well as from personal experience.

Workshop hosted by Working Circle Proactive Stewardship and sponsored by Working Circle Proactive Stewardship, Defenders of Wildlife and SW CO Wolf Cooperative



Ute Sentence Of the Week

Taman Ta man Tu’quamsu Koopa Wa  
Piye Tavei

May 10th is Mother's Day



Many Moons Ago



courtesy SUBGC/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were invited to an exclusive sound check party and meet and greet with famous blues musician, Indigenous.

This photo first appeared in the May 8, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Los Pinos Fire Department, Ignacio Police Department, SUCAP and other organizations in the Ignacio community staged a mock car accident in the Ignacio High School parking lot. The mock accident was held the day before prom and was used to bring an awareness to drinking and driving.

This photo first appeared in the May 7, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute Youth Group were volunteers for trash pickup along the roadside on Highway 172 during the annual spring cleanup.

This photo first appeared in the May 12, 1989, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Tony Santestevan gave a talk at the Tribal Awards Night encouraging students to continue their education after finishing high school. Seven tribal seniors graduated from the Ignacio Public Schools.

This photo first appeared in the May 11, 1979, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.





STORYTELLING

I am Water, part 2 of 2

By Ron Yellowbird

Ron Yellowbird is an author and storyteller from the Uncompahgre, Mouache, Capote Band of Ute Indians.

The Sagebrush Forest seemed to go on for miles and at the edge was a small valley. It had been carved out by the flood waters in spring. Raging torrents brought silt which settled into areas that added grasses with seeds from mountains plants and the cottonwood flourished. It created a cover of large leaves and beneath the shadow was this feeling inviting me to come in. I would come to know this place and the hidden traps that existed.

As I explored the many different trails that lay hidden, I met a timid, shy, nervous critter with big feet. This fellow had big ears as well, he could hear me approaching his well-covered home. He popped out of his door and ask if I had anything good to eat? I had a good look at his front teeth and I noticed he was eating sweet clover, milkweed, and grasses and that he had a twitching nose when he spoke.

“I am well designed for my environment, I was made this way by way of trial and error. I say, you are certainly odd in your manner of walking,” said Jack Rabbit. “Have you met the others in our community? I have heard you talking with Badger. Excuse my eavesdropping, but I couldn’t help myself from listening to his stories. They are certainly full of wonder and useful knowledge.”

“How long have you lived in the Sagebrush Forest, Mr. Jack Rabbit?” I asked, and he immediately replied.

“Please, call me Jack, I know Badger requires formal language. I however, wish to be your friend and will let you know if danger is near. You may speak to me in any manner you wish. What is comfortable for you. I must inform you that I absolutely am disgusted in eating meat in any manner.”

“So, you only eat plants and I understand your feelings.” I assured Jack that I would not offer any foods he didn’t like.

“Now can you tell me how

you came to be a member of the Sagebrush Forest and are you the only jack rabbit?”

“Goodness, I assure you that there are many others of all shapes, color and are thrown in distant lands. There is even a mythological jackalope, so beware of his antlers,” explained Jack. “I however, chose to live secluded from others of my kind and find myself becoming a part of this little community. It is just that I have become set in my ways. I am very comfortable here and most of all, should issues arise my neighbors will warn me. Besides, we all are aware of dangers lurking about. I am the first one out and, given open space, have great speed.”

As Jack spoke I could see age creeping in and the sparkle of his eye became clouded.

“Don’t let looks fool you” said Jack. “I can still outrun Coyote and his band of misfits. See how my legs have developed and I can deliver a powerful rabbit punch. However, I choose to run and at top speed can almost fly. You Orra-ra-cheech are like my cousins the cottontails, who run and hide. Remember, when in peril seek a hidden spot and see them before they see you. Most of all do not make a sound,” explained Jack before he bounded off in search of sweet clover.

“Why is he in such a rush?” I asked Badger.

“He is overly cautious and believes that all predators are going to eat him. He is old and lean and is a tough cut, not tender at all. I suppose he is jittery because the world is full of danger. Don’t worry though for I and others in our community will protect you,” said Badger looking very much respected by all, even the predators.

Well, that would be tested in the coming days and during this time young Orra-ra-cheech’s legs would continue to grow stronger with each new day. Badger would introduce Orra-ra-cheech to all the birds and those that crawl along the ground and the predators who hide in plain sight. The top predator though, are the humans, who are not of this country. They have hunted people and they are recorded on the sand-

stone in Cow Canyon.

“One day, I will travel with you when you control your curiosity,” said Badger. “I know where the designs are and there are many of them, I watched those who witnessed the beheading from afar and they are the ones who left those images on the sandstone. Beware of these humans young Orra-ra-cheech,” said Badger.

Every day as I would walk a little further, I would discover how everyone knew me and greeted each visit as old friends. Every morning walk would take me further out eventually to the boundaries of the Sagebrush Forest. At times the valley would draw me to come closer. The mysteries of this place are taunting me, one day I will satisfy my curiosity. Suddenly, I heard a big commotion coming behind me and it is the birds of the Sagebrush Forest. They have alerted the community of my venture to the border. As I continued to look into the valley a hand slipped inside my hand. Badger stood there with me, both waiting for a sign or sounds from this valley which was carved out in spring of each year as the creek turned into a raging torrent. Throughout its life it would deposit topsoil and create a plain where the cottonwood could thrive. Beneath the broad expanse of its branches and leaves the trees protected the occupants.

“It is a floodplain,” said Badger, “no one who burrows into the ground lives there. Should they decide to do so it is at best temporary. We all know how the sleeping creek can turn into a monster devouring everything in its reach,” said Badger. He continued to the horrific scenes of destruction and grief.

“As you can see the plain drops off and the water forever continues to follow an easy path to the ocean.”

“Have you seen the ocean, Badger?” I asked.

“I have been told by Otter who travels well the water ways you know. That is a testimony of a true friend and bud,” Badger said, looking very seriously. “Let

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute Indian Montessori boys, Kyle Rima, Maynard Taylor, Kyland Velasco and Tamarius Royland, sing Bear Dance songs for practice outside of the Southern Ute Museum in May of 2015.

BEAR DANCE

Preparations usher in spring

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

When the first thunderstorms rumbled in the spring, Utes begin to prepare for their annual Bear Dance. The dance is held each year to ensure success and survival through the year. It is also a dance that is one of the oldest recorded dances in North American history.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUI-MA) does their own part in preparing the youth by sharing cultural awareness and history. By influencing these young tribal members and descendants early, they ensure that the culture, language and history can be successfully kept alive. “This is my favorite time of the year,” SUI-MA Ute Language Guide, Shawna Steffler shared.

The language class has dedicated countless hours to helping the students craft their very own ribbon skirts and shirts to wear when they help open the Bear Dance. For years, the SUI-MA students have danced the very first round at Bear Dance, it’s a way for them to be involved and “because it gives them a sense of pride and independence,” SUI-MA Language Guide, Dr. Stacey Oberly said. “We want to give the kids the skills to demonstrate their knowledge.”

At one point in time, the Bear Dance was not

in practice. In 1906, the dance was discontinued for a few years because it was thought to be too time consuming, according to the then Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Francis Leupp. In the late 1920’s, all dances were outright forbidden and while many thought this would discourage the Utes, it only inspired them to continue with the Bear Dancing even more faithfully.

Helping bring the hiatus to an end after the years of repression, the Southern Utes spent weeks prepping to revive the Bear Dance. Families volunteered time to build the arbor, gather food and spread the news of the Bear Dance.

Mimicking those same preparations, SUI-MA students have spent weeks working on getting their regalia together with the help of the language guides and their teachers. In April of 2019, the Academy brought in Southern Ute Elder, Ramona Eagle and former language guide, Nathan Elk to teach the kids about their specific roles in the Bear Dance.

Gender has been a major determination of what preparations are given out, men are the ones who prepare the corral, while women prepare the colorful clothing that adorns the dancers.

“When Ramona talked to the girls it was nice for me to hear her stories and how

she remembered the dances when she was younger,” Steffler stated. Eagle spent time with the girls at the Academy, explaining to them the proper etiquette that they should follow while attending the celebration. She shared with them the importance of knowing who their family members are and encouraged them to ask questions.

Nathan, took boys out to the center of the school and taught them traditional Bear Dance songs. He explained the significance of the growlers and how they represent the bear. He helped each boy learn the movements and rhythm of the well-known Bear Dance songs.

As the Southern Ute Bear Dance nears, the community can feel the excitement in the air. The dedication and time that departments, families and the Bear Dance Chief have given to the celebration are becoming clear. Their work ensures that this year’s celebration will be a healing and joyous time. While the dance has seen many changes throughout its time, it still remains one of the pinnacle foundations and reason for the gathering of tribal people. It is still seen as a time for celebration of life.

Join the community and the Southern Ute Tribe as this year’s Bear Dance and Bear Dance Powwow commences – Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27.

Cultures coming together



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio elementary school students and staff celebrate the 10th annual Cultures Coming Together program at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday, April 26.

Summer Cloud (center) and Timothy Piaz give a presentation on Southern Ute culture to the classes and participants who visited the Cultures Coming Together program at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Bear dancing in Randlett



photos courtesy Tyson Thompson

Dancers pair up on Monday, May 6 before the last dance; this year the singers of Randlett won with dancers falling five minutes into the last song.

Dancers getting judged at the Turkey Dance contest that happens in the Bear Dance corral after Bear Dance is done each spring in Randlett, Utah.







CRISIS INTERVENTION

Law enforcement complete Crisis Intervention Training

Staff report  
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) of Southwest Colorado is a program to help law enforcement and the community respond to people experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The program brings together law enforcement, behavioral health providers and individuals and families in our communities. Since 2003, this CIT training program has been providing police officers with new tools for identifying, preventing and de-escalating crisis situations. By actively practicing and using the new skills learned in this training, CIT officers can successfully manage crisis situations that may threaten both officer and citizens.

Officers participate in 40 hours of classroom training involving education on mental health and substance use disorder signs and symptoms, appropriate medications and side effects, use of verbal de-escalation skills, active listening skills and improved tactical responses. The highlight of the training is 11 hours of role play practice with a specially trained troupe of professional actors who specialize in law enforcement training. Twenty-five local law enforcement personnel and one Dispatcher from Southwest Colorado recently completed the CIT training in Durango. Of those 26 individuals, two graduates of this training were employees of the Southern Ute Detention Center (SUDC): Priscilla

Albo and Ryan Carothers. Local training facilitator, Mary Trujillo Young, commented she is pleased that SUPD and SUDC support the training for their staff, and all participants challenged themselves and worked to develop new skills. CIT training offers the Law Enforcement community an opportunity to bring awareness and decrease stigma associated with having mental health issues and seeking help. In addition, CIT training is provided at an opportune time, as May is Mental Health Month. For more information, contact the following providers at the Southern Ute Health Center Behavioral Health Division, (970) 563-4581 – Mary Trujillo Young, Jennifer GoodTracks, and Ryan Sullivan.

First aid for mental health



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

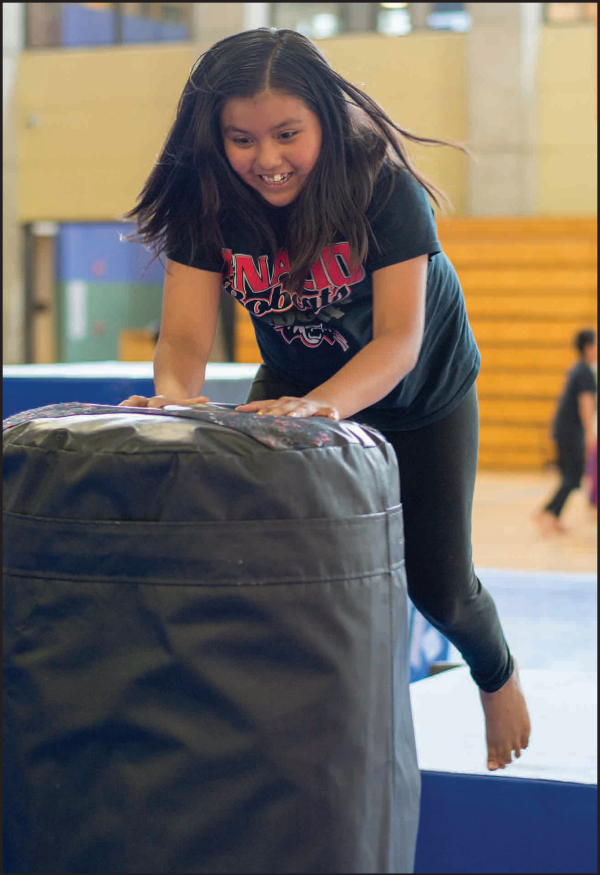
Executive Assistant for Tribal Services, Precious Collins, who was recently certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid, trains some of the Tribal Services Department on Wednesday, May 1. Collins is one of two instructors in the area who is certified to teach the Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

Guardian Arts in action



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Guardian Arts Instructor Great Owl Lightning, teaches Sinaav Larry and Nate Valdez-Baker how to practice proper self-defense techniques while teaching in the SunUte Community Center gymnasium on Monday, May 6.




Cherish Price “attacks” a standing bag while practicing guardian arts at SunUte on Monday, May 6.

Deconstructing equity



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Dr. Nita Mosby introduces herself at the Ignacio High School Auditorium; she is the founder and principal trainer of Deconstructing Equity: exploring the world of diversity, equity and inclusion. She was brought to Ignacio by San Juan Basin Public Health Department to speak at the High School, Wednesday, May 1.



**SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER**  
970-563-4581

The Southern Ute Health Center & Pharmacy, Dental and Optometry Services are open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Offices are closed the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM for in-service training. All offices are closed Saturday and Sunday.

**AFTER HOURS ASSISTANCE**  
Southern Ute Health Center  
and Community and Home Health Services  
Please call 970-563-4581 for your after-hours medical concerns.

**Community & Home Health Services**  
Mouache Capote Building  
Office hours: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

**NOTICE**  
**Social Services**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) will not be taking applications for the Colorado Child Welfare Financial Assistance Program until July 1, 2019. Please contact DSS for more information at 970-563-0209.

**SASO Proudly Presents:**

**Matt Karkut, Executive Director of Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center**

**When:** May 27, 2019 at 12pm-1pm

**Where:** The Commons Building Conference Room  
701 S. Camino Del Rio

*This event will be live streamed on [www.facebook.com/durangosaso](http://www.facebook.com/durangosaso)*



Matt Karkut is a multilingual immigrant rights advocate with a passion for diversity, affecting change, and reshaping the way we think about race, culture, and society. Matt is the executive director of Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center in Durango, Colorado. Compañeros is an organization that promotes the acceptance of diverse cultures, languages, and people.

Join us as Matt discusses immigration with our area and what we could do to create safe spaces for those experiencing violence and harassment. We will also try to debunk myths around immigration and form greater understanding of Latino communities.

**Free and open to the public!**



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**RUN AGAINST DRUGS**

**2020!**

**MEETING**

**Where:** Sun Ute Community Center  
**When:** May 18, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

- Chaperones
- Pilot Cars
- Rest Stop Volunteers
- Emergency Planning
- Camping Gear list
- Lodging
- Fund Raising
- Sponsors
- Day in Denver Planning



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Spring songs by Elementary



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary fourth and fifth grade students of Ballet Folklorica perform “La Iguana,” a traditional song about farmers who were pestered by iguanas during their harvests. The dancers opened the “Rockin’ Rhythms” Elementary Spring Concert, Thursday, May 2 in the Ignacio High School Performing Arts Auditorium.



Jania Jackson and fellow classmates of Ms. Stephens fifth grade class perform “Let It Be” written by Paul McCartney and John Lennon of The Beatles during the annual Spring Concert. The concert, performed by Ignacio Elementary School fourth and fifth grade classes, included other songs, such as “I Want To Break Free” by Queen, and “Stand By Me” by Ben E. King.

Earning money for de Chelly



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Chairwoman, Christine Sage and Executive Officer, McKean Walton await their Frito pies – Thursday, April 25 in the Hall of Warriors of the Leonard C. Burch building – helping the SUIMA students raise money for an end-of-year field trip to Canyon de Chelly in Arizona.

Teachers meet Ute Challenge



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members, Lorelei Cloud and Cedric Chavez were on hand to award Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) teacher certificates and awards in Ute Challenge, Wednesday, May 1. This challenge replaces the Monthly Teacher Ute classes. “We noticed that the once-a-month all teacher Ute Classes were not effective, due to the large size of the group and the long periods of time that passes between lessons. The goal of the challenge, is to encourage and empower the SUIMA staff to use their Ute language in every classroom all the time,” said Dr. Stacey Oberly, Coordinator of Ute Language and Culture.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

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of the photography and news ... It was a lot of work.”

For many of the past Drum staff one of the most memorable parts of the job was layout according to Sharon Cloud, a former reporter and editor who worked for The Drum from 1977 to 1990. “[At the time] newspaper layout would consist of cutting and formatting articles and pictures onto a three-column page with adhesive all done by hand,” explained Cloud. From there, the materials would be taken to the printers first beginning at The Durango Herald, then The Farmington Daily Times, and finally at The Pagosa Sun where it would be printed until the 90’s. The process of layout, printing and distribution would take the better part of two days for the Drum.

“It was hard work,” explained Marge Barry, former reporter of the Drum who worked in 1973. “You had to go out and keep track of newsworthy items to give the tribal members stimulation. Then every two weeks it started over again.”

“The actual news coverage itself in the Drum’s early years consisted mostly of Tribal Council coverage,” explained Barry. The Drum was directly managed by Tribal Council in the mid-70’s and would help with whatever the Council needed for public relations and informational services. With this, The Drum would help pick up visitors for the Tribe, give tours of the campus, and send packets of information out to anyone who wrote in requesting to know more about the Tribe. Until the mid-1980’s, Council would be one of the most prominent parts of the Drum and one of the best forms of media to get information on what was happening with the Tribe.

The 1980’s was a time to experimenting with the Drum. This is can easily be seen with new sections introduced within the expanding format. No longer was news strictly tribal business. Now the tribal members began to have a voice. This is best seen within a short lived “Dear Abby” like section called “It’s Me Again, Margaret” where real readers would send in their letters asking for solutions. While this section was cut within a six-month run, greetings and letters to the editor was stronger than ever. Entire pages of the paper were dedicated for greetings during Valentine’s Day or Mother’s Day. Each result was overwhelmingly positive. By the 1990’s more tribal members played a vital role within the Drum as more and more articles were dedicated to the life, work and events of the tribal members and the tribal culture.

The introduction of technology has allowed the Drum to be more successful and efficient. The importance of photography would only be heightened as technology grew more advanced. Photography is now an important part of a newspaper and can help impact a story positively and work as a tool to tell a story. No longer is layout done by hand, but now through computer software programs like Adobe InDesign. Stories can be written and edited with less time as opposed to type writers. How news was written and reported in the Drum became more formal with the introduction of the Associated Press style brought in by past editor Ace Stryker in 2009.

The Southern Ute Drum continues to strive to be a paper that covers all facets of the Tribe and community for readers to enjoy. The “blueprint” for the paper was in place during its early years, the Drum continues to evolve with its reader’s needs, thus giving us the newspaper, we have today.

“I’m glad its continuing on. I feel like it’s a legacy for the Tribe,” explains former staff and tribal member Oolcu Buckskin. “It’s a big accomplishment to celebrate 50 years.”

The Drum staff looks ahead to another fifty years of newspaper history.

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## BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

# Garcia finding more, more speed for 'Cats

*Junior eclipses school's 1983 best in the 3,200*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Still top-five fast on Curtis Clement Memorial Track, Elco Garcia, Jr., would have had to not only re-break, but destroy an Ignacio-best he'd just set a week earlier to have any shot at winning the 3,200-meter run Friday, May 3, on day one of the 61st Bloomfield, N.M., Invite.

Having earned second place at the April 26-27 Aztec, N.M., Invitational with a blazing 10:20.43 – bettering Merton Coriz's 10:24 logged back in 1983 – on Day 2 inside Fred Cook Memorial Stadium, Garcia found himself running inside Bobcat Stadium against many of the same faces he'd seen, only to find those faces faster than before.

4A Gallup, N.M., Miyamura teammates Tayan Benson and Riley Watson repeated their 3-4 finish, but each Patriot hacked over 20 seconds off his Tiger Invite time, with Benson improving from 10:25.42 to 10:10.64 and Watson from 10:42.38 to 10:21.81.

Victorious in Aztec, MHS' Ty McCray improved from a 9:54.70 to 9:50.30 in Bloomfield but still found himself 21 ticks behind 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central's Kashon Harrison – entered in only the 1,600m in Aztec – who finished first in 9:29.30.

Nonetheless, Garcia still enjoyed a solid run as he crossed the line fifth in 10:35.58. The junior also took fourth in the 1,600 (4:42.48) and sixth in the 800 (2:11.41) as his legs directly generated six of the Bobcat boys' 11 team points.

Ignacio's haul would rank tenth when all was said and done, trailing KCHS' winning 84. 5A Farmington, N.M., Piedra Vista settled for second with 59.5 and meet-hosting BHS copped third with 57.

IHS junior Jason Hampton-Foutz garnered two points by taking fifth in the pole vault with a best clearance of 10 feet, 6 inches. In the 100m dash he was IHS' fastest finisher, ranking 64th (13.49) in the preliminary heats, Damien Escalera paced the 'Cats in the 200 with a 28.63 ranking 56th. 4A Taos, New Mexico's Jonah Vigil would win both sprints, clocking respective finals efforts of 10.99 and 21.41 seconds.

Junior Jonas Nanaeto nar-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

rowly missed qualifying for the finals in the 400 meters, with his 55.64 missing the eighth and last qualifying spot by five-hundredths of a second, but placed sixth, earning Ignacio one point in the 3,200 with a 10:40.75.

He and Garcia helped the 'Cats collect two more points in the 4x400 relay, as they joined Nathyn Stollsteimer and Tyler Barnes in clocking a fifth-place 3:48.47 (4A Bloomfield's 'A' quartet won in 3:37.55). Barnes and Stollsteimer also tied for 13th in the pole vault (8'0").

Escalera finished 36th in the long jump (14'3.75"), but throwers Jeremy Roderick and Alric Hudson were unable to record a distance in either the shot put or discus (in which they were joined by Escalera and Avery Martinez, whose 3:04.38 in the 800 was good for 41st).

Running 28.25 seconds in the fourth of nine 200-meter dash heat races, freshman Lexy Young trimmed off more than two-tenths of a tick in the sprint's final and placed fifth in 28.03 – earning the 12th-place Lady Bobcats' only top-ten result, and two team points in Bloomfield.

PVHS bagged the girls' title with 92, while 5A Farmington, N.M., clipped

KCHS 62-61 in the second-place chase.

Sophomore Charlize Valdez nearly cracked the top ten in the 1,600m run, but finished 11th in 5:57.71.

Young also clocked a 13.88 in the 100, good for 13th-fastest in the prelims, and a 12th-quickest 1:07.00 in the 400 prelims. In the field she placed 31st in the long jump (12'5.75"), while Helaina Taylor flung the discus 67 feet, 10 inches and earned 24th. Normally known for being a runner, Vanessa Gonzales placed 29th with a best throw of 59'9".

Up next, Ignacio will travel to Stocker Stadium in Grand Junction for the May 10-11 GJHS Invitational.

The 2019 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships are set for May 16-18 at Jefco Stadium in Lakewood.

## DID YOU KNOW

Garcia and Nanaeto are still hunting IHS' long-standing record in the 1,600 meters – a 4:34.10 achieved by, again, Coriz in '83. Nanaeto did not compete in the event down in Bloomfield, but did record a third-place 4:42.61 in Aztec as he trailed only McCray (4:38.53) and Harrison (4:23.33) while Garcia (4:45.02) placed sixth.

## BOBCATS SOCCER

# Lady 'Cats drop season finale on neutral ground

*IHS nearly snaps Del Norte's Senior Day shutout*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As much as Ignacio had wanted to win their Senior Day match a week earlier, Del Norte wanted to win theirs perhaps even more when facing IHS Friday morning, May 3, at Alamosa High School.

And not simply because ten seniors were suiting up for their final 'home' contest in a season effectively spent on the road with facilities construction having consumed the Lady Tigers' true home pitch.

Looking to avoid a catastrophic upset at the Lady Bobcats' paws and maintain a top-ten spot in CHSAA's Class 2A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings in hopes of being named to the 12-team State Playoffs, DNHS got a first-minute goal from senior Sophia McConnell, assisted by junior Kaylie Metz, and never looked back in prevailing 9-0.

Senior Lacie Jones netted two goals and aided two others, junior Kendra Parra logged two goals and an assist, while McConnell would score once more during a fast-moving first half and also assist on Jones' second strike – putting the Lady Tigers up 7-nil shortly before intermission.

"You know, Del Norte played amazing," IHS head coach Alisha Gullion said. "They've definitely got a very strong ... program, and I'm just glad we could come out here and compete with them, put up a fight."

Seven days after smacking Center 4-1 at IHS Field – earning injury-battling Briana Duran a Senior Day triumph – and six after a less-intense 6-0 home loss to AHS, the Lady 'Cats indeed went out scrapping, though their finest moments came long after the 3A/2A Southwestern League match



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Briana Duran (17) receives Senior Day gifts from teammates Caitlyn Chapman (left) and Ebonee Gomez during a halftime recognition Friday, April 26. With their lone senior, the Lady Bobcats defeated Center 4-1 that afternoon.

was all but decided.

Threatening to deny Del Norte a shutout late in the action, freshman Alexis Pontine went 1-v-1 with sophomore goalie Myka Glover and was only stopped by a spectacular save resulting in OOOOHs uttered by the home side's supporters, and AHHHH-DANGs by the never-say-die visitors'.

"Lex and Caitlyn (Chapman) were clicking, Abbi (Barthel) in the center was working – we had a lot of really good things going on in this last game," said Gullion. "It was nice because in other games it would be, like, Caitlyn up there against four defenders, and in this one I see four girls running up with her. It was pretty awesome."

Keeper Jaylene Riepel unofficially totaled ten saves (Glover was credited with three) as Ignacio finished 2019 a fifth-place 2-8 against the SWL's 2A members, 2-13 against all circuit opposition, and 2-13 overall.

"They fought hard to the very, very end, and that's always been Ignacio Soccer; we never, ever give up," Gullion said. "And you could see that ... when we were down 9-zero, and my girls were on fire trying to put it in the back of the net, doing everything they can to stay in the game." "This year feels huge be-

cause we won two games, you know, and that hasn't happened in a while," she added. "We still have a lot that we need to work on, make a lot of growth in, but it just feels like each season we take a step up. We're building a program."

Having improved to a third-place 6-2-2 in 2A SWL play, 9-3-2 against the complete loop, and an impressive 10-3-2 overall wrapping up regular-season work, DNHS stood ninth – right behind Telluride, with fellow SWL force Crested Butte a strong sixth – in the RPI as of Monday morning, May 6. Later awarded the Playoffs' No. 10 seed, the Lady Tigers were to play the following day against 7-seed Colorado Rocky Mountain School (8-2 overall) out of Carbondale.

## ONE MORE FOR POSTERITY

Prior to the aforementioned April 26 rout of CHS, Briana Duran had a choice to make earlier in a week featuring three home matches in four days.

"So, on Tuesday they asked me 'Do you want to play [versus Bayfield] on Wednesday?'" Duran recalled. "They're such good

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## Youth crack the bats



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Romeo Thomas swings at the baseball trying to help his team score points after being down by a couple points, Tuesday, May 7, at the Animas La Plata Youth Baseball Fields.



After hitting a big one to the outfield, Osias Goodtracks hustles to first base, moving his teammate, Cristovan Gonzalas to second base.

Orion Watts Jr. takes a quick second to smile while cheering on his team.

## It's now or never



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Head coach Don Hayes (black jacket) and Ignacio Baseball will put the 2019 season on the line this weekend in the 2A-District 3/5 Tournament. Standing 1-13 overall, the Bobcats will have first had to survive a play-in contest Thursday afternoon, May 9, in Paonia, Colo. Results were unavailable at press time.





OBITUARIES



**SMITH** – Christian Albert Smith, age 31, started his journey to the Creator on Monday, April 15, 2019. Christian was born in Santa Fe, NM to his loving par-

ents, Cecilia Redd and Ervin Smith. He was given the name “Haebauhdee-Zhoh” by his Umonhon great grandmother and it translates to “As far as the atmosphere goes”. He was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, but also of the Diné and Umohon people. He is the oldest of four children. He grew up in Valencia County New Mexico and graduated from Los Lunas High School in 2006. He was a star athlete excelling in basketball, golf and bowling. Christian was also a talented artist of many trades, blessed with the ability to create breathtaking masterpieces.

He is survived by his parents, Cecilia and Ervin; his sisters, Sacha (Eric) and Jeanné; brother, Nicholas; nephew, Theodore; maternal grandmother, Bonnie Redd; paternal grandparents, Darlene and David Smith; and numerous extended family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Albert Gunn Redd Sr.; and great grandmothers, Josephine Harlan and Elsie Morris.

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**Izabella Oawichichi Howe, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Marquetta Cloud on behalf of Izabella Oawichichi Howe filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Izabella Oawichichi Cloud. As of April 23, 2019 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Izabella Oawichichi Howe name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Izabella Oawichichi Cloud.  
Dated this 24th day of April, 2019.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Dated this 7th of May, 2019  
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**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
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**Marcia B Taylor, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Mary Monte on behalf of Marcia B Taylor has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marcia Birdie Monte. 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 **May 13, 2019 at 5 pm.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.  
BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
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**Case No.: 2019-NC-0047**  
**Todd Jon Reigns Taylor, Civil Subject**  
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BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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**Case No.: 2019-NC-0049**  
**Christopher Ryan Rizzo, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Christopher Ryan Rizzo has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Carys Reine Paxson Rizzo. 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 **May 20, 2019 at 5 pm.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.  
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Dated this 19th of April, 2019  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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me make it very clear that the creek is a dangerous place to venture alone. The monster made an undercut in the bank and created large pools. In some places the River People have built their lodges and created marshes and life.”

“Have you talked with the River People and, where are they?” I asked.

“They have their wooden lodges up and down the river,” Badger was motioning with his hands as he spoke. On more than one occasion has Badger used sign to speak.

“I have visited with the River People and asked to see inside one of their homes. I was invited to the water’s edge where they told me to hold my breath. I did, and they took me under the surface of the water. I was amazed by the life in the water as they led me to the doorstep of their lodge. I popped up inside the main room with the family there to greet me. You know, there was enough room to stand and large enough for one family. The water does not enter, I would say it resembles my burrow and the door is the water. Badger continued talking about his experience. At the top center of the lodge, there was an opening woven by the strongest limbs which lets in just enough light. It is strong enough to prevent any predators from gaining entrance. Did you know their lodge is made with mud and parts of trees? It was quite roomy and comfortable in the seasons of change.”

“They told me once when Otter stole the fire from the People (Nuche) and brought it here. Otter took the ember that starts their fire and carried it in a shell. Grandpa knew this was not good and that the People would be looking for their fire ember. All one had to do was smell for smoke and sure enough the smoke drifted through the top of the lodge. The ember caught the wooden floor on fire and everyone dove into the water. The grand lodge became a large blaze and the People came for the fire. The smoke could be seen throughout the valley. Now the family was safe except for Otter who was put to hard labor and helped rebuild the lodge. The lives of the River People with generations upon generations have lived here since its creation by Earth Mother,” said Badger “They keep to themselves and are hardworking folk. Should you stand on the bank of the creek, they have spotted you well before you look into the water world. Remember Orra-ra-cheech that we breath air and cannot live under the water’s surface. It’s time to head back,” said Badger.

I resisted at first in leaving, because I thought I heard someone calling me. My curiosity would just grow with each day. Then one morning in the fall, when everyone prepares for winter, I decided to see for myself who was calling for me. I didn’t tell a soul what I was planning and the next day left early.

Indian Summer came after the first frost and quickly turned the leaves to gold. A beautiful fall day and my senses to explore overwhelmed me. Off to the floodplain in search of voices that call me even in the night. With a small breeze that caused the large cottonwood leaves to shimmer before floating down and covering the floor in a golden crunch. Have I been here before? It seems I have been. I know of a hidden spot that lays beneath the oldest cottonwood tree that stands by the bank. The spring and flash floods have cut out under the bank. There the bank hangs over the deep pool and the world of water.

“Stop calling my name,” I yelled to the birds following me. “Can’t you hear a spirit, or someone needs my help.” They persisted in calling to me to return or they were going to tell Badger. Nevertheless, I was drawn into the mysterious floodplain that becomes itself inviting to me. My imagination was casting all kinds of strange community members. I have never met them, only heard about them through Badger and the world of water. I found myself standing on the bank of the floodplain and saw how the floods carved the land. There was a sense of autumn renewal in the air and with each hour warmth. The enormous cottonwood trees in their true golden colors, were inviting me to explore. What would I find in the next blind corner and what kind of animals in the community and neighborhoods? I wondered if Badger’s stories were true or was I to find the reason why I was drawn here. This was new to me; the sounds and smell near the floodplain. I had to see the River People for myself and I had many questions.

An opening in the cottonwood trees was surreal, as there was another kind of community. Willows, cat-tails, bulrush, saplings and the great lodge. I sat there and breathed in a different kind of place. Smells that were new to me and the sounds of the world of water. There were birds of all sorts of sizes, colors and songs. There was a calmness and tranquility of many souls reaching out to me. I crawled to the edge and looked over the bank to see a deep pool. Within the clear water I could see the life of changing environments. So curious was I that I hunched over too far and slid into the pool. I held my breath as Badger had done when he went under. I saw the com-

munity of those who live there and was relieved from the land. My legs moved about with ease and felt as if I could walk. The water was warm, and I rolled over to see the surface. A golden leaf emerged as if it was suspended in air and I could see the blue of the sky past it. I felt at ease within myself and I could sense a peaceful oneness with everything around me. I closed my eyes to sleep and began to dream. Expelling the last of my air, I was ready to find another place. To become a part of the earth’s natural element, I am water ... It would seem an eternity had past.

Suddenly, I was gasping for air and I heard Badger’s voice. There were other voices as well. I felt hands pushing on my chest and the concern of voices of those around me.

“Here, roll him on his side,” said Badger excitedly. “There, the water has come out and he is breathing again.” Soon, I opened my eyes to see Badger and two brothers that I have never seen or met. Badger said, “Let me introduce you to Moe and Moe, they are identical brothers. They felt a disturbance in the water and the vibrations from your struggles led them straight to you. The brothers saw you floating in the water and they thought that you had become a blue baby. Without haste they pushed you to the surface and launched you to the bank,” explained Badger. “I was told by the local birds of your intentions and I came quickly. Now I find you at the edge of death and have aged considerably in this short time.”

Badger was in motion and was always thinking of the next step. “Okay, Moe and Moe help me roll Orra-ra-cheech in the dry grass to dry him off,” instructed Badger. After which he said, “Thank you brothers for your quick action and saving young Or-ra-ra-cheech from traveling to the Spirit Word.” Badger would scold me all way back home. I would remember Badger telling me.

“Don’t tell grandmother any of this, you have learned a valuable lesson today,” patting me on the back as we walked. We arrived at the cabin late that afternoon and Badger stopped to tell me.

“You have survived with help from your spiritual guardian and I am afraid given your sense of adventure, that you will be tested again. Everyone here in the Sagebrush Forest will be keeping a close eye on you. Though you may think you are alone, we are all here watching you and we will always protect you,” said Badger. “Now, off you go!”

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SunUte Office HVAC Replacement

**Owner:**  
**Southern Ute Indian Tribe Construction & Project Management Dept.**  
**P.O. Box 737**  
**116 Memorial Drive**  
**Ignacio, CO 81137**  
**970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Construction Services for the SunUte Office HVAC System. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Dr. in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on June 3, 2019. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138

or [atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov). A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled in Buckskin Charlie Conference Room, 2nd floor, Leonard C. Burch Administration Building, 356 Ouray Drive on Southern Ute Indian Tribe Campus at 10:30 a.m., MST, May 14, 2019. A site visit will follow the meeting. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR BID Southern Ute Wastewater Treatment Plant Concrete Repair

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

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONCRETE REPAIR PROJECT will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 2:00 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, May 23, 2019. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder. **Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. **Description of Work:** The reinforced concrete oxidation ditch, clarifier, digester, and headworks structures at the wastewater treatment plant have experienced spalling and deterioration along edges of stairs and platforms, especially at safety railing post locations. The project consists of repairing the spalled and deteriorated portions of the concrete structure. Only contractors qualified in concrete repair work shall be allowed to bid on this project. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights

Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 10 A.M. at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division Office, located at 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: **Goff Engineering & Surveying, Inc.**, 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, CO 81301. 970-247-1705. **The Southern Ute Indian Tribe**, Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. 970-563-5500. A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to [HUMgallegos@goffengineering.com](mailto:HUMgallegos@goffengineering.com) or written request to the above address.

## Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

### ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

Closing 5/31/19 – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill two (2) vacancies for “Alternate Member-At-Large” positions 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. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by May 31, 2019. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing 6/7/19 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2019.

### 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 Dept. at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

### TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 7/31/19 – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO 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. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

### YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

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.

### POWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Attention: Tribal Members & other Natives. The Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to nurture and promote a positive impression of the Southern Ute Tribe through songs, dances and other activities to preserve the culture. The Committee is a non-paid committee and meets bi-monthly. Interested Tribal members can submit letter of intent to the Powwow Committee, PO Box 737-16, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand deliver to Hilda Burch at the TERO Dept. or email to [hburch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:hburch@southernute-nsn.gov).

 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

## NOTICE

Southern Ute Tribal Members 18 and over who are requesting personal information such as, copies of birth certificates, tribal identification cards, social security numbers, Certificate of Indian Blood, state and federal tax verifications, address changes, name changes or any other documents must contact the Department of Tribal Information Services, Vital Statistics Office at (970) 563-0100 extension 2302.

Personal information will NOT be provided to anyone else (parents, grandparents, etc) without a signed Release of Information.

### Powerhouse 4-day Garage Sale

A four-day garage sale of historic and eclectic tools, vintage metal, furniture, antique sinks, and trinkets will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 24-27 at the Powerhouse, 1333 Camino del Rio, Durango. All proceeds will benefit continued Powerhouse exhibits and activities.



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## NOTICE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP



Beginning October 1, 2018, the Tribal Information Services Department will begin assessing a \$10 replacement fee on all Tribal Identification Cards. Thereafter, replacement fees will increase incrementally with each request.

Tribal Information Services Department (970) 563-2250  
Vital Statistics Office (970) 563-2302





# Table Games Dealer Training



When: May 27, 2019- June 28, 2019  
Where: Sky Ute Casino Resort in the Table Games Training Room  
Time: Monday thru Friday  
Time: To Be Announced

All Participants must be twenty- one (21) years of age and have a valid photo ID. Please give us a call at (970) 563-1872 to sign up.  
Thank You, Table Games Dept.



## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019

**We’re looking for volunteers**

to beef up our helping hands. All events listed require different duties. For more information contact the Behavioral Coordinator, Journil Nez, and ask if you like to be added to our volunteer list or ask of the event you would like to help with.

AND on the other hand, if you have special interests or talents come join club and share your talent with us as a program volunteer, and/or join us as a Mentor!

If you or someone you know is interested contact Journil Nez for more details 970.563.2692 or jonez@southernute-nsn.gov

**Volunteer Events:**

**June 7th:** Plaza Pics Concession  
**June 14th:** Summer Club BBQ  
**June 21st:** Plaza Pics Concession  
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**August:** Summer Club BBQ  
**September:** Southern Ute Fair Parade  
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## Notice of Direct Final Rulemaking and Request for Comments

**On Request for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to apply for an Administrative Delegation of Two Federal Programs for managing air pollution from Minor Sources on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is taking direct final action requesting the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by and through its Air Quality Program (“AQP”), to apply to the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 for an administrative delegation of the Federal Minor New Source Review Program in Indian Country (MNSR) (codified at 40 CFR §§ 49.140 through 49.150) and the Federal Implementation Plan for Managing Air Emissions from True Minor Sources in Indian Country in the Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Processing Segments of the Oil and Natural Gas Sector (FIP) (codified at 40 CFR §§ 49.101 through 49.105).

**I. Dates.**  
This action is effective on July 10, 2019 without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by June 10, 2019. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public this action will not take effect. Administrative delegation to the Tribe of the MNSR and FIP will become effective upon approval by EPA.

**II. Authority under which the Tribe may receive Administrative Delegation of the MNSR and FIP.**  
Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 (“IGA”), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (Reservation). The Commission’s direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission’s Procedural Rules. The IGA tasked the Commission with, among other responsibilities, determining specific Clean Air Act programs that should apply on the Reservation and promulgating rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation and administration of those programs. Under the IGA, the Tribe is responsible for day-to-day administration and enforcement of the Reservation Air Program. The MNSR program may be delegated to eligible Tribes under the authority of 40 CFR §49.161 and the FIP may be delegated to eligible Tribe’s under the authority of 40 CFR §49.103.

**III. Submission of comments.**  
Please provide any comments no later than June 10, 2019. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

**IV. Supplementary Information.**  
Before asking the Tribe to apply for an administrative delegation of the MNSR and FIP, the Commission first asked the AQP to seek input on the regulation of minor sources on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation from stakeholders and interested parties. The AQP conferred with and solicited input from the State of Colorado, La Plata and Archuleta counties, EPA Region 8, and operators of regulated oil and gas minor sources. All stakeholders and interested parties support the option of the Tribe applying for an administrative delegation of the MNSR and FIP. The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed action because it views the request for administrative delegation of the MNSR and FIP from EPA as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

For further information contact: Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2265; e-mail dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov

## Quichas Apartment for Rent

2BR/2.5 BA. \$745/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at tzink@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at the GF Properties Group office, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. -5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2019. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

## 2019 Tribal Fair Open Rodeo volunteers needed!

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department is seeking Southern Ute tribal members and/or Southern Ute tribal staff who would like to help plan the 2019 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Open Rodeo. If you are interested please call the Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985.

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# Gathering of Nations celebrates 36th year



In front of a sold-out audience on Saturday, April 27, Cheyenn Kippenberger (center) of the Seminole Tribe of Florida was crowned the 36th Miss Indian World. Kippenberger was one of 17 contestants vying for the title.

**T**housands of spectators, families and performers filled the Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, N.M. from Thursday, April 25 – Saturday, April 27 to celebrate the 36th year of the Gathering of Nations Powwow. The powwow featured cultural dances, a horse parade along with powwow contests and dancing.



Golden Age dancer, Marty Pinnecoose takes a moment to step outside for a quick breather before he dances into the evening grand entry.



Dancers of all ages and styles filled the arena floor while dancing in Grand Entry.



A young grass dancer steps in synch with the rhythm of the drum while competing in the men's dance category.

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



U.S. Representative for New Mexico's 1st congressional district, Deb Haaland is honored with a star quilt.



Each Grand Entry, a traditional dancer is selected to carry in the ceremonial head dress staff at the Gathering of Nations Powwow.



A horse dancer makes his way down the street as he leads in the horse parade.



Ute Mountain Ute Chairman, Harold Cuthair competes in the hand drum singing contest.





Environmental Commission



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The newest members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission; Pictured left to right — Barbara Scott-Rarick, Peter McCormick, Rolfe Spiegel, Peter Butler, Demi Morishige, Dan Jefferson.

Attorney Sam W. Maynes, a partner of Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel, LLP, who provides legal counsel for the Tribe's air quality program, shares his thoughts on the implementation and adoption of the Minor Source Program that the Tribe is currently reviewing — Wednesday, April 24.



Pena wins land draw



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The advertised 59m/1 acre parcel was put out in a 45-Day Public Notice of Availability for an Agricultural Assignment; that posting period was concluded on Monday, April 15. All eligible tribal members who submitted a complete Tribal Land Assignment Application and Farm Plan were entered in a drawing that determined the selectee for the land. Southern Ute tribal member, Alex Pena's card was drawn by Chairman Christine Sage on Tuesday, April 23 in the Tribal Council Chambers.

BRUNOT

Off-Reservation treaty hunting rights reviewed by Supreme Court

By Julianne Begay  
SOUTHERN UTE LEGAL  
DEPARTMENT

The Supreme Court of the United States will soon make a decision in an important off-reservation treaty hunting rights case. While the case concerns the Crow Tribe's off-reservation hunting rights in Wyoming, it could affect off-reservation treaty rights for many Tribes, including Southern Ute.

The case is called Herrera v. Wyoming. It involves Clayvin Herrera, a member of the Crow Tribe. In 2014, Herrera and his friends shot three bull elk in the Big Horn National Forest. He was criminally charged by Wyoming for taking big game without a State license and for hunting outside of the State's elk season. Herrera plead not guilty to the charges because the Big Horn National Forest was part of the Crow Tribe's reserved off-reservation hunting rights in its 1868 treaty with the United States. The specific language from the Crow Tribe's 1868 treaty states that tribal members, shall have the right to hunt on the unoccupied lands of the United States so long as game may be found thereon,

and as long as peace subsists among the whites and Indians on the borders of the hunting districts. Treaty with the Crow Indians, May 7, 1868, Art. IV.

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case on January 19, 2019. The main issues in the case are: 1) Whether the off-reservation hunting rights the Crow Tribe reserved in its 1868 treaty ended when Wyoming became a state in 1890; and 2) Whether those off-reservation hunting rights terminated when the Big Horn National Forest was established in 1897.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has off-reservation hunting rights in Colorado. The Tribe reserved its off-reservation hunting rights in the 1874 Brunot Agreement. The 1874 Brunot Agreement states, "The United States shall permit the Ute Indians to hunt upon said lands so long as the game lasts and the Indians are at peace with the white people." Brunot Agreement, Art. II.

The "said lands" referred to in this section of the Brunot Agreement is the approximate 3.7 million acres of the San Juan Mountains region that the Utes relinquished under the Brunot

Agreement. That land is now known as the "Brunot Area." Congress ratified the Brunot Agreement on April 29, 1874 and, just two years later, 1905, Colorado became a state. In 1905, two national forests were established in the Brunot Area: the San Juan National Forest and the Uncompahgre National Forest.

Because of the importance of the Tribe's off-reservation hunting rights, the Tribe joined the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in filing a brief in the Supreme Court in support of Clayvin Herrera. The Tribe's brief focused on the assurances received when the Brunot Agreement was negotiated and the failure of either Colorado's statehood a few years later or the creation of the San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests to defeat those treaty rights.

The arguments at the Supreme Court seemed to go well for Herrera. However, sometimes those arguments do not reflect the final result. The Court's decision could impact the legal foundation of treaty-based off-reservation hunting rights for many tribes, including the Ute tribes in Colorado. Therefore, we are watching this case closely. The decision could be reached soon.

Outward Bound 72-73



courtesy Rod Grove

Members of an 1972-1973 outward bound program, stand together for a photograph in the Collegiate Peaks, west of Buena Vista, Colo. The 21 day long Outward Bound program was sponsored by Coors Brewing of Golden, Colo. and encouraged young participants to explore and experience wilderness first hand. Pictures here: Rodrick Grove, Eloy Bellino, Larry Valdez, Danny Pedilla, and Ronnie Frost (among others whose names are unknown).

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BRUNOT RARE  
GAME PERMITS

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife  
Resource Management will be  
accepting Brunot rare game applications  
the month of May.  
The drawing will be held in June.

Available Permits

- 2 Bighorn Sheep
- 2 Mountain Goat
- 2 Moose







GROWTH FUND

# Stafford selected as Growth Fund Operating Director of Energy

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to announce the selection of the new Operating Director of Energy for the Southern Ute Growth Fund, John Stafford. Stafford will supervise ventures related to energy resource exploration and development, gas gathering, processing, petroleum refining and transportation, and alternative energy. Stafford will work directly with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Red Willow Production Company, Aka Energy Group, Red Cedar Gathering Group and their affiliates. While serving in this capacity, Stafford is responsible for identifying and evaluating opportunities for new investments and divestitures subject to approval from the Growth Fund Management Committee (GFMC) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

Stafford arrived on Monday, April 15. Prior to joining the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Stafford was the President of Laris Oil & Gas, LLC, a private oil and gas exploration company which he founded in 2002. He was also the Vice President & General Counsel for Patina Oil & Gas Corporation, a publicly traded company on the NYSE that was subsequently acquired by Noble Energy for \$4.9 billion. As an attorney in pri-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

ivate practice he represented several clients that entered into Section 29 Tax Credit transactions with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. These transactions enabled the Tribe to benefit financially from the enhanced development of coalbed methane and tight gas reservoirs. Prior to becoming an Environmental and Oil & Gas attorney, Stafford was a Senior Geologist for ARCO Oil & Gas Company, where his work included operations on other Indian reservations.

Stafford is a graduate of Syracuse University (BS in Geology), Texas A&M University (MS in Geological Oceanography, and University of Denver (JD). He is a professional geologist in the State of Wyoming and is licensed to practice law in both Colorado and Wyoming.

Chairman Sage stated, "The Tribe looks forward to the expertise and experience Mr. Stafford brings as the new Southern Ute Growth Fund Operating Director of Energy."

## Casias to Ethics Commission



courtesy Bertha Box

Former Chairwoman and Chief Judge, Pearl E. Casias is sworn-in to serve on the Ethics Commission, Wednesday, May 8 in the Tribal Court by Judge Paul Whistler.

## 49 Lounge, open for business



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager, Charlie Flagg cuts the ceremonial ribbon, during a small ceremony for the 49 Lounge, Friday, May 4 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The newly renovated 49 Lounge opens at noon, and patrons can try their luck on the IGT bar-top machines while watching their favorite sporting event on any of the flat screens, or lounge on any of the comfy leather chairs and couches while watching the huge nine-screen monitor display.

### NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

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

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

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*\*Nomination must be submitted in writing** to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department **by \*\*5:00 pm on Monday, 20, 2019** and shall state the basis for the nomination. Or email the letter to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information call 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.

## GF PROPERTIES SEEKS TM • FROM PAGE 1

weeds and trash cleaned up, snow removal in the winter," Zink said. In the building systems, it's understanding power, HVAC, and telecommunications – preventative maintenance. "That's why it is a three-year program," he stated. "The big picture here is if someone is trained on the Growth Fund side, they can [take that experience and] work on the Permanent Fund side. Training here would prepare someone to work other assets."

Level 1, which is up to a year on the job, trainee would learn and understand building maintenance in addition to landscaping and agricultural know how. Communication skills are also emphasized. Level 2, involves more training courses, more responsibility; trainee advances forward with skill sets from the first year. Level 3, involves assuming many of the responsibilities and assisting, as well as completion of all required courses and certificates.

"They are going to get



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Stacy Toppin, facilities manager for GF Properties Group oversees a variety of aspects of the Three Springs property, including undeveloped ranchland leased for grazing cattle.

a lot of experience; what it takes to make a building run, to keep the value up," added Stacy Toppin, facilities manager for GF Properties Group. "We are often overseeing contractors, coordinating and scheduling. It is real world experience – a good foundation for the future."

There is also the natural aspect of this job, we get to be stewards of the land, Toppin emphasized. The ranchers who lease the ag portion of the Three Springs

property manage fence repairs and other upkeep, but the Facilities Technician plays a key role in insuring that gates are closed, overseeing irrigation and trail systems on the property.

The job application posted to The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website on May, 1, and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 31. Once the three-year training program is complete, a successful applicant would then continue to be employed with GF Properties Group in Three Springs.

## Our Children Are Sacred

### TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FOR KEEPING FAMILIES STRONG.

1. Nurturing and Attachment– Take time at the end of each day to connect with your children, with a hug, a smile, a song, a few minutes of listening and talking.
2. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: Taking a parenting class or explore parenting questions with your family doctor, your child's teacher, family or friends.
3. Parental Resilience: Surround yourself with people who support you and make you feel good as a parent. Take time to reenergize, do some physical exercise for a health mind. Share your feelings with someone you trust.
4. Social Connections: Engage in traditional ceremonies, bear dance, pow-wows. Get involved with community activities and classes.
5. Concrete Support for Parents: Make a list of people or places to call for support. Dial 2-1-1 to find out about organizations that support families in your area.
6. Social and Emotional Competence of Children: Provide regular routines, especially for young children. Talk with your children about how important feelings are.

### MAKING HEALTH CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR FAMILY

Good health starts with eating the right foods and getting plenty of exercise. A healthy lifestyle can help your family in many ways:

1. Less stress, depression, and anxiety
2. Better sleep and more energy.
3. Less sickness, doctor visits, and grumpy family members.

Healthy habits don't have to take time away from your family. Do it together and make it fun!



SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Angelina Whitehorse  
Family Preservation  
Therapist  
970-563-0209

Lisa Frost  
Foster Care Coordinator  
970-563-0209

For all other Inquires  
970-563-0209



## Community Yard Sale

Saturday  
May 11, 2019  
9 AM – 1 PM

Multi-Purpose  
Facility  
Ignacio, CO

Call to reserve your  
space Free set-up  
Free admission  
970-563-2640

## MAY SIP, CHAT & CHEW POTLUCK



MAY 17, 2019  
MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY  
11:30AM – 1:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL UTES & FAMILY  
NORTHERN, SOUTHERN  
& UTE MOUNTAIN UTE

WE PROVIDE THE MAIN DISH. YOU BRING THE SIDE DISHES  
DESSERTS AND DRINKS  
MORE INFO: 970-563-2640



May 10, 2019

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Bear Dance



# Mamakwanhkapu

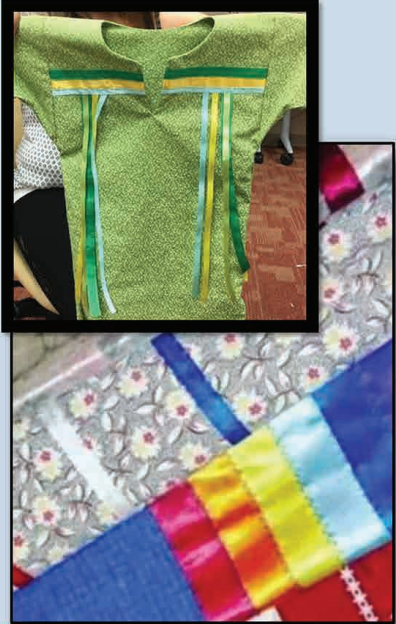
## "Bear Dance"

### Bear Dance Sewing

#### Multi-Purpose Facility

May 14 Tuesday & 15 Wednesday  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Bring your Bear Dance projects.  
Finish your projects, or get help.  
563-2640



### BEAR DANCE

It's time to make your T-dresses, Skirts,  
Moccasins & Shawls

Saturday, May 11, 10 AM - 3 PM

Classes are to provide instructions for projects.  
Bring current projects to finish during class time. Provide your own material for  
projects, such as leather, material for clothing and shawls, fringe, etc.

Instructors: Hanley Frost, Sr. & SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower  
A Southern Ute Museum & Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. collaboration

### Southern Ute Bear Dance Workshop



May 13, 2019

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Open to Tribal Staff &  
General Public

For more information contact : Tara Vigil Special Events  
Coordinator at 970-563-2985, or Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box  
at 970-759-7038

## THE GIFT OF THE... UTE LANGUAGE

### MAY ELDERS DINNER

May 23, 2019 | Multi-Purpose Facility  
5:30 PM | 256 Ute Rd.  
ALL UTE ELDERS ARE INVITED!

FOOD

GAMES

SOCIALIZING

RAFFLE PRIZES

If you need a ride, please contact Elders Services  
for transportation at 970-563-0156.

Sponsored by:  
Southern Ute Elders Services  
Multi-Purpose Facility

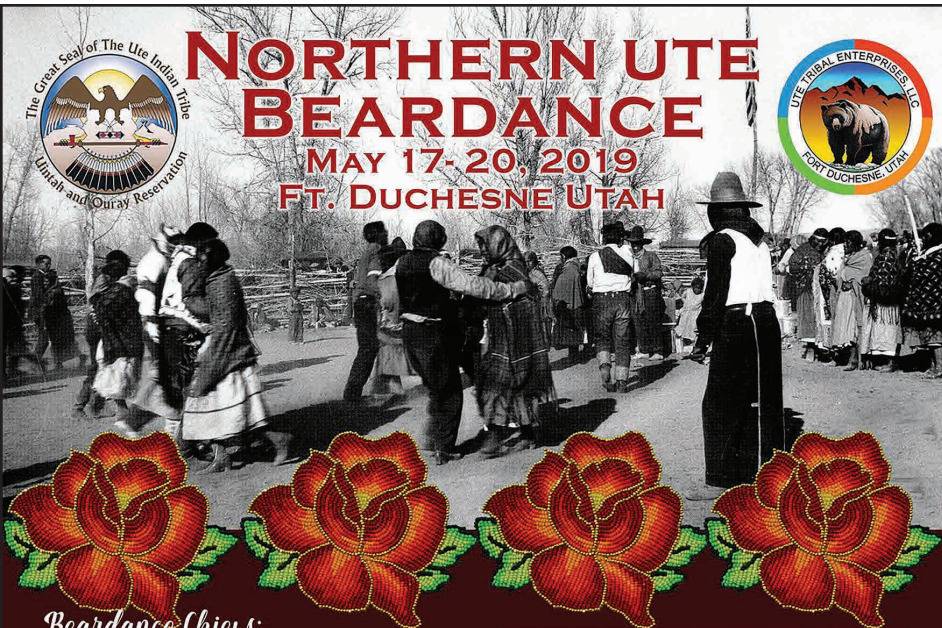


For more information contact Edward Box III at 970-563-2984 or Trennie Collins at 970-563-0118.

Photo by: Trennie Collins / The Southern Ute Drum

## NORTHERN UTE BEARDANCE

MAY 17-20, 2019  
FT. DUCHESNE UTAH



#### Beardance Chiefs

Antonio Kanip „Golden Boy“  
Reffel Kanip and Serenus Kanip  
Honorary Beardance Chief:  
Albert Cornpeach  
Catman (Moosuch) Henry Howell

#### Beardance Contest Pow-Wow

Friday, May 17th - Saturday, May 18th  
Grand Entry at 7:00 pm - Both Night  
Contact Information: Dan Cesspooch  
435-724-2451

#### Beardance Fun-Walk 2019

Saturday, May 18th @ 9:00 am  
Starting at Beardance Grounds  
T-Shirts will be given out to all participants  
For more information Contact Ute Painted  
Horse Diabetes Prevention Program at 435-725-4912

#### Headstart Mini-Beardance

Thursday, May 16th Starting at 10:00 am.  
At Ft. Duchesne Beardance Grounds.

Everyone is Welcome to Attend

For More Information/Vendor Booths Contact: Reffel Kanip (435) 401-3125

2019 Beardance Committee will not be responsible for any theft or accidents during this event.

Bead-work by: Charlyn "Tissy" Cuch

No Drugs or Alcohol Permitted.



Feast Day  
Monday-May 20th  
starting at 2:30 pm.

#### Northern Ute Beardance Handgame Tournament

Friday-May 17, 2019  
3 Man Scramble Tourney-  
Register by 6:00 pm. \$20 per person  
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
MAIN TOURNAMENT

Entry Fee \$150 (3-5 Players)  
Registration from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm.  
POTLUCK DINNER  
@1:00 pm Bring your favorite dish  
Sunday, May 19, 2019  
5's CARD TOURNAY

\$10 per person + \$100 added  
Register by 1pm. - Starts at 1:30 pm.  
KIDS TOURNAY  
3-5 Players \$50 per team  
(Ages 12 & Under) Register -2:00 pm.  
TRADITIONAL GAME-2:00 pm.

Wager Material Items and Oklahoma Style  
4-MAN TOURNAY  
Register by 2pm. \$100 per team  
OPEN GAMES ALL WEEKEND

For more information contact:  
Angie Lucero (435) 722-7957  
Lionel Tahreep (435) 724-7675

38<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2, 2019  
UTE MOUNTAIN UTE



BEARDANCE RUN  
LOUISE HAMMOND MEMORIAL

HALF MARATHON  
5K / 10K

TOWAOC, COLORADO

5 AM REGISTRATION 6 AM RACE STARTS

Registration

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Towaoc/Beardance>





# Bear Dance

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May 10, 2019

## 2019 Ute Nations Day Honoring Ute Golden Age ( 70 & Up )



Thursday May 23, 2019  
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM



Multi-Purpose Facility



For more Information contact: Tara Vigil  
Special Event Coordinator at 970 -563-2985

## Bear Dance Kick-off Meal



Photos Provided by Jeremy Wade Shockley /SU Drum

Thursday, May 23, 2019  
11:30 AM -1:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Event Center



For More Information contact Events  
Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2986

## Southern Ute Bear Dance

# POWWOW

May 24 - 25, 2019 SunUte Community Center Ignacio, Colorado



Artist - Norman Lansing Potter - Dana Kopf, Southern Ute Shared Services

### Gourd Dance

Friday, May 24th at 5 p.m.  
Saturday, May 25th at 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

### Registration

Opens: Friday, May 24th at 4 p.m.  
Closes: Saturday, May 25th at 1 p.m.

### Grand Entry

Friday, May 24th at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, May 25th at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

#### Powwow Head Staff

MC: Erny Zah - Farmington, NM  
Arena Director: Francis Sherwood - Aurora, CO  
Head Man: Edward Box III - Ignacio, CO  
Head Lady: Cassandra Atencio - Ignacio, CO  
Drum Judge: Tyron Tafuya - Jemez Pueblo, NM  
Head Gourd Dancer: Lyndreth Wall Sr. - Towaoc, CO  
Host Northern Drum: Charging Buffalo - Fort Hall, ID  
Host Southern/Gourd Drum: White Tail - Macy, NE

#### Powwow Contest Categories

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

#### Powwow Vendor Information

Arts & Crafts and Food Vendors welcome (minimal space provided)  
\$50 each day. All vendors bring your own setup.  
Contact Dustin Weaver: 970-759-0690



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

#### Powwow Contacts

Hilda Burch: 970-946-5175  
Heather White Thunder: 970-880-0580  
Rochelle Aguilar: 970-759-1722  
SkyDawn Moccasin Flower: 970-903-3040  
Dona Frost: 970-553-9291  
Davidson Lopez: 970-553-0671

## Memorial Day 2019

Day of Remembrance  
Honoring All Who Served



Presented by

The Southern Ute Veterans Association



May 27, 2019  
10 AM



The Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park  
IGNACIO, COLORADO

## Southern Ute Bear Dance

May 24-27, 2019

Ignacio, Co

Bear Dance Chief-Matthew Box

Bear Dance Corral Blessing  
10:30 A.M. Friday, May 24, 2019

Bear Dance Feast  
12:00 P.M. Monday, May 27, 2019

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

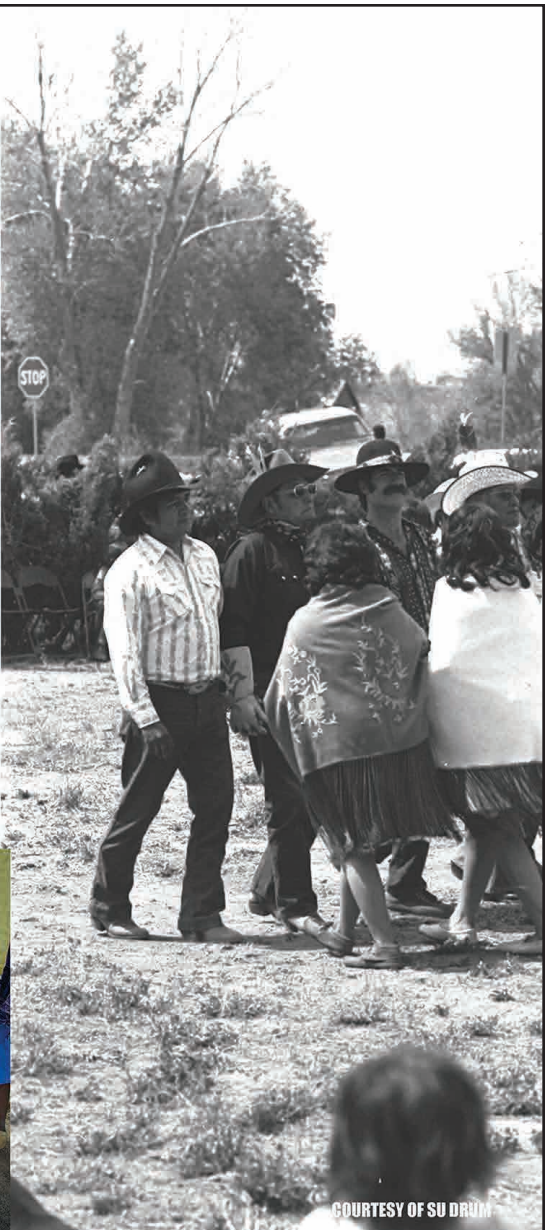
- No Short Dresses or Baggy Pants while dancing
- Photography, Video & Audio recording is prohibited; **except by members of the Ute Tribes.**
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- The Pine River is **RESTRICTED.**
- For information on vending, contact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



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Jeremy Wade Shockley SU DRUM



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## The Southern Ute DRUM



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### Southern Ute Indian Tribe

## will host Bear Dance

An annual affair that is held each year in Ignacio will begin on May 22 and end on May 25. This function is the Ute Bear Dance and it attracts many visitors to the area. The Bear Dance is an old Ute traditional spring welcome gathering with prayers, songs, and dancing. The gathering place for this year's dancing will be held at the old Bear Dance grounds on the Pine River across from the BIA offices.

On Thursday, May 22, which is opening day, there will be prayers and opening songs by the leaders, elderly tribal members and other interested members. This will be followed by a meal in the dance enclosure and dancing will follow. All War Dancers

are welcome, the drum will be open and any special number may be requested before morning dances begin.

On Friday, May 23, the Bear Dance will be held in the afternoon and night. On Saturday, May 24, war dances will be held in the morning. The Bear Dance will begin in the afternoon and will continue into the night hours.

On Sunday, May 25, war dances are scheduled for the morning hours and the Bear Dance will begin in the afternoon. A feast will be served at the conclusion of the Bear Dance. Dates of the Sun Dance will be announced at the close of the Bear Dance. The evening hours have been set aside for round dances and 49 dances.

There is a camping area with wood and water available on the Bear Dance grounds.

### Fund grant approved

Official word was received on May 8 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development through telephone calls from Senators Dominick and Allott informing the Tribal Council that funds in the amount of \$225,000 have been approved for the construction of the Neighborhood Facility Center.

This ear-marking of funds is the first step that is necessary for the eventual construction of the Neighborhood Facility Center.

### Ambulance is available

If ever the need arises in which an ambulance is required, the Civil Air Patrol has provided the town of Ignacio with ambulance service. This service is available to anyone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In emergency situations, the Tribal Police Department, telephone 563-4401 or the town marshal, telephone 563-4223, may be contacted.

Civil Air Patrol members may also be contacted. Members are: Tommy King, Joe Romero, Abel Atencio, Lawrence Wiseman, Jose Candelaria, Eugene Naranjo, Fred Lucero, Larry Wright, Arnold Lucero, Lou Ainsworth, Glen Payne, Leonard Burch and Arthur Payne.

### Survey crew for study

The Indian Health Service, recognizing the need for adequate water supply and sewage disposal in the rural areas of the Southern Ute Reservation, has secured funds to conduct a preliminary engineering study.

A surveying crew of not more than four men will be visiting some of the rural sites of the reservation to study ways to supply adequate water and to seek ways to better sewage disposal.

This survey will hopefully cause very little inconvenience to the residents. Few questions will be asked about water and toilet facilities. The crew will concern itself mainly with measuring distances and trying to seek ways to provide better facilities for individual Indian homes.



NEWSMEN VISIT—Newsmen who visited the Ignacio area are shown with local officers. Standing, left to right, Faustine Tucson, and John Gordon. Seated, left to right, Judge Armstrong and Clem Work.

### Newsmen visit tribal offices

By Faustine Tucson

On April 29, two newspaper men arrived from Denver, Colorado. These men, Clem Work, reporter, and John Gordon, photographer, represented the Rocky Mountain News, a Denver publication with wide circulation throughout the nation. After a short meeting with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, these men were introduced to F. H. Tucson by the Chairman, who in turn was asked to guide and show them different events which were in process in the Ignacio area and connected in one way or another with the Southern Ute Tribal organization.

The tour started in the Tribal Affairs Building. All offices were visited and these two gentlemen were introduced to all department heads and their subordinates. From here the two men were escorted to view the Southwest Data

Institute. They were introduced to Pat Howley and George Howell. Mr. Howley explained all details and showed them around the classrooms, and photographs were taken of tribal members and others at work on the punch card machines.

Head Start was visited next and in the absence of Mrs. Ann Brown, Mrs. Sheila Rogers and Barbara McNabb did the honors of interpreting and commenting on what Head Start was all about. The children were gathered and seated around a table while Mr. Work took notes. Mr. Gordon took photographs of the children present. The Ute Park and recreation hall area were also viewed by these two newspaper men and we proceeded to the Day Care Center. Here Chris A. Baker, Mrs. Ann Brown and Mary Gallegos were interviewed. They explained the purpose and how the Day Care Center came into being to Mr. Work while Mr. Gordon photographed the children and nursery room which had children sleeping in small beds.

The SUCAP offices were visited and Mrs. Frances G. Richards was interviewed. The SUCAP Director, Mrs. Richards, explained and briefed Mr. Work on the objectives, plans and community action programs, People-to- (Continued on back page)

### Rabies vaccine clinic June 18

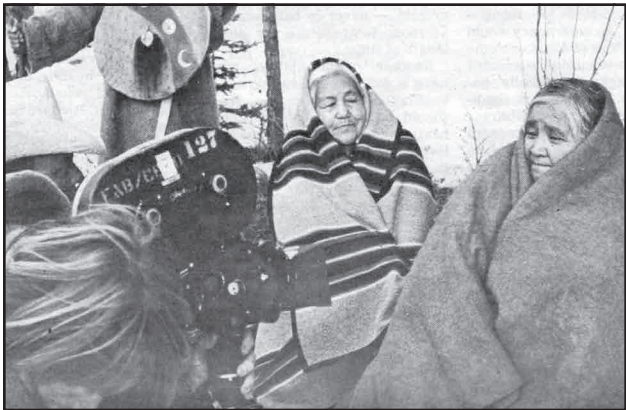
Dr. Martin Baum, veterinarian from the State of Colorado Public Health Service, will be conducting a rabies vaccine clinic on June 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Tribal Recreation Hall located at the Ute Park.

All cats and dogs must be brought to the clinic to receive their vaccine. Tribal members may have their pets vaccinated free of charge. BIA personnel will be charged \$1.00 for each pet.



OLD TIME PICTURES—The photos above, very kindly loaned to the DRUM by Frances Buck, were taken during Bear Dances held many years ago by tribal members.

**T**hursday, May 9, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Southern Ute Drum. To celebrate this special occasion, this special edition of the Drum highlights some of the most memorable articles, photographs and historical events published over the past 50 years.



“TRIBAL FILM STARS”  
Published: December 2, 1974

Mrs. Belle Cuthair and Mrs. Thelma Kuebler are the subjects of a camera close up during the filming of the final sequence of a film called “Winterhawk” at Purgatory. Seventeen tribal members were hired to play the part of a Native American band who came into contact with a group of mountain men.



PINO NUCHE STAFF PHOTO  
Published: February 18, 1977

Pictured are members of the Pino Nuche staff in early 1977. Approximately 50 staff members operated the hotel, restaurant and community center complex.



SHELL FIRE  
Published: August 4, 1977

The Southern Ute operated Shell Station was gutted with fire and three employees were taken to the hospital with burns on Monday, July 31, 1977. It was unknown at the time what caused the fire as multiple factors could have been the cause.





**LAST GATHERING OF THE CHIEFS** — This rare photograph was presented to the Ute Indian Nation last September by the general of Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, to commemorate the peace ceremony held between the Ute and Comanche Indian nations. The photo, which was taken just before the inaugural parade of President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 shows, from left, Chief Little Plume, Nez Perce; Chief Buckskin Charlie, Ute; Geronimo, Chiricahua Apache; Chief Quannah Parker, Comanche; Hollow Horn Bear, Sioux; and Chief American Horse, Sioux. Buckskin Charlie and Quannah

Parker were involved in the original attempt at peace-making about 100 years ago. A steering committee and other committees are working hard preparing for the four-day ceremonials that will be held here July 21-24 to conclude the peace treaty. Southern Ute tribal members are encouraged to contribute in any way they can in order to make this ceremonial a meaningful experience. Those who want to help can contact Alden Naranjo or Eddie Box Sr. or call the tribal building, 563-4825.

## Utes, Comanches to conclude treaty in July

Members of the Ute and Comanche Nations will come together this July to conclude a peace treaty their ancestors began about 100 years ago.

This event, the Comanche-Ute Peace Treaty Ceremonials, will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation July 21-24. Besides the sacred ceremony, where representatives of the two nations will enter the tepee to sign the official documents, the four-day festival will include the biggest powwow ever hosted by the Southern Ute Tribe.

The Utes and Comanches had been at war for over 100 years when they decided to cease hostilities and make peace with one another in the late 1800's. But that treaty was never concluded. No one knows who fired the shot that interrupted the original peace ceremony held in the Panhandle country near Dalhart, Texas, but when that shot was fired, both sides, fearing am-

bush, immediately engaged in fighting and the pact between the two tribes was never completed.

Then, in 1975, a quiet movement began to complete that original peace treaty. Both sides had emissaries. In the case of the Southern Utes, the leader was Eddie Box Sr., a traditionalist who related the story of how the original treaty was uncompleted and how many of the tribal elders had expressed a desire that the long-standing feud between the two peoples could be resolved.

Two Comanches, Perry and Phoebe Heath, who worked for the local BIA agency and the tribe, agreed with Box that it was time to make amends so they became the message carriers, travelling between Colorado and Oklahoma to help forge the plans which led to the historic meeting last year at Tai-Pah Park near Lawton, Oklahoma,

between representatives of the Comanche and Ute Tribes.

The result of last year's ceremony, said Heath, was that "a great awakening occurred. As the result of this event, a lot of the people (Comanches) now are becoming more aware of their culture."

The treaty which will be signed by the two nations this July is purely symbolic. There will be no land exchange or reaping of benefits from the other tribe. Each tribe is, however, preparing a rawhide scroll, which, when signed, will be exchanged and will become the official treaty documents. The Comanche scroll is being designed by George S. Watchetaker, a well-known war dancer and artist. The designer of the Ute scroll has not yet been announced.

Approximately 250 Comanches, including members of the Comanche Gourd Clan, Little Ponies, Quannah

Parker descendants, White Wolf Clan, Chief Wild Horse Clan and other cultural groups, are expected to attend the July ceremonials.

The Comanches will bring with them a 24-foot tepee that belongs to the Fort Sill Museum and was used in last year's ceremony. The tepee poles will be furnished by the Southern Utes.

One day of the Comanche-Ute Peace Treaty Ceremonials will be set aside as "Comanche Day." Although the Comanche dancers will participate in all the powwow programs, they will also present a special program, including a performance of the Tu-wheel or Black Knife dance. This performance will be only the third or fourth time since 1918 that this dance has been performed. It was presented twice last year, first in July at Washington, D.C., at a Bicentennial folklore festival and again in September

## Council Attends Inauguration

Gov. Lamm Greets Officials, Dancers

Colorado's Natural Resources Must Be Protected, He Says



### COUNCIL ATTENDS INAUGURATION

Published: January 24, 1975

Gov. Lamm poses with tribal group in his office following inauguration.

## Head Start prepares kids for school

Head Start is a valuable learning experience for children. All Children's Center teachers are required to provide a full range of learning experiences for every child. In the area of social and emotional growth, children are helped to learn to name and deal with feelings. They are encouraged to learn to deal with negative feelings in a positive way. They are encouraged to share and get along with others in group activities.

Physical activities provide stimulation and promote the development of children's physical skills. Large muscle activities, including sliding, climbing, and balancing are provided, as well as those which depend solely on the children's use and awareness of the movement of their bodies. Small muscle activities require eye-hand coordination and careful control; sensory activities requiring exploration, experimentation, and the use of all the senses are also included.

Teachers provide experiences for children's cognitive and language development in preparation for their school and life experiences. These activities help children with such concepts as size, quantity, time, spatial relationships, categorization, etc.

They stimulate curiosity, imagination and help children develop language and communication skills.

The Head Start children studied astronomy (stars and planets) and have built a spaceship.



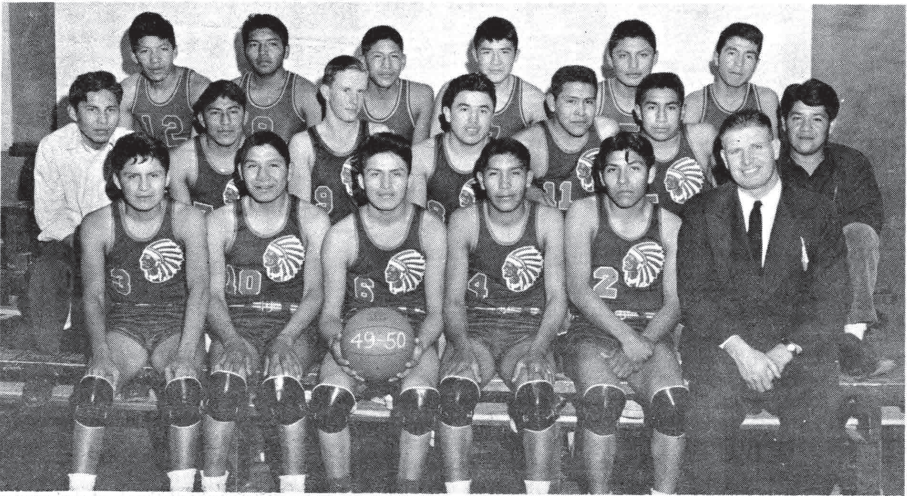
**JUST BEFORE LUNCH** — Mrs. Preston's classroom was learning to blow up balloons. Shown here is Jeremy Duran and Denita Baker.



**NATURE'S WALK** — Shown here are Mary Santistevans and Barbara Salvador classroom strolling and enjoying the nice weather, part of the "large muscle activities" of the movement of their bodies.

Published: March 11, 1983

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**BASKETBALL PLAYERS** — Back Row: L-R, Russel Lopez, Roy Beecher, Wilford Watts, Arthur Weaver, Denton Johnson, John Dick. Middle Row: Harry Tom, Floyd Box, William Pendela, Thomas Joe, Herman Brown, Unidentified, and Erdman Tobias. Front Row: Harry Gardnez, Fred Peabody, Sr., Perry Gardnez, Guy Pinnecoose, Phillip Coyote and Norman Putnam, Coach.

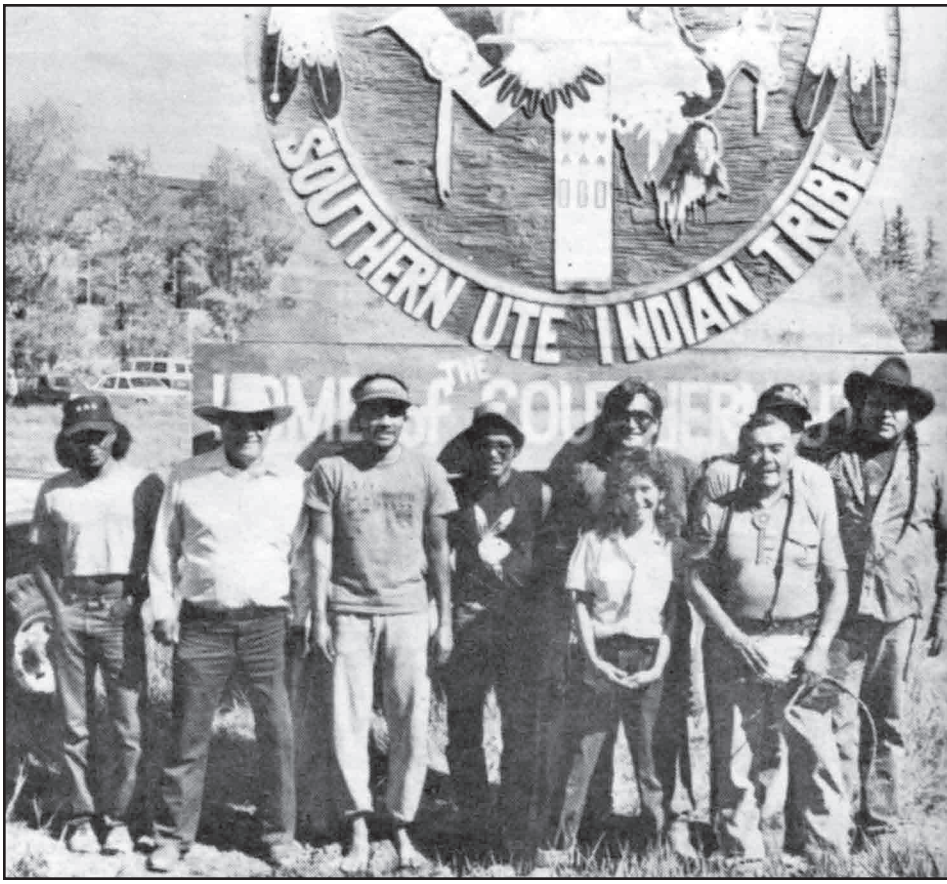


**BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF YESTERYEAR** — Top Row: L-R, Walter Scott, Coach, Phillip Coyote, John Monte, Henry Gardnez, Guy Pinnecoose, Jr. and Scott Jacket. Bottom Row: L-R, Fred Peabody, Perry Garnenez, Robert Akea, Manuel Tso, Marques Lopez and Miles Mills.



**MORE BASKETBALL PLAYERS** — Front Row: L-R, Charles Yellowhorse, Fred Peabody, Guy Pinnecoose, Jr., Herman Brown, Phillip Coyote and Perry Gardnez. Middle Row: Wilford Watts, Robert Anker-

pont, Roy Beecher, Denton Johnson, William Pendle. Back Row: Arthur Weaver, Harry Tom, Thomas Joe, Henry Gardnez, Russell Lopez, Erdman Tobias, Charley Cuch and Mr. Norman (Cal) Putnam, Coach.



### MOUACHE CAPOTA SIGN

Published: June 6, 1985

Orian Box and a small crew erected the Muache-Capota sign during the Southern Ute Bear Dance. According to Box, the sign was dedicated to the youth and cultural heritage of the Southern Ute ancestors. Picture are Axle Joseph, Jim Jefferson, Orian's nephew Buffy Joseph, John Baker Jr., Clayborn Scott, Orian Box, Bonnie K. Baker, and Eddie Box Sr.



### THRIFTWAY GENERAL STORE GROUNDBREAKING

Published: July 12, 1985

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Southern Ute General Store (later Thriftway) on Tuesday July 2, 1985. Pictured are Ernestine Burch, Jack McKelvey, Randy Baker, Lillian Seibel, Leon Hopkins, Dallas Reynolds, and Chris Baker Sr.







Unmet Housing Needs?



Tribes Looks for Answers

photos J. Newton/DRUM

The stick-built homes at Cedar Point West are beautiful, high-quality homes that are available to qualifying Tribal member families through the Tribal Mortgage Plan. Shown above is the four-bedroom Pinon design house, while the left photograph is from the kitchen of the three-bedroom Juniper design home.

by Dave Brown

Editor of the Drum

With 46 of the 50 modular homes in the Cedar Point Ute Housing Project now occupied, it is apparent that the housing needs of many Tribal member families are being met. But there's another side to the Cedar Point story. Twenty-seven of the 30 stick-built homes available through the Tribal Mortgage Plan remain empty, and the Tribal administration wants to find out why.

To get some answers and perhaps make adjustments to rectify the situation, Southern Ute Tribal Council has retained Mr. Byron Red, Sr. under a two-month contract to survey and personally contact Tribal members about their housing needs. As a former member of Tribal Council and a former member of the Housing Authority Board, Council felt Mr. Red had a good understanding of the housing issue and could pinpoint the problems and recommend some solutions. The project was unveiled to the Tribal Membership during the April 19th General Meeting.

"I look at myself as a negotiator between Tribal Council and the Tribal Membership to help elected officials make sound decisions," Red said in addressing the Membership. "It will be very important that the Membership respond to the surveys that will be sent out." He added that while the surveys would be a good tool, face-to-face meetings with individual Tribal members will also be utilized in compiling the needed information.

The stick-built homes at Cedar Point were constructed with \$1.5 million from a federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant and \$1.5 million in matching funds from the Tribe. Tribal council appropriated an additional \$700,000 to increase the square footage of the houses, add more infrastructure features, and provide for landscaping around the homes. The houses are being sold to qualifying Tribal members under a Tribally-sponsored mortgage program administered through the Tribal Finance Department.

However, because of the connection to HUD, those applying for the mortgages cannot earn more than 80% of the federal median income. Several applications have been over the income levels allowed by HUD rules, while other applications were rejected because of credit guidelines established by Tribal Council, and lately, the number of applications dwindled. In the meantime, 27 high-quality homes sit waiting for someone to move in. Tribal Council decided to have Mr. Red compile appropriate information to determine if the mortgage program should be re-designed to meet the needs of the Membership.

During his brief to the General Meeting, Red stated, "There are some issues, but I trust we will get them resolved. There are ways to correct blemishes on those credit applications. It takes time, but it has to be done."

The survey asks for some rather detailed information that will be kept in the strictest confidence and used only for Tribal Housing purposes. Current dwelling status, household composition, military service history, special family needs, and family income are requested, as is a preference of living site. It also asks if a Tribal member would prefer to rent or own a home, and if he or she would be willing to pay the rental or mortgage rates that exist right now. If not, it asks how much a Tribal member would be willing to pay in the way of rent or mortgage payments.

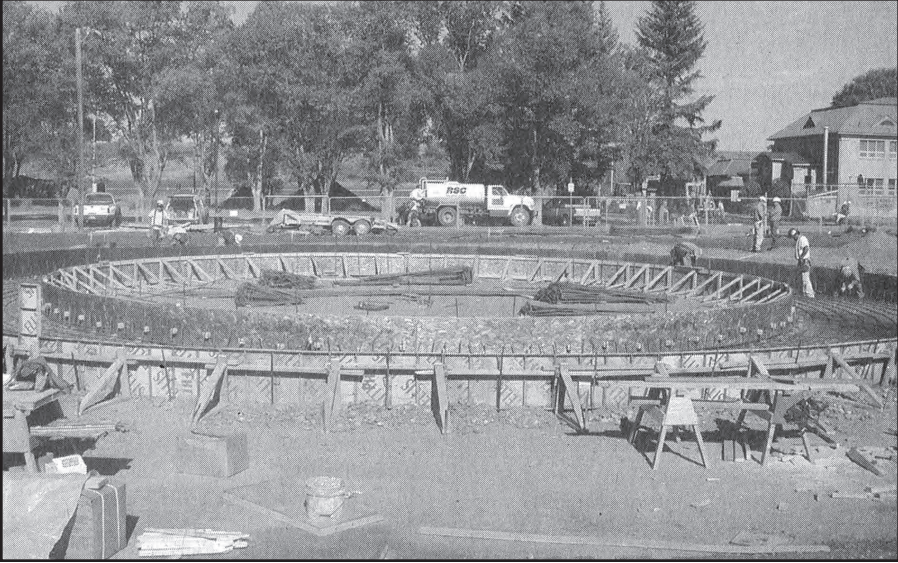
"I ask the responders to be realistic on that last part," Red told the *Drum*, "because the Tribe has invested a great amount of money in this project."

During the General Meeting, there were comments made that some Tribal survey efforts have been unsuccessful because a lack of participation. Hoping to avoid that, Red stated, "We, as Tribal members, need to do our part to help the Tribal government provide our services."

Mr. Red will be making every effort to distribute the surveys and contact Tribal members, but he also invites any interested Tribal member to visit his office in the Public Works building at 162 Ouray Drive. You can also call him at (970) 563-0100, extension 2326, or by cell phone at (970) 903-1108.

To further generate interest in the stick-built homes and the survey, an Open House and Dedication will be held at the Cedar Point Housing Project on May 13th, at Elk Street and County Road 318, the entrance to Cedar Point West, one mile west of the intersection of Highway 172 and CR 318. It will begin at 9 a.m. Prayers, remarks by Tribal Council members, a featured speaker, the Four Corners Gourd Dance Society and the 12 Gauge Drum Group will honor the dedication of the homes. Lunch will be catered and served by Sky Ute Lodge and Casino.

Published: May 3, 2002



"THE CIRCLE TAKES SHAPE"

Photo credit: Jimmy Newton

Published: July 12, 2002

Construction began on the new Tribal Affairs building and Tribal Council Chambers just west of the Southern Ute Academy and SunUte Community center. The building is designed in a circular shape.



**SKYUTE CASINO & RESORT OPEN DOORS TO TRIBAL MEMBERS**  
Photo credit: Robert Ortiz  
Published: August 29, 2008

Ben Fernandez – Executive Director of Business Strategy/Marketing points out the construction of the new bowling lanes being installed in the new “Rolling Thunder Bowling Lanes” of the new Sky Ute Casino & Resort during the first tour of Tribal Members, held Saturday August 23, 2008. The tours were given by casino employees to approximately 300 people, who were all anxious to see the interior, although some of it still under construction.



**"HISTORY IN THE MAKING"**  
Photo credit: Jeremy Wade Shockley  
Published: April 22, 2011

Pearl E. Casias made history on April 13, 2011 when she was sworn in as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Chairwoman, becoming the first woman ever to take the chair position. Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Gary Hayes honored Casias with a blanket.

Boys and Girls Club On It's Way...

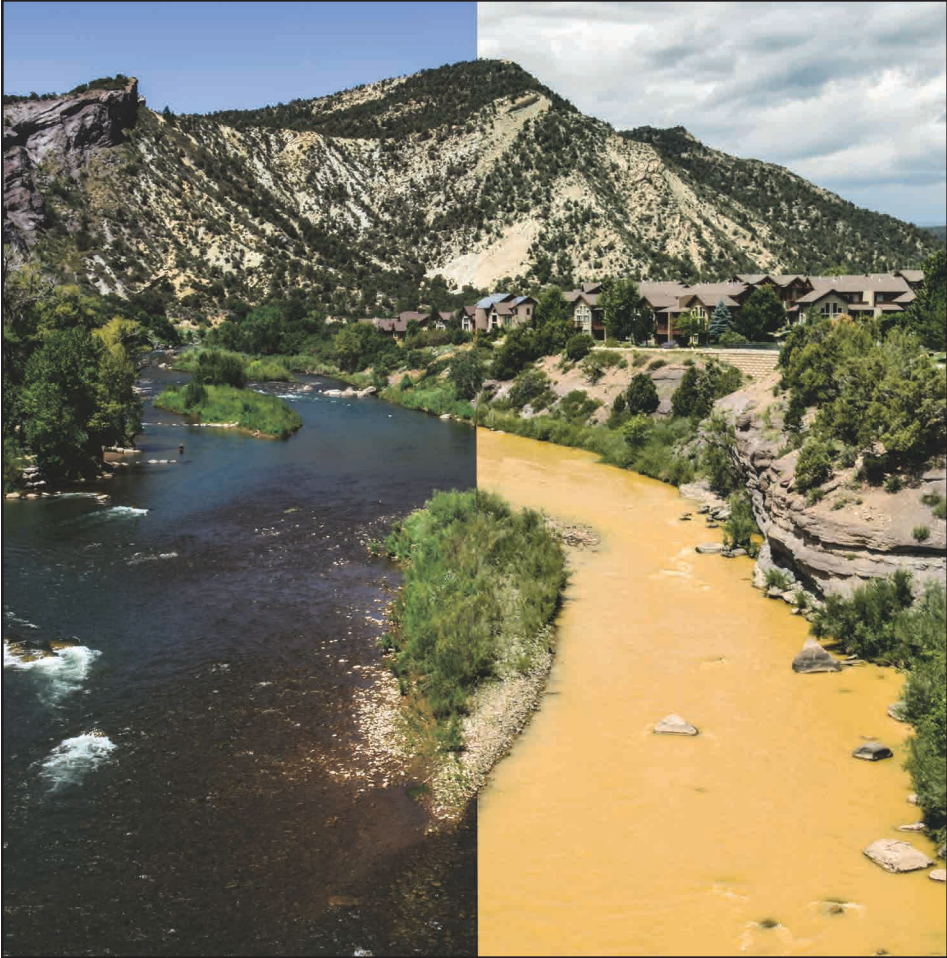


"BGC ON ITS WAY"

Photo credit: Beth Santistevan

Published: April 14, 2006

Michael Coffman, Regional Service Director for Boys and Girls Clubs of America was in Ignacio on Monday, April 10, 2006. Pictured are Coffman, council members Michelle Olguin, Ramona Eagle, John Washington, Matthew Box, and Chief Professional Officer for BGC, McKean Walton.



**ANIMAS SPILL**  
Photo credit: Damon Toledo  
Published: August 21, 2015

A before and after shot of the Animas River after the spill from the Gold King Mine. The photo with the heavy discoloration of the river water was taken 24 hours after at the Animas Park Bridge.



**FIRST LADY VISITS FORT LEWIS**  
Photo credit: Jeremy Wade Shockley  
Published: October 19, 2012

First Lady Michelle Obama addresses attendees during a campaign stop at Fort Lewis College in Durango on October 10, 2012.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

**ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis. Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

AP/AR Clerk

Closing 5/20/19 – Vendor setup and maintenance and filing of documents relating to vendor setup. Assists with processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide – Summer Program

Closing 5/10/19 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program, which runs May 27 – Aug. 9. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Closing 5/14/19 – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/ Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Environmental Compliance Specialist

Closing 5/21/19 – Under the Supervision of the Environmental Compliance Manager, develops and administers the Tribal Brownfields grant program and supports compliance activities throughout the Reservation. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Closing 5/15/19 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Special Needs Aide

Closing 5/20/19 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Position begins 8/19/19. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

SunUte Community Center Front Desk Attendant (Part-time)

Closing 5/15/19 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Closing 5/15/19 – Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Closing 5/22/19 – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled – Senior level position that provides clinical supervision to staff case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Paygrade 22; \$61,872/year.

Lifeguard

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

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open until filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Physical Therapist

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.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/ benefits)

Professional position in the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Principal

Administrative oversight, including planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the teaching program provided through the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for children ages birth through thirteen. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Speech & Language Therapist (Part-time w/ benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled – Southern Ute Tribal Members or first descendants 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. Summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2019, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online. Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137 TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • All Jobs Open Until Filled Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

AV Technician (Full-time)

Set-up, breakdown, support and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the AV Lead System Engineer. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Required that you set up and breakdown of audio and visual equipment for meetings, conferences and special events. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Barista (Full-time)

Greet and provide exceptional guest service to all guests. Preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. Take and prepare orders. In addition to strong guest service skills, baristas need to be able to listen carefully to guest orders and prepare drinks correctly. Accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service. Must have High School Diploma or equivalency and be at least 18 years old.

\*Bell Person (Full-time)

Will be mainly responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport and assisting with phones as needed. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalency. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Event Staff (Full-time)

The Banquet Event Staff's primary responsibilities include assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up and re-set of events in all banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service, as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions and teamwork. Must have food handling experience. 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.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

\*Player Development Manager (Full-time)

Daily operations and administrative duties of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Player Development department. Operational oversight and administration of the staffing requirements and schedules of the Casino Hosts, Player's Club

Supervisor, and Player's Club Representatives. Guest service and retention of High Value Players, and guests to Sky Ute Casino Resort, increasing and managing rated players and assuring that all guests have a quality gaming experience. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalency required; Bachelor's Degree preferred. Must have a minimum of four years' experience as a Casino Host and/or PD Supervisor and/or equivalent combination of six years direct interaction with guests in a gaming environment.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast paced work environment. 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 are physically demanding and stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Cleaning an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift.

\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

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 or 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.

Server (Full-time)

Provide 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 or equivalency and be at least 18 years old. Minimum one (1) year waitress/waiter experience and cashing and food service experience.

\*Surveillance Video Technician (Full-time)

The Surveillance Video Technician installs, repairs, and performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards. Must be at least 21 years old and have a High School Diploma or equivalency. CCTV and/or electronics 2-year degree OR two (2) years of equivalent experience is required.

\*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities. Must have high school diploma or equivalent and be 21 years old.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Facilities Technician Trainee – GF Properties (Durango, CO)

Closing 5/31/19 – Trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring and on the job experience for up to three years in order to learn and be responsible for monitoring and operational services for building, property, and land maintenance to the Mercado Office Buildings, local residential rentals, developed and vacant land at Three Springs and other properties in the local area, to include physical work necessary to address job assignments.

Accounting Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 5/10/19 – Provides accounting and administrative support to Red Cedar Gathering's purchasing, engineering and operations groups. Assists with payroll process, interfacing with Southern Ute Indian Tribe payroll department to ensure accurate, timely delivery of time records. Presents a positive and professional image to internal customers and vendors.

President/COO – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 5/10/19 – Works collaboratively with the Operating Director and Growth Fund Management Committee to identify Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) goals and objectives. Directs company activities to

achieve approved goals and objectives. Provides administrative and supervisory oversight to company employees and project activities. Provides recommendations and reports to the Growth Fund Management Committee and Tribal Council. Authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval. Serves as company spokesperson in external relations.

Pipeline Systems Operator – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 5/15/19 – Performing all pipeline equipment and facility operations, maintenance, and installations including specific DOT tasks as required.

Assistant Controller – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 5/15/19 – Assisting the Red Cedar Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Cedar's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of budgets and annual financial statements, and reporting as required.

House for Sale

3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, CO. Asking price \$174,000. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard. Serious inquires only leave message 970-563-3161.

Tribal Member Chef Wanted

- Will cook once a month for Tribal Elder Dinner
- Must be able to cook for 50-60 people
- Must possess a valid Food Handlers Card
- Will have access to the MPF Kitchen day of dinner

All individuals interested contact Robin Duffy-Wirth  
970-563-0214 or Edward Box III 970-563-2984

Seeking 2019 Bear Dance Feast Head Cook

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box is seeking a head cook for the 2019 Bear Dance Feast Monday, May 27. The head cook will be responsible for preparing the stew & corn, as well as finding volunteers to serve & clean up. All the ingredients will be provided. The Head Cook is open to Tribal Members first. Must have a current Food Handler's certificate for yourself and helpers who will be preparing food. A monetary stipend will be given to the head cook. If interested contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985.



All Nations Skate jammers



Maria Rivera/Special to the Drum

Ignacio students depart for Albuquerque, N.M. on Saturday, April 27 to attend the All Nations Skate Jam competition; Darius Aguilar, Daymien Aguilar, Andreas Gomez, Cyrus Naranjo, Vincent Naranjo, Nate Hendren, and Elliot Hendren would compete at Los Altos Skate Park in Albuquerque.



Virgil Morgan/SunUte



Virgil Morgan/SunUte

There was a blessing of the skatepark and a prayer song. The announcer spoke about being kind and respectful to everyone, and to remember those that are not here, and to seek help from friends, family, teachers, and grandparents if you are feeling that you can't take it anymore.

Competition started with 12-and-under; Elliot Hendren was the first to compete, then 13-17-year-olds; Nate Hendren, Cyrus Naranjo, and Vincent Naranjo.

LADY CATS DROP SEASON FINALE • FROM PAGE 1

competitors and every single time we play them we learn so much from them. So, it was so tempting for me to go play them, but I really, really wanted to play my Senior Day game.” “It meant so much to me,” she continued. “Since I first got injured they kept telling me that if I played and got injured more, I wouldn’t be able to play again. I definitely gave it my all.” Willing to bypass one last crack at BHS and just as willing to harbor hopes of playing Alamosa – if her body, specifically her left hip, felt up to the task “when ... the adrenalin goes down” – Ignacio’s lone senior felt little pain after Amanda

Henderson lofted a ball over Lady Viking goalie Violet Barton in the 18th minute to give IHS a 1-0 lead. “I wanted to help our senior, Briana, get a win before she graduates,” said Henderson. “We were all working hard ... to get (the ball) up there, and when I saw it I was like, ‘I’ll get it, I’ll get it!’ because Ebonee Gomez was going for it as well.” “I shot it, and I was just hoping I would get it to the center, but ... I was too excited, it went higher than I expected – and it went in! Dropped right in, and it was great!” “It was so amazing!” Duran agreed. “All the girls ... were doing everything we were talking about – going

up on the wings, crossing it back in – and I was so proud to finally see ... it in a game.” After Riepel denied a Lady Viking penalty kick in the 26th minute, Center tied the score in the 27th when Giselle Almeida incredibly bent a corner kick into the net at Riepel’s back post. But Chapman scored in the 47th and 73rd, and Briana Henderson then calmly cashed, from about 20 yards out, an intercepted Barton goal kick in the 76th to punctuate the victory. “That was great,” grinned Amanda Henderson. “I was kind of looking, like, ‘Is she going to kick it?’ And then she kicked it ... in, and it was amazing.”

# 2019 Summer Softball League

Entry Fee: 250.00 Tuesday Nights Men's June 11th

Deadline: May 31st Wednesday Nights Co-Ed June 12th

Payments must be paid in FULL by deadline. Late registration is open until June 5th. \$25 late fee will be added to registration.

ALL TEAMS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 5TH. Teams will NOT be added to schedule. Partial payments will be refunded if registration is not paid in full by June 5th. Teams will not be allowed to register or play if payment is not paid in full by June 5th.

For more information contact Recreation Department. 970-563-0214.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER  
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, May 10



55°F cloudy

Morning showers/thunderstorms 70%

Saturday, May 11



59°F mostly cloudy

Afternoon showers/thunderstorms 50%

Sunday, May 12



63°F partly sunny

Chance of showers/thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



May 4

May 11

May 18

May 26

June 3



NEED A JOB FOR THE SUMMER?!

JOIN

Youth Employment Program

YEP

Limited Employment "First Come First Serve"

YEP is now accepting Southern Ute and First Descendant students ages 14 - 18 for summer employment.

How to apply:

Go to the Southern Ute Indian Webpage

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>

Click on Jobs

Look for "Summer Youth Employment"

Begin Application

For more information or help please contact

Natelle Thompson

YEP Coordinator

Email

[nthompson@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:nthompson@southernute-nsn.gov)

Phone

(970) 563-2786

The Southern Ute Drum's  
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 "Billy, don't --- Hero"  
4 Country star Whitman  
8 Sprawl  
9 Confuses act via dazzling light  
12 Year in Tuscany  
13 Folded egg dish  
14 Rural region  
16 --- Day, who retrieved Navajo blankets from Massacre Cave  
17 Absolute beauty  
18 Idle  
23 Thread cutter  
24 Acapulco article  
25 Announces one's intention to fight  
31 Schlepping  
32 Actress Jennifer of "Pride and Prejudice"  
33 Antsy  
34 Burden  
35 Unknown Richards  
36 Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" program

Down

- 1 Cher's ex, Sonny  
2 Southern Vermont Abenaki tribe  
3 --- Alvarez de Pineda, Spanish explorer slain by the Huastec  
4 Abnormal tides caused by high winds  
5 Former WTO Director-General Pascal ---  
6 "Big Rock Candy Mountain" singer Burl ---  
7 Sinister  
8 Qu'Ébec's --- Saint-Jean  
10 Yielded  
11 Agenda components  
15 Chinese ultimate principle  
18 Embellish  
19 Affix with rope  
20 Anthony Hopkins villain  
21 67.5° direction  
22 Canvas supports  
26 Fashionable beach resort  
27 She was once paired with Brad  
28 "--- have thought it?"  
29 Jai ---, Basque ball game  
30 Herring color?

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 24 issue of the Drum.

Answers for crossword in April 26 issue of the Drum:

Across: 1 Sara, 5 Sra, 8 Afar, 9 Nulato, 13 Lincoln Park, 15 Troth, 16 Haul, 17 Senior, 19 Asea, 20 Chief, 22 CFCs, 25 Meeker, 29 El Al, 30 Omani, 31 Report cards, 34 Teepee, 35 Leak, 36 Eft, 37 Ents.  
Down: 1 Salts, 2 Afire, 3 Ran on, 4 Arctic Slope, 5 SNL, 6 Run, 7 Alpha female, 10 AAAs, 11 True, 12 Okla, 14 Oh oh, 18 Rim, 21 EEOC, 22 Cert, 23 Flee, 24 Cape, 26 Karen, 27 End at, 28 Risks, 32 Ref, 33 Tet.