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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Chairman's report: May 2013

By Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr.  
SU INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Hello and greetings – this is Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., and I am taking this opportunity to report to you, the tribal membership, about recent developments and projects on which the Tribal Council and I have been working.

Since my State of the Tribe report earlier this year, we have been quite busy and I cannot report everything here; however, I would like to provide some highlights and important issues that we are addressing.

First, as I reported in my State of the Tribe address, we continue to work on improving health care options for tribal members. As many of you may have heard at our recent general meeting, we are committed to improving services at the Southern Ute Health Center and to providing tribal members with greater access to help with health care decisions.

We still aim to roll out these new programs in time for the new fiscal year, but the pending implementation

of the federal health care law and other issues could make that process much more complex. Regardless, we will continue to strive to provide our members with the best health care available and to provide access to health services that benefits the most tribal members possible in perpetuity.

As with health care, the Tribal Council and I also remain committed to increasing employment opportunities for tribal members. As we reported during the general meeting, this administration has greatly increased the number of tribal-member employees, but we always seek to improve.

Recently, we received a report on the assessment that Tribal Council commissioned regarding our employment practices and, as a result of that report, we are taking additional actions to assist tribal members who are qualified and ready to enter or re-enter the tribal workforce.

One way we hope to do so is to strengthen the bonds

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Spring brings return of Bear Dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dancers Shoshone Thompson and Keifer Goodtracks-Alires break off on Monday, May 27 during the final hours the Bear Dance, a Ute springtime celebration spanning four days.

**The Bear Dance, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's traditional celebration of the end of winter and the coming of spring, brought tribal members, friends and visitors by the hundreds to Ignacio May 24-27. Whether it was to kick up dust in the corral, witness the colorful grand entry ceremonies at the Bear Dance Powwow, or join the Southern Ute Veterans Association for the solemn Day of Remembrance, attendees at this year's events were immersed in Ute culture, hearkening back to a simpler time when tradition and honor guided our way of life. For more Bear Dance weekend coverage, see our special edition beginning on page 13.**

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Natural Resources

The Drum continues its exploration of the tribe's Department of Natural Resources in its third of the four-issue series.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. talks with Winterfawn Rey, caretaker of the Redding Ranch property for the past several years, on the porch of the ranch's cabin on Monday, May 20.

Southern Ute leaders tour Redding Ranch

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council took a tour on Monday, May 20 of the Redding Ranch, a 2,000-acre property on the east side of the reservation the

council hopes to soon convert to trust status.

The tribe acquired the picturesque ranch, located near the entrance to Archuleta Mesa, in September 2005, said Lands Division Head Germaine

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Range units help tribal members keep livestock fed year-round

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved on Monday, May 13 the Range Division's 2013 grazing permits, renew-

ing an annual service that helps a relatively small number of tribal members – but in a big way.

Each year on June 1, the Range Division opens

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Powwow



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute veteran Jack Frost Jr. carries in the Southern Ute colors during the Grand Entry of the Bear Dance Powwow on Friday, May 24 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

Veterans



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association member Howard D. Richards Sr. pauses in honor of veterans during the Day of Remembrance ceremony on Monday, May 27 at the Southern Ute Veterans Park.

Academy students ready for public school



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy said a children's prayer in Ute, written by the late Annie Bettini, to close the annual Transition ceremony on Thursday, May 23. The students say the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and sing the flag song to begin their days at the academy. Lower Elementary guide Shawna Steffler (with mic) was the M.C. for the ceremony. Shawna will not be returning next year, but said, "My journey with each child and teacher at the academy has taught me that we have wonderful, amazing students and guides."

More photos on page 10.



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT • FROM PAGE 1

and connections between our educational programs and our employment needs, so that tribal members can develop skills to fill the tribe's needs. Ultimately, we hope to see a day where each tribal member who wishes to work can find an opportunity of interest to him or her and, hopefully, many of those opportunities will also meet the tribe's needs.

The Tribal Council and I continue to face frustration with the state of the Southern Ute Agency of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. We have been working with Superintendent John Waconda to address the staff and budget shortages plaguing his office and to make sure that tribal business and transactions can continue despite these issues.

As a result of sequestration and other cuts, the agency's realty program is staffed only by an administrative assistant – a situation that is unacceptable given the number of transactions generated by the tribe on a regular basis. We are exploring our options for increasing or at least maintaining efficiency in this time of slim federal budgets, and Vice Chairman James M. Olguin has taken the lead in working with Waconda to enhance communication and cooperation between the bureau and the tribe.

Some of these concerns were a topic of Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks' recent visit to Washington, D.C., as well. She represented the tribe and provided input on President Obama's proposed FY 2014 budget for Indian Country and took the opportunity to raise our concerns about the local BIA agency and its ongoing struggles.

We also had the chance to meet with officials from the White House and Department of Agriculture, who recently visited to take part in events at the new Chimney Rock National Monument with children from our Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

In our meetings with these officials, we again sought assistance to address our concerns, and all participants were quite receptive.

Recently, the Tribal Council participated in an annual retreat, which gave us time to analyze and consider the larger issues we face, such as the tribe's Financial Plan and the concepts that support our current structure. During these discussions, it was quite impressive to compare



courtesy Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. shakes hands with newly elected Ute Tribal Chairman Gordon Howell on Monday, May 27 at the Southern Ute Veterans Park. Newton and Howell discussed future meetings and issues facing both tribes.

the state of the tribe when the Financial Plan was considered and adopted to our present situation.

The chairmen and councils that have preceded us have built a strong foundation for us and, during our retreat discussions, we each recognized the important role of this Tribal Council in continuing to uphold that legacy by planning and preparing for the future generations of tribal members.

We returned from the retreat with a long list of "todos," and will be getting to work on these issues even as we handle the day-to-day matters that come before us.

To keep up with the ever changing pace of technology, the Southern Ute Department of Management Information Services has launched a user-friendly website so our membership near and far can keep up with events and departmental information.

The Southern Ute Drum has revamped its website to include sound bites and video. The easy navigation makes for a good read. Now you will not have to wait for the most important tribal news to come out in the print version; you can see it almost immediately on the Drum website at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com).

In the very near future, we will be rolling out a "tribal-member access only" website. This website will be a hub for important tribal-member-only information. You will be able to see the minutes almost immediately and other information pertaining to Tribal Council events and meetings. Be on the lookout for more technology-based communication channels in the future.

Finally, if you have not done so yet, I urge you and your friends and family members to visit the new Seven Rivers Steakhouse at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. I enjoyed a fine meal there during grand opening weekend and can strongly recommend the "chairman's cut." Anyone who visits will be sure to have a good experience and will be supporting our tribal enterprise.

In conclusion, thank you for taking the time to read this brief report of some of the recent highlights and ongoing work that the Tribal Council and I are doing to serve the tribal membership. We hope we can count on your support to help us lead this tribe into the future and ensure a healthy and strong tribe for our children, grandchildren, and beyond.

Thank you.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### IGNACIO PARENTS ARE ORGANIZING

The La Plata Family Coalition invites you to join them for the Ignacio parent leaders network. Supporting parents as leaders in our families and leaders in our community. Get together with other Ignacio parents and allies to talk about what's happening in our community. Create partnerships and take action on issue impacting the health and well being of Ignacio Families, earn money and leadership experience. Meetings are held every third Friday at the Patio restaurant in Ignacio. For more information call 970-385-4747.

### AGRICULTURE LAND MANAGERS

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which

BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

### FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

## MANY MOONS AGO



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Russell Box Sr. and Leonard C. Burch lead the Walk of the Warriors as it leaves the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs complex and makes its way down Ute Road toward the Bear Dance Bridge and eventually to Ouray Memorial Cemetery. The walk honors those who have made sacrifices, through their military service, to defend the country.

This photo first appeared in the May 20, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Nathan Winder Jr., father of Natahnee and Tanaya Winder, was hired by Colorado State University and Fort Lewis College to the position of Native American research transportation coordinator. Four technical assistance centers were established to serve Native tribes under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. Winder worked with tribal governments in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

This photo first appeared in the May 28, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of Colorado, and other national organizations recognized Leonard C. Burch and Law Enforcement Chief Arthur Weaver for service and outstanding leadership.

This photo first appeared in the June 3, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee

Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please send your letter of intent to the following address:  
SCSYAC, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Edward Box III and Jake Ryder sing Bear Dance songs for the PBS film crew working on "The First Coloradans," a documentary about the Ute people set to air Thursday, June 13.

## NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

# PBS to air documentary on Ute people

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Rocky Mountain PBS will air "The Original Coloradans," a half-hour TV documentary about the Ute people, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13.

The program is the last in a 13-part series titled "Colorado Experience: Colorado's Premiere History Series," which began Feb. 21 and has also included episodes on the history of African Americans and Japanese Americans in the state.

Southwest Colorado viewers who receive New Mexico programming at home can alternatively view full episodes of the series online at <http://video.rmpbs.org/program/colorado-experience>.

A Denver-based film crew



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Bear Dancers line dance outside of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum during the filming.

led by Julie Speer, the series' executive producer and director, visited Ignacio over Memorial Day weekend to interview tribal members and film various events, including Ute Nations Day and a Bear Dance demonstration at the Southern Ute Cultural

Center & Museum.

The series is a co-production with History Colorado, a state agency tasked with preserving and engaging residents and visitors with state history.

For more information, visit [www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience](http://www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience).



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Rocky Mountain PBS film crew shake hands with Bear Dance participants.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### SEEKING SUPERINTENDENTS FOR TRIBAL FAIR

The Southern Ute Culture department is seeking superintendents during the Southern

Ute Tribal Fair for the Fry Bread Contest; Baby Contest and Fair Exhibits. Please contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator if you are interested at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

### SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE DEPARTMENT JUNE CLASSES

#### June Events

June 4 & 6 Beadwork, 10-3 pm  
SUCCM Small classroom. Limit 8.

June 5, 12, 19-Ute 101-103  
SUCCM Small classroom, 5:30-7:30 pm.  
No class June 26. Limit 8.

June 9 and 23: Sundays "Ute Circle of Life," 2-4 PM.

June 11 & 13 Beadwork, 5:30-9:00 pm.  
SUCCM Multi-Purpose Room.

June 13 Night of Roundance. SUCCM Multi-purpose room. 5:30-9:00 pm.

June 21 Elder Lunch SUCCM Small Classroom. Noon-2:00 PM Movie: TBA

Thursdays. Conversational Ute with Aiden Naranjo. SUCCM Small Classroom 5:30 PM-8:00 PM

June 24-28 Culture Camp  
Various activities and field trips to local areas from the youth camp.

#### July Events

July 14 & 28-Ute Circle of and Ute history. SUCCM small classroom.

July 15-18 Breechclout and leggings, 5:30-7:30 PM SUCCM small classroom. Limit 8

July 17, 24, 31. Ute 101-103. SUCCM small classroom, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Thursdays. Conversational Ute with Aiden Naranjo. SUCCM Small classroom, 5:30-7:00 pm.

July 19 Elder Lunch. SUCCM Small Classroom, noon-2:00 PM Movie: TBA

July 23 - Breast plate class 5:30-7:30 Small Classroom. Class limit 15

July 25-Vest making class 5:30-7:30 small classroom. Class limit 10.

#### August Events

August 7, 14, 21, 28. Ute 101-103, 5:30-7:30 pm. SUCCM small classroom.

August 11. Children's fry bread class. SUCCM Small classroom. 2-4 pm.

August 13. Native American breads. SUCCM Small Classroom 5:30-7:30 PM

August 14. Quilt Class. SUCCM small classroom, 10 am-3 pm. Limit 7.

August 15 Night of Round Dance 6-9:00 pm. SUCCM Multi-purpose room. Volunteer drummers/singers needed. SUCCM Small Classroom, noon-2 pm Movie: TBA

August 18, Children's pow wow etiquette.

August 23-Elder Lunch



Meals/snacks & beverages are provided. Some sessions are pot-luck. Call to sign-up as classes fill fast. All activities are subject to change.

Southern Ute Culture Department

## THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'icha-'ara mæni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

30. Quantifiers (cont.): all, some, both and part-of

By Tom Givón

UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The quantifier "all" is based on the stem *manu-*, with subject/object and animate/inanimate distinctions that use some of the suffixes used with in numerals, as in:

- (1) a. **Inanimate-SUBJ:** *manu-khu-tu-s#* *tuphychi* *qopoqhi-kya*  
all-O-NOM-C/S rock/S break-ANT  
'All the rocks broke'
- b. **Inanimate-OBJ:** *manu-khu-tu* *tuphuchi* *punikya-gha*  
all-O-NOM/O rock/O see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw all the rocks'
- c. **Animate-SUBJ:** *manu-ni* *máamachi-u* 'i-vee 'uni'ni-kya-y  
all-S women-PL here-at be-PL-IMM  
'All the women are here'
- d. **Animate-OBJ:** *manu-khu-tu-m#* *máamachi-u* *punikya-gha*  
all-O-NOM-PL/O women-PL see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw all the women'

The quantifier "some" is constructed on the stem *náagha-*, and displays the animate/inanimate and subject/object distinctions, as in:

- (2) a. **Inanimate-SUBJ:** *náagha-t#* *tuphychi* *qopoqhi-kya*  
some-NOM/S rock/S break-ANT  
'Some rocks broke'
- b. **Inanimate-OBJ:** *náagha-t#* *tuphuchi* *punikya-gha*  
some-NOM/O rock/O see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw some rocks'
- c. **Animate-SUBJ:** *náagha-tu-m#* 'áa'apachi-u 'i-vee 'uni'ni-kya-y  
some-NOM-PL/S boys-PL here-at be-PL-IMM  
'Some boys are here'
- d. **Animate-OBJ:** *náagha-tu-m#* 'áa'apachi-u *punikya-gha*  
some-NOM-PL/O boys-PL see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw some boys'

The dual quantifier "both" is constructed on the root *nawa-* "half," "divide," with its own peculiar subject and object forms, as in:

- (3) a. **Animate-SUBJ:** *nawa-s#* *mamachi-u* 'u-vvaa 'uni'ni-kya  
both-C/S woman-PL there-at be-ANT  
'Both women were there'
- b. **Animate-OBJ:** *nawa-ku-s#* *mamachi-u* *punikya-gha*  
both-O-C woman-PL see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw both women'

Lastly, Ute has a special **partitive** construction for meanings such as "part of," "one of" or "some of," using the possessive suffix *-a*, followed by the nominal suffix *-t#* and, for animate nouns, the plural suffix *-m#*. This construction can be used with both nouns and pronouns. Thus compare:

- (4) a. **Inanimate-SUBJ:** *tuka'napu-a-t#* *yáqhi-kya*  
table-POSS-NOM/S break-ANT  
'Part of the table broke'
- b. **Inanimate-OBJ:** *tuka'napu-a-t#* *yáqhi-ti-kya*  
table-POSS-NOM/O break-CAUS-ANT  
'(s/he) broke part of the table'
- c. **Inanimate-SUBJ:** *'uru-a-t#* *yáqhi-kya*  
that-POSS-NOM/S break-ANT  
'Some of it broke'
- d. **Inanimate-OBJ:** *'uru-a-t#* *yáqhi-ti-kya*  
that-POSS-NOM/O break-CAUS-ANT  
'(s/he) broke some of it'
- e. **Animate-PL-SUBJ:** *máamachi-u-a-tu-m#* *wiúka-gha-qa*  
women-PL-POSS-NOM-PL/S work-PL-ANT  
'Some of the women worked'
- f. **Animate-PL-OBJ:** *máamachi-u-a-tu-m#* *punikya-gha*  
women-PL-POSS-NOM-PL/O see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw some of the women'
- g. **Animate-PL-subject:** *'umu-a-tu-m#* *wiúka-gha-qa*  
3p-POSS-NOM-PL/S work-PL-ANT  
'Some of them worked'
- h. **Animate-PL-object:** *'umu-a-tu-m#* *punikya-gha*  
3p-POSS-NOM-PM/O see-ANT  
'(s/he) saw some of them'

'uv#s. Toghoy-aqh

## Uma Nu Apaghapi Ustii?

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Call the Culture Department at 970-563-0100.

## On the way to the dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy make their way down Bear Dance Trail, crossing the Pine River, on Friday, May 24. Joined by members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the young dancers got the first dance at the annual Bear Dance.



## NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

### U.S. Energy Dept. announces technical assistance for Southern Ute project

*Staff report*  
U.S. ENERGY DEPT.

Building on the U.S. Energy Department's technical assistance awards for Alaska Native communities announced last month, the department announced on May 20 that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will receive technical assistance on a solar photovoltaic project.

The Southern Utes are joined by four other tribes that will receive help through the Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team Program for renewable energy project development and installation. These awards are part of the Energy Department's broader efforts to help tribal communities across the United States enhance their energy security and build a sustainable, clean energy future.

"The Energy Department's START program helps Native American and Alaska Native communities enhance their energy security and create job opportunities in the clean energy economy," said Tracey A. LeBeau, director of Energy Department's Office of Indian Energy. "Building upon the achievements and lessons learned from the program's first round, our new technical assistance awards for clean energy projects will help more tribal com-

*The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will receive technical assistance with a community-scale solar photovoltaic project that will power tribal facilities and residences.*

munities across the country deploy sustainable energy resources and increase local generation capacity."

Through the START program, Energy Department and National Laboratory experts work directly with tribal communities to evaluate project financial and technical feasibility, provide ongoing training to community members, and help implement a variety of clean energy projects, including energy storage infrastructure, renewable energy deployment and energy efficiency.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will receive technical assistance with a community-scale solar photovoltaic project that will power tribal facilities and residences. The

tribe has selected single-axis tracking photovoltaics, which have been deployed successfully in similar-sized projects in the Southwest.

The Energy Department will provide assistance with project scoping and help assess transmission and interconnection challenges as well as potential markets for energy sales.

Since its launch in 2012, the START program has helped 11 Native American and Alaska Native communities cut energy waste and deploy local clean, renewable energy projects.

In addition to the Southern Ute Tribe, the following tribes' projects were selected for the 2013 START Renewable Energy Project Development program, subject to final scoping and evaluations with tribal community participants:

- Chugachmiut Regional Corporation (Port Graham, Alaska)
- Ho-Chunk Nation (Black River Falls, Wis.)
- Pinoleville Pomo Nation (Ukiah, Calif.)
- San Carlos Apache Tribe (San Carlos, Ariz.)

*Find more information on the Energy Department's tribal clean energy and energy efficiency technical assistance programs at <http://energy.gov/indianenergy/office-indian-energy-policy-and-programs>.*

### Workers get cultural primer



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box gave a formal presentation on Bear Dance etiquette for employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, May 22. The heavily attended workshop took place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.



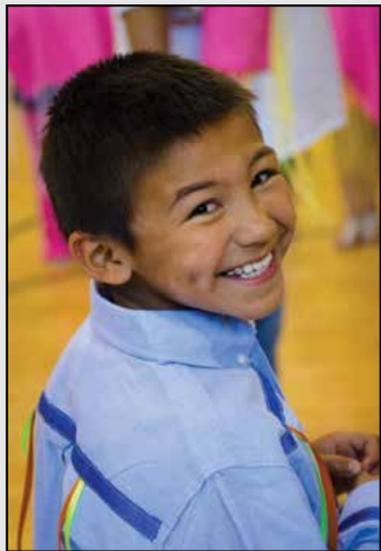
Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, joined by their teachers, wore traditional Bear Dance attire for the line dance presentation.

### Club members practice



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

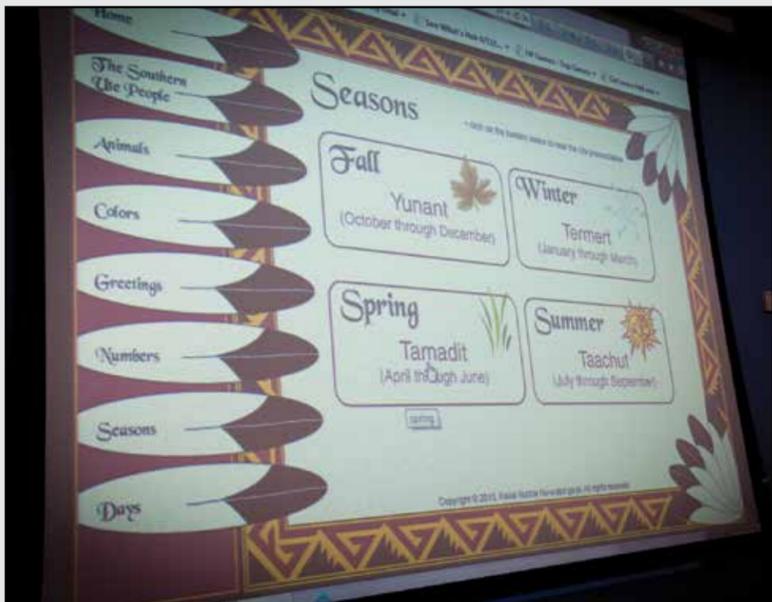
Bear Dance Second Chief John Chavarillo sings Bear Dance songs alongside Jonas Nanaeto during a Bear Dance etiquette workshop at the SunUte Community Center for members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, May 22.



In the line dance, couples paired up and practiced their dance steps in preparation for the upcoming Southern Ute spring celebration.

Club members were dressed according to tradition for the workshop, young men wearing blue ribbon shirts and girls in a colorful selection of fringed shawls provided by Lindsay Box.

### Teaching Ute in 2013



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The interactive CDs include recordings of Ute words and cover topics such as animals, colors and seasons.



Southern Ute elder Lynda Grove-D'Wolf demonstrated her Ute language teaching CDs before a crowd at the Multi-purpose Facility on Thursday, May 23.

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## Youth baseball underway



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Naturals, a T-ball team coached by Chris Walker and Frank Richards, warms up for opening day action beginning the Ignacio youth baseball season on Saturday, May 11.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Bayfield pitcher Gabriel Tucson winds up during a youth baseball game against an Ignacio team at Shoshone Park on Thursday, May 16. The town hosts a T-ball league for four- and five-year-olds and a Rookie league for six- and seven-year-olds.

Bulldogs pitcher Peyton Baker throws the "dark one" during youth baseball action.

## In the Secret Garden



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

David Tall Bird carries plants that he planted this year in the greenhouse of the Secret Garden at the Ignacio Elementary School on Friday, May 24.

## KIDNEY CORNER

# More causes of chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES



In recent issues of the Kidney Corner, we discussed diabetes and hypertension, the two most common causes of chronic kidney disease. What other conditions can cause kidney disease?

Glomerulonephritis — a long word! — means inflammation of the filtering parts of the kidneys. There are many different types, the most common in the Native American population being IgA nephropathy.

IgA stands for "Immunoglobulin type A." It is a protein that is present in the blood in all normal people. The type of IgA found in patients with IgA nephropathy is abnormal, and this can cause the protein to be deposited in the kidney, causing damage.

This condition can sometimes be relatively harmless. Some people with this condition get blood in their urine intermittently, especially when they have an upper respiratory infection or common cold. Although this can be alarming, it usually does not cause serious consequences.

However, other forms of IgA nephropathy can cause protein in the urine, which can be much more serious and can lead to kidney failure. The

more serious forms of IgA nephropathy can be treated with medications that suppress the body's immune system, though most patients with IgA nephropathy do not need this.

Similarly, other types of glomerulonephritis may or may not need specific treatment, depending on their severity. For most cases of glomerulonephritis, the cause is unknown, even though most are treatable.

As one might expect, the earlier it is diagnosed and treated, the better the outcome is likely to be.

Lupus, also called systemic lupus erythematosus, is another common cause of chronic kidney disease. It's more common in women than men.

The cause of lupus is unknown; it can cause disease of many different systems in the body, including the joints, skin, heart and lungs. It is also usually treatable with

medications that suppress the immune system, though these medications can have numerous side effects that must be monitored carefully.

Various medications can damage the kidneys, causing chronic kidney disease. The most common may be over-the-counter pain medications such as ibuprofen.

Many people incorrectly think that these medications are harmless, but in fact, if they are taken for long periods of time, they can cause a variety of kidney problems, including kidney failure. Occasional use of these medicines in people who do not have underlying kidney disease usually does not cause problems.

Urine obstruction, for example due to prostate enlargement in men, is another common cause of chronic kidney disease. A physician should therefore usually evaluate problems with urination.

There are also genetic causes of kidney disease, such as polycystic disease. Generally, these are less common in Native American patients.

There are clearly many different causes of kidney disease other than diabetes and hypertension. Early detection of all these disorders allows timely treatment and improves the outlook for all patients with chronic kidney disease, no matter what the cause.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Robert Howe**  
**Job title:** Elders Services driver  
**Job duties:** Service elders daily needs.  
**Family:** Kirtin Howe, daughter.  
**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe

## HEALTH UPDATE

### FOSTER CARE/KINSHIP TRAINING, RECRUITMENT & LICENSING

The Southern Ute Social Services Division is seeking Foster Care/Kinship families within the Southern Ute Tribe and other Native American families who are interested providing a home for a youth that is in need of placement. A foster care parent is not a lifetime commitment to a child, but a commitment to be meaningful to a child's life. Be the one to make a difference in a child's life by providing a positive environment and safe place for our Tribal children when they are faced with life challenges. Being a foster family means helping families overcome their challenges and move toward reunification for family. Remember our children are our future generation, if we as foster parents can support children and their families we have made a difference in their lives. Contact Kathryn Jacket, Foster Care Coordinator at 970-563-0209 ext. 2328, Southern Ute Indian Division of Social Services, 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

### PREVENT COLON CANCER

All Native Americans are two times more likely to be diagnosed with late stage Colon rectal cancer than early stage Colon rectal cancer. Finding and removing polyps before

they progress to cancer can prevent Colon cancer. The American Cancer Society suggest adults, age 50 or older get one of these tests: A fecal occult blood test (FOBT—a stool test) every year, or Colonoscopy every 10 years. Call the Southern Ute Health Center to discuss what screening test is best for you. Funding programs available: Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance companies pay for colon cancer screening. You may be able to have a free colon test through the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program. Please contact Susan Turner, at the Southern Ute Health Center 970-563-4581 ext. 2363 to see if you qualify! Appointments for Colonoscopy will be at Digestive Health Center in Durango, Colo.

### HOST A MAMMOGRAM PARTY

All Tribal and or Native American women are eligible to participate. Medical insurance is required at the time of your appointments. Invite two friends and I will schedule a mammogram appointment at Mercy Hospital for your party - women 50 and above, or if recommended by your provider for an earlier screening. Health Services will provide transportation and lunch - Digs Restaurant in the Three Springs area. For more information call Gloria Casias-Mounts, Community Health Representative Health Service Division at 970-563-0154 ext. 2347.



- Adam Beals
- Amberlia Fry
- Anita Mayes
- Ashley Carruth
- Barbara McLachlan
- Billy Jack Baker
- Bruce LeClaire
- Carl Molle
- Carol Lee
- Chester Jackson
- Christina Nielsen
- Christy Birk
- Cindy Valdez
- Cynthia Helvoit
- Cito Nuhn
- Clayton Harrison
- Crystal Garnanez
- Dan Cyr
- Dawn Alexander
- Dawn Hosolten
- Deb Jacobs
- Debbie Lamoreaux
- Edward Cash
- Ellinda McKinney
- Emiliano Naranjo
- Emily Rypkema
- Eric Scott Hickerson
- Heather Gillis
- Herb Clark
- Jennifer Moore
- Jessica Reeve
- Jim Hughes
- Joe Reimers

We asked La Plata County youth to nominate positive adult role models and are pleased to honor the winners and nominees for providing the relationships, opportunities and personal qualities that young people need in their lives.

**BAYFIELD**  
**Denise Hess**

**DURANGO**  
**Becca Katz**

**IGNACIO**  
**Oscar Cosio**

**LATINO**  
**Maria Gonzales**

**NATIVE AMERICAN**  
**Julie Jacobson**

- John Patton
- Julie McCue
- Katrina Hedrick
- Katrina Richards
- Kendra Gallegos Reichle
- Kurt Berridge
- Lara Lee Gage
- Laura Lucero
- Laura Sanchez
- Lech Usinowicz
- Lisa Pratchett
- Lisa Schuba
- Megan Anderson
- Melanie Lee Brunson
- Michael Toben Roderick
- Michelle Gentry
- Michelle Roach
- Michelle Wennerstrom
- Paul Gott
- Riley Nicholson
- Robert Candelaria
- Robert Vialpondo
- Shaunna Mata
- Sky Dawn Sandoval
- Stephanie Rohr
- Tambri Garcia
- Teri Funke
- Teri Kopack
- Tom Grist
- Tony G. Tune
- Victor Pennell
- Vito Mortalo





## Congrats Southern Ute and JOM students



**Valerie Armstrong**  
Ignacio High School



**Tracy Bean\***  
Ignacio High School



**Ian Doughty\***  
Piedra Vista High School



**Brianna GoodTracks-Alires\***  
Bayfield High School



**Shawna Natonabah**  
Bayfield High School



**D'mitri Reynolds**  
Ignacio High School



**Seth Richards**  
Ignacio High School



**Destinee Lucero\***  
Ignacio High School



**ShaRay Rock\***  
Ignacio High School



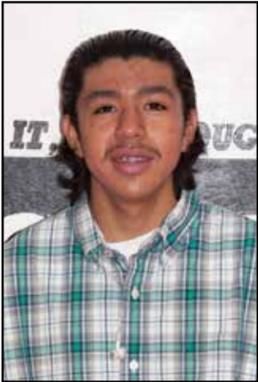
**Sage Rohde\*†**  
Ignacio High School



**Michelle Simmons\***  
Ignacio High School



**Kiana Thompson\***  
Ignacio High School



**Isaiah Valdez\***  
Ignacio High School



**Mariah Vigil\***  
Ignacio High School



**John Wayne Williams\***  
Bayfield High School

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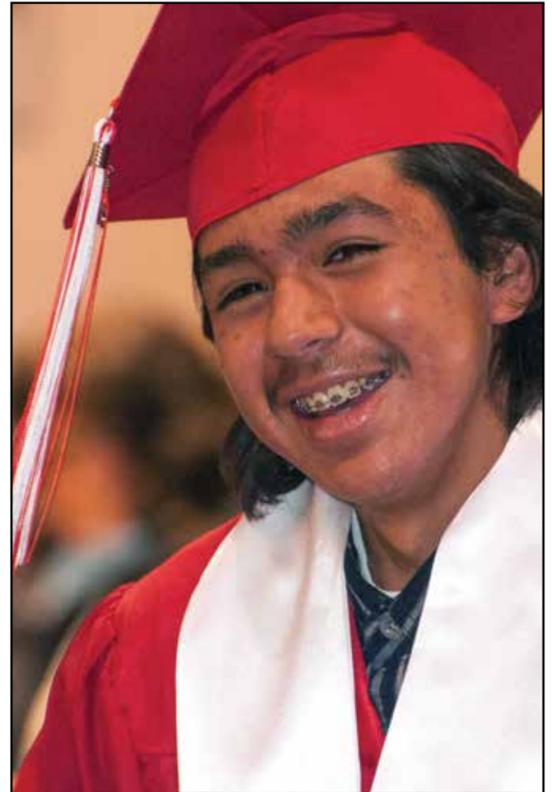
\* Southern Ute tribal members  
† Graduated summer of 2012

*The staff of  
The Southern Ute Drum  
congratulates  
all of the  
graduates of 2013!*

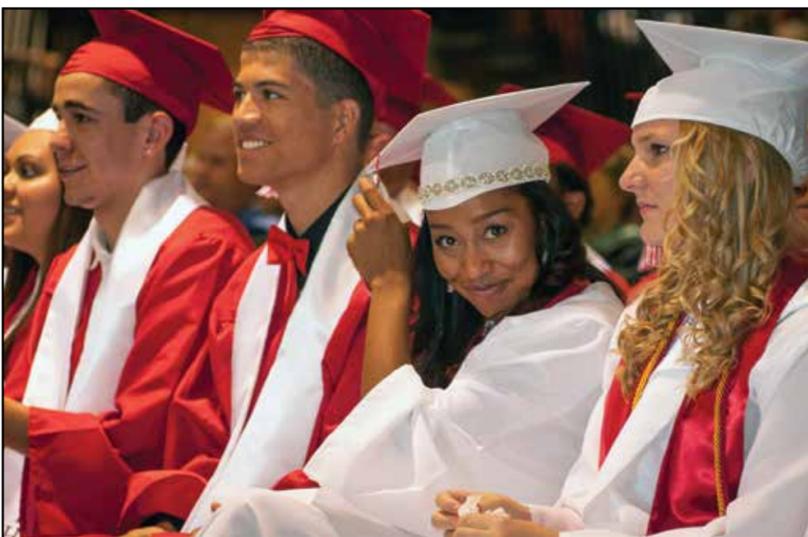
## Commencement ceremonies



2013 Graduating class of Ignacio High School customarily throw their caps into the air ending the graduation ceremonies in the Ignacio High School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 25.



Isaiah Valdez smiles for photos just after receiving his diploma.



Southern Ute tribal member Michelle Simmons adjusts her tassel during Ignacio High School's Graduation on Saturday, May 25.



After pronounced graduates, students move their tassels from the right side of their cap to the left, during graduation ceremonies.



## Kindergarten kids moving up



Students performed their "K-I-N-D-E-R-G-A-R-T-E-N" skit — each student had to say the meaning of a letter to them and what they have learned about in Kindergarten.



Young tribal member Marquise Cibrian receives his Kindergarten diploma.

**Photos by Christopher R. Rizzo**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Students sang their "Bye-Bye Kindergarten" song before heading to first grade.



Tribal member Amira Watts waits with classmates to begin the graduation ceremony Wednesday, May 22.

## 6th-graders continue on to Jr. High



Stephen Gomez, Makayla Howell and Brianna Henderson each gave a speech about their Fifth Grade Council at the fifth- and sixth-grade Continuation Ceremony on Tuesday, May 21 in the Ignacio High School Gymnasium.



Tribal member Clay Seibel smiles for a photo.



Southern Ute tribal member Calvin Levato Jr. was among the graduates.



Tribal member Shyanne Vigil poses with her sixth-grade continuation diploma.



Southern Ute tribal member Izabella Howe accepts her diploma.

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## Kids rally for victims



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Fourteen of Mrs. Otten and Mrs. Larson's third-grade students at the Ignacio Elementary School gathered supplies on Wednesday, May 22 for the victims of the tornado that killed 24 people, including seven children, when it tore through Moore, Okla., and surrounding areas on May 20. It ranked as an EF-5, the most powerful category for tornadoes.

## Top testers awarded



courtesy Janet Reinhardt/Ignacio School District

Raeann Martinez, Chloe Knapp and Chloe Velasquez received medals at the Colorado School of Mines in Denver on Saturday, May 18 for scoring in the top 25 percent of students from seven states for their scores on ACT Science. Their GT/ACT teacher, Mary Lynne Herr, was one of two Colorado teachers receiving awards "in honor of tremendous work done to assist students and families in participating in the Western Academic Talent Search" and for having a high number of students participating based on the size of our schools.

## Bobcats of the month



photos Hailey Herrera/SU Tribal Information Services



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

Angela Baker, Damitre Burch, Marquise Cibrian, Houston Cunningham, D'Vondra Garcia, Ambrose Valdez and Marcus White.

## 2013 SUCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

SUCAP has seven candidates for its 2013 Board of Directors Election. Six of the following candidates will be elected to serve a two-year term as the result of a public election to be held June 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at SUCAP Central Administration on the corner of Goddard and Lakin Streets in Ignacio: (in alphabetical order) Lena Atencio, Gina Cosio, Anna-Marie Garcia, Sue C. Herrera, Kathleen Sitton, Cynthia Wiebe, and Wayne Wiebe. For more information please call Naomi Russell at SUCAP Central Administration, 970-563-4517 ext. 103, for more information. Those eligible to vote: anyone 18 or older residing in the 11JT School District or the Southern Ute Reservation. You will be asked to record your physical address on the voter sign-in. Need not be a registered voter in La Plata County.



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## SOUTHERN UTE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD & JUNE 11TH  
5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

EDUCATION BLDG - 330 BURNS AVE. (970) 563-0237

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED  
YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ENCOURAGED

## Summer Swim Lessons 2013

First Session Begins June 3rd! Registration begins May 3rd!

We are offering two-week sessions starting June 3rd. Registration will begin May 3rd. Classes will be 40 minutes long on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A two-week session is \$40. SUIE Enrolled Tribal Members are free. Maximum of 6 children per class. Minimum age is 4 years old. Provided in cooperation with the American Red Cross Learn To Swim program.

### Sessions:

Session I- June 3rd-June 14th • Session II-June 17th-June 28th  
\*Session III-July 8th-July 19th • Session IV-August 5th-August 16th  
\*Session III will meet on Tuesday 16th instead of Monday 15th due to the Sundance Ceremony.

### Levels:

**Level I**-Objective: Comfort...introduction to water. Submerge face, kicking, bobbing, floating, introduction to front crawl and back crawl.  
**Level II**- Objective- Stroke Development- front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke. Must be able to swim unassisted 5 feet to enter this class.  
**Level III**- Objective: Skills building- Deep water treading, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, butterfly, flip turns, diving, rotary breathing. Must be able to swim completely unassisted 15 yards to enter this class.

**Parent/Tot Class**- Objective: Only offered during session I at 9:00am. This class is for children ages 6 months to 3 years. Parents or guardian will have fun in the water with their children exploring water, games and safety.

### Times:

9:00-9:40AM, 9:45-10:25AM & 10:30-11:10AM (Level I, II & III)

For more information call  
Lisa Allen/Aquatics Coordinator at (970) 563-0214



Due to overcrowding and safety concerns, the pool will be closed during summer time swim lessons from 9:00-11:15 AM on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. We will remain open for adults to use the saunas and hot tub. One lane will also be available for adult lap swim.

## CAMP Venture 2013

Come spend the week adventuring and bunking with your friends!

June 16— June 21 at the Southern Ute Camp Ground

If you're in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade sign up, Or if you are in high school you can sign up to be a mentor!

### Activities:

- Archery
- White water adventures
- Lake activities
- Fishing
- Horseback riding
- Horsemanship activities
- Hot springs
- Dances
- Talent show
- Campfires
- Cultural events
- Climbing
- Hiking
- Capturing the flag
- Bunking with friends
- And much more.....



Turn in your registration packet to SUCAP admin by June 10th. There will be a parent meeting on June 14th @ 6pm at the SunUte Community center.

\$50 fee for the week. Scholarships/volunteer available. For more information please contact Zach Bertrand @ 970-563-9235



## School hosts 2nd Carnival



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The Ignacio School District's High Expectations Committee hosted its second annual Carnival at the Ignacio High School on Monday, May 13. The event featured a dinner, cake walk, bounce house, mini-golf, face painting and other activities.

David Quiroz plays the guitar in the hall of Ignacio High School.



## When the dancing is over



photos courtesy Naomi Russell

SUCAP Youth Services hosted a "Fantasy Island"-themed after-prom party for Ignacio High School students on Saturday, April 27. Designed as an alternative to other after-prom activities, the party ran until 4 a.m. and offered free rides home to attendees.

The party featured swimming, a DJ, tropical beverages, cash prizes and a made-to-order breakfast.



## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND RETURNING STUDENTS



HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
**DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2013**

**ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS IN COMPLETING AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

**970-563-0237 330 BURNS AVE., IGNACIO, CO**

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### SO. UTE TRIBAL STUDENTS

The Southern Ute Education Department wants to recognize you for completing your college degree although you didn't utilize the Tribal Scholarship Program. Please submit your name and proof of completion to the Southern Ute Education Department, 330 Avenue, Ignacio, CO.

### SENIOR BANQUET TO HONOR GRADUATING SENIORS

To all the Southern Ute Tribal students that are currently 2013 graduating Seniors, call or email Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0237 ext. 2793 or email [esbaker@southernute.nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute.nsn.gov) to let her know so an invitation will be send out to you. The Southern Ute Education Department will be holding a banquet to honor the 2013 graduating senior's students.

### HIGHER ED. SCHOLARSHIPS

Southern Ute tribal high school seniors and returning students: Deadline is July 1. Only completed applications will be considered. If you need assistance or have questions in completing an application, contact the Education Department at 970-563-0237 or 330 Burns Ave. in Ignacio.

### ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM, TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate

program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

### GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education announces the GED test dates for the upcoming months: June 7, and July 12. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue Testing. Register, pay and schedule at [www.GEDcomputer.com](http://www.GEDcomputer.com). The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call 970-759-1953 for details. **The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.** Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

## Foreign students visit council



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Seven students of the AFS Intercultural Programs USA exchange program from the Los Angeles area convened in Tribal Council Chambers Tuesday, May 28 to meet members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and describe their first Bear Dance experiences. The students included Alvero Villanveva of Spain, Alessa Ruscheweyh of Germany, Francesca Silipo of Italy, Saud Alharbi of Saudi Arabia, Luiz Foreuna of Brazil, Riho Katsuzaki of Japan and Rocco Cheng of Hong Kong. Chaperoning them were Susan Klos, Michael Hirana Culroas, Karen Cross and Steve Rose. Also pictured (on right) are Eddie Box Jr., Betty Box, Teresa Chee and Melanie Seibel.

### Save the Dates!

June 10-14: Youth in Action Summer Trip: Ages 9-12, Crow Canyon (2-4)days Leadership Trip ages 13-18 Crow Canyon (week long summer camp)

June 17-21: SYIAP: Grades k-1: Weekly activities

June: 24-28: SYIAP: grades 2-4 Weekly activities

July 8-12: SYIAP: Boys, grades 3-5: Weekly activities

July 22-26: SYIAP: Girls, grades 3-5: Weekly activities Grades 7-12 Explore Colorado Trip, Western State University

July 29-31: SYIAP: Boys & Girls, grades k-6: STEM trip, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Aug. 4-7: SYIAP: Tri-Ute Leadership Conference: ages 13-19, 4 day trip, Orem Utah

Aug 17: Native American Parent Conferences: Fort Lewis College



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Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members

## Summer 2013 Programs

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Department of Education

### EXPLORE, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN!

Join us for lots of summer action and fun through our Summer Youth in Action Program (SYIAP), Leadership, and Exploring Colorado. Look for Drum ads and mailings as these events get closer.





# Academy students transition



Academy students performed the skit "Tüpiichi Uvwevi," or "Stone Soup," an old folk story in which hungry strangers persuade local people of a village to give them food. It is usually told as a lesson in cooperation. Lakota TwoCrow narrated the skit, while students played the characters. The dialogue was in Ute.



Lower Elementary student Dominique Rael received a special recognition certificate for perfect attendance for the entire 2012-13 school year.

**The Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy once again transitioned students into the Ignacio public school system in a ceremony on Thursday, May 23. Four students will transition into Ignacio Junior High School this fall. Other students were given certificates for completion of their respective levels of education. The annual ceremony took place in the SunUte Community Center Gymnasium.**



Upper Elementary transitioning student Andrew Morgan proudly poses for a photo with sister Ava-Sage Morgan, a toddler student, and father Virgil Morgan.

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Randy Herrera (left) and Kean Cantsee speak to fellow students Ebony Gomez, Reynalda Martinez, Aveleena Nanaeto, Jawadin Corona and Dustin Sanchez. All played characters in the skit "Tüpiichi Uvwevi," or "Stone Soup," which incorporated the Ute language.



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. welcomes relatives and loved ones to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Transition Ceremony. Members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council also made welcome remarks.



Primary Two student Jeremy Reynolds will transition into Lower Elementary next year. Ute Language Guide Crystal Ivey assisted Carol Olguin in giving out the certificates.



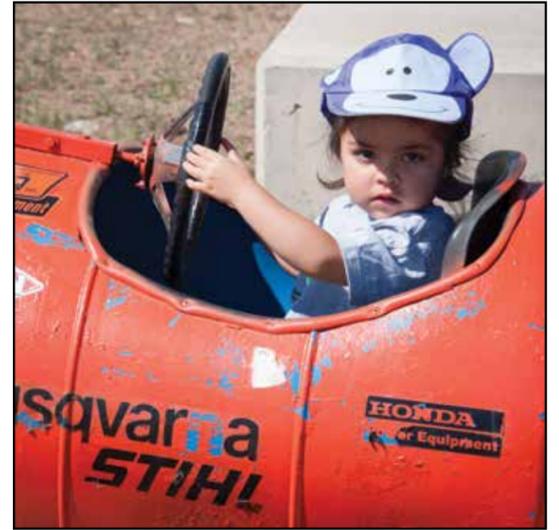
Lorenzo and Pamela, parents of Saniyya Valdez, infant at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, accept a certificate from Director Carol Olguin.



Southern Ute Veterans Association members carried the colors, followed by students, to begin the Transition ceremony.



One particularly challenging race involved students handing a balloon covered in shaving cream to each other.



Students could also catch a ride on an oil-barrel train.



A hay-bale obstacle course proved popular, with many students getting creative as they leapt from one mound to the next.

## SUIMA students get wet & wild

**F**ollowing a reschedule due to rain, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy had great sunny weather for annual Field Day on Wednesday, May 15 at the field east of the SunUte Community Center.

Photos by Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum



Field Day activities included a variety of relay races, which challenged students to get wet while holding onto squishy or slippery objects.



The younger kids enjoyed a bubble-blowing station.



A little one reaches for a big bubble.

## SUPD teaches bike safety



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students learned about the importance of bike safety from Southern Ute Police Department representatives Tuesday, April 30 outside the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Community Resource Officer Don Folsom said the program has been sponsored by SUPD for more than 15 years now. The department tries to make the signs as realistic as possible so the kids may learn to watch for them. The younger kids of SUIMA needed that assistance applying their helmets and prepping for their bicycle rides.



Parents and guardians showed up to support their kids.

Older students were riding like pros, though it's never too late to learn about the rules.



LOCAL EDUCATION

# Seibel earns SCCC degree, aims for FLC

**Staff report**  
SOUTHWEST COLORADO  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

After getting a solid start on his education at Southwest Colorado Community College, Trae Seibel is on his way to accomplishing his dream.

The 20-year-old earned an associate of arts degree on Sunday, May 12, during SCCC graduation ceremonies at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

"I needed SCCC coming out of high school," Seibel said. "I wasn't that focused. It was good for me. It was tough, but I learned better study habits. It was a good experience. In my case, the two-year college definitely helped me build a foundation."

Since 2010, he had been taking classes full time at SCCC, which is a division of Pueblo Community College.

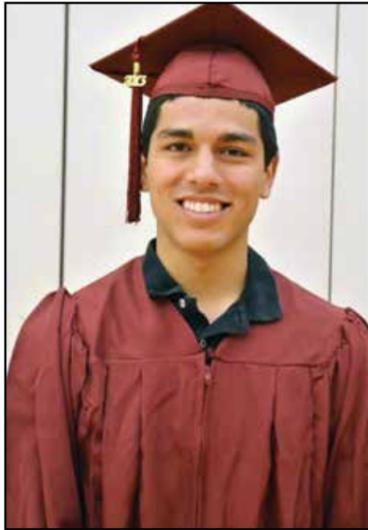
"I had great teachers helping me," he added, noting that he particularly appreciated the assistance of SCCC instructors Gene Orr and Chandler Jackson in history, Claudia Pew in reading, and Sandra Pecor in math.

"Trae was a soft-spoken, hard-working, reliable student in my classes," Pew said. "I wish him health and happiness."

Next, Seibel will move on to Fort Lewis College in pursuit of a degree in business management or secondary education. His dream is to teach in Ignacio, either for the public school district or at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

As a Southern Ute tribal member, he wants to give back to the Ignacio community where he grew up.

His parents are Melanie and Shane Seibel. His uncle, Matthew Box, is a former tribal chairman of the Southern Utes, and Seibel said he might be interested in serving a leadership role



courtesy SW Colo. Community College

Trae Seibel earned an associate of arts degree during SCCC graduation ceremonies at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

with the tribe some day, too.

Seibel thanked his wife and children for helping him succeed, and said he's looking forward to having some time off this summer to spend with his children. In the fall, he'll start working on his bachelor's degree.

"I think I'm ready now, and I can succeed at Fort Lewis," he said.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Kenneth Floyd (left) congratulates tribal member Ayona Hight (right) on her selection as winner of the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award, a scholarship given to promising young Southern Ute students.

LOCAL EDUCATION

# Floyd scholarship goes to Ayona Hight

**By Ace Stryker**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ayona Hight, a Southern Ute tribal member and fourth-grade student at Ignacio Elementary School, was the recipient Friday, May 24 of the 29th annual Elbert J. Floyd Award, a scholarship given to an outstanding tribal-member student.

The presentation took place before the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in the Council Chambers. The Floyd family has awarded a scholarship each year since the passing of Elbert J. Floyd in 1985, in honor of his longtime relationship with the tribe. Presenting the award this year were three of Floyd's grandsons: David Floyd, Kenneth Floyd and Donald Floyd.

"Elbert J. and his wife, Frances, both strongly believed in education," Donald Floyd said.

David Floyd echoed the sentiment, adding, "My brothers and I have waited a great many years to present this award."

Emotions ran high as the Floyd family present Hight with the award.

"Congratulations," Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. said. "You should be proud of your achievements."



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Elbert J. Floyd Award winner Ayona Hight (center) sits before the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council with her grandmother, Melody Tsosie (left), and Executive Officer Amy Barry (right), a former Floyd Award winner herself.

Councilman Aaron V. Torres said he sees future leadership potential in Hight, perhaps one day as a member of the council.

"Education is very important," he said. "It's something that we have to have to gain more knowledge, to become future leaders."

Howard D. Richards, councilman and former chairman, recalled working his first job as a young man cutting grass for Elbert J. Floyd.

"Him and I went back a long ways," he said, adding that it takes a special person to win the scholarship. "Not everybody gets that privilege and honor."

Councilman Alex Cloud

encouraged Hight to remember the role her family plays in her success.

"Always tell your family you love them, because they support you in everything you do," he said.

Award recipients must first be nominated by their teachers for consideration, said Education Department Director La Titia Taylor. The tribe's chairman then reviews all nominees and makes a final selection each year, she said.

"Always remember that you are Nuche," Newton told Hight. "This is a demonstration that Indian and non-Indian worlds can exist together through our children."

## Nicholas bound for Ariz.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Many joined John Nicholas, a 16-year tribal employee in the Permanent Fund's Finance Department, on Thursday, May 2 for a retirement sendoff. Nicholas received an honorary blanket from CFO Brian Zink. He will be retiring to Arizona.

# FAMILY FUN FAIR

June 1st, 11 am - 2 pm

Joe Stephenson Park, Bayfield

During the Community-Wide Yard Sale Day

Learn about fun, healthy summer activities and programs for Bayfield and Ignacio area families and youth.

Giveaways, food, bouncy house, information, and entertainment!

Sponsored by:  
La Plata Family Centers' Bayfield and Ignacio Parent Leaders  
San Juan Basin Health's Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition  
Bayfield Parks and Recreation

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
385-4747 OR 884-9544

## TRIBAL GOODS FOR SALE



Tribal seal stickers - \$1-\$7.29



Crystal keychain - \$4.99



Crystal paperweight - \$23.99



Gold pin - \$2.40

The Southern Ute Permanent Fund supply room has a number of items featuring the tribal seal available for sale to tribal members. The Drum will be featuring some of these items over the next four issues. For more information, call 970-563-0100.





# SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE Special Edition

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Young Southern Ute tribal member Neeka Ryder adorns a traditional dress and shawl for the spring Bear Dance.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



# Bear Dance

tog'omsuwiini-wachuku-chipikwag'atü (14)

May 31, 2013



Long lines fill the Bear Dance corral on the final day of the Southern Ute Bear Dance.

## Bear Dancers sway in springtime revelry

**S**ince time immemorial, the Ute people have celebrated the time of year when winter gives way to springtime with the Southern Ute Bear Dance, a women's-choice dance that takes place outdoors in the Bear Dance Corral over the course of four days. Following a more recent tradition, students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy were among the first to kick off the dancing on Friday, May 24. The weekend came to a close Monday, May 27 with a community feast and several hours of evening dancing.

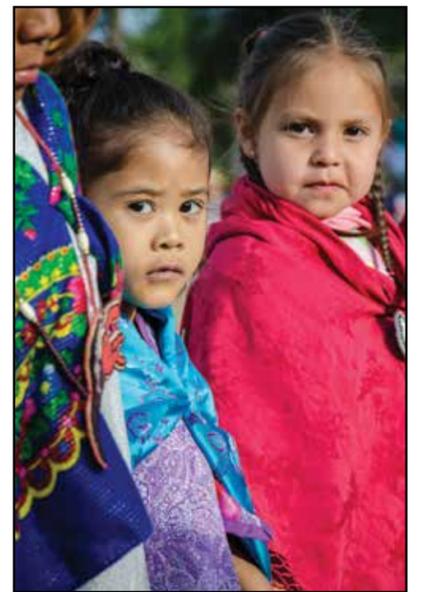


Using wooden growlers laid across the growler box, Southern Ute singers brought familiar songs to the many dancers throughout the four-day celebration.

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



Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box addresses attendees in the final hours of the Southern Ute Bear Dance.



Young dancers stand with practiced patience as they prepare for a line dance with their peers.



Filling the Bear Dance Corral, couples line dance in a synchronized rhythm, accentuated by the colorful fringes adorning the women's traditional shawls.



A set of young Bear Dancers kicked up dust throughout the weekend, drawing applause from the spectators both in and outside of the corral.



The warm light of late afternoon bathes dancers as they break into pairs during the final songs.



## Nations dance together at Bear Dance Powwow

**The Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow brought together members of various tribes and nations from across the country May 24-25 for dance, song and fellowship. The Sky Ute Fairgrounds filled with sound and color during grand entries, gourd dancing, competitions and other specials throughout the weekend.**



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Brave Cyrus Naranjo, Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Tauri Raines, Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) Intertribal Powwow Association Princess Avaleena Nanaeto and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Jazmin Carmenoros are all smiles prior to entering the powwow arena.



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Southern Ute veteran Austin Box, carrying the United States flag, and Southern Ute veteran Jack Frost Jr., carrying the Southern Ute tribal flag, bookend the eagle staffs during a grand entry of the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow on Saturday, May 25 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



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Fancy Dancer Nakwihi Perry dances into the arena during a grand entry at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Representatives of the Southern Ute law enforcement community helped carry flags to lead the afternoon grand entry at the Bear Dance Powwow on Saturday, May 25.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A young dancer gives an energetic display as he makes his way into the powwow arena.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Norman Largo takes in the cool night air with fellow dancers following a grand entry ceremony on the evening of Friday, May 24. Largo hails from Window Rock, Ariz.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Host Southern Drum Yellow Jacket sings two round dance songs just after a grand entry.

### Sleight of hand



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Summa, a team from Towaoc, Colo. tries its best to trick its competitors, Noleda, also of Towaoc, during the Bear Dance Hand Game Tournament Saturday, May 25 in the Exhibit Hall at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Noleda placed first and Myra placed second, while Summa placed third.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio girls stand together in friendship and solidarity as they ready themselves for the grand entry (left to right): Monica Lucero, Avaleena Nanaeto, Yllana Howe and KennaLeigh Teagues.



# Ute Nations Day

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## Ute Nations Day honors men of service

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe honored men from four tribes for service to their respective communities during the annual Ute Nations Day, which took place this year on Friday, May 24 at the Bear Dance Grounds.

Receiving recognition from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was Bonny Kent, a former Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council member, tribal range rider and game warden. Kent died in 1989. His grandson, Councilman Alex Cloud, accepted the award in his behalf.

"Bonny always put his people first, emphasizing the need to work together and the importance of always remembering where we come from, because that's what makes our people the Nu-chu," the program stated.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe honored Henry Jacket Sr., a former councilman and U.S. Army veteran who died in 1985. Jacket designed the Ute Mountain Ute tribal seal in 1975 and was honored at last year's Ute Nations Day for his work.

For the Northern Ute Tribe, the recognition went to Andrew Frank, a Sun Dance chief, medicine man and community leader.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Jazmin Carmenoros welcomes attendees to Ute Nations Day.

Frank established gardens in the early part of the 20th century to feed his people and stave off starvation.

The sole surviving tribal member to be honored was Wainwright Velarde of the Jicarilla Apache Nation. A former Jicarilla Tribal Council

member, Velarde has worked against efforts to tax oil taken from reservation lands and helped establish a shrine for Geronimo, an Apache leader. Velarde is currently president of the Jicarilla Apache Culture Committee.



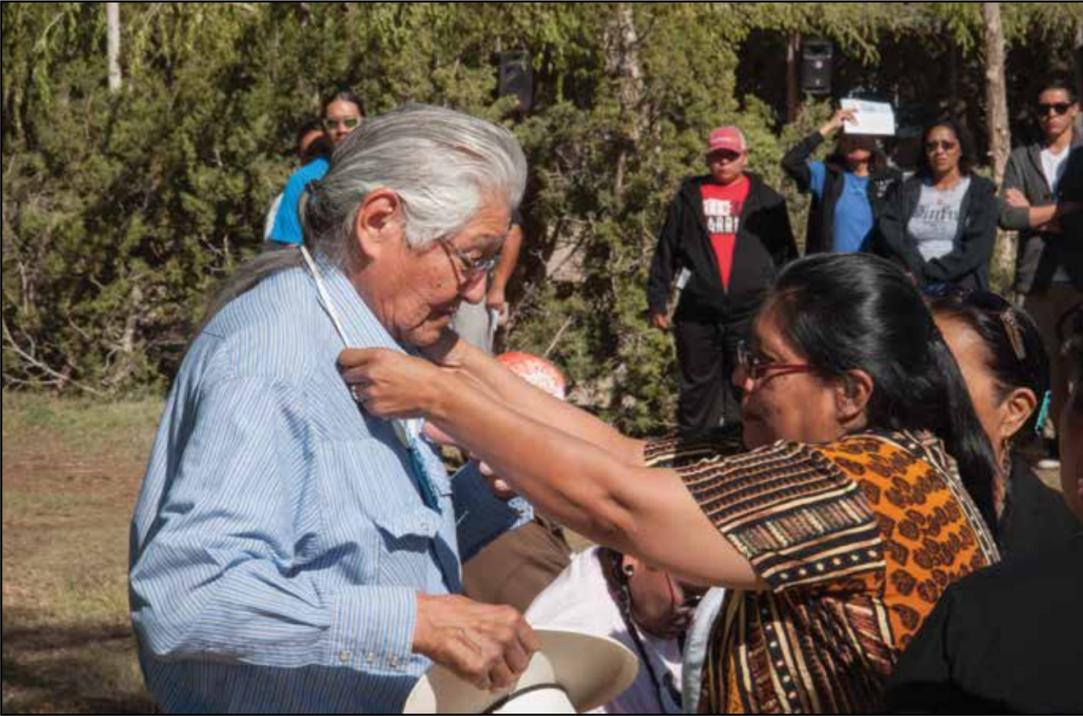
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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud accepts an award from Culture Department Director Elise Redd on behalf of his grandfather, Bonny Kent, who died in 1989.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Drum songs bookended Ute Nations Day, which took place this year at the Bear Dance Grounds.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo Jr., who ran the ceremony, accepts a beaded necklace from the family of one of the honorees.

### More at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)

For more photos of Memorial Day weekend events, including Bear Dance, the Bear Dance Powwow, the Day of Remembrance and Ute Nations Day, visit the Drum's new website at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com).

To order prints from any of the Drum coverage in this issue, call 970-563-0118 or visit the Drum office on the second floor of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Wainwright Velarde of the Jicarilla Apache Nation was the sole living honoree.

## Food begins, ends weekend



Family members of Debra Watts share food and conversation in the shade during the Bear Dance kickoff lunch, which took place outside of the Bear Dance Corral on Friday, May 24.



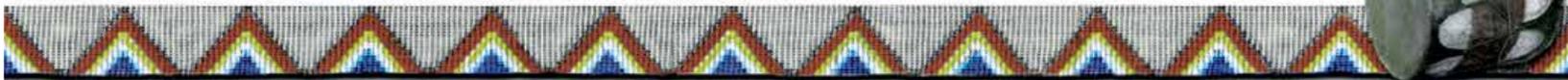
photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Justin Lang of the Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance Division lends a hand at the Bear Dance Feast on Monday, May 27, the final day of the Southern Ute Bear Dance. A meal of traditional stew, cooked by fire, was served up from a cast-iron kettle outside of the Bear Dance Corral. The home-cooked feast was served with sides of frybread, watermelon and corn on the cob.

# Remembrance

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Veterans of various nationalities and branches of the military pose in front of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Monument.



Southern Ute veteran Alden Naranjo Jr. gave the welcoming address during the morning's ceremonies. Master of Ceremonies Howard D. Richards Sr. stands behind Naranjo.



Led by Austin Box carrying the eagle staff, veterans carried the U.S., Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Northern Ute and POW/MIA flags during the procession to the Bear Dance Bridge.



Guest speaker Ute Mountain Ute veteran Terry Knight said a prayer at the Ouray Cemetery. Southern Ute Veterans Service Officer Rod Grove stands behind Knight. Grove gave the welcome address at the cemetery.

## Remembering our warriors

**V**eterans who served in the U.S. were recognized during the Day of Remembrance ceremonies at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. The Southern Ute Veterans Association began the ceremonies in the park with guest speakers and presentations, followed by a procession to the Bear Dance Bridge and onto the Ouray Cemetery.



Austin Box stands at attention during the portion of the ceremonies honoring those lost at sea.



Southern Ute Veteran Russell Box drops a wreath into the Pine River to honor those lost at sea. Larry Tucker blessed the wreath.

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The Southern Ute Drum

## Honoring the fallen



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

On Friday, May 24, Southern Ute veterans Ronnie Baker and Rod Grove set out to practice a longstanding tradition — one they have upheld since the early 1990s — of decorating the gravesites of Southern Ute veterans with American flags. The flags are left in place through the Memorial Day weekend, showing gratitude for those who served.

Evoking honor while adding a splash of color to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery, the gravesites of Southern Ute veterans are individually marked with crisp American flags each year by Southern Ute Veterans Association members Rod Grove and Ronnie Baker.





## LOCAL AFFAIRS

### Lions lease gun range to state

**Staff report**  
**BAYFIELD LIONS CLUB**

As of May 15, the Bayfield Lions Club has completed a transaction with the Colorado Parks & Wildlife to take over management of the Lions' Art Davis Gun Range on a long-term lease arrangement.

The basic details regarding the lease arrangements are as follows: The range will retain the official name as Bayfield Lions Club/Art Davis Range; it will continue to be operated as a free public range for all

shooters; the Lions Club is granted approval to recover all brass not retained by range shooters; and the Lions Club is granted approval to conduct special shooting classes at the range.

Donations for those classes will be accepted and retained by the Lions Club. All changes to the range will require a mutual agreement between the CPW and the Lions Club to include any physical facility development, or change of range size or hours of operation.

Future maintenance and

supervision over the range will be the responsibility of local DPW employees, including intensive law enforcement to prevent trash dumping, unsafe shooting actions by careless shooters, and enforcement of existing range rules.

All violators of the established range rules will be given a summons by DPW employees for an appearance in our local courts. Although the range will be managed by the CPW, the Bayfield Lions Club still retains ownership of the facilities.

### Lock and load



photos courtesy James M. Olguin

As with all law enforcement activities, safety came first.



Members of the Southern Ute law enforcement community got together for a good-natured shooting competition Wednesday, May 15. Competitors included members of the Southern Ute Police Department, Tribal Rangers, Detention staff and the Department of Gaming.

### Inspecting the troops



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. addresses officers of the Southern Ute Police Department and Tribal Rangers during an annual inspection in front of the new Justice & Regulatory Building.



Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Vice Chairman James M. Olguin give Ranger Gus Velasquez a Southern Ute pin in recognition during the inspection.

Southern Ute Natural Resources Enforcement Ranger Babe Lansing stands in front of her unit awaiting a blessing by Eddie Box Jr.

### Council honors law enforcement



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute law enforcement community stand at attention during a recognition ceremony on Wednesday, May 15 outside the Southern Ute Tribal Court. The ceremony was initiated by Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and supported by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.



Yellow Jacket singers performed a flag song during the recognition of local law enforcement; members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council also gave remarks.

Per a proclamation issued by President Obama, flags were lowered to half-mast in honor of law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

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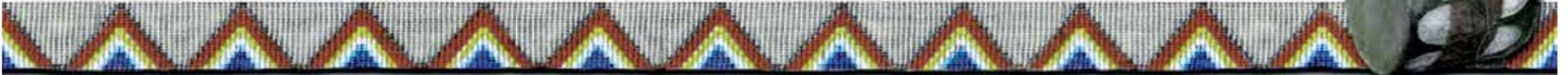
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Open House** June 19  
**Meal Provided** Multi - Purpose Center  
**11 AM - 2 PM**

**Mark Your Calendars & Please Join Us!**

DNR is excited to announce we will be holding an Open House for Tribal Members to come meet with Department Representatives.

We will have booths set up for each DNR Division (Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Wildlife, Range, Water Resources & GIS) with information on programs, their availability and Special Projects.

**See You There!!**



Southern Ute Veteran Dewitte Baker carried the Southern Ute tribal flag for the duration of the walk.

## Moving it in Ignacio

**W**alkers begin the Just Move It 5K route, which took them around the Southern Ute tribal campus on Saturday, May 18. Just Move It is a North American campaign to promote physical activity among indigenous peoples.



Walkers crossed the Bear Dance Bridge over the Pine River before passing by the Ouray Cemetery and making their back toward Scott's Pond.



Leading the way, runners began the 5K before the runners. Halfway through runners are seen on End of the Trail road, along Ouray Cemetery.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



Walking along the Pine River through the willows and cottonwoods proved to be a refreshing break from the hard pavement and sidewalks.



The walkers made their way below the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices, along the Bear Trail, before emerging just west of the Multi-Purpose Facility and continuing towards the Bear Dance Bridge, crossing the Pine River.

## Karate kids



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Austin Box taught a mixed martial arts class to members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, May 22.



Box put a strong emphasis on discipline, drawing from a variety of martial arts backgrounds as well as his years of U.S. Air Force training.

## SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



### TRI-UTE GAMES 2013

Events dates to be announced. Looking for athletes and coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. Games will be held here in Ignacio this summer. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross-country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard and hand game. Open to enrolled tribal members and tribal descendants, ages 9 to 18. The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better and to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214.

### TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

### SOFTBALL FIELDS AVAILABLE

The softball fields by the Multi-purpose Facility are available free of charge for use by tribal members. Reserve a field by calling the SunUte front desk. There is a \$20-per-hour fee to use the lights. The gates remain locked when the fields are not reserved to prevent unauthorized use and preserve the quality of the fields.



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## IHS TRACK

# Record run leads IHS at State

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Standing at the podium next to boys' coach Tony Kimball Monday, May 20, at Ignacio High School's year-end athletic banquet, girls' track-and-field coach Kathy Herrera told of a simple target set for Bobcat Track & Field in 2013: "We wanted to take a bus up there."

Noting that the full squad this spring was composed of nearly 40 student-athletes, Herrera not only pointed out that IHS did qualify enough thinclads to necessitate a bus ride up to Jefferson County Stadium just four days before, but also that "we not only represented — we went out and competed."

They made a little school history as well: In leading the Lady Cats to a sole share of 23rd place, senior Michelle Simmons — named the girls' team MVP — clocked 26.37 seconds in her 200-meter dash preliminary heat at the CHSAA State Championships, breaking Jocelyn Swayze's Ignacio record 26.40 set in 1988.

Simmons' 26.44 in the finals was ever-so-slightly slower, but still good enough for fifth in Class 2A.

In addition, the inclusion

of the 4x100-meter (DNP; 52.56 in prelims) and the 800-meter medley (DNP; 1:55.80 in prelims) relays marked the first time since 2002 that Ignacio was represented at the State Championships by a baton.

Simmons also tied for seventh in the high jump (5 feet) to account for all the girls' eight team points. Sky Cotton nearly added to the total in the long jump, but settled for 11th with a best of 15-feet-2.5. Chrystianne Valdez was 11th in the pole vault with a 7-foot-2 best, but was still 6 inches out of the points.

For the Bobcat boys, team MVP Klayson Smith and Wyatt Hayes each

were multi-event qualifiers in Lakewood, with Smith scoring the squad's best individual result: a split of fourth in the high jump, by clearing 6 feet, 2 inches. Peyton's Chris Epps won at 6-feet-6.

Unable to make it out of the 400-meter prelims with a time of 53.23, Hayes — a co-recipient of the Coach's Award, along with Cotton — managed to take 12th in the long jump (19-feet-0.5), and Smith added a 14th in the pole vault (10 feet). Kelton Richmond was 15th in the discus with a 119-foot, 11-inch throw.

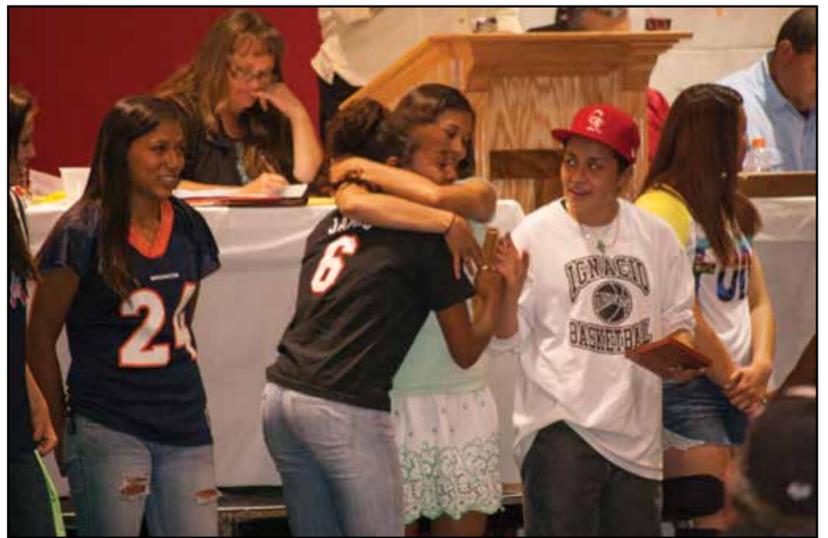
The 4x1 (46.61 seconds) and 4x2 (1:36.80) relays were eliminated in the heats.

### CLASS 2A BOYS' STANDINGS

1. Lyons 142, 2. Hotchkiss 56, 3. Yuma 36, 4. Parker Lutheran 32, 5. Meeker 31, 6. Rye 30, 7. Hoehne 26, T-8. Paonia/Fort Collins Liberty Common/Loveland Resurrection Christian 24, 11. Eads 20, 12. Limon 19, 13. Rangely 17, T-14. Crested Butte/Custer County [Westcliffe] 16 ... T-36. Sedgwick County [Julesburg-Ovid]/Fairplay South Park 6, T-38. Wiggins/Hayden 5, **T-40. IGNACIO/Oak Creek Soroco 4.** (Note: 13 teams did not score.)

### CLASS 2A GIRLS' STANDINGS

1. Paonia 87, 2. Akron 86, 3. Hotchkiss 79, 4. Lyons 78, 5. Dolores 50, 6. Ault Highland 47, 7. Mosca Sangre de Cristo 40, 8. Parker Lutheran 36, 9. Colorado Springs Vanguard Charter 29, T-10. Miami-Yoder/Wray 26, T-12. Kremmling West Grand/Crested Butte 24, 14. Simla 18, T-15. Rye/Eads 17 ... 22. Fowler 11, **23. IGNACIO 8.** (Note: 19 teams did not score.)



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Michelle Williams and Cloe Siebel hug after Williams won the Girls Track MVP award at the Ignacio High School Sports Banquet on Monday, May 20.

## IHS ATHLETICS

# Banquet ends IHS athletic year

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Bags of peanuts and Cracker Jacks lined each row of tables in the Ignacio High School Gymnasium the night of Monday, May 20, an apt allusion to the 2013 Athletic Banquet's "In Honor of Fans" theme.

Booster Club President Janet Reinhardt welcomed a crowd of more than 200 players, parents, coaches and supporters, and senior David Storey delivered the opening prayer shortly after 6 p.m.

Outgoing IHS cheer coach Cathy Seibel led off the event by presenting her fall- and winter-season squads, naming Mary Kate Adams and Greg Bison the respective MVPs of each, and ShaRay Rock and Shannon Mestas the respective recipients of her Coach's Award.

Wrestling wrangler Bob Overturf then presented lone State Championships qualifier Josh Gallegos his MVP award and Blaine Mickey the Coach's Award.

Boys' basketball boss Chris Valdez conferred co-MVP status upon point guard Clayton Jefferson and small forward/wing Kelton Richmond.

Lupe Huerta named catcher/pitcher/shortstop Iaaic Pena the baseball team's MVP and presented Antonio Silva de Torres with the Coach's Award before hav-



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Gabiella Garcia, Roshae Weaver and Sky Cotton pictured after receiving their volleyball team picture.

ing to reintroduce himself to present the football team and award versatile Austin Haire the Coach's Award and QB/DB Adison Jones the MVP.

Seven-time [in her career] State placer Michelle Simmons was named girls' track MVP by coach Kathy Herrera, and '13 qualifier Sky Cotton received the Coach's Award. Boys' track MVP honors went to Klayson Smith from coach Tony Kimball, and the Coach's Award choice was Wyatt Hayes.

Volleyball skipper Thad Cano named Simmons as MVP, and the Coach's Award went to Chrystianne Valdez — with Cano especially noting her strong academic standing.

Girls' soccer head coach Oscar Cosio announced defender Angel Paul as his team's MVP, and presented midfielder/forward Aly Troup

with the Coach's Award.

Justa Whitt then named Simmons, her do-everything point guard, the girls' basketball MVP, and gave the Coach's Award to reserve guard Jordan Cuthair.

Senior Mariah Vigil was awarded the Butch Melton Scholarship. Academic Is went to sophomores Tyler Riepel and David Cooper; juniors Richmond, Mestas, Jayce Stricherz, Justin Carver, Malli Benavidez, Christian Knoll and Rebecca Ward; and seniors Adams, Kayla Knipp and Breana Talamante-Benavidez.

Adams (fall cheer, winter cheer, soccer), Simmons (volleyball, basketball, track-and-field), and Troup (fall cheer, winter cheer, soccer) received special recognition among the long list of three-sport Cats for having participated in three sports for all their four years at IHS.

## Los Pinos softball tourney



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Lady Stealth of Farmington, N.M., pose after prevailing in the women's bracket championship of the 2013 Los Pinos Open Softball Tournament on Sunday, May 26 at Silva Memorial Field. Finishing a 4-0 tourney run, Stealth defeated Four Corners-region collective Tribal Affairs 19-16 in the seven-inning finale.



UNC third baseman Lawrence "Boo" Cloud receives congrats from lefffielder/base coach Jason "Red" Carmenoros as he heads for home after drilling a homer against Arsenal during the men's bracket championship.

Lady Stealth leadoff hitter/leftfielder Melorie Tsosie (yellow shirt) of Farmington, N.M., narrowly makes it back to the bag, beating the tag of Tribal Affairs first baseman Philleesha Brown.

## Swing away



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

SunUte Recreation Manager Kevin Winkler, left, and 2013 Los Pinos Open Softball Tournament Director Jenn Ruybal, right, present Evan Frost of Team D-12 of Towaooc/Cortez with a new stick after Frost managed to wallop eight homers in 13 pitches to win the Men's Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 25.

SunUte Recreation Manager Kevin Winkler, left, and 2013 Los Pinos Open Softball Tournament Director Jenn Ruybal, right, present Heather Christensen of Farmington, NM's Team Lady Stealth with her prize earned after sending three softballs over the fence during the Ladies' Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 25, of the event.



### 2013 Los Pinos Open Softball Tournament May 25-26, Silva Memorial Field

Men's Bracket (Champions: UNC)					Women's Bracket (Champions: Lady Stealth)						
Team	Overall	W	L	Pct.	Runs	Team	Overall	W	L	Pct.	Runs
					Pro/Con						Pro/Con
UNC	4	1		.800	95/68	Lady Stealth	4	0		1.000	94/23
Arsenal	5	2		.714	138/96	Tribal Affairs	2	2		.500	60/59
D-12	2	2		.500	82/47	Fabulous	2	2		.500	38/37
Hawks	2	2		.500	64/63	N Ur Face	0	2		.000	0/45
Sky Ute Casino	0	2		.000	23/54	Round Mound	0	2		.000	0/28
Ignacio	0	2		.000	0/43	3rd place game: Tribal Affairs 19, Fabulous 14.					
H.Town Bmbrs.	0	2		.000	12/43	1st place game: Lady Stealth 19, Tribal Affairs 16.					
3rd place game: Arsenal 22, D-12 17.											
1st place game: UNC 14, Arsenal 15.											
1st place "If" game: Arsenal 17, UNC 19.					—compiled by Joel Priest						



## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

### BEAR DANCE GRATITUDE

I would like to extend a warm thanks to all those who made the Southern Ute Bear Dance a wonderful event again this year. I would especially like to thank Marvin Pinecoose and the Bison family for their generous gift, a beautiful pair of beaded leather bear dance gloves.

I also want to express my gratitude to Southern Ute elder Evelyn Russell who sent me into the Bear Dance weekend with a new Ribbon Shirt, one that she handcrafted during the winter months.

I appreciate all the support and encouragement to keep Bear Dancing each spring!

Sincerely  
Jeremy Wade Shockley



### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE

Congratulations! Ciara-Kyra Jones, BSW, New Mexico Highlands University. We are proud of you.

Love Mom & Dad (Mr. & Mrs. John Baker),  
Sis Tyler & Family, Robin & Clint, & MJ



## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



### CODE TALKERS THANKS

During World War II, the Navajo Code Talkers created a unique and unbreakable form of military communication that helped save thousands of lives in a war with Japan.

They did not have an easy life before, during or after the war. Upon returning home, they did not receive a heroes' welcome. Understandably, their secret code was considered a classified military secret. It was not until 1968 their status was declassified.

Almost 60 years later, in 2001, they finally received official recognition with the well-deserved Congressional Medal of Honor.

My first cousin Toni and I got to enjoy a hot air balloon ride at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N.M., a number of years ago. It was an awesome experience and one we will never forget.

After the exhilarating ride, we walked over to the midway area looking for the food booths. We had been up since 4 a.m. and had worked up a huge appetite.

Inching our way through the crowded midway, something caught my eye. It was a group of elderly Native men seated at a table, seeming familiar to me. Reflecting between the men and my growling stomach, I suddenly stopped in my tracks — so quickly that my cousin bumped into me and nearly knocked me over. It felt like a true Lucy Ricardo and Ethel Mertz moment!

I turned to intently study the Native men for a moment and told Toni, "Check this out: You see those Navajo gents sitting over there? I'll bet you anything they are the Navajo Code Talkers."

"No way," Toni said. "That was years ago. They'd be close to 80 or 90 by now. Well, maybe — I suppose that is possible."

With just the thought that it could be a possibility, my heart began to race! Toni then said, "Look, if they were the Navajo Code Talkers, you would think there would be a banner over the booth so that people would go over to meet them."

I told her it would be very disrespectful if that were the case, and maybe they don't want the fanfare. I told Toni: "Seriously, check it out. Look how they carry themselves so proudly. Look at their fine jewelry. Check out how they're dressed. Their hats and satin jackets are similar and while there is a logo on the front left side of their jackets, I can't see from here what their hats or jackets say. Let's go over and ask."

As we approached, they were seated at a long table. There were five Native men facing the midway and one seated towards the back of the booth. They all looked very regal, if I can use that word to describe them. Very proud looking is what I initially thought when I first saw them.

They were speaking, quietly laughing and joking to one another in their Native language. I waited for moment, a bit nervous,

actually, and said, "Excuse me sir, are you a Navajo Code Talker?"

His face remained expressionless for a long while, as though teasing me, then ever so slowly a smile began to form as he quietly nodded.

I turned to Toni, grabbed her by her shoulders and began shaking her. "They are the Navajo Code Talkers. Oh my gosh!"

After taking a deep breath and then a second to compose myself, I turned back to the elder Native man and extended my hand. He slowly extended his hand, and as I held his hand in both of mine, I looked into his eyes and said "Sir, I want to thank you for your service to our country. I know that it was not an easy time for you."

Tears slowly began streaming down my face, realizing what a special honor this was. "From my heart, I thank you."

I leaned down and kissed his hand. I proceeded to each of the other men honoring them in my way.

Unbeknownst to me, a group of curious onlookers had formed behind Toni and I, so it kind of startled me when I turned around. I turned back to them and quietly asked if I could have a picture taken with them; they nodded their approval.

I was already thinking about giving a picture to my kid brother because he looked up to them. Even as young boy, he truly understood their significance. He looked up to them and admired them.

I wanted a picture as proof to myself that this was for real. I ran around the back area of the booth as my cousin Toni took the picture.

As I moved away from the table and while wiping away my tears, a young white male in his early 20s stepped out of the crowd of onlookers.

He asked me, "Are these Indian men anyone important?"

Due to his youth, I knew it was important that I respond in an informative way.

I said to the young man, "Yes, these men are important. These men sitting here are a part of history, our history, yours and mine. If not for them, you and I might not be here today. These men are the Navajo Code Talkers."

Upon saying that, the camera flashes were blinding. That was our exit.

As we began our way through the midway, I turned around for another glimpse of them and saw that the poor things were being mobbed for autographs and pictures. I got the distinct impression they appeared to be enjoying all the attention.

I was very humbled by that experience and will always keep it close to my heart.

Since that day at the Balloon Fiesta, several Navajo Code Talkers have left us. Just recently, on April 17, Navajo Code Talker Albert Smith "walked." Rest in peace, brother warrior. Aho.

Geraldine Rael  
SU tribal member

## STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

**BRIGHT BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TWINS!** Fear not GEMINI people, high octane MARS mixes with the energy of the SUN and JUPITER in your sign and stirs up a whirlwind of activity. Try not to overdo if possible, especially on the 7th when MARS and NEPTUNE enter a stand-off. Your energy level may not be up to its normal standard. Be decisive GEMINI. Your ability to maintain an optimistic outlook encourages positive results.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Greetings Moon Kids! A celestial triangle of positive power prompts an encouraging change in this month's forecast. Both VENUS and MERCURY in your sign nurture your personal objectives. What's more JUPITER (your generous uncle) returns to the sign of CANCER on the 25th increasing your chances of success. This may be a good month to raise extra money. Rely on your security-minded instincts to steer you in the right direction. Just remember to think before you act.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Enlightenment, and a broader spiritual awareness takes hold this month. The Solar System has formed an impressive planetary pattern in your chart. The power points include, building a secure foundation, adding to your income, and making future plans. Look for innovative ways to conquer challenges LEO. The SUN, MARS, and JUPITER lend strength to your objectives, and help to clear a path to your fondest hopes. Friends are willing to help, all you need to do is ask.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

The SUN shines in the highest point of your chart and indicates greater attention being concentrated on job and career goals. You might be feeling a little unsettled around the 8th when the NEW MOON in GEMINI sets off a challenge in your work. It may be time to utilize some new tactics VIRGO. On the plus side VENUS and MERCURY team up on the 20th and replace your doubts with optimism. JUPITER joins them on the 25th to brighten your month even more. Mercury turns retrograde on the 26th.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

June's planetary emphasis illuminates the adventurous zone of your chart. Long distance travel may take you to some of your favorite places. You may even seek out foreign locations to explore. VENUS slips into nurturing CANCER on the 2nd launching a fresh outlook regarding both family and job interests. Additionally on the 25th, mighty JUPITER rolls into your career section and immediately begins to draw favorable opportunities your way. Don't be shy LIBRA, show off your skills.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

A lucky relationship between SATURN and dreamy NEPTUNE stirs your passion for the intuitive arts. More than likely you'll be tuning in to your psychic senses, and relying on your inner vision. Let your first gut feeling be your guide, it never lies. Later in the month super JUPITER spins into the compatible sign of CANCER and shifts your attention to fun ventures...such as visiting friends who live at a distance. Focus on putting some future plans together SCORPIO.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Relationships are at the very heart of this month's planetary focus. It's not Rocket Science Saggies. The blazing SUN lighting up the partnership section of your chart makes it crystal clear that cooperation is the best course to smoother relations. Take note, tiny MERCURY does an about face on the 26th. It's important to remember that MERCURY is the communication planet, try to avoid misunderstandings and talk things over clearly. Chances are you might hear from an old friend this month.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Employment matters may come first this month as the SUN, MARS and JUPITER motivate you to spend more time improving work methods. Helping others might also be on your June agenda. As a reminder, the FULL MOON takes place in your sign on the 23rd. It signifies the end of a cycle and is your signal to let go of old habits. Family matters may need your attention, as you try to balance them with your ambition to get ahead. The planets are more cooperative by the latter part of the month.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

URANUS is always full of surprises. The 8th, 12th, and 17th may offer up a few unexpected events as MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS each make contact with your ruling planet (URANUS) during the month. As with most URANIAN contacts it's best to keep an open mind and go with the flow. This month the planets promote creativity. A favorable connection between constructive SATURN and visionary NEPTUNE on the 11th may inspire resourceful money-earning opportunities.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Mystical vision dominates June's menu of activity. NEPTUNE'S continuing trek through your sign inspires ambition to pursue your dreams. Many options may be open to you Little Fishes. VENUS and MERCURY pair up on the Summer Solstice (20th) to warm serious relationships, and activate more pleasurable pastimes. This is not the month to mope around the house. The NEW MOON on the 8th in the lively sign of GEMINI launches a fresh cycle regarding family festivities. Be sure to invite your elders.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Impulsive ARIES folks may be too impatient to wait around for change to come. More than likely you'll be out there creating it. With rapid-fire URANUS living in your sign now, anything is possible. There's a restless aura around you Rams. MARS, the SUN, and the NEW MOON join forces on the 8th to set a bright and breezy cycle into motion. Friendly communication is the key when you are trying to get your point across. An unstable URANUS/PLUTO aspect on the 1st, and 2nd might derail your best intentions.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

The good news for June is that the planets are in your favor TAURUS. Financial doings might have you contentedly involved in buying, selling, or increasing your income. It's a money month. Make whatever changes are necessary. Just be sure to get your transactions into motion before the 26th when MERCURY goes into its sleepy mode. Listen to what others have to say. You might receive valuable ideas to help further your plans for the summer. Best to pay attention to what you spend this month.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Asbestos remediation of three abandoned houses

**OWNER:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Environmental Programs Division  
P.O. Box 737  
151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-0135  
Contact: Bob Kilian  
Separate sealed bids to provide environmental consulting services for asbestos remediation of three EPA Brownfields abandoned housing sites located in La Plata County will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Environmental Programs Division located in the J&R Administration Building at 151 County Road 517 in Ignacio, CO 81137 until June 25, 2013. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. A pre-submittal meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the J&R Administration Building. A site visit will follow the meeting. The Request for Proposals may be picked up at

the Environmental Programs Division Building during the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday or you may contact Bob Kilian at 970-563-0135 ext. 2248; or bkilian@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Tribal member purchase of manufactured home

**OWNER:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737  
116 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-0138  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses from Tribal members to the RFP for the purchase of a manufactured home. The home description consists of the following:  
• **Year & make: 2001 Schult Manufactured Home**  
• **Square Footage: 28' x 66' (1848 sq.ft.).**  
• **Size: Six bedrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry, two baths.**  
The following criterion applies to sale of the home:

1. The home will be sold as is with no implied warranties.
2. The selected proposer will be responsible for complete teardown, removal, transport and re-set up of the home (approximate cost within a 5-mile radius is \$10,000).
3. The selected proposer will have 30-days to remove the home from the premises.

An Open House will occur at 221 Capote Dr. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, Tuesday, June 4, 2013. For more information contact the Construction & Project Management Department at 970-563-0138.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### General contractor services for Southern Ute residential roads speed hump installations and road repair

**OWNER:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737  
116 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-0138  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for a General Contractor to submit proposals for the installation of speed humps on SUT residential roads and road failure repair. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, Monday, June 3, 2013. There will be a

MANDATORY pre-bid conference on May 22, 2013, 2:00 pm. at 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, Co., Construction and Project Management office. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, 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.

## Phone and Internet Discounts

### Available To CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone 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 (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5Mbps for \$9.95\* per month for the first 12 months of service. Further details are available at [centurylink.com/internetbasics](http://centurylink.com/internetbasics).

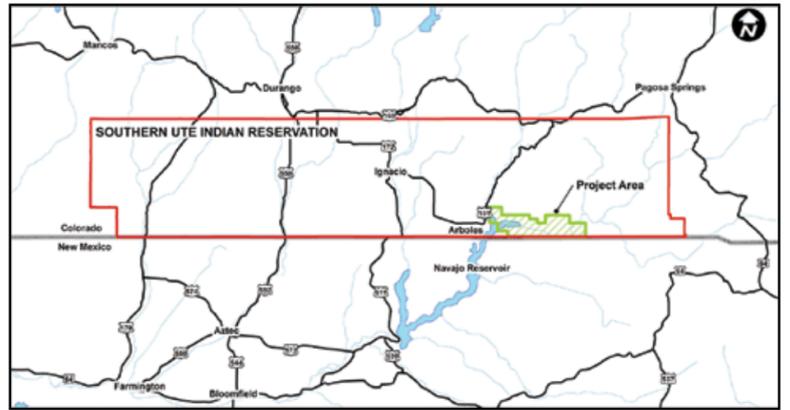
If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-855-954-6546 or visit [centurylink.com/lifeline](http://centurylink.com/lifeline) with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

**\*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program** – Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service) and requires a 12-month term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or independently purchase a modem/router, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. **General** – Services not available everywhere. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply. **Terms and Conditions** – All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at [centurylink.com](http://centurylink.com). **Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges** – Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates.



## NOTICE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENT

### Preliminary North Carracas Natural Gas Plan of Development Environmental Assessment



On June 1, 2013, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Southern Ute Agency will begin accepting public comments on a Plan of Development Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) that addresses proposed natural gas development in the North Carracas area of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The North Carracas area is an 18,123-acre parcel located in Archuleta County, Colorado within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The area consists of Tribal Trust, Indian-owned fee, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and non-Indian owned fee lands. The preliminary EA includes two alternatives for natural gas development in the North Carracas area:

**NO ACTION (Alternative A):** This would be a continuation of present management related to natural gas development in the North Carracas area. The Plan of Development would not be implemented. Development of fee mineral reserves in adjoining areas could drain Tribal reserves over the long term, resulting in lost Tribal revenue and the permanent loss of the Tribe's resources.

**PROPOSED ACTION (Alternative B):** This alternative proposes to develop natural gas resources in the North Carracas area of the Reservation in accordance with the proposed North Carracas Plan of Development. The Plan of Development contemplates drilling 48 Fruitland coalbed methane wells located on 18 well pads utilizing horizontal and vertical drilling and completion techniques, one salt-water disposal well, associated roads and pipelines, and a compressor facility. The purpose of the proposed action is to allow extraction, in an efficient and environmentally compatible manner, of the recoverable natural gas reserves known to exist in mineral estates held in trust by the United States for the economic benefit of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Additionally, the purpose of the action is to avoid long-term natural gas reserve drainage from wells located and completed on adjoining privately owned lands, which could potentially drain Tribal reserves and result in permanent loss of Tribal resources and associated revenue. The action would meet the goals and objectives of the Tribe as set forth in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Natural Resource Management Plan—Planning Period 2012 to 2032, as well as the Southern Ute North Carracas Energy Development: Guidance and Protocol to Reduce Wildlife Impacts. The preliminary EA takes into consideration the

issues that were identified during the internal scoping process conducted by the BLM and the BIA. Stakeholder agency groups were identified by the BLM and the BIA to ensure that all interested agencies were represented. In October 2011, a letter was sent to these stakeholders to solicit comments and further identify issues related to the proposed Plan of Development. Comments received were considered in the analysis presented in the Preliminary EA. A tribal outreach meeting was held on March 27, 2013 in Ignacio, Colorado to inform tribal members of the proposed Plan of Development. The preliminary EA will be released on June 1, 2013. It will be available online at <http://sugf.com>. Printed copies of the preliminary EA will be available for viewing along with CDs containing the document at:

**The San Juan Public Lands Center**  
15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301  
(Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**The Ignacio Community Library**  
470 Goddard Avenue, Ignacio, CO, 81137  
(Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Comments on the preliminary EA will be accepted until June 30, 2013. Your comments are important and will be considered in the final EA process. If you are interested in participating in the process and have concerns, issues, or alternatives that you would like to see addressed, we request that you respond by providing your written comments through the project website or in writing to:

Website: <http://sugf.com>  
Address: Draft EA North Carracas Natural Gas Plan of Development Comments  
P. O. Box 3495, Durango, CO 81302-3495

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. For more information, please visit <http://sugf.com> or contact BLM representative Brad Dodd at 970-385-1378 or John Pecor at 970-385-1356.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

### For Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Ignacio School District 11 JT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. Said budget is filed in the office of Superintendent of Schools where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the scheduled

board meeting on June 27, 2013 at the Board Meeting room at 5:30 P.M. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objection thereto.

Notice Date: May 10, 2013  
Board of Education  
Agnes Sanchez, Secretary

## For Rent

Mobile home for rent, 24 Mountain Dew Circle (Cedar Point West subdivision). 3 BD/RM, 2 Bath, Wood flooring/add-on. Fenced front yard. No smokers! Pets negotiable. Must be enrolled Southern Ute tribal member. \$850 a month, \$850 deposit + \$850 last month's payment. 3 References, pay own utilities. Open on June 1, 2013.  
For more information call 970-317-1950 or 970-317-1951

## For Sale

500 Gallon water tank, \$500.  
Trailer, \$500.  
Call 970-317-5372

## Attention Southern Ute tribal members

### RECEIVE FREE WHITEWATER RAFT GUIDE TRAINING

If interested contact the Tribe's Division of Wildlife for more details on how to sign up for training preparing you to become certified as a class III Colorado State raft guide.

Contact Josh Batchelor, Parks Recreation Manager at 970-563-0130 extension 2412, or email at [jbatchel@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:jbatchel@southern-ute.nsn.us).

Trainings are made available on a first come first served basis and are only available in late May and early June.

## Attention Southern Ute tribal members

### TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAMS RECEIVE 50% OFF WHITEWATER RIVER TRIP FEES

If interested contact the following companies for details or contact the Tribe's Division of Wildlife and ask for Josh: 970-563-0130 ext. 2412

Mild 2 Wild: 970-247-4789  
Mountain Waters: 800-748-2507  
Outlaw River & Jeep Tours: 970-259-1800  
Durango RiverTrippers: 970-259-0289  
Duranglers (fly fishing guides): 970-385-4081  
Animas River Company: 970-729-0147



## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com  
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

### Business Development Geologist – Red Willow Production

Closing date 5/31/13

Ignacio, CO. Planning and implementing technical evaluation of Business Development projects requiring the application of advanced geologic and geophysical interpretation skills. Working both independently and leading teams and junior geologic staff to evaluate internal assets, third party assets and other viable oil and gas exploration/exploitation plays resulting in the discovery of new oil and gas reserves.

### PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer – SU Shared Services

Closing date 5/31/13

Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

### Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy

Closing date 6/3/13

Durango, CO or Tulsa, OK. Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

### PeopleSoft Project Manager – SU Shared Services

Closing date 6/7/13

Ignacio, CO. Leading the internal Shared Services FSCM and HCM projects. Creates and executes project work plans and revises plans as appropriate to meet changing business needs and priorities.

### Safety Manager – Aka Energy

Closing date 6/10/13

Durango, CO. Development and oversight of Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures for Aka Energy Group. Provides expert knowledge and skills to the organization to promote a compliant and positive health and safety culture. Ensures all health and safety laws and regulations are adhered to including Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements.

### HR Generalist-Tribal Member Employment – Growth Fund HR

Closing date 6/14/13

Ignacio, CO. Facilitating recruitment and job placement of enrolled Southern Ute Tribal members into business enterprises of the Southern Ute Growth Fund; facilitating recruitment and job placement to business enterprises of the Southern Ute Growth Fund, to include drafting ads; reviewing application qualifications; responding to applicants; maintaining applicant files; as well as providing general human resources support to the HR Office. To apply for this position, please contact Maria Baker at 970-563-5000.

## SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM Research Committee members

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee.

SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving “participatory action research.”

The committee will meet at the beginning

and the end of the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs.

Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal member Wildlife Advisory Board vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 8-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs for the Reservation and the

Brunot Area. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at an hourly rate for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected. Those Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. For more information, please contact the Division at 970-563-0130.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

- Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
- Have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Have the ability to observe restrictions

concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

- Submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
- Undergo a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2013. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0028-CV-NC Isiah Athen Tucson, Civil Subject NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Isiah Athen Tucson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Isaiah Andreas Valdez. As of May 6, 2013 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Isiah Athen Tucson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Isaiah Andreas Valdez.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2013.  
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

### In the Estate Of Case No.: 2013-0047-CV-PR NOTICE OF PROBATE

Eric John Baker, 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 25, 2013 at 3 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 16th of May, 2013  
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

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

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Detention Officer

Closing date 6/3/13

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the Detention Center. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

### Air Quality Technical Manager

Closing date 6/7/13

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and provides subject matter expertise on technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 23: \$65,584.00 annual.

### Air Quality Scientist

Closing date 6/7/13

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Emissions Regulation and Control Division of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 20: \$23.01/hour.

### Air Quality Analyst/MSP

Closing date 6/7/13

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program.

### Assistant Facility Operations Manager - Apprentice

Closing date 6/17/13

Open to Southern Ute tribal members and assists Facilities Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination and internal coordination of SunUte Community Center activities. Assists with the development of Marketing, Special Events, Special Projects and Public Relations. Oversees morning/evening operational procedures, Facility set-up, breakdown, scheduling of activities and inventory management.

### NAGPRA Coordinator - Apprentice

Closing date 6/17/13

Apprentice position open to Southern Ute tribal members only. Training will be supervised by the NAPRA Coordinator and Culture Department Director. The apprentice will be trained to develop procedures and perform activities required for determining the affiliation of Native American human remains, funerary objects of cultural patrimony, repatriation and burial. Provide protection of cultural resources, and sacred sites. Write and process required reports. Respond to communications and requests from other tribal and governmental agencies as well as attend meetings, training and field on-sites as required The Time Frame for this program's completion is twenty-four (24) months, unless there are circumstances requiring extension or reduction.

### Technical Support Specialist - Apprentice

Closing date 6/17/13

Open to Southern Ute tribal members and assists in providing PC hardware, software and basic network support for all tribal departments, tribal entities and tribal members.

### Family Court Counselor – Apprentice

Closing date 6/17/13

Providing intake and mental health treatment services to juveniles within the Justice System. Providing special advocacy, parent coordination and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and/or supervisor. Case management activities involving assigned adults and juveniles. The time frame for this program's completion is twenty-four (24) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

### Nurse Practitioner

Closing date 6/20/13

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician. Pay grade 24: \$74,667/year.

### Farm Equipment Operators (2, Temporary)

Open Until Filled

Under the general supervision of the Farm Field Supervisor and provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out the project assignments for the Agriculture Division. Pay grade 16: \$15.63/hour.

### Chief Medical Officer – Tribal Health Center

Open Until Filled

Full time position, organizing and supervising the work of the Southern Ute Health Center Clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical service are provided and quality standards are met. Provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Require providing both direct patient care services as well as required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties.

### Chief of Police

Open Until Filled

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking the next Chief of Police. The Chief leads law of enforcement on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, managing a current staff of 13 fulltime Patrol Officers, a Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, a Criminal Investigator, Detective, 2 Community Resource Officers and a 24-hour Dispatch Staff. The mission of the Southern Ute Police Department is to uphold the constitutional sovereignty and the customs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to protect life and property, and to promote and preserve peace within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This contracted position will be hired in accordance with the Tribes Native American hiring preferences in its Tribal Employment Rights Code.

### Youth in Natural Resources Crew Member (Temporary)

Open Until Filled

Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other Federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute tribal members will also be considered upon availability. YNR Crew Members are assembled into a 4-man crew that reports directly to the YNR Crew Leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of Natural Resource Management. Pay grade 11: \$10/hour. Work season runs from June to August.

### Youth in Natural Resources Crew Leader (Temporary)

Open Until Filled

The Crew Leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The Crew Leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement and support to succeed in YNR. Pay grade 14: \$13/hour. The work season is from May through September.

### Multi-Purpose Facility Coordinator

Open Until Filled

Assists the Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park Facility Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of the Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park activities and basic office management. Responsible for assisting in the oversight/coordination of all regularly scheduled events and special events for the Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel and Ute Park. Pay grade 15: \$14.10/hour.

### TEAM Jobs Program (Temporary)

Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM JOBS positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$10.82/hour.

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## REDDING RANCH • FROM PAGE 1

Ewing. It previously belonged to the family of W.A. Redding, which used its cabin as a hunting lodge. Since March 2011, the tribe has been working with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to convert the property from fee to trust status, under which the federal government holds the legal title but the beneficial interest remains with the tribe.

Ewing said acquiring the ranch "met the goals and objectives of the Lands Consolidation Program," approved in 2002, which seeks to bring oversight of properties on the reservation under tribal control.

Roughly 800 acres of the property sit outside the exterior boundary of the reservation — meaning that, if successfully converted, it would actually increase the overall size of the reservation.

Making the trip were Chairman Jimmy R. Newton



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Lands Division Head Germaine Ewing (left) and Range Division Head Jason Mietchen (second from left) catch up with tribal member Winterfawn Rey, with the scenic ranch property in the background.

Jr. and councilmen Howard D. Richards Sr., Alex Cloud and Aaron V. Torres. Joining them were Steve R. Herrera Sr. and Amy Barry of the Executive Office, Ewing, Range Division Head Jason Mietchen, Agriculture Division Head Kevin Mallow and Forestry Division Head Brian Gideon.

The council had requested the trip because the future use of the property is in question. For several years, the tribe has had a custodial and residential use agreement with tribal member Winterfawn Rey, who has cared for it and made a variety of improvements. That agreement expires at the end of this year.

## RANGE UNITS • FROM PAGE 1

its range units — tracts of reservation land it manages and improves — to tribal members who have applied to graze livestock on them. Overall, the division manages about 124,000 acres, divided this year into 14 available for grazing and five set aside as wildlife habitats. Ten grazing permits have been approved for this summer, said Range Division Head Jason Mietchen.

In a typical year, the units are open until the end of September, giving livestock owners a chance to relocate their animals while they use their own properties to raise and store feed for the winter months.

Angela Abeyta, who has grazed cattle primarily in the

Trail and Beef canyons for the past seven years, said the service is a boon.

"I think they do a good job of offering that to us," she said. "Really I've never had any complaints about it."

Abeyta said she plans to range 56 mother-calf pairs and four bulls this year.

While the program is offered as a service to tribal members, the provisions of each year's permits necessarily change with weather conditions, Mietchen said. In dry periods, such as 2013, the division imposes restrictions on the number of livestock allowed and the length of time they may graze.

This year, the range units will close Aug. 1 unless

weather conditions improve, Mietchen said. The allowable number of animals has also been cut by 25 percent from last year, he said.

"That's all for resource protection," he said. "The Department of Natural Resources spends a lot of time, a lot of effort and a lot of money managing tribal range land."

Clifton Baker said he has ranged cattle since the early 1980s, when the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs oversaw permitting. The tribe took over in the mid-1990s, Mietchen said.

Baker has ranged his cattle mostly in the Vega and Archuleta Creek areas. This year, he said he's planning to send 60 pair — about half the usual number.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Drum brought home 22 awards from the Society of Professional Journalists' Top of the Rockies contest, include eight for first place. The Drum's biggest haul was in photography categories, where it won 10 awards. Each staff member won at least one first-place award.

## TRIBAL MEDIA

# Drum wins all-time-best 22 in annual Top of the Rockies journalism contest

### Staff report

#### THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum accepted 22 awards, including eight first-place awards, for its reporting, photography and design in 2012 during the annual Society of Professional Journalists Top of the Rockies awards reception Friday, May 17 in Denver.

The tally represents the best ever for the newspaper, which broke the record it set last year with 13 awards in the same contest. The Drum competed against other newspapers up to 10,000 circulation in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. No other media outlet in its division won more awards — though one, the Colorado Springs Business Journal, matched its haul at 22.

Each of the Drum's four staff members won at least one first-place award.

Composition Technician Robert L. Ortiz won first place in spot news photography for a shot of last summer's State Line Fire in the June 29 issue. He also won one second- and one third-place award for page design and one second- and one third-place award for photography, for a total of five prizes.

Admin Assistant/PR Coordinator Christopher R. Rizzo won two: first place in



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Robert L. Ortiz won first place in spot news photography for this shot of last summer's State Line Fire in the June 29 issue.

sports reporting for a profile of SunUte Community Center lifeguard and amateur competitive runner Gabe Proctor in the June 29 issue, and a third-place feature photography award.

Photographer/reporter Jeremy Wade Shockley earned seven honors, including three in first place: a news story about Fort Lewis Buffalo Council's Buffalo Harvest in the March 23 issue, a news photo spread of the college's Hozhoni Days Powwow in the April 6 issue, and a sports photo spread of the USA Pro Challenge in the Aug. 24 issue. He also brought home a second-place award for education reporting and two second-place and one third-place awards for photography.

Media Manager Ace Stryker took first place in series reporting for his cover-

age of the Capitol Christmas tree's voyage from Meeker, Colo., to Washington, D.C. He also won first place in headline writing and in political enterprise reporting for a story on Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Vice Chairman James M. Olguin's trip to Washington in the May 4 issue. Stryker additionally won a second- and two third-place awards for reporting.

The staff also won two joint awards: Shockley and Rizzo took second place in sports photography for a spread on youth bull riding finals in the Nov. 16 issue, and Stryker and Shockley won second place in series reporting for coverage of the Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division.

Another local newspaper, The Durango Herald, won 11 in its division.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 31



Sunny 76°F

Saturday, June 1



Sunny 76°F

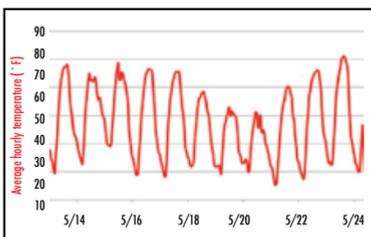
Sunday, June 2



Mostly sunny 81°F

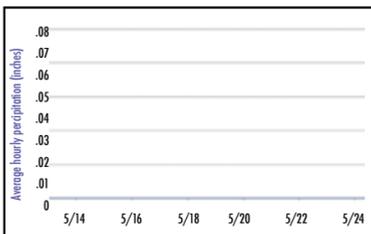


### Weather data for May 13 – May 24



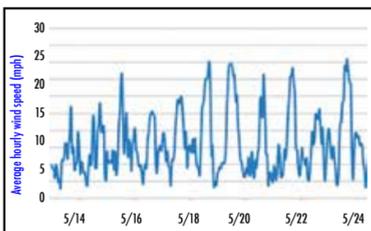
#### Temperature

High 81.2°  
Low 35.3°  
Average 57.4°  
Average last year 58.3°



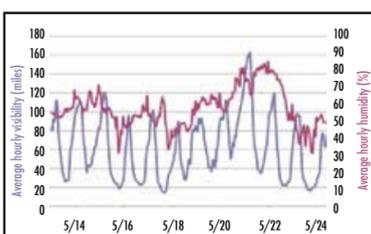
#### Precipitation

Total 0.000"  
Total last year 0.016"



#### Wind speed

Average 6.4  
Minimum 1.2  
Maximum 16.4



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 30.8  
Average humidity 92.2%

Air quality  
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

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