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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal membership gets biannual update

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the first of two general meetings on Wednesday, May 15, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s event center.

The bi-annual meeting was held to inform the tribal membership of updates within the departments of: Cultural Preservation, Department of Natural Resources, Tribal Housing, Tribal Credit, Justice and Regulatory-TERO, HR-Apprentice Committee, Tribal Services and Tribal Health.

“This meeting is informational for the membership,” said Chairman Christine Sage. “Each department is here to present information that the membership needs to be aware of, what is available to them.”

CULTURE PRESERVATION DEPT.

The Culture Preservation Department this year has made a few changes to the Southern Ute Tribal Fair schedule. In the hopes of bringing the tribal membership what they want, The Cultural Preservation Department is bringing to town a rodeo this year.

“We are having a rodeo. We have been having a lot people coming in our office throughout the years wanting us to bring the rodeo back,” Cultural Preservation Coordinator Tara Vigil said. This year’s Southern Ute Fair Rodeo will take place on the Friday and Saturday of the Southern Ute Fair.

Premiums for exhibits were raised last year and will continue to stay the same for this year. The only premium that is not going to rise is the livestock that will stay the same.

Also new for this year is a brisket cook-off for Southern Ute tribal members, in lieu of the green chili and salsa contest. The horse-shoe tournament is also an event that will not be on



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council stand at the beginning of the General Meeting as they do introductions to the tribal membership in attendance.

the schedule this year, but if you are interested in running it contact Tara Vigil.

“If you do have any further questions with regards to the tribal fair, contact the Culture Department and we will be happy to answer any questions,” said Edward Box III, Culture Preservation Director.

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Water Resources Division is responsible for development, protections and management of Tribal water resources. The Water Resources Division has two ongoing projects for FY 2019. Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP) Rehabilitation Project and the Drought Management Plan.

PRRIP Rehabilitation Project includes 175 miles of channel and over 200 structures which include checks, drops, flumes, and turnouts, etc. The last major rehabilitation happened over 50 years ago. The project will be done using tribal monies from the ALP Settlement Funds.

The Natural Resources Department has a work plan for the PRIIP Rehab Project, it plans on taking an assessment of the existing system. An engineering consultant is in the process of finishing up a design of repairs that need to be complete and by September of 2019 with construction of repairs started by contractors after.

Access roads regrading and installation of gates by

WRD staff started in Summer of 2018 the total completion of the project will be complete by May 2021. If you have any questions or comments about the PRIIP Rehabilitation please call Water Resources Division at 970-563-2930.

The drought management plan was tasked to the Department of Natural Resources and in the summer of 2018 a short-term interim plan was implemented. The overall goal of the drought management plan is to reduce impact of drought on the tribal membership and tribal resources. There are six steps to the drought management plan: drought monitoring, vulnerability assessment, mitigation actions, response actions, operation and administrative framework and the update process.

The current 2019 grazing season has seen above average snowfall for 2018-2019. Natural Resources currently has no plans to implement any grazing restrictions for early summer and permittees will be allowed to turn on the permitted number of cattle June 1 but as the summer progresses, individual permittees will be helped by Natural Resources to manage their specific units on a case by case basis.

WILDLIFE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Gray Wolf reintroduction in Western Colorado has

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MMIWG

Awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Every day, Native Women across the country are stolen, assaulted and murdered. This national issue has been ongoing for decades, but in recent years indigenous organizations have been working to lead the movement of Native women’s safety forward.

In 2005, the Violence Against Women Act included a title “Safety for Indian Women”. This title provided public information for all those interested. It documented that the homicide rates of Native women were the third leading cause of death for Indian females between the ages of 15 to 34 in the years 1979 through 1992.

Since that time, a con-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, San Jean Burch hung red sings and cutouts of red dresses in her front yard to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

gressional resolution was created to designate the month of May for the Awareness of “Missing and Murdered Women and Girls (MMIWG)”. The resolution was originally drafted in memory of Hanna Harris, a young Northern Cheyenne woman who was murdered in July of

2013. The resolution was introduced to congress in April of 2016 and had gained the support of nearly 200 tribal, national and state organizations.

On some reservations, Indigenous women are murdered at a rate of more

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GROWTH FUND

Red Willow Production creates technician trainee opportunity

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Red Willow Production Company is seeking an interested Southern Ute tribal member for a unique trainee position in Ignacio, Colo.

The EHS Technician 1 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 two years, or shorter depending on the individual’s previous experience and certifications.

“This is not an office specific job, they will get to work outside and do field inspections,” explained Maria Baker, assistant HR manager for the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

EHS stand for Environmental Health and Safety, the training program has an emphasis on safety and will involve tracking compliance by oil and gas operators on the Southern Ute Reservation.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Brian Conner, Environmental Compliance Specialist for Red Willow Production Company uses a decibel meter to measure sound levels emitted from a nearby pump jack and compressor station, Friday, May 17 on the Southern Ute Reservation.

“Safety is the number one priority. It’s an integral part of a successful oil and gas company. Safety of everyone working on site, plus nearby land owners,” emphasized Brian Conner, Environmental Compliance Specialist for Red Willow Production Company.

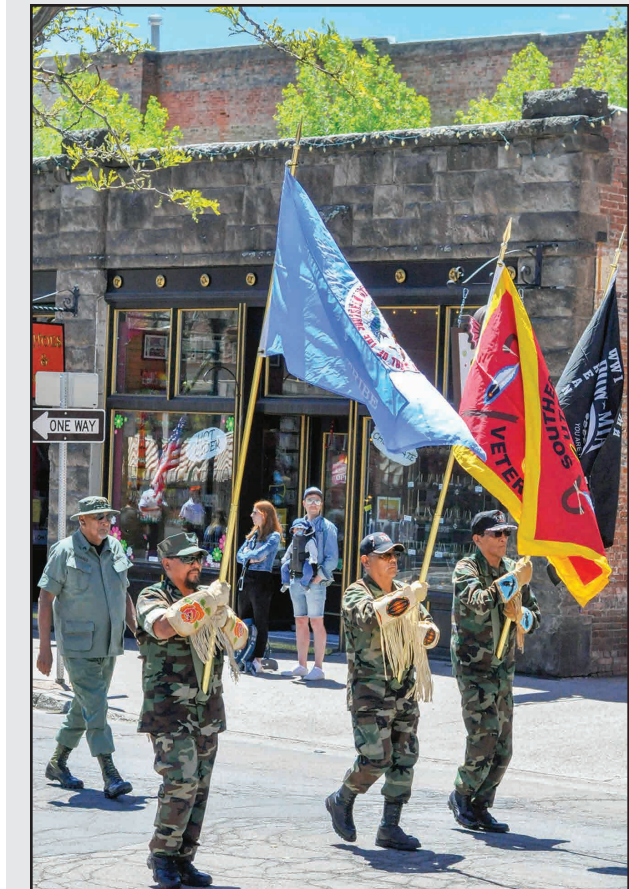
“If you want to learn what Red Willow does, this is the program. The EHS trainee would be a steward of the

land,” Baker emphasized.

This is a brand-new position. Training would include implementing the database and software used for compliance management. The Red Willow EHS trainee would work together with SECMG and Red Cedar Gathering Company. They would deal with safety aspects both in the office and

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Veterans unite in Flagstaff



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

The 13th annual Flagstaff Armed Forces Day parade was held in historic downtown Flagstaff, Ariz. on Saturday, May 18. The Southern Ute Veterans Association has been involved in the parade for the past six years at the invite of the Armed Forces Day parade committee. This year, Assoc. Commander Howard Richards Sr., Assoc. Vice Commander Rudley Weaver (So. Ute Veterans Association Flag), Assoc. Secretary, Gordon Hammond (POW-MIA Flag), and Alden Weaver (Southern Ute Tribal Flag) attended, alongside former military members ranging from WW2 to current era conflicts, bringing veterans together for the hour-long parade.

Finishing steps



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Construction Services Heavy Equipment Operator, Andrew Gallegos and Construction Services Crew Leader, Sam Burch place small juniper trees around the Bear Dance corral on Tuesday, May 21. Gallegos and Burch were the first to help make preparations at the grounds for the annual spring celebration.

STORYTELLING

Taste of Fire, part 3

By Ron Yellowbird

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

The last warm days of Indian Summer were ending, with the rabbit brush in full bloom and a chilled wind blowing from the north. Winter is coming, and community members of Sagebrush Forest have migrated or are readying themselves for hibernation. Badger is stocked up with his staple of dried prairie dogs.

As for me and kaquchi (grandmother) we prepared for the long cold nights with an ample amount of wood. Many provisions were hanging in the rafters and in the wooden cupboard were dried meat, berries, wild vegetables and rations from people who knew that we were there. Every morning during the winter was the sound of horses approaching. I would hear the crunch of frozen snow with each horse's step. One of the relatives would come by in the early morning and would look for smoke coming from the chimney. Usually, we would let the fire die out in the early morning. It was a welcome sight to see relatives as they could start the fire in grandma's wood burning stove and would bring more wood in for the day. As long as we stayed by the stove, we could remain warm.

I was to become mesmerized by the sound of fire and at night watched its reflection shadow dancing on the paper wall. On the coldest nights we slept by the stove and heard the howling north wind that made its appearance to the Sagebrush Forest. Only the well-conditioned could survive in such times and those who burrowed into the ground were safe and warm.

I came out on the brightest morning, to be greeted by the warm rays of sun alongside the wind which is dying down. The Sagebrush Forest began to drink in the melting frost and snow. The days were getting longer and community members returned one by one and soon the whole air was alive with their singing. They took up their own residence from generations before. However, Badger and Jack would emerge from their burrows on days especially like today. I would wave to them from the porch, I couldn't walk out to them in my moccasins for they would get wet and you had to wear them until they dried. Hey, I could smell salt pork cooking on grandmother's wood burning cook stove.

My impatience was controlled by others of authority and experience. Such was my relationship with Badger and often I would be told of past stories and events. How does this apply to me and when can I search for those forgotten voices? Maybe, I should learn from One Who Speaks to Spirits. For I have this yearning inside of me, a powerful curiosity to find answers of those who are wandering in limbo. A lifetime journey lies ahead for each one of us, though the path may be easy or difficult, nevertheless it remains worn into the face of time.

Badger would say, "You speak as if you lived many generations ago. I dare say my young friend, that you have a long way to go, best you listen for now until at least you can

fend for yourself."

With that the warmer days were rapidly approaching, and this is what everyone needed. Soon the insects arrived and not far behind were the family of birds. All sorts of birds came and busied themselves with making a home. This breath of life was refreshing and was beneficial to others. Often, in spring came rain storms and at times water drops formed clouds that hugged the Sagebrush Forest. This, much needed moisture, was a blessing to all those who came and stayed.

One morning after a thunderstorm rolled through the Sagebrush Forest, a tiny voice I could hear. Following the cheeping voice of distress and there on the ground was a tiny ball of fluff. I held the little bird in my hand and began to look for the concerned parents. No one came and thus began my unique relationship with nature. From watching other nesting birds, I knew how to construct a small nest and most importantly feed the little bird. This task was up to me and it became my mission to find many insects, worms and grasshoppers. I had to crush up the bugs to a delicious pulp and with a little split, a gourmet meal for my bird cousin. Surprisingly, the little fluff turned into a black bird and every morning I could hear my bird cousin singing. The black-bird and many, many others would sing in the first light of day. There is a feeling of calm and being connected to all the living things around me. Eventually, the once ball of fluff began to fly a little further every day, till a gust of wind came along and lifted the black bird into the air. I can imagine how excited and looking at the land high up, I would continue to see things anew. I was standing on the old wooden porch and felt a kinship with this life that disappeared over the Sagebrush Forest. Good to finally meet the family of birds was my thought. The black bird was on the mindset to find those who were singing back. To find a partner and participate in the continuum of their species and life cycle.

One day Badger popped up in the morning and told me of a dream he had. He said, "My dream of last night greatly disturbed me."

Sitting on the old wooden porch and soaking in the rays. I said to myself that I feel concerned about his tone and that something was profoundly different than his usual self.

I ask, "What seems to be the problem, and does it concern the Sagebrush Forest?" I could see that this dream was of importance. His gaze left me in doubt and this was new to me. I wondered what had gotten into my old friend and teacher. He would clasp his hands together and shook uncontrollably.

Badger regained his composure and said, "Forgive my actions for I had this terrible vision. I have seen many tomorrows and I fear for our little community. But, I saw you in what might become your spiritual envelope and that you will breathe in fire. A most horrible sight of you turning into a ball of fire. How can I comprehend the thought of my dreams coming true and how might I be seeing you in this that I know? You live among us in this place and how your

emotions will certainly draw you to strike out. Certain things are inevitable and only in events that is within your power. Listen young Orra-ra-cheech and do not let your inside overtake to what is meant to be. I have felt the ground shaking and this strange cadence of something unnatural approaching. It is a matter of time and I do believe we have more than enough to sample some of grandma's biscuits. I have become quite fond of bread and especially with buffalo berry jam. See how much I have gained weight with this new food and wonder if those who continue to eat the white flour will stay healthy? I think we with face that in the future as well."

I told Badger that the biscuits were cooking and that I had a couple of rock-hard biscuits under my bedding. Badger finds the tasty hard biscuit most beneficial to cleaning his teeth. I ask, "When is this going to happen, and do you think I should run away. Maybe I can ask Moe and Moe to ride me on their backs to the Ocean? What will happen to kaquchi (grandma) if I run away and even more what happen if she sees me turn into fire.

Badger said, "I don't know when that day will be, but I can tell you that the adults will fool you. Their deception is to protect you, but do not question their reasoning. You are still a child and full of wonder with an abundance of curiosity. Remember, to follow your mother's side of the family and all those old grandmother's that will protect you in their spirit form. Prepare yourself young Orra-ra-cheech for your future and destiny will be tested again."

As a young nuucaapa (Ute boy) I was learning and enjoyed being with those in the Sagebrush Forest. I did not know what the outside world would do to me and I did not care for it seemed far away.

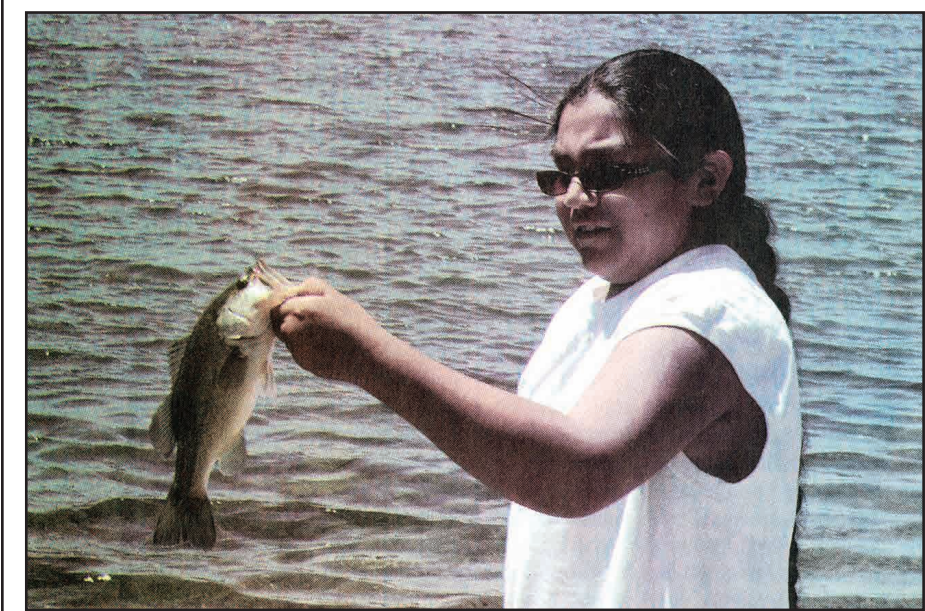
One morning kaquchi (grandma) said to me, "We are going to the end of the dirt road and we were going to ride a greyhound bus. We will get off in the next town to shop for a new coat and pick up something good to eat."

This was new to me and I was full of questions on the inside. We had to leave early the next day. Walking in the morning and with every step to find the intersection of the highway. Soon the bus arrived and off we went.

The different sounds were deafening mixed with the smells of the city. People were everywhere, and it seemed a maze in a different kind of canyon. As we walked about I was trying to remember my way here, in case I got separated from kaquchi (grandma). I thought it strange though how the adults would protect their children as I was walking towards them. It seemed that they were afraid of me and I did not know why? There were those who saw me from a way off, and they would purposely usher into the nearest door. I will have to ask Badger about this behavior and reasons of why I was given a way through, while everyone was standing about. From that moment on I realized that I was different. Following grandma through unfamiliar surroundings and unbelievable smells, sounds, in a lake full of faces, I found myself in a department store

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Many Moons Ago



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On Monday, May 11, 2009, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's "Fishing Club" enjoyed Lake Capote and all it has to offer, during their last fishing trip of the school year. Pictured is Hunter Frost showing off his catch.

This photo first appeared in the May 22, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The demolition of the Boys Dormitory took place during the week of May 10 – 14, 1999. The destruction of the dorm began a series of demolitions on the tribal campus to make room for the planned family center, tribal school, community center and other improvements.

This photo first appeared in the May 21, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Gene Valdez lays bricks in front of the Southern Ute Convention Center as part of the Ignacio Initiative to beautify the area.

This photo first appeared in the May 26, 1989, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Howard Richards Sr., Jack Frost Sr., Robert Burch and Kenny Frost practice how to get victims out of a car accident. Victims are covered with a cloth to protect them.

This photo first appeared in the May 25, 1979, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute

Maiku – Hello
Nunai Niaa, (my name) is Jazmin Carmenoros. My Ute name is Muutataachi, which mean Hummingbird, given to me by my Great Grandparents Alden Naranjo and the late Dorothy Naranjo.

I was crowned the new Miss Southern Ute 2018-2019 during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow, September 7, 2018.

I am a Sophomore at Ignacio High School. I have two brothers, Jordan & Jace Carmenoros.

My Mother is Angelina Vicenti, and my Father is Wayne Carmenoros. My Grandparents are Dennis Vicenti and Starlene Naranjo. I currently reside with my Great, Great Aunt Darlene Frost.

During my reign, I attended the following Events for



the month of April, 2019:

- April 5, 9-11a.m. – DDS Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-off Prayer Event, SU Museum. Performed Introduction/Welcome Address
- April 5, 5 p.m. – Opening Ceremony for “The Inside Out Visions from the Artists Mind” @ SU Museum. Performed In-

troduction/Welcome Address and hand out Flyers to the public.

- April 6, 11 a.m. – For the Children Powwow, hosted by the “Daughters of The Red Road.” ELHI Community Building, Ignacio, Colo. Introduction & dancing with all participants.
- April 12, 7 p.m. – Hozhoni Days Powwow, Ft. Lewis College, Durango, Colo. I attended only on Friday, as I was struck with the flu virus and could not participate on Saturday.
- April 15, 3-4 p.m. – 2019 Golden High School -Senior Seminar Visit. Performed Introduction/Welcome Address. Round Dance with the Students from Golden High School.
- April 20, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Mique,
My name is Autumn Rain Sage and I am the 2018-2019 Jr. Miss Southern Ute.

My Ute name is Pachukwi (River Otter) and I am 14 years old.

I am in the eighth grade at Ignacio Middle School. My parents are Roger Sage Jr. and Lynnette Sage. My paternal grandparents are Roger Sage (Christine Baker Sage) and the late Vera Mae Cuthair. My maternal grandparents are Irene Burch and the late Leonard C. Burch. I have had a great learning experience as an Ambassador for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I would like to give the Tribal community an update of events and powwows that I have attended in the new year.

For the Month of January 2019, I took part in the



grand opening of the new Ute Exhibit called “Written on the Land” at the History Colorado Center in Denver, Colorado. All three Ute Tribal Councils were present and each spoke about the history of the Ute people. I would encourage the Tribal community to visit the exhibit.

The month of March was a busy a month for Trib-

al Royalty. I attended the Relocation Ceremony for all three Tribal Ute Flags at the Capitol Building in Denver, Colo. This day, March 21, 2019 was officially recognized as Ute Day at the Capitol. All Ute people were honored and recognized as the oldest and longest living residents in Colorado. It was an honor and privilege to attend this event because it was a huge and historic event for not only the Colorado Ute people but mostly the Northern Ute Tribe. The Uintah Tribal Utah Flag now hangs in the Colorado State Capitol building. The next day I attend the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting at the History Colorado Center. I learned about the

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Southern Ute Brave

Mique,
My name is Levi Justin Lopez.

I am the 2018-2019 Southern Ute Brave. My parents are Megan Watts and Davidson Lopez. I have one sister, Patience and one brother, Melleno. My maternal grandparents are the late Margaret Hummingbird Red and Rodney Red. My paternal grandparents are Leann and Reggie Lopez of Towaoc, Colo.

I am six years old and I attend the first grade at the Ignacio Elementary School. I like to play outside, play video games, sing powwow songs and play with my little brother.

I received my banner at the 2018 Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow. I am honored to be the Southern Ute Brave for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I thank the Royalty Committee and my



family for helping me learn to be a good representative for my people. I look forward to attending different powwows and events.

Since, my last quarterly report I have been to a number of different events including The 14th annual New Year’s Eve Powwow December 31st 2018 in sandy, UT, 4th Annual Amer-

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Ute Sentence of the Week
Mamakoni-ka Anu Suwasaavaru
Bear Dance Starts Friday



Bear Dance chief shares culture



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students: Walter Reynolds, Nathaniel Baker-Valdez and Sinavv Larry line dance together while demonstrating the Bear Dance at the cultural presentation put on by Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Monday, May 13.

Drumming for the youth



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Myles Morishige and Romeo Thomas practice drumming with Afrem Wall as he teaches young men and boys how to drum and count beats at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building on Wednesday, May 8.

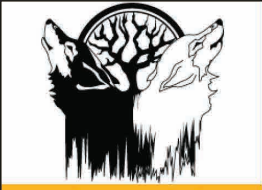
2019 Tribal Fair Open Rodeo volunteers needed!

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Dept. 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. Interested? Call Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil 970-563-2985.

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

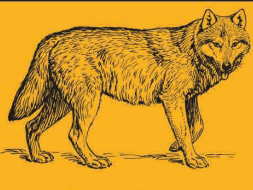
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

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WOLFWOOD AMBASSADORS
12:30 - 6:00 PM

Meet the Wolves at the Southern Ute Museum. Wolfwood pack members will be at this event. No petting from 4:30 - 6:00 PM.



PHOTOGRAPH UNVEILING
1:00 - 1:45 PM

This event is to celebrate the unveiling of gray wolf photos donated to the museum’s permanent collection.



WOLF FILM SERIES
1:45 - 5:00 PM

Big, Not Bad [1m:03s], The Harvey’s [3m:30s], Meet the Real Wolf [2m:30s], Chorus of Colorado [1m:33s]

“OLD TIME” FOOD BUCKET
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Hand out food buckets. First come, first serve.

SPEAKERS

Shaun Chapoose, Business Committee Member, Uncompahgre Band Representative, Ute Indian Tribe
Delia Malone, Wildlife Committee Chair, Siera Club, Colorado Chapter
Diana Tomback, Professor of Forest Ecology and Conservation Biology, Department of Integrative Biology University of Colorado, Denver
Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Bears Ears Coalition
Prepared remarks to be read

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MENTAL HEALTH

May: Mental health month

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

When you or someone you love is dealing with a mental health concern, sometimes it's a lot to handle. It's important to remember that mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent the onset or worsening of mental health conditions, as well as chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. It can also help people recover from these conditions. For those dealing with a chronic health condition and the people who care for them, it can be especially important to focus on mental health. May is Mental Health Month and the Southern Ute Health Center is raising awareness about the relationship between physical health and mental health. The goal this year is to highlight importance of work-life balance, pets, spirituality, humor and recreation, as



courtesy SU Tribal Health Center

Southern Ute Health Center staff participate in the annual Child Abuse Prevention Color Run. The color green was requested to represent May as Mental Health Month. Pictured are Karyn Jones, Ryan Sullivan, Dr. Keller (and sons), Jennifer GoodTracks, and Augusta Torres.

well as social connections as ways to boost mental health and general wellness. Finding a reason to laugh, going for a walk with a friend, meditating, playing with a pet, or working from home once a week can go a long way in making you both physically and mentally healthy; it's all about finding the right balance to benefit both the mind and body.

The Southern Ute Health Center wants everyone to know that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is

always the goal. Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy, however, it is achievable by gradually making small changes and building on those successes. Finding the balance between the ups and downs of life, physical health and mental health, can help you on the path towards focusing both #4Mind4Body. For more information, call Mary Trujillo Young, Jennifer GoodTracks, or Ryan Sullivan at 970-563-4581 or visit www.mental-healthamerica.net/may

HEALTH & GARDENS

Planting spring vegetables

By Denee Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

We have had a strange spring this year. By this time where I live in the Four Corners area, people would have planted their crops by now. The danger of frost would have been all but gone. In my own family, they have told me they had to put off planting the white, yellow, and blue corn and green and yellow squash because it is still too cold.

It has also been challenging for me. I have been sitting on edge waiting for a week of warm nights so I can put out my warm-weather seedlings that I've been nurturing indoors for the past two to three months. I have tomatoes, eggplant, and chili peppers all eagerly waiting for their time to go outdoors!

But, that's the way it goes with gardening. Some years, as much as you plan, things just don't go as you would like. Over the winter I wrote down dates of exactly when I was going to start seeds indoors, all the way down to when I was planning to fertilize. My plan is just not working.

But with all this cold weather, it's given me a good time to reflect and revise my gardening plans. It's even given me some extra time to plant more varieties of cold weather vegetables that I didn't plan to plant earlier this year.

If you are thinking of growing some cool weather crops, here is a quick guide a few vegetables that I personally grow in my garden and recommend you start now. Typically, spring weather vegetables can take a cold snap and can even be fine in the night as cool as the mid-20 degrees. These vegetables include many root-based and leafy vegetables.

Radishes. These are the quickest growing and come in many different colors. If you are just starting out gardening, radishes are a good choice if you want to start eating what you grow right away. There's even an Easter Egg blend that makes this fun to pick! You are able to harvest these as early as one month.

Beets. Like radishes, you can get these in many different colors and they grow



Dennee Bex/Special to the Drum

My first harvest of the year included the Easter Egg blend of radishes. I washed and quartered them, and threw them in with a salad, and had it as a snack.

underground. We eat the roots and they are very rich in antioxidants. As a double bonus the tops can be sautéed or thrown in salads for an extra dose of healthy greens. These are ready to eat in thirty to sixty days.

Carrots. Just like beets and radishes, they grow underground and are usually ready in thirty to sixty days. It is important to keep these, and all other roots crops, well-watered because it can cause the roots to be tough and woody and make the flavors taste off. The tops are usually not eaten.

Beans. These vegetables are such a great source of fiber and so pretty to look at! As one of our Native people's staple crops, these plants come in many colors and grow differently. They can grow in bush or pole bean varieties, so knowing how they grow is important when planting them so they can be provided with the right environment to thrive. Beans are also good for the soil because they add nitrogen to the soil. These take thirty to sixty days to harvest.

Peas. Just like beans, these are such a great source of fiber and protein! Peas grow in similar ways as beans and can take a light frost. There

are different types of peas and are eaten differently. Depending on your likes, you can grow peas as green peas, shell peas, or garden peas. I personally like green peas because they are sweeter. Peas are ready to eat in about sixty to eighty days.

Leafy greens. Just like radishes, these are vegetables you can start eating within a month. This includes spinach, lettuce, spring mixes and baby greens such as kale, collard greens and Swiss chard. These veggies can be added to almost any dish for a quick splash of nutrition. And they aren't just for salads! Add them to scrambled eggs, ramen noodles and in sandwiches. These are ready to eat in thirty to sixty days.

Even though we're still struggling with the cold weather here, that doesn't have to stop you from having a productive garden! Think about the spring vegetables you and your family would enjoy and get digging!

Dennee Bex is a Registered Dietitian and advocate for healthy traditional diets and home-grown foods within Native American communities. She can be reached at Dennee.Bex@gmail.com.

www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org

Mental Health First Aid
8-hour Course

Pre-registration Required

DATE: June 24, 2019 @ 1:00pm to 5:00pm
June 25, 2019 @ 8:00am to 12:00pm
MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE

TIME: Sign in for class begins at 12:45am, with training starting promptly at 1:00Pm. **Participants must attend all 8 hours to receive certificate.**

LOCATION: Sun Ute Community Center
Ignacio, Colorado

Instructors: Rachell Tenorio & Beverly Bowman
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

REGISTRATION - Last day to register is June 19, 2019

To register, please email this registration form to Beverly Bowman at bbowman@aaihb.org or fax to Ms. Bowman at (505) 764-0446. Need additional information or have any questions? Please call (505) 764-0036 ext. 143

www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org

Youth Mental Health First Aid
8-hour Course

Pre-registration Required

DATE: July 17, 2019 @ 1:00pm to 5:00pm
July 18, 2019 @ 8:00am to 12:00pm
MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE

TIME: Sign in for class begins at 12:45am, with training starting promptly at 1:00Pm. **Participants must attend all 8 hours to receive certificate.**

LOCATION: Sun Ute Community Center
Ignacio, Colorado

Instructors: Alyssa Jojola, Beverly Bowman
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

REGISTRATION - Last day to register is July 12, 2019

To register, please email this registration form to Beverly Bowman at bbowman@aaihb.org or fax to Ms. Bowman at (505) 764-0446. Need additional information or have any questions? Please call (505) 764-0036 ext. 143

Sometimes, first aid isn't
a **bandage**,
or **CPR**,
or the **Heimlich**,
or calling **911**.

Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

Someone you know could be experiencing a mental illness or crisis. You can help them. You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.

Assess for risk of suicide or harm
Listen non-judgmentally
Give reassurance and information
Encourage appropriate professional help
Encourage self-help and other support strategies

The Youth Mental Health First Aid is an 8 hour course – must attend the full day to be certified. This training is being sponsored by the SAMHSA Native Connections I² Positive Directions for Native Health, ICAP Members and Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

SASO Proudly Presents:

**Rachel Bauske Frasure Division Director,
Volunteers of America Southwest Colorado Branch**

When: June 26, 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

Rachel Bauske Frasure is the Division Director for the Volunteers of America Southwest Colorado Branch. This organization runs the Durango Community Shelter and Southwest Safehouse, which provide shelter and services to people experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence. She has worked for the nonprofit for 12 years.

Join us as Rachel discusses issues facing the homeless communities in the Durango area, myths and misconceptions regarding the homeless community and how we can cultivate a better understanding of the situations that bring about homelessness.

Great training opportunity for medical providers, law enforcement, community providers, and anyone who wants to increase their awareness of the different communities in Durango.

Free and open to the public!

For More Information contact Kelsey:
(970)259-3074
kelsey@durangosaso.org
24-hr Hotline: (970)247-5400



EDUCATION

Southern Ute Education Dept.: Student of the Season

Student interview by
McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Julianna Barry has been nominated as the Southern Ute Student of the Season for the Spring of 2019. Barry currently attends the first grade at Ignacio Elementary School. Her parents are Le-Nora and Preston Barry.

“Julianna is a wonderful, kind, caring, thoughtful, friendly and shy young girl. She excels scholastically and is a great listener,” Southern Ute Public Education Teacher, Carrie Vogel stated. “Julianna is a 6-pillar Bobcat. In the Classroom she is very kind, caring and helping. Julianna works hard in her education and goes above and beyond.”

“Julianna is very smart, beautiful, helpful and loving,” Julianna’s family shared. “She loves art and would do arts and crafts every day if given the opportunity. She’s also an amazing slime maker and can whip up a batch of slime in no time. On the weekends Julianna loves spending time with her cousins and fam-



Julianna Barry
First Grade
Ignacio Elementary School

ily,” expressed Julianna’s family.

McKayla Lee: Why do you think you have been nominated to be student of the season?
Julianna Barry: Because I’m good.

ML: Because your good? What are you good at?
JB: I’m good at reading.

ML: What do you like most about school?
JB: Umm, reading.

ML: Do you like anything else about school?

JB: Yeah. I like science because you can do cool things.

ML: Do you have any role models in your life?
JB: The fourth graders.

ML: Yeah, why are they your role models?
JB: Because they’re older and they help us. Sometimes when we don’t get everything done they help us finish our work.

ML: Are you looking forward to high school?
JB: [nods head]

ML: Do you have an idea of what you might want to do after high school?
JB: Work.

ML: What do you want to do for work?
JB: I want to draw.

ML: Are you proud of yourself for being student of the season?
JB: Yes, because I’ve never been it.

ML: How does it make you feel?
JB: I feel awesome.

IES students end of year awards



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Second grade student, McKayla Red is recognized with an Ignacio Elementary School Bobcat Award on Thursday, May 16. She was awarded for being a shining star in class, doing her best in school and making big improvements in math.

Ava Sage-Morgan rushes to hug her grandfather, Roger Sage after she was done receiving multiple awards in reading and school work at the Ignacio Elementary School end of year award ceremony.

EDUCATION

Southern Ute Education Dept.: Student of the Season

Student interview by
McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Donovan Watts-Werito has been nominated as the Southern Ute Student of the Season for the Spring of 2019. Watts-Werito currently attends the fifth grade at Ignacio Elementary School. His parents are Rena Watts and Shane Werito.

“Donovan is an amazing young man, wonderful student and an awesomely positive role model. He works hard, loves to laugh and always finds joy in learning! I hope he keeps up the fantastic work,” Southern Ute Public Education Teacher Dorian Romero shared. “He is a curious, bright young man who isn’t afraid to take on a challenge. He always makes me smile and I love having him in code club,” Distant Learning Coordinator Nicole Cabral said.

“We are so very proud of our young man. He is always wanting to learn new things every day and teach his siblings what he has learned. He is so loving and strong hearted. He definitely brings us so much joy,” Donovan’s family expressed.



Donovan Watts-Werito
Fifth Grade
Ignacio Elementary School

McKayla Lee: Why do you think you have been nominated to be student of the season?
Donovan Watts-Werito: Because I do good in school and I learn new stuff each day which makes me smarter and that’s why I’ve been nominated

ML: What do you like most about school?
DWW: Well I like math. It’s my favorite subject, because it’s easier than my other classes.

ML: Do you like anything else about school?
DWW: Yeah, I like sci-

ence because you learn about what kind of clouds there are, what’s in the ocean and what goes on in the human body.

ML: Do you have any role models in your life?
DWW: Uhm, there’s my aunties and uncles, my mom and dad, my cousins and the people that care about me.

ML: Are you looking forward to high school?
DWW: Yea, in high school they have harder math which I’m excited to learn.

ML: Do you have an idea of what you might want to do after high school?
DWW: I want to join the U.S. Army.

ML: Really, why?
DWW: Because I want to protect the people I love.

ML: Are you proud of yourself for being student of the season?
DWW: Yes.

ML: How does it make you feel?
DWW: Proud, because I do good in school and I learn how I can do better.

Students release chub into Pine



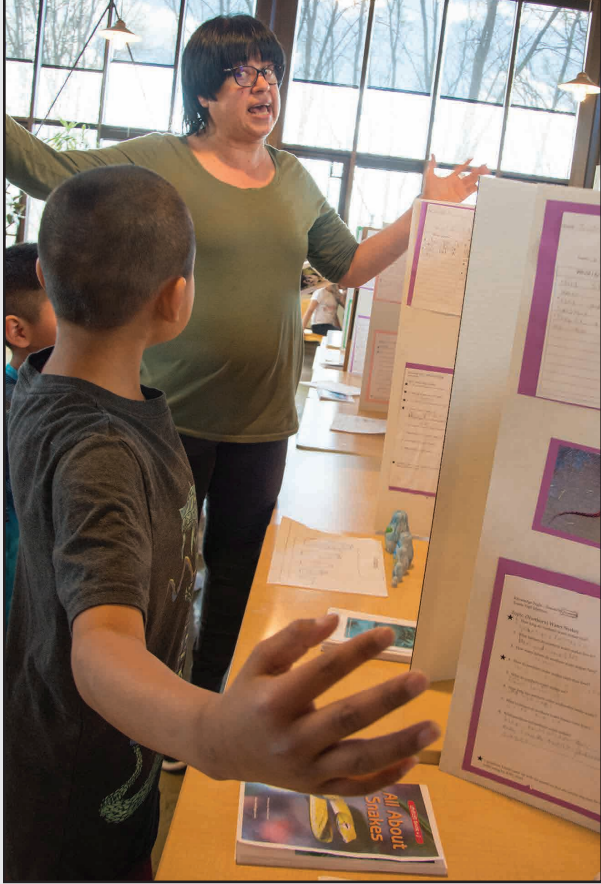
photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Technician, Jon Broholm introduces himself and explains the process of the fish release to Ms. Stephens’ Ignacio Elementary fifth-grade class. The class released dozens of fish into the Pine River on Thursday, May 16.

Ignacio Elementary fifth grade student, Tavian Box releases a Roundtail Chub fish into the Pine River on Thursday, May 16. Box helped raise approximately 50 fish in his fifth-grade class during the school year.



Knowledge reigns supreme



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Marie Howe helps demonstrate how long snakes can grow, while helping at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Knowledge Night on Thursday, April 25.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

If you are interested in expanding your education but are not sure if your academic skills are up to college standards, the ACCUPLACER test provides you information about your Math, English, and Reading skills. It is an on-line exam and is an untimed test that takes about an hour and a half to complete!

The ACCUPLACER is a great indicator for 2 or 4 year College Readiness. You do not “pass” or “fail” the placement test, but it is very important that you do your best so that you will have an accurate indication of your academic skill and preparedness for college level courses.

Southwest Colorado Community College is conducting the test thought the Education Department in Ignacio.

PLACE: Southern Ute Education Bldg. – Computer Lab

TIME & DATE: 1 pm, June 12

COST: \$10

RSVP or have any questions, call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at the Education Department 970-563-0237, x2784.

Seeking Powerhouse Volunteers

Volunteers ages 18 and older are needed at the Powerhouse Science Center in Durango for shifts of two to four hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. No experience is necessary, though a background or interest in science, technology, art, engineering and math is helpful. Volunteer tasks include assisting in the exhibit gallery, at the front desk, the garden area and working on general projects that arise. A commitment of at least once a week is preferred. To learn more, email Kathleen@powsci.org. Sign-ups can also take place at www.powsci.org under the “join-us” tab.



Water safety with Josh



Lisa Olguin/SunUte Community Center

Josh does the floss with SUIMA students after going over Rule #1: Learn to Swim Before You Jump in. Rule #2: Put A Vest on Your Chest. Rule #3: Always Have an Adult Watching You.

SunUte staff takes water safety seriously — Friday, May 17 was Wear your lifejacket to work day!



courtesy SunUte Community Center

Bike rodeo wraps up school



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Shyla Watts smiles for the camera and puts up her pointer finger, because she is #1. After that, she makes her way through the orange parking cones that the Southern Ute Police Department set up for the SUIMA Bike Rodeo on Wednesday, May 8.



AhKeem Williams rides through the cones that designate an obstacle course during the annual Bike Rodeo in the parking lot of the old Sky Ute Casino.

Landon Miles leads his class to the old Sky Ute Casino parking lot so they can all participate in the annual Bike Rodeo on Wednesday, May 8.

SUMMER
READING, GARDENING &
SNACK CREATIONS CLUB

Every Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to Noon
June 11 & June 13
June 18 & June 20
June 25 & June 27

Join us at Southern Ute Education for 3 hours a day! The class combines reading, gardening, and healthy snack creations. Kid participants should be entering 1st grade through 5th grade. Eligible kids are Southern Ute Tribal Members or 1st Generation Descendants. Kids attending all six classes will get a surprise on the last day of class. Enrollment is limited to 12.

For more information contact Carrie Vogel / Dorian Morris at (970) 563-0237 X2799, X2779.

Hosted by:
The Southern Ute
Education Department

Youth in Action
Gardening Science &
Healthy Cooking Camp

June 3 through June 6, 2019
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
And Thursday.
Camp Hours: 9:00—4:00

Join us at Southern Ute Education for Camp! The camp includes gardening, food science, nutrition, healthy cooking, art, crafts, Botany and bugs. Kid participants should be entering 1st grade through 5th grade. Eligible kids are Southern Ute Tribal Members or 1st Generation Descendants. Kids attending all week will get a surprise on the last day of class. Enrollment is limited to 14.

For more information contact Carrie Vogel / Dorian Morris at (970) 563-0237 X2799, X2779.

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Education Department

End of an era for Head Start



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

On Thursday, May 16, the wooden porches and railings were pulled down from the Head Start modelers with a little help from Matthew Box and a backhoe. These buildings date back to Sept. of 1992, when they were first established to expand the classroom and administrative office of Southern Ute Head Start.

Kenneth 'Mossey' Pena with Construction Services removes the historic Head Start sign for safekeeping, Thursday, May 16. The modular buildings themselves will be moved off of Southern Ute Tribal Campus, and repurposed by a third party in exchange for their removal.

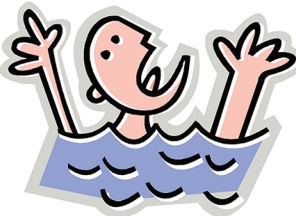


The Powerhouse Four-Day Garage Sale

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

POOL CLOSURE

The SunUte Pool will be closed on Friday, 5/31 and Saturday, 6/1.



Friday 5/31– All Aquatics Staff will be attending the Youth Mental Health First-Aid Training. Saturday, 6/1– All Aquatics Staff will be attending a lifeguard recertification class.

We appreciate your understanding when it comes to keeping our staff's knowledge and skills current. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.



The pool will resume normal business hours on Sunday, 6/2. For questions, please contact Tim Velasquez/Aquatics Coordinator at (970)563-2653.





courtesy Rose Rivera

The Kindergarten Graduation was held on the evening of Wednesday, May 15, at the Ignacio High School Auditorium. Pictured are 45 kindergarteners listening to a speech from Principal Barb Fjerstad.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The fifth-grade choir performed the song “This is Me” at the Continuation Ceremony on the evening of Tuesday, May 21. The song highlighted the hard work of the choir students and featured solos from Kalia Olguin-Anthony and Samantha Riddell.

This is the season for graduates around the nation including those Kindergarteners and final elementary school classes. For those Ignacio Elementary students graduating and transitioning on, the ceremonies reflected their past years and achievements. Those in attendance were treated to: a slide show, performances, awards, speeches and presentations of diplomas to the classes. Many students were excited to transition into the first grade or Middle School and the summer break season, while teachers and parents were sad to see their students grow and move onward. See more graduation coverage in the June 7th issue of the Drum.

Fifth grade continues on



Southern Ute tribal member, Kaya Bison smiles as she receives her certificate from her teacher Mr. Atkinson.

Fabian Martinez/SU Drum



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Davian Herrera also received his certificate and an award. Herrera is one of 64 students that will continue on to the sixth grade in the Ignacio Middle School.

A Native graduation ceremony



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Keeswood brothers sing an honor song for the Native American graduates from Durango High School, hosted by the Durango 9-R School District, and organized by Multicultural Equity & Impact Program Manager, Ceriss Blackwood. The graduation was in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Saturday, May 18.



Raymond Dunton, Hopi-Navajo, President of the Navajo Ministries in Farmington, N.M, gave the keynote address. Dunton emphasized making forward progress through our obstacles, “Don’t settle for just surviving, instead thrive!”

Southern Ute tribal member Tyrell Scott received a Pendleton blanket from Ceriss Blackwood and Maria Gonzales of Durango High School.

Southern Ute
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Scholarships are available for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate



- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 1, 2019
- Part-time scholarships are also available - Due 30 days prior to start
- Scholarships can be accessed on-line (call for password) or picked up at the Education Department

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Ignacio, CO 81137





CONGRATULATIONS

Southern Ute & Johnson O'Malley

2019 GRADUATES!



Mikel Archuleta
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Anthony Beyale*
Kirtland Central High School
Kirtland, N.M.



Izabella Cloud*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Reyna Cruz
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Julius Cuthair*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Isabella GoodTracks*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



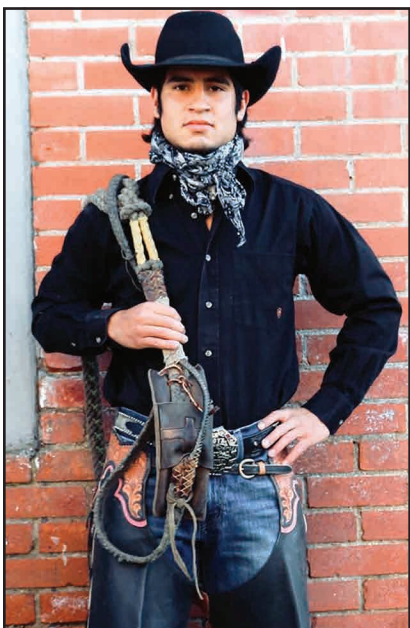
Davin O'John
New America High School (Lakewood)
Lakewood, Colo.



Samara O'John
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Chonita Lucero
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



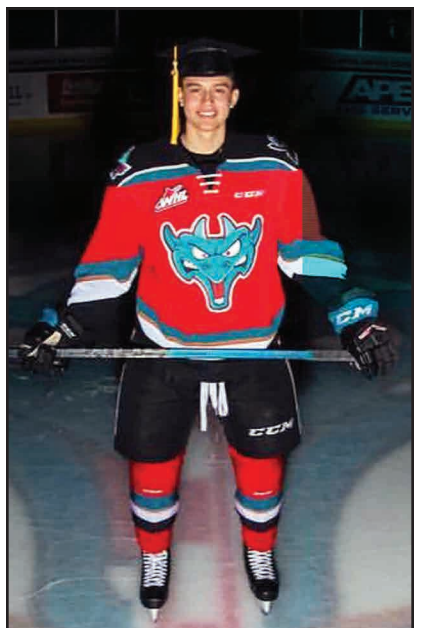
Dustin Sanchez
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Tyrell Scott*
Durango High School
Durango, Colo.



Clay Seibel*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



Devin Steffler*
Kelowna High School
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada



Lakota TwoCrow*
Amanda Clearcreek High School
Lancaster, Ohio



Sara Jane Washington*
Montrose High School
Montrose, Colo.



Rhiannon White*
Kirtland Central High School
Kirtland, N.M.



Divine Windy Boy
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colo.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Summer Concert Series to benefit ten local nonprofits

Staff report

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ten local nonprofits have been selected to benefit from the 2019 Community Concerts in the Secret Garden at the Rochester Hotel. The selected organizations are Durango Creative District, Durango Fall Blaze, Housing Solutions for the Southwest, La Plata County Historical Society, La Plata County Humane Society, Manna, San Juan Mountains Association, The Liberty School, Wolfwood Refuge and 4Core.

Now in its fifth year, the Community Concerts benefit the nonprofit community and promote Durango’s local music scene by featuring a different nonprofit and music talent each Wednesday evening, June 26 through August 28, 5 – 7 p.m. in the Secret Garden. The Rochester will provide a bar and food for sale at each event.

The cover charge is a \$10 cash donation to support the ten nonprofits selected for the concert series. At the end of the series, all proceeds will be pooled and donated equally to the ten featured organizations. Last year each participating nonprofit earned \$1,750.

“We are excited to launch another year of Community Concerts with such an impactful group of nonprofits,” says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

do. “The Secret Garden has become a popular spot for a mid-week happy hour, allowing friends to enjoy our beautiful summer evenings, while supporting local organizations that are helping to make La Plata County a vibrant place to live.”

Ten-punch passes for the 2019 Community Concerts in the Secret Garden will be available for \$90 at Maria’s Bookshop. Once purchased, passes may be used 10 times by one individual, once by 10 individuals or anything in between. Cash donations are also accepted at the door.

The Rochester Hotel has partnered with the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to provide the concert venue. The event is also sponsored by Four Corners Community Bank and Tito’s Handmade Vodka. More than 25 nonprofits applied for the grant, and a selection committee of event and corporate sponsors narrowed the final list to ten organizations.

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make Southwest Colorado a better place to live. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.

2019 Concert Schedule
Bands & featured Nonprofit

- **June 26: Elle Carpenter**
La Plata County Humane Society
- **July 3: Six Dollar String Band**
Durango Creative District
- **July 10: Leah Orlikowski**
Housing Solutions for the Southwest
- **July 17: Zia Chicks**
Manna
- **July 24: Kirk James Blues Band**
La Plata County Historical Society
- **July 31: Wells & Van Tyn**
Wolfwood Refuge
- **Aug. 7: Robin Davis Duo**
4CORE
- **Aug. 14: La La Bones**
Durango Fall Blaze
- **Aug. 21: Space Between Shadows**
San Juan Mountains Association
- **August 28: You Knew Me When**
The Liberty School

RED WILLOW OPPORTUNITY • FROM PAGE 1

with field operations. “This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to take ownership and pride [of the land],” said John Ritchie, Environmental Compliance Specialist for Red Willow Production Co., “the oil and gas industry is a great place to build a long-term career,” he added.

The job application is posted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s website and closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5. Once the two-year training program is complete, a successful trainee would then move into the EHS Tech 1 position and be employed with Red Willow Production



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Environmental compliance specialists with Red Willow Production Company, Brian Conner and John Ritchie visually inspect storage tanks and elevated platforms for safety issues, Friday, May 17.

Co. in Ignacio, Colo. man Resources Department Contact Snowbird Frost at 970-563.5067 with any questions with the Growth Fund’s Hu-

QR: MISS SOUTHERN UTE • FROM PAGE 3

- Community Easter Egg Hunt. Gave out candy & Prizes to all Participate in various age categories.
- April 23, 5:45 p.m. – Attended the Southern Ute Royalty Meeting
- April 25-27 – Gathering of Nations Powwow, Albuquerque, N.M. Participated in Grand Entry. Did some Intertribal dancing. Met a lot of Tribal Royalty from many different

tribes. So many, I think about 30. There were 17 Contestant vying for Miss Indian World. So many Concession Vendors (fry-bread yum). Visited the Indian Traders Market with all the beautiful bead work and everything in between. Watch the Aztec Dancers & Pueblo Dancers perform their dances outside of Tingley Coliseum. So many people attending the Powwow. It was a lot of fun.

I will continue to do my best to represent you all at the various So. Ute Tribal Functions and along the Powwow trail in Indian Country.

*Tuvuchi tog’oiak’
Thank you very much,
Jazmin Carmenoros,
Miss Southern Ute
2018-2019*

QR: JR. MISS SOUTHERN UTE • FROM PAGE 3

State and County government departments and how they assist and support our Colorado Ute Tribes. Next, the weekend welcomed the 45th Annual Denver March powwow in Denver, Colorado. The powwow was held on March 22-24 at the Denver Coliseum. I attended and danced grand entries and inter-tribals.

April brought The Children’s Powwow hosted by the Daughters of The Red Road. The powwow was held on April 6 at the ELHI Community Center in Ignacio. It’s always a great honor to participate at the children’s powwow and I like to see all the children host and dance. I always have a good time at this event. April 5 was a busy day. Earlier in the day, I attended the Southern Ute Department of So-

cial Services child abuse prevention month kickoff event held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM). Later that evening, I attend the “Inside Out: Visions from the Artist’s Mind” opening ceremony at the SUCCM. This was a great opportunity to see Ute and other Native artists artwork. On April 15, the Golden High School students made their annual senior seminar visit to the Southern Ute Reservation. We met the students at the SUCCM and welcomed them. April 20 was the Annual Easter Egg hunt hosted by the Southern Ute Police Department. I greeted the community and helped Resource Officer, Don Folsom, and the Easter Bunny hand out prizes to the youth. I had a great time. Finally, on April 26-

27 I attended the Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I saw the crowning of the new 2019 Miss Indian World, Cheyenne Kippenberger. She comes from the Seminole Tribe in Florida.

I have had a great time representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and pledge to always respect my crown as Jr. Miss Southern Ute. I’ve met some great people and dignitaries along my travels. I would like to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Royalty Committee and my family for helping me fulfill my duties. I hope to have many more great moments as my reign starts its final stretch.

*Tog’oiak’
Autumn Rain Sage,
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2018-2019*

QR: SOUTHERN UTE BRAVE • FROM PAGE 3

ican Falls High School Contest Powwow Feb. 3rd 2019 in American Falls, ID, The 46th annual USU Powwow March 1st & 2nd Logan, UT, RMHS Class of 2020 Spring Fling Contest Powwow March 8th & 9th in Red Mesa, UT, 3rd Annual VFW Post 4519 Vietnam Veteran’s Powwow March 22nd & 23rd 2019 Ft. Duchesne, UT, BYU 38th Annual Herold A. Cedartree Memorial Powwow March 29th & 30th in Provo, UT, For The Chil-

dren Powwow April 6th in Ignacio, CO, Shinning Mountains Powwow April 13th in Aspen, CO, Shoshone-Bannock JR./SR. H.S. Spring Social Powwow April 18th in Ft. Hall, ID, University of Utah 47th Annual Powwow April 19th in Salt Lake, UT, Utah Valley University Powwow April 20th in Provo ,UT, And The Gatherings of Nations April 26th, 27th & 29th in Albuquerque N.M. With summer being right around I’m supper excited

the corner I must say I’ve had an awesome school year receiving various bobcat awards, fields trips, learning how to swim, being around friends, learning to read and do math and just simple trying to be the best student I can be while in 1st grade. I’m looking forward to my transition in to the second grade this coming school year.

*Levi Justin Lopez
Southern Ute Brave
2018-2019*

Turkeys and foxes, oh my!



photos courtesy Jeremiah Valdez

Turkey (Meleagris)
Ute: kwiytU

Turkeys are strong and survive the winter season in the snow and cold without hibernating and can often be seen throughout the year.



Fox (Vulpes vulpes)
Ute: sag’waypüchi

The spring season marks the return of many animals from hibernation like the Fox. In the spring, kits can be seen playing with one another in the renewed grass and foliage.



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





AWARENESS FOR MISSING • FROM PAGE 1

than ten times the national average according to an article published on the Indian Law Resource Center website. Violence against Indian women has reached unparalleled levels on tribal lands and in Alaska Native villages. Today, more than four in five Indian women have experienced some form of violence, and one in two have been subjected to sexual violence. Native women continue to suffer the highest rate of forcible sexual assault and have reported domestic violence cases that are up to ten times higher than the average in the United States.

Any and all available data on the number of Missing and Murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women is limited. The lack of federal response to this epidemic has raised alarm with indigenous peoples, tribal governments, and their communities.

As many know, the statistics define just how large scale this problem is, but when nothing is done by the expected governments, that conveys an even bigger issue. The impacts that survivors, families and children feel when little to nothing is done to place accountability is devastating to communities.

The Urban Indian Health Institute released a report of data that was compiled from 71 urban cities in the United States. The report read “Due to Urban Indian Health Institute’s

limited resources and the poor [data] collection by numerous cities — the cases identified in this report are likely an undercount of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in urban areas.” The report identifies the lack of accurate information as a “Nationwide Data Crisis”. The report also states that in 2016 there were 5, 712 reports of missing American Indian women and girls throughout the U.S. Department of Justice’s federal missing persons database. They also indicated that no research had been done on the rates of violence among Indian women who live in urban areas despite the fact that 71 percent of Native Americans live in urban areas until this report was complete. They found that with the inaccurate understanding of MMIWG, it has created a false perception that the issues do not affect off-reservation communities. The Urban Indian Health Institute found that there were 506 unique cases of missing and murdered indigenous women across 71 selected cities; 128 were missing persons cases, 280 were murder cases and 98 had an unknown status.

Currently, the Center’s Safe Women, “Strong Nations” project has partnered with Native Women’s organizations to end the violence against Indian women and girls. The project is dedicated to raising awareness in an effort to gain

strong federal backing that will result in true actions to end violence against Native women. They are working on ways to restore tribal authority and to preserve civil authority. This will ultimately help Indian nations to increase their preventive measures of violence and to prosecute offenders on their own lands.

U.S. representatives, Lisa Murkowski and Cortez Masto reintroduced the “Savanna’s Act” to the House as a means to combat the epidemic of MMIWG by improving the federal government’s response to addressing the crisis. If enacted, the bill would require the Department of Justice to provide annual reports on the numbers of Indian women and girls who go missing and who are murdered, for the first time ever. It would also require government improvement to a national database that ensures these cases are never forgotten.

**If reading this triggers past traumas, see the resource list for assistance.*

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

Rape, Sexual Assault & Incest Network
1-800-656-4673

Family Night with BGC



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Timothy Paiz places his left hand on green after spinning the Twister wheel while playing at the Boys & Girls Club Family Game Night on Wednesday, May 22 at SunUte Community Center.

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been a major issue that has come up with the Wildlife Resource Management Division. The Wildlife Division, Wildlife Advisory Board and Tribal Council are still discussing this issue in-depth, taking into consideration cultural values, impacts to big game and hunting, impacts to livestock and direct human interactions. The Tribe may take a formal position on this subject but the wolf reintroduction may be on statewide ballot in 2020. For more info or to fill out a survey please go to the Wildlife Office or they are available to the tribal membership through the TM Portal.

Regular on reservation and Brunot Area hunting seasons have already been approved at this time. Concerns were brought up by the Wildlife Division regarding the January Cow Elk Hunt because there is low calf elk recruitment and a decreasing elk population, this is currently being discussed by the Division of Wildlife and the Wildlife Advisory Board and Tribal Council.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Bruce LeClaire and Rudley Weaver, members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association bring in the flags at the Southern Ute General Meeting held at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Wednesday, May 15.

positions, job description, and curriculum which is designed by the Apprentice Program Committee, HR Department, Executive Office in accordance with the Permanent Fund Personnel Policies and Procedures. With the intention to not displace current employees, instead create “trainable positions” to allow tribal members the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge with a professional mentor.

SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The responsibility of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council is to be the voice of the Southern Ute Tribe’s youth and make proposals to Tribal Council when they want to act on a topic. Along with creating awareness, the SCSYAC also keeps up with current topics which involve the youth. The SCSYAC is currently developing teamwork, leadership, networking and role modeling skills along with many others to help them become better youth leaders in our community.

SCSYAC has attended numerous events like Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), UNITY, Tri-Ute Meetings, Tri-Ute Youth Leadership Conference along with many more on and off the reservation.

Upcoming events include Tri-Ute Leadership Conference June 16-19 held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah and the Tri-Ute Games July 16-20 held in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

HEALTH DEPT.

Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation services for 30-day detox and rehab can be covered by Purchase Referred Care (PRC). For these services, the Southern Ute Health Department must be the referral point of care and you must have notice of intent and referral. If you are a tribal member and are not PRC eligible tribal member benefits covers services arranged by the SU Health Department, these extended benefits are available only through the tribal members benefit department.

Even though the drug and alcohol rehabilitation services have only been offered through the Southern Ute Health Services Department for 16 months it has sent 21 tribal members into treatment and has had an overall success rate of 35 percent in this first year.

If you or a loved one need help call Erika Atencio, TMHD Benefits Coordinator at 970-563-2211.

“We are here to make those tough decisions,” said Councilman Melvin J. Baker. “A lot of times we are putting our minds and hearts together for our membership.”

June MPF Events

Date	Event	Time
June 2	Crochet Class	1A-4P
June 7	Sr. Breakfast	10A-1130A
June 8	Community Yard Sale	9A-3P
June 11 & 12	Quilt Class	10A-3P
June 14	Sip, Chat & Chew	1130A-130P



Space is limited, call to sign-up for classes 970-563-2640

Crochet Class



Multi-Purpose Facility

June 2, 2019
1PM - 4PM

Refreshments will be served.

Call to sign-up 563-2640

Advertise in the DRUM!

Call today for more info
970-563-0118
or email
sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

We can email you our advertising rate sheet upon request.



Mamakwai'iqovarumü!
"Let's Bear Dance"

Southern Ute Bear Dance

POWWOW

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



Artist - Norman Lansing Poster - Diane 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: Emy Zah - Farmington, NM
Arena Director: Francis Sherwood - Aurora, CO
Head Man: Edward Box III - Ignacio, CO
Head Lady: Cassandra Alencio - Ignacio, CO
Drum Judge: Tyron Tafoya - 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
Rachelle Aguilar: 970-759-1722
SkyDown Moccasins Flowers: 970-903-2040
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



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe welcomes everyone to the Southern Ute Bear Dance!

In Memory of Those Who Served

WWI

† Frank Baker
† James S. Baker
† Julius Elliott Cloud
† Andrew Frost
† Andrew Richards
† John Washington

WWII

† Carl Baker
† Cassimero Baker
† Eugene S. Baker
† John Baker Sr.
† Randolph Baker
† Billy Bean
† Frank Bean
† Annie W. Bettine
† Anthony C. Burch
† Albert Box
† David B. Box
† Dorothy B. Box
† Frit Box
† Edward B. Box Sr.
† Manuel H. Casias
† Allen N. Carrel
† Paul Eaton
† Billy Frost
† Graves S. Gunn
† Jose E. Head
† Alden Naranjo Sr.
† Jose M. Ortiz
† Domingo Paul
† Frank B. Pena
† Claude R. Price
† Albert Redd Sr.
† Faustine Tudson
† Melvin Redd
† Juan Silva
† John S. Taylor
† McKean Taylor
† Morgan Thompson
† William S. Thompson
† Joseph P. Tree
† Maurice Sage Sr.
† Sunshine C. Smith
† Charles T. Spencer
† John Taylor

Vietnam Era

† Daniel Baker
† David Baker
† Teddy Baker
† Dennis E. Burch
† Everett Burch
† Varnest Carrel
† Clifford C. Cook
† Don E. Howe
† Elwood Howe
† Roger Cloud
† Eugene A. Naranjo
† Roger E. Price
† Maurice Sage Jr.
† Harold Silva
† Vincent Silva Jr.
† Gene Thompson
† Stafford B. Washington
† Dudley Weaver
† Eric Weaver
† Glen Williams
† Jeffery Jefferson

Persian Gulf War

† Dewayne C. Baker
† Jeffery Price
† Charles Santistevan
† Eldred Vigil Jr.
† William John Monte
† David Rael
† Elroy Arvin Vigil

Korean Conflict

† Wilbur Washington
† Andrew S. Williams
† Woodrow Williams

Clem Baker
† Floyd Box
† Phillip G. Box
† Herman Brown
† Leonard C. Burch
† Julius Elliott Cloud
† Richard Cuthair
† Vincent H. Grove



51st Annual
Los Piños Spring Classic
May 25th & 26th

Open Men's, Women's & Coed Softball Tournament
Teams will hit their own softballs
Men will hit USSSA Class M
Women will hit USSSA Class W
Only USSSA Thumbprint bats allowed
Entry Fee: \$250.00
Entry fee MUST be paid in full by 1st game
Awards 1st-3rd Place
All-Tourney & MVP
(CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE FREE ENTRY NEXT YEAR)

For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214
Virgil x2652 Kelsey x2660 Deja x2655 Mandy x2664

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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





130TH Annual Ute Mountain Ute *BearDance*

Remembering the Past and Dancing into the Future
Su'ma'i' Wii'sarekat Toqwa' Wi'l'ka'i' Mami'tu' mana'g'pach

May 31st, June 1, 2, 3rd, 2019

BEARDANCE CHIEFS:

Terry Knight Sr. Mark Wing Austin Jacket Farley Ketchum Sr. Terry Knight Jr



Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 5pm
ROYALTY PAGENT:
Community Center
Contact: Vida Clark (970) 564-5723
or Henrietta Jacket (970) 564-5421

Friday May 31st, 2019
BEARDANCE CELEBRATION will begin
with the children of the Ute Mountain Ute
Tribe at 10am
POW-WOW
Gourd Dancing 4:30pm - 7pm
Grand Entry 7pm
Contact: Willa Whiteskunk (970) 560-4338

Saturday June 1st, 2019
PARADE: In front of Recreation Center
Line up at 9am Start time 10am
Contact: Rita Wing (970) 529-0533
POW-WOW
Gourd Dancing: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Grand Entries: 1:00pm and 7:00pm
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS
Men's Contact:
970-564-5360
HANDGAMES
Registration 12:30 - 1:30pm
Handgame Tent-Entry fee: \$ \$150.00
Contact: Reuben Hammond Ph. 970-560-4203

Sunday June 2, 2019
BEARDANCE ALL DAY
38TH Annual Louise Hammond Memorial
BEARDANCE RUN: Half Marathon-5k-10k-
Women's Walk -- Starts 7am
Registration 5am and online
runsignup.com/race/co/towaoc
Run starts at 6am at Recreation Center
SOFTBALL COED

Monday June 3rd, 2019
BEARDANCE ALL DAY
BEARDANCE FEAST DAY

130th Annual Beardance Pow-Wow May 31st to June 1st, 2019

MC: Afrem Wall – Towaoc Co.

Host Drum: -- Red Sky – Ft. Duchesne, UT

Head Woman Dancer – Timber Manning – Towaoc, Co.

Head Man Dancer – Steven Pensoneau – Towaoc, Co.

Area Director – Ulysses Lang – Towaoc, Co.

Agenda

Head Gourddance Singer: Delvin Bennett – Cache, Ok
Head Gourddancer: Cody Toledo – Hogback New Mexico
Friday Gourd Dance: 4:30pm to 7pm
Friday Pow-Wow: Grand Entry @ 7pm
Saturday Gourd dance: 11am to 1pm
Saturday Pow-Wow: Grand Entry @ 1pm to 5pm
5pm supper break
Saturday Gourd dance: 5pm - 7pm
Saturday Pow-Wow: Grand Entry @ 7pm
Contact Person: Willa Whiteskunk @970-560-4338



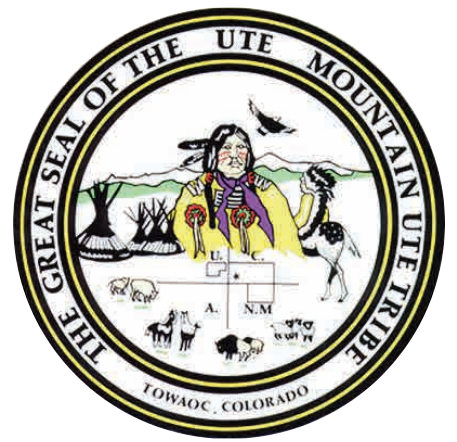
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Ute Mtn. Ute Royalty crowned



ReeAnna Mills/Weenuche Smoke Signals

Newly crowned, 2019-2020 Ute Mountain Ute Royalty: (l-r) Ute Miss Ute Mountain, Talia Whyte; Ute Jr. Miss Ute Mountain, Iyonia Pavisook; Ute Little Miss Ute Mountain, Pachun Collins; and Ute Young Warrior, Leland Collins Jr.



38TH JUNE 2, 2019
UTE MOUNTAIN UTE



BEARDANCE RUN
LOUISE HAMMOND MEMORIAL

HALF MARATHON
5K / 10K

TOWAOC, COLORADO

5 AM REGISTRATION & AM RACE STARTS
Registration
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Towaoc/Beardance>

OPEN MEN'S AND CO-ED BEARDANCE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

MEN'S
FRIDAY MAY 31-JUNE 1
1ST- 10 '2019 MILKEN BATS
2ND- FULL DYE JERSEYS
3RD- JERSEYS

CO-ED
SATURDAY JUNE 1- JUNE 2
1ST- 10 '2019 EASTON BATS
2ND- FULL DYE JERSEYS
3RD- JERSEYS

****Awards based off 12 teams per division****

Entry Fee
\$350
USD Deposit

UNLIMITED HOMERUN WRISTBANDS \$25
TOWAOC SOFTBALL FIELDS

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PROVIDE OWN CLASSIC M/W



CONTACT JEROME ISTENES 970.238.6812

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UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL

POW WOV & HAND GAME

MASTER OF CEREMONY- *** ERNY ZAH*** (DINE NATION/JICARILLA APACHE) FARMINGTON, NM.
GOURD MC- *** EUGENE BLACKBEAR*** (SOUTHERN CHEYENNE) WATONGA, OK.
ARENA DIRECTOR *** WESLEY WINDYBOY *** (ASSINIBOINE-CREE) TUBA CITY, AZ.
HEAD DRUM JUDGE- *** HEATH STANDS *** (SIOUX) KATYNTA, AZ.
HEAD GOURD DANCER- *** LEO DATISH*** (DINE NATION) SHIPROCK, NM.
HEAD MAN DANCER- *** HENRY ELKRIEYER *** (CHEYENNE/SOUTHERN UTE) IGNACIO, CO.
HEAD LADY DANCER- *** LENA LOPEZ*** (UTE MOUNTAIN UTE) TOWAOC, CO.
HOST NORTHERN DRUM- *** INDIAN HILL *** BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA
HOST SOUTHERN DRUM- *** WHITETAIL BOYS*** MACY, NE.
POWERED BY *** RICK YAZZIE*** SOUND SYSTEM, PHOENIX, AZ.



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AUGUST 23-25, 2019

Dance \$25,700 ~ Drum \$7,500 ~ Hand game \$5,000

Pow-Wow Information - 970-564-6171



GOURD DANCE
FRIDAY AT 5PM
SATURDAY AT 11 AM & 5PM
SUNDAY AT 11 AM

GRAND ENTRY
FRIDAY AT 7PM
SATURDAY AT 1PM & 7PM
SUNDAY AT 1PM

RESERVATIONS: Ute Mountain Casino Hotel - 888-564-8837
Sleeping Ute RV Park - 800-889-5072

VENDING INFORMATION - PLEASE CALL 970-564-6128



Stepping together in perfect cadence, men and women dancers move to the rhythm of the bear, as the four-day spring celebration came to a close on Monday, May 20.

Ute Tribe ushers in spring with Bear Dance



Growlers lay against the growler box in time honored tradition, singers use bone and iron to run against their wooden instruments, singing songs passed down from one generation to the next, from one season to another.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Paying tribute to the mothers, while also acknowledging Mother's Day, the Bear Dance Chief honored women with a song and a line dance, Sunday, May 19.

Cool spring weather graced this year's Northern Ute Bear Dance held in Fort Duchesne, Utah on the Uintah & Ouray Reservation Friday May 17 – Monday, May 20. Dancers of all ages from across the three Ute tribes came together to sing, dance and celebrate in this spring ceremony. The Bear Dance Chief, Antonio Kanip and his men harvest materials and build the bear dance corral each spring, carefully measuring the size in steps; adhering to traditions, the brush is burned and returned to the earth once the spring dance is complete.

Honoring the flag



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Bringing down the American Flag at days end is a time honored tradition for members of the Northern Ute Tribe, the War Bonnet Society of Ft. Duchesne has the honor of conducting this ceremony on the last day of Bear Dance each spring. The flag is raised each morning during the celebration as a symbol of patriotism and peace.

The War Bonnet Society of Ft. Duchesne stand together outside the entrance to the Bear Dance Corral, Monday, May 20 — Jonas Grant, Delbert Tavashutz, Cesar Corona, Leo Tapoof and others make up the society.



Partners break into couples on the last day of the Bear Dance, stepping high and moving to the pace of the song.



A young dancer, with braid and beaded vest, patiently awaits his turn to be picked for a dance in the corral. Young boys sit together between songs, eager to dance the next dance.



Southern Ute elder, Georgia McKinley enjoys watching her family dance at the Ute Tribe's annual Bear Dance in Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

Dedicated to Law Enforcement



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kristen Maulsby with SUPD stands at attention, during a formal vehicle inspection by the Tribe's Chairman.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Keta Torres of Southern Ute Detention raises the Southern Ute Flag during opening ceremonies for Law Enforcement Week at the Tribal Courthouse.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A marble bench was dedicated to Anthony Archuleta and Brad Jesmer, honoring their lives and service. Director of Justice and Regulatory, Chris Mimmack gives Bernadette Archuleta a wreath following the dedication of the honorary bench, Monday, May 13.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Elder Eddie Box Jr. readies his eagle fan for a blessing of officers on Monday, May, 13.

Horseshoes

Southern Ute Police Department Detective, Richard Herrera attempts a ringer during the Detention Center's horseshoe tournament. BBQ was served during the luncheon.



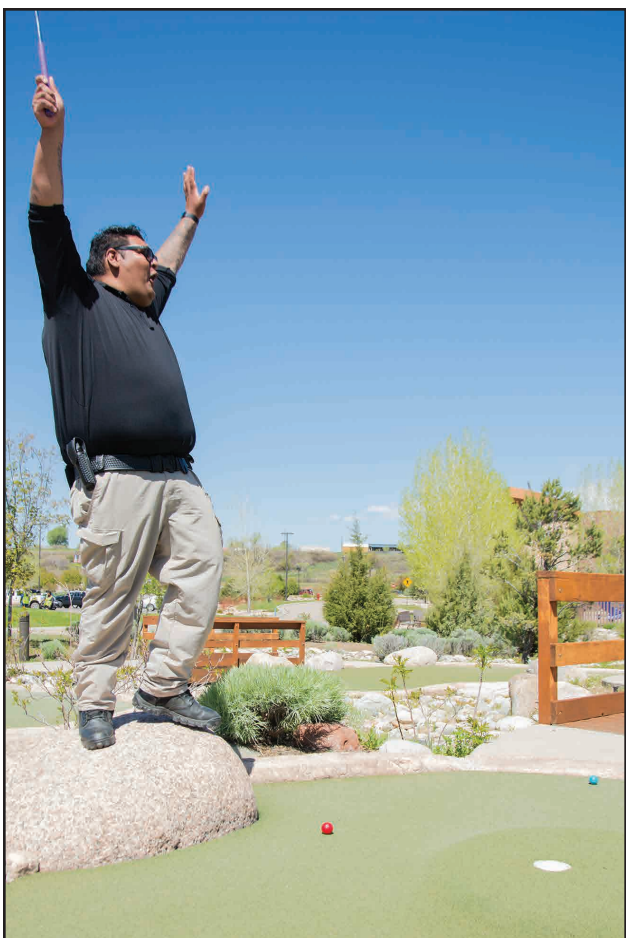
Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



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Recognition

Natural Resources Enforcement Captain, Charles Hamby presented Tribal Ranger and Southern Ute tribal member, Randall Baker with the Ranger of the Year Award prior to the horseshoe tournament hosted by the Southern Ute Detention Center as part of Law Enforcement Week, Tuesday, May 14.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

On Monday, May 13, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe kicked off the annual Law Enforcement Week with a formal dedication ceremony honoring officers of law enforcement at the Justice and Regulatory buildings and Tribal Courthouse. The formalities of a vehicle inspection by the Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe were followed by the honoring of officers and families. Departments ranging from SUPD to Tribal Rangers hosted sporting events and cookouts throughout the week to celebrate.

Mini-golf Darts

Southern Ute Security Officer, Terrance Barry celebrates after successfully putting at the 17th hole at the miniature golf course at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Tuesday, May 14.

Southern Ute Police Department Lieutenant, Chris Naranjo tries his luck at throwing in the darts tournament that the Southern Ute Division of Gaming hosted on Thursday, May 16 for Law Enforcement Week.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Together, we walk for healthier nations



Youth runners hit the 12K trail course – first out of the starting point, followed by the walkers of the 6K course.



Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box (left) and Southern Ute Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost welcomed all to Bear Dance.



Flags were hoisted as the drum group sang an honor song prior to the start of the walk/run. Conrad Jacket – U.S. flag, Kia Whiteskunk – Ute Mountain Ute flag, Rudley Weaver – Southern Ute flag, and Nathan Elk, Eagle Staff.

Under overcast skies, the annual Walking Together for Healthier Nations at the Four Corners National Monument held out as long as the rain didn't. However, the rain won the race this year. But that did not deter walkers and runners from negotiating the 6K and 12K trail course, which began and ended at the Four Corners Monument, Friday, May 10. Various tribes participated in making the event possible: Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute came together for the walk. A Bear Dance presentation concluded the event for the day, bringing together those who attended in dance.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Leandro Litz and Lisa Nez, on their way back from a field trip with the Southern Ute Academy students to Canyon de Chelly, stopped at the monument and walked the course.



Southern Ute Social Services Foster Care Coordinator, Lisa Frost; Social Services Data Manager, LuRhea Ramone; and Southern Ute elder Needa Chackee stand at the finish line.



Catman, Nathan Elk, looks over the dancers and keeps the dancers in line during the Bear Dance presentation, before the darkening clouds covered the grounds with rain.



Little Miss Ute Mountain Ute, Riley Lang is joined by other royalty members and attendees in the Bear Dance presentation.



Ute growers sing Bear Dance songs to begin the Bear Dance presentation at the Four Corners National Monument.



Sibrya Larry and Maylana Goodtracks race to place footballs in the color coordinated tarp and Aeden Richards gets caught between the tarp and the net.



Olyvia Watts makes her way through the color tunnel before she jumps into a pool of water during an obstacle course run.



Tia Howe giggles as she and her classmates pull with all their strength in the first round of the Tug-O-War challenge.



Kanoa Thompson and Aiden Scott race in the sack race just after coming from the water slip-and-slide that was overseen by Los Pinos Fire Department.

Academically Fun

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy held their annual field day on Wednesday, May 15. Students played, ran and laughed all day while enjoying the sun and water at the SunUte Fields. Parents and teachers watched as their kids played in obstacle courses, pulled each other in tug-o-war, screamed as water fights broke out and danced around with SunUte staff.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum

Schools have fun, weather or not



Second graders meet each other at the tug-o-war ropes to battle it out on who has the toughest class around.



Layla Hight tries to hurry and make it to her partner, Jada Cloud, before dropping her egg.



Orion Watts Jr. gets ready to hurl his plane, he ended up placing second in his heat.

It's Elementary

After being cancelled last week due to weather, the Ignacio Elementary School held their annual field day inside their gym and cafeteria. Students were excited despite the weather that kept them in, they enjoyed being together and active with their friends and teachers on Wednesday, May 22.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum



Landon Bravo and his partner lead the way for the three-legged race event at Ignacio Elementary Field Day.



Vietnam vets present at BHS



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran, Howard Richards Sr. speaks to a history class at Bayfield High School on Wednesday, May 15. Richards talked about his experience while serving overseas during the Vietnam War with the students.



U.S. Army Veteran, Rod Grove presented alongside Southern Ute Veteran Howard Richards Sr. at Bayfield High School. Each of them shared their own stories of serving in the Vietnam War with two classes.

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CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 18 Mbps download or 2 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

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Spring calving



Jesse Lasater/SU Bison Management

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Bison Program is midway through calving; the Tribe lets their bison run on a natural breeding cycle, where bison breed on their own schedule. This typically results in later offspring, which coincides with warmer temperatures and greener pastures. Pictured here, a young calf barely a week old, stands with the herd southeast of Ignacio, Thursday, May 16. These young bison will be kept to establish a larger herd, breeding once they come of age after three years. The Tribe’s bison herd averages 75 head.

TASTE OF FIRE • FROM PAGE 2

with a service representative, who would select a new coat for me to try on. This was a first for me and I was granted a choice to pick it out and that it had to be extra big so that I would grow into it.

I would find out later in my life that there existed another challenge and acceptance to change. The person inside was always curious to see what was around the next corner, to follow your nose. Nevertheless, I was getting ready.

Around the next corner in the alley was this incredible smell of the town bakery. I was taken in by the display of pastries, cakes and cookies. By their presence alone, I could tell was a most delicious treat and unforgettable taste. A baker’s dozen was put into the white paper bag and tucked away till we got home.

In the afternoon came the bus which was going back to the west. They could deliver us to the same intersection that picked us up. The day was closing and soon the gentle ride on the bus put kaquchi (grandma) to sleep. I discovered a paper bag of cream puffs that slipped out and temptation was to great. I had to try and taste for myself, a double hand cream puff. I don’t know what got into me, but I couldn’t stop eating until there was none left. Needless to say, when grandma woke up, she knew exactly what happen. All over my face and the front of my shirt was evidence of powdered sugar, flakes and whipped cream. As soon as the bus stopped I shot out of there and could see the open road ahead.

To this very day, I can still see my hands picking up a silver object and throwing it into the fire. An instant explosion and my inner spirit connected with my outer physical self.

Somehow, I couldn’t help but feel an entity was watching over me, and knew the Creator was watching over all of us. However, this presence I felt was much closer to me spiritually. This development occurred when I couldn’t comprehend the destruction of nature by humans. Gone was a lifetime and generations before, even in one day.

I ask kaquchi (grandma) what the two men were talking about. She said, “They want to scrape the Sagebrush Forest off the earth.”

They didn’t know of my friends and relatives who lived there. I gathered myself together and asked kaquchi (grandma) for any leftover bread. “What are you going

to do?” she asked. “I’m going to visit my friends and share some bread with them. Are you going to tell them, what you heard?”

“Yes,” I said. With that she unfolded the towel on the table and broke off a piece of oven bread. Then she took out the canvas sack that had dried deer meat. “Here take this piece to Badger, I know how much he loves dried deer meat. Get the water basket and take some water to those who are thirsty.”

I stuck the dried meat and bread in my pocket, got some water from the metal milk can and took a big drink for myself. The water basket always tasted of pitch but those who need a drink usually didn’t complain. I left straight away for Badger’s burrow and found him lounging under the biggest sagebrush.

“Bet you thought I was sleeping, well I was and what brings you out here, on this beautiful day. Say, I can smell dried deer meat in your pocket. Come sit down and let me know, how I may help you or do you wish to hear another story? I have lived for a long time now and my face certainly shows it.”

I have found a calm feeling and comfort while listening and talking with Badger, sitting there in the middle of the Sagebrush Forest. Soon, the red-winged blackbird who I found and took care of flew, to my shoulder.

In an instant I thought back and remembered, the strong winds that pushed him out of the nest and fate brought us together one morning. The blackbird was all beak and a tiny ball of fluff. I remember gathering the little soul in my hands and made a nest out of an old moccasin. I watched others who were finding worms, insects, crunched up grasshoppers and throwing up food into the mouths of the babies. I certainly wasn’t going to eat bird food and spit into the open beak. Instead I just crunched up the insects with my fingers and give it to the little bird. They were a lot of insects in the spring and with that my feeding the blackbird became a chore. A chore with great interest and satisfying feeling that I helped this forgotten life. With lots of food the little bird grew almost overnight and, in the mornings, I would watch. Fluff was replaced by feathers and soon the noticeable red mark on the wings. A male red-winged blackbird was what he became and with that he

found his singing voice. One morning after a hearty breakfast he was practicing flying and when the rhythm was strong he lifted higher than ever before. In his efforts and with determination he eventually flew away. I felt sad to see him go, but it was good to see him fly to the smell of water.

The morning would bring a real change for that day. Standing on the porch I could sense vibrations in the air and something was coming. There were distance sounds of black smoke with a cadence of metal striking ground. A crescendo of the approaching tractor on tracks. A metal cable that pulled the blade upward stood out most and was holding high only to be lowered and scrape the land of all those memories. The smell of diesel permeated the air with the distinct tone of just turned earth. I stood on the porch to witness the annihilation of the Sagebrush Forest and all those who lived there. Soon, all that I remember would be piled high and the sagebrush only existed to become fire. The fire had to breath, the fire that roared as it got hotter. The fire was alive and turned everything into ash, promptly shrinking to a small fire and deep within a glow of red.

Walk with me as I head over to see fire. Can you smell the earth mixed with diesel? I saw myself reaching down to pick up a shiny object and I threw it into the fire. Immediately, an explosion of heat and the breath of the fire surrounded me. The taste of metal fire I have always kept in memory. As well as the ether mask, that blanked out time and erased the days in the time of healing that seemed to be endless.

I closed my eyes and awoke in another place, sitting there on a single rope swing. Holding the rope as I bent over backwards to see and breath into the branches of the Elm Trees. The heavy rope was tied to a strong branch that held me to reach into the canopy of the trees. It was there on a summer day, I would remember again, I was reborn and starting anew across Hwy 160 from the Rainbow Service Station. In the background I became aware of the sound of trees as the Pine River was rushing clear and cold on its way to Navajo Lake. Twin bridges straddle the river as cottonwood trees hid the view of a small town born to the foothills of the Rockies, in the Uncompahgre’s original homeland. So, begins a lifelong adventure and far removed from Little Chicago.

Celebrating 50 years!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Information Services Director, Edna Frost reflects on her years working alongside the newspaper. She spoke favorably about the direction of the tribal newspaper and how The Southern Ute Drum has evolved and maintained relevance to the membership over time. The first issue was printed on May, 9, 1969 — this spring marks the fiftieth year for the tribal publication.

Dr. James Jefferson and Maria Rivera stay late talking about the language, the history and family after attending The Southern Ute Drum's 50th anniversary of the tribal newspaper on Friday, May 10 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Drum hosts delegation



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Drum staff members, Fabian Martinez, Robert Ortiz and McKayla Lee meet with the "Native American Voices" program who came to visit the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Sunday, May 19 at the SunUte Community Center. The program is a part of the Nation Magazine and focuses on trying to understand the challenges that Native Americans face both historically and today.

Sippin', chattin' and a chewin'



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Evalyn Russell admires a piece of embroidery work at the Multi-Purpose Facility, Friday, May 17 during the monthly Sip, Chat and Chew potluck. Elders gather to socialize, network and share food at these community events.

Ignacio Community Library Upcoming Events

- **Sat., June 1 @ 11 a.m.** – Renowned mountain climber and author, Jon Waterman, will be presenting his latest book "Chasing Denali" and revealing whether or not one of the most famous mountain climbing expeditions in American history was actually a hoax.
- **Tue., June 4 @ 5:30 p.m.** – Learn more about creating and maintaining a container garden, learn from Darrin Parmenter from the La Plata County Extension Office as he leads a Container Gardening Class.
- **Sat., June 8 @ 3 p.m.** – A group of Hawaiian Hula dancers from the Ananda Foley Dance Studio in Durango will be giving a presentation and demonstration about Hawaiian culture and will even teach attendees some of their dances. This event is perfect for the whole family as a kick-off to summer!

Notice to the Tribal Membership Deceased Tribal Member Information

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

NOTICE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP



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DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

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BOBCATS BASEBALL

Baseball bows out of spring with district defeat

Ignacio falls 13-2 in advanced date at Paonia

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Completing a season often as confusing to gauge as the sudden winter storm which whacked the Pine River Valley just four days before this May 24 Drum hit newsstands, Ignacio's 2019 campaign came to an end in the 2A-District 3/5 Baseball Tournament's play-in phase.

With a scheduled May 9 trip to Delta County unexpectedly pushed up by two days, the Bobcats managed to hang with potent Paonia – also struggling through a spring baffling by that program's high standards – through nearly two innings before succumbing 13-2 in five.

Lone active senior Rendon Mestas went a reported 0-for-0 in two plate appearances, but reached base both times via a walk and a hit-by-pitch, and scored once for IHS, which finished 1-14 overall after trailing the hosting Eagles 5-2 entering the bottom of the second.

Junior Ian Weinreich was 1-2 with a run, and freshman Gabe Tucson was 1-1 but took the loss on the pitcher's mound against PHS' pair of senior Soul Connolly and sidearm-ing junior Grey Neal.

"Kids are being versatile," first-year Bobcat skipper Don Hayes had said earlier in the season,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen attempting to reel in a throw while preparing to tag Paonia's Grey Neal (18) earlier this season up in Delta County, Ignacio senior third baseman Rendon Mestas ended his Bobcat days scoring one of IHS' runs in a season-ending postseason loss to PHS.

despite injuries and oddities beginning to curtail his young team's development. "Gerald (Howe) says 'Yeah I can play right field, Coach' and then we're like 'Come in and play infield – your normal spot.' Cesar (Pedregon) gave us what he could pitching ... played well at third. Ian, after pitching ... covered short really well."

"Overall ... I think they're starting to understand that it's a whole process," he continued. "I have most of them in class as well, one year or the other, so I know them all. And baseball's just a great sport to get outside and be a kid, you know? They know when they have to focus and when they can goof around."

Initially seeded third in the bracket (Ignacio was its No. 6), Paonia then lost 16-1 to dominant 1-seed Hotchkiss and finished a

shaky 11-8 overall after a fifth loss in seven games.

HHS then held off 2-seed Dolores 8-7 to win the tourney title and reach the State Tournament's regional-style Round-of-16. Again seeded second, the Bulldogs' fortune immediately floundered in Region IV as #15 Fowler dealt them a 12-2 loss – leaving Hotchkiss a solid, but shocked 18-2 overall – Saturday, May 18, in Pueblo upon the Runyon Complex's Hobbs Field.

Still seeking the ultimate prize, FHS (14-9) will next return to the Steel City to face 3-seed Rye (23-1) in the Final Four on Saturday, May 25, with #1 Peyton (21-1) and #12 Wiggins (15-7) colliding in the second semifinal. Both contests are scheduled for 10 a.m. starts, with the winners then meeting upon Hobbs at 1 p.m. to crown a State Champion.

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Bobcats boast five top-ten times at State meet

Garcia earns IHS-best fourth in the 1,600

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Hardly two hours before accumulating, approaching cumulonimbus clouds to the northwest warranted a lightning/weather pause to terrestrial proceedings inside Jeffco Stadium Friday afternoon, May 17, Jonas Nanaeto gave an indication Ignacio Track & Field had an electric finish in mind at the 2019 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships.

Keeping up well with a fast field in the boys' 800-meter run, the Bobcat junior clocked 2 minutes, 27.8 seconds for the two-lap feature, and placed a strong sixth out of 18. Helping Lyons ultimately earn the team title, Colton Jonjak-Plahn prevailed by two-hundredths of a second over Paonia's Harley Ewert, 1:59.43 to 1:59.45, while Peyton's Sammy Schuermann (2:01.51) ended up in third place.

Coming off a ninth-place effort in the 3,200 (10:33.80) the evening of Day 1, Nanaeto – who beat fellow San Juan Basin Leaguers Zach Briggs (Ouray; seventh, 2:02.81) and Jaden Evans (Telluride; eighth, 2:03.09) across the finish line six-tenths of a tick slower than a 2:02.18 which had been fourth-fastest out of all qualifying times – still had 1,600 more meters on Day 3 left to run.

And so did Elco Garcia, Jr. Back on the track roughly three hours into the Saturday-afternoon session, IHS' long-distance duo proudly carried their school's proverbial banner in the prestigious event as both breached the top ten to conclude their squad's Metro Area stay.

Ranked No. 7 going into the event with a season-best time of 4:42.61, Nanaeto missed out on a podium spot but still managed a top-ten finish – and earned the 'Cats another team point – with a ninth-place, updated season-best



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Working his way through the pack, Ignacio's Jonas Nanaeto (4) envisions catching Peyton's Sammy Schuermann (6) as they negotiate the Jeffco Stadium track's backstretch during the Class 2A boys' 800-meter run at the 2019 CHSAA State Championships, May 16-18 in Lakewood. Nanaeto finished in sixth place.

4:42.39. Qualifying just above his teammate with a No. 6 effort of 4:42.48, Garcia blew away that seedling time and raced across the finish in an amazing, fourth-place 4:37.71.

Evans managed to outstride LHS' Isaac Roberts in the battle for first, with the Miner senior clocking 4:30.27 and the Lion junior 4:30.77, with Colorado Springs St. Mary's senior Adam Maal (4:37.24) edging Garcia for third.

Creeping closer to Merton Coriz's IHS-record 4:34.10, achieved in 1983, Garcia's effort grabbed Ignacio six more points as the Bobcat boys – the two who earned the big-city trip – finished the three-day spectacle with 16 and sole possession of 20th place (out of 45 total scoring teams) in the standings.

Lyons, as mentioned, topped the table with 68 while SJBL force Mancos fought for runner-up status with 57 points. Yuma (52), Rocky Ford (50) and Edwards Vail Christian (49) rounded out a competitive top-five, with Limon (48) a close sixth.

Also taking well his first starter's gun of the meet, Garcia motored to a sixth-place 10:10.89 in the 3,200 – boding well for a sub-10 showstopper (Roberts won the event in 9:57.63) sometime as a senior in 2020 on Day 1, when both

meet-qualifying Lady Bobcats were also active.

One of only two freshmen entered in the Class 2A girls' 100-meter dash (from 1A to 5A, just 11 qualified for the shortest sprint), Lexy Young left the starting line in the second of two preliminary heats and ranked 15th after both with a time of 13.83 seconds. Ault-based Highland junior Remington Ross logged a prelim-winning 12.12, then destroyed it in the nine-runner final with a meet-record 11.84, beating Holyoke junior Taeryn Trumper by more than six-tenths of a second.

Sewing up her sophomore season splendidly, Charlize Valdez shot up from a 16-seed in the 3,200 to a year-end No. 11 ranking with a time of 12:34.22 (she'd qualified with a best of 12:50.80). First place went to pre- and post-race favorite Chloe Veilleux of Oak Creek Soroco, as the senior improved from a pole-position 11:55.58 to an 11:45.44.

She and the Lady Rams would end up in ninth place overall with 33 points, as Ross and the Lady Huskies copped first with an even hundred. LHS held off Trumper and the Lady Dragons, 68 to 66, to earn second place, with Meeker (58) and Hotchkiss (43) also earning top-five status.

SJBL All-Conference 1st Team

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Courtesy Tucson family

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Athlete State send off

All four state bound athletes: Jonas Nanaeto, Elco Garcia, Jr., Lexy Young and Charlize Valdez share a high five before leaving to the CHSAA State Championships in Lakewood, Colo. on Wednesday, May 15.

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Bayfield cheers in Vegas



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Bayfield Flyers, a 19-girl cheer squad out of Bayfield, Colo., attended the U.S Finals Cheer and Dance in Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday, May 11. The U.S Finals are invitational only, the best of teams across the world including teams from Sweden and Mexico attended. Bayfield Flyers placed 14th out of 15th place in their division.

Southern Ute tribal member Lillian Valdez, daughter of Claire Valdez is a part of the Bayfield Flyers team. Coaches are Annette French and Bryce Vaughn.



courtesy Clarissa Herrera

Mid-schoolers run and jump



photos courtesy Lisa Olguin

Ignacio Middle School hosted the 2019 San Juan Middle School Meet, Tuesday, May; athletes from nine different schools competed. Nate Hendren runs for the finish line.



Julian White tries to out-distance the other long-jumpers.



Marissa Olguin passes the baton to Lacy Brunson in the girls 800 Meter Relay.

A few of the Ignacio Middle School athletes who competed in the 2019 San Juan Middle School Track & Field Meet

Elliot Hendren Discuss Throw: 6th place Shot Put 100 Meter Dash 200 Meter Dash	Marissa Olguin Girls 800 Meter Sprint Medley Relay: 1st place Long Jump: 4th place 800 Meter Run: 4th place
Nate Hendren 1600 Meter Dash: 1st place Boys 4X400 Meter Relay: 1st place High Jump: 4th place 100 Meter Dash: 5th place	Julian White Discuss Throw: 3rd place 100 Meter Dash: 4th place 100 Meter Dash: 6th place Long jump



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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I was recently selected as Miss Southern Ute 2018-2019 during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Currently I would like to express my invitation to all my peers, from the age of five (5) through eighteen (18) to apply for the various titles of Miss Southern Ute, JR Miss Southern Ute, Little Miss Southern Ute and Southern Ute Brave. I can imagine how scary this might sound at first, but once you travel the Powwow circuit and meet a lot of other Royalties from different Tribes, it is FUN. Yes, it was scary for me at first when I submitted my application, but I was encouraged to do it because my Aunties & Cousins who were former SU Royalties told me it was fun, and I could meet a lot of other Tribal Royalties. It was also mentioned that I would get over my fear of getting in front of people to give an Introduction or Welcome address, which would give me courage & bravery once I could do it. This sort of reminded me of the movie “The Wizard of Oz,” but at the end once the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man, & Scarecrow got enough courage, heart and toughness, they overcame their fears. They all had to go through their struggles to achieve what was needed. This happen to me and I conquered my fears of appearing & speaking in front of a lot of people and the public.

I have travelled to many places when I was JR Miss Southern Ute 2013. I met a lot of tribal Royalties and people from various places. I didn’t know who I was related to until I was introduced to my Grandpa’s & Grandma’s from my Sister Tribes and other places. Now, being Miss Southern Ute 2018-19, I know my relations, Grandpa’s & Grandma’s, and I enjoy seeing them & everyone else. They have given me a lot of advice, support and taught me the do’s & don’ts. Elders are very knowledgeable and wise. They are our History & Storytellers. Respect them in every way &

when they are dancing.

I am available if you want/would like to speak with me about the functions as a SU Royalty Ambassador, and my personal experiences. I will assist with your speeches, and whatever it is you need. I am very honored to represent the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the general tribal membership at the various functions and Powwows throughout Indian Country.

So, take the COURAGE and apply for any of the SU Royalty categories coming up for September for 2019-2020. YOU CAN DO IT!! BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES! NEVER SAY NEVER! YOU GOT THIS!!

*Tog’oiak-Thank you
Jazmin Carmenoros
Miss Southern Ute, 2018-2019*

GOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SEMINAR THANKS

I would like to thank all involved in making this years Golden High School Senior Seminar visit an enjoyable and learning experience for the Golden students.

Thank you to all the directors and employees who spoke to the students of the following departments welcomed the students and shared the services they provide to the Southern Ute Tribal membership. SU Tribal Council, SU Museum, SU Culture Dept., SU Justice & Regulatory, SU Growth Fund, SU Wildlife Dept., The SU Drum, SU Public Relations Dept., SU Academy, SunUte, KSUT Tribal Radio, REZ-olution Radio Hour, SU Royalty, Yellow Jacket drum group, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Nathan Elk, Velma Armijo, Laurie Watts and Co., Jesse Lasater, and Fabian Martinez. My sincere apologies if I inadvertently missed anyone.

Robert L. Ortiz

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Dated this 14th day of May, 2019.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2019-NC-0034
Clifton Joseph Andres Greany, Civil Subject
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Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2019-NC-0047
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Todd Jon Reigns Taylor, Civil Subject
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Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
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In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-PR-0051
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In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-PR-0050
Duane Christopher Suazo, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **June 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 29th of April, 2019
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Happy Anniversary
Mom and dad would like to wish our son and daughter-in-law a happy 15-year anniversary on May 22. May your love for one another stay strong. We love you both. Congratulations!

Debra & Zachary

Membership memories



courtesy Howard Richards

Southern Ute tribal members, Howard Richards Sr. (left) with the Ignacio Police Department, and Dewitte Baker of Southern Ute Fish & Game Dept. catch up outside of the Recreation Hall adjacent to Ute Park, circa 1984.

Membership memories



courtesy Tim Watts

Vietnam Battlefront

Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, U.S. Army, Tim Watts photographed in 1970, right before “going into hell,” as he remembers it, with the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division as they fought in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam. Pictured here, Watts is sitting with the two rifles he would carry into battle that day, an M16 and an “over and under” with a grenade launcher.

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NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that a Tile V operating permit renewal application has been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division’s Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colo., 81137, for the following source of air pollution:

- **Applicant: BP America Production Co.**
Facility: Iron Horse Central Delivery Point; Section 7, T33N R7W, 1.5 miles northwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production field facility
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**
Facility: Trail Canyon Compressor Station; Section 1, T32N R9W, 9 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production field facility
- **Applicant: Transit Waste, LLC**
Facility: Bondad Recycling Center and Depository; Section 31, T33N R9W, 13 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a municipal solid waste disposal site
- **Applicant: Transwestern Pipeline Co., LLC**
Facility: La Plata A Compressor Station; Section 35, T34N R9W, 9 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression and transmission facility

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permit based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permit and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP’s websiwrte at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (May 17, 2019).

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
- Hand delivery: Air Quality Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, 71 Mike Frost Way, 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

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. 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 BIDS
Sun Ute Community Center Office HVAC System

Replacement project located in Ignacio, Colorado. FCI CONSTRUCTORS, Inc. is accepting Sub-contractor bids for metal stud framing, drywall, acoustical ceilings, painting, fire suppression, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical. Please send your bids to our office at 186 Moose Lane, Durango, CO, or by fax at 970-259-8633, or by email to babbott@fcicol.com until Monday, June 3, 2019 12 PM (MDT). Proposal documents are accessible by contacting FCI at 970.259.8644. Proposal evaluations will comply with the SUIT TERO Code for Native American Preference. It is the responsibility of the submitting firm to see that any bids are delivered to FCI prior to the closing date and time.

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.

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 website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@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.

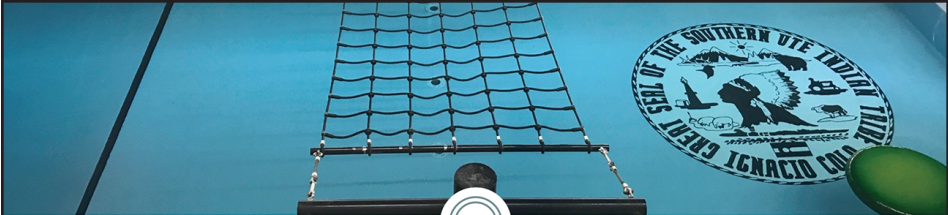
POWWOW COMMITTEE
Open until filled – Attention: Tribal Members & other Natives. The Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to nurture and promote a positive impression of the Southern Ute Tribe through songs, dances and 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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2018 Annual Report

The 2018 Southern Ute Indian Tribe Annual Report is now available for pickup, come to the Drum office to pick up your copy.

The Southern Ute Drum is located in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building at 356 Ouray Dr. in Ignacio.

For additional information call 970-563-0118.



HIRING: Part-Time Lifeguards!

SunUte Community Center is hiring part-time lifeguards! If you are a motivated, friendly person that knows how to swim and you are looking for a fun part-time job, SunUte is the place for you!

Position Summary

This position is responsible for lifeguard activities in the pool area in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Aquatics Coordinator.

Education and Experience

- Must have or be able to obtain a nationally recognized certification in Lifeguarding procedures and practices within 1-month from the hire date. (We will train you)
- Must learn how to test water chemistry and make necessary adjustments to comply with established standards.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must pass a thorough background check including Criminal History, fingerprint check, and a pre-employment drug-test.

TO APPLY, please visit: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/careers/> and look for the “Lifeguard (Part-time)” listing.

SunUte Community Center
290 Mouache Circle
Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information, please contact Tim Velasquez,
Aquatics Coordinator,
Phone: 970-563-2653





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at 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

Chief Medical Officer

Closing 6/7/19 – Will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all Physicians, Mid-Levels and other licensed independent providers and overall leadership of these clinical providers to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards at the Southern Ute Health Center. Will provide both direct patient care services as well as required administrative oversight of providers.

Clinic Nurse

Closing 5/30/19 – Registered Nurse position, providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Closing 5/29/19 – 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.

Custodian

Closing 6/3/19 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Family Practice Physician

Closing 5/30/19 – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Head Cook

Closing 5/30/19 – Under general supervision of the Food Service Manager; prepares meals for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Position will start August 5, 2019, Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Closing 6/3/19 – Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide – Summer Program

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program, which runs May 27 – Aug. 9, 2019. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers 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. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community 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

Open Until Filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

Physical Therapist (PT w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Professional position within 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

Open Until Filled – 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 (PT 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 Descendant's only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. Summer program is designed to provide employment from June to Aug. 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 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 Lead System Engineer (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. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and wearing the appropriate uniform at all times. Must have a bachelor's degree in audio & visual or related field. Must have at least one (1) year audio & video experience. 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/equivalency and be at least 18 years old.

*Bell Person (Full-time)

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

Bowling Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. The initial point of contact for customers, providing superior and friendly customer service at all times. Proactively builds customer relations through soliciting feedback and addressing and resolving customer complaints. Continuously improves operational execution through attention to detail. Reports to the Bowling and Recreation Manager. Must have High School diploma/equivalency and be at least 18 years old. Must have basic cash handling skills.

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. Pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency and be at least 21 years old. Must have cash handling experience and be able to lift and move up to 75 pounds frequently throughout shift.

Event Staff (On-call)

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. Requires that you 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.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

Line Cook (Full-time)

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

*Player Development Manager (PDM) (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/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.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

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

*Must be 21 years old.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Environmental, Health and Safety Technician I Trainee – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 6/5/19 – Trainee position is designed to provide training and experience for up to two years in order to learn and be responsible for assisting with environmental and safety compliance tracking, updating compliance databases, and assisting with safety training. Minimum Qualifications: Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have knowledge of basic computer skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurance under Red Willow's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Environmental Compliance Specialist – GF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 6/14/19 – Under direct supervision of the Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist performs inspections for the oil and gas compliance program for the Department of Energy,

ensuring compliance with applicable Tribal and Federal stipulations and regulations associated with energy-related projects.

Facilities Technician Trainee – GF Properties (Durango, CO)

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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

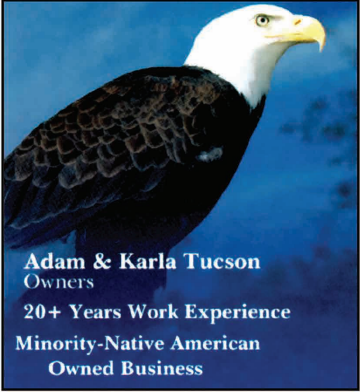
All Participants must be twenty- one (21) years of age and have a valid photo ID. Please give us a call at (970) 563-1872 to sign up.

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FLY FISHING

Solutions for high water

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For some time, those of us that fly fish have been hoping for wetter autumns, winters, and springs. If you haven't noticed we finally got our wish. It is now May and the ski area is still open. Some of the lakes are still iced over, and the rivers have taken on a look of chocolate milk. Only a fly fisherman can look at the situation and say, "this is great." The drawback to the fast-flowing, deep streams and rivers, is finding a place to safely cast your fly. There are solutions. They are float tubes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards (SUPs), or a bass boat. Take your pick.

Float tubes have been around for a long time. The earliest models were nothing more than an inner tube with some type of system you could sit in that kept you from falling through the opening. Over the last ten years big improvements have been made in the design of float tubes. The modern-day tube is u-shaped instead of being shaped like a doughnut. This allows for easier entry and exit. They have casting screens across the front that help to keep your line knot free. There are storage pockets along the sides for your gear. Mine even has oars that help with a long trip across wind-blown ponds. Another good feature to tubes is their price. You can purchase a new tube for less than \$500.

The newest personal floatation device to attract fly fishers are SUPs. While paddle boards have been around



a long time, they have only recently been adapted for fly fishing. It is possible to buy a rigid or inflatable SUP. Given the length of a SUP a rigid board needs to be transported on a roof rack or in the bed of a pick-up truck. An inflatable one will fit in the trunk of a car. A serious fly fisher would want to modify a SUP for it be comfortable. The modifications I have seen include a secured ice chest, fly rod holders, built in storage, and mounts for electronics. I would call that a tricked-out SUP. My needs would be a small ice chest to sit on when casting, and a rod holder for when I'm paddling. For those with really great balance, forget the ice chest. SUPs cover the gambit in price.

Kayaks, similar to SUPs, have been around a long time. Also, similar to SUPs, they can be customized to meet the needs of fly fishers. They come in lengths from 9 to 13 feet. They are also rigid or inflatable, and either single person or tandem. The newer models, unlike the older designs, can have a raised seat. To help with the paddling, some kayaks have a pedaling system. There are

also lots of add-on options. Rod holders, battery storage for electronics, pulleys to help lift a small anchor, are just a few of the many extras you can add to a kayak. Similar to anything you can customize, the more you add-on the more expensive it will be.

Living in the area we do, we are fortunate to have several retailers that stock both SUPs and kayaks designed for fly fishing. Instead of looking at pictures of these floating fly fishing platforms, go put your hands on them.

I've saved the best for last, a bass boat. There are several large lakes in the area that aren't real conducive to smaller, muscle-powered, fishing platforms. Sometimes something with an internal combustion motor is needed. To augment my tube, I acquired a bass boat several years ago. Similar to the above items that float, you can pay from little, to a number that will take your breath away. Thankfully, for those of us on a retirement budget, there are lots of used bass boats on the market. If you are going to look for one, I suggest you find one that is 16-feet long, has a four-stroke motor with around 50 horsepower, a trolling motor, and flat decks for casting.

The last item you need before boarding any these floating devices are life jackets. Make sure you have enough for everyone. They are less expensive than a search and rescue mission ending with a memorial service. Now, go have fun on the area lakes and ponds.

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- Across

1 --- Big Bear Holt, Ho-Chunk basketweaver

5 Sock

8 "Feed me," in Persian?

9 "Let's Make ---" (game show)

12 It succeeded its Continental namesake

14 Like some exams

15 "Why I am ---" (Friedrich Nietzsche)

16 Eye lasciviously

17 Crack

18 Time capsule satellite

19 Monogram of Garfield's successor

20 Central part of a wheel

23 Slack

25 "American Pie" actress --- Suvari

26 Get off the fence

28 Territory

29 Mali air cult, all mixed up, is all mixed up

31 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author --- Loos

32 C-I-C

33 Shortest-named ABBA single

34 Upbeat
- Down

1 Come into view

2 Urban complex

3 Marseilles mussel

4 Leather piercer

5 --- Band of Mission Indians, San Diego

6 "Traders" of the Anishinaabeg

7 Furthestmost edges

10 Short mornings?

11 Caustic soda, for example

12 Castle

13 Mineral or metal analyst

19 Pearl ---, former Chief Tribal Judge

21 Apprehensive

22 False god

24 Get-rich-quick gamble

25 Computer shortcut

26 Nashville awards body

27 Such as Attila

30 Cruellest mo.

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 7 issue of the Drum.

Answers for crossword in May 10 issue of the Drum:
Across: 1 Be a, 4 Slim, 8 Loll, 9 Tavaci, 12 Anno, 13 Omelet, 14 Countryside, 16 Sam, 17 Gem, 18 At loose ends, 23 Die, 24 Una, 25 Declares war, 31 Toting, 32 Ehle, 33 On edge, 34 Load, 35 Roes, 36 SDI.
Down: 1 Bono, 2 Elnu, 3 Alonso, 4 Storm surges, 5 Lamy, 6 Ives, 7 Malign, 8 Lac, 10 Ceded, 11 Items, 15 Tao, 18 Add to, 19 Tie on, 20 Lecter, 21 ENE, 22 Easels, 26 Lido, 27 Ange, 28 Who'd, 29 Alai, 30 Red.

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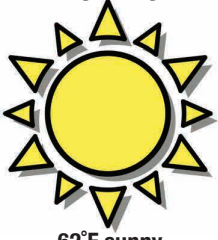
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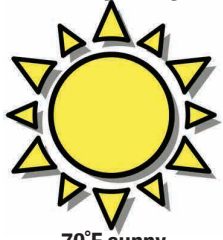
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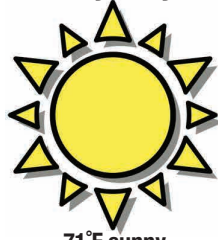
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