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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Environmental



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Bringing in 2016, the Drum takes times to look back at last year's biggest stories and news trends. The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council kept up pace helping to spread leadership to all youth, the Town of Ignacio saw positive growth with the addition of a new grocery store and high school, and by far the biggest news of 2015, the Gold King Mine Spill, devastated many on and off the reservation. For a full list of the top news trends, see pages 4-5.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Tribes discuss mental health

By Damon Toledo
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes met with representatives from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) on Monday, Jan. 4, to discuss updates, issues, and solutions regarding the health and wellbeing for tribal members on the reservation. With a New Year beginning, strategies to benefit the tribal communities have been measured, but the concerning question affiliates have been asking is if improvements will show.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Tribal Council members, Lorelei Cloud and Amy J. Barry pose with Larry Wolk and Audra Bishop from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) on Monday, Jan. 4, where they discussed important updates regarding the wellbeing of tribal members.

"We're aiming to take considerable action on these issues that stir on the reservations," said Larry Wolk, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of Tribes page 6

EDUCATION

Jumpstart your career

By Sacha Smith
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Pine River Community Learning Center (PR-CLC) has unveiled a new program designed to prepare adults for two careers that are in high demand in the Four Corners, health and energy.

The STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics) Prep Project, is being implemented in three locations across the Southwest: Cortez, Montrose and Ignacio. The free program is self-directed and focuses on introducing the career fields to eager students.

"People in the area are

not going into the medical field or oil & gas as well, we have to teach them," Cecilia Robbins, interim director of student services said about the employment opportunities associated with each field.

A recent study from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that healthcare occupations will add more jobs than any other group of occupations between 2014-2024.

"It gives these individuals that want to learn a chance to get their foot in the door," Muz Pinnecoose, PR-CLC board member said. "The medical field is often viewed as too hard, but this is self paced learning, at

your own pace, in a comfortable environment ... what better place to start?"

The goals of the courses are to give the students a basic understanding of each subject in order for them to make the decision to pursue that career path or not.

The health and energy (oil & gas) classes are divided into the same four sections: electrical, thermal, mechanical and fluids. Each training section incorporates coaching, labs, and on and offline activities all aimed at meeting the needs of different types of learners, Deb Pace, lead GED

Jumpstart page 6

Bringing in a new year, in a good way

Many community members chose to celebrate the New Year promoting healthy and traditional ways of life. A community potluck, sobriety memorial walk, and sobriety powwow were all held over the holiday weekend.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Hunter Frost dances with grace during the New Year Sobriety Powwow on Saturday, Jan. 2 at SunUte Community Center.

For more New Year photos see page 12.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Drummers and women gathered around the drum to support the men who sang at the New Years Potluck held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on December 31.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Community members of Ignacio began New Year's Day with a walk and prayers. The 5-mile trek began from the Southern Ute Veteran's Park and proceeded north on HWY 151, and back along CR 516 and 517 to Ignacio. The Sobriety Walk, is held in honor and memory of Saa-swanis Hiswaqs (Robert) Buckskin, who helped many with alcohol addictions before he passed away almost 11 years ago.



WINTER WOOD

Tribal member wood orders

Staff report
SU FORESTRY

Elders and members with disabilities, get split wood delivered, all others will get blocked wood only, one load a month, 3/4 of a cord.

Tribal members that have not received firewood in the past, may call 970-563-4780 to set up an appointment for wood stove or fire-place verification.

Firewood for elders will only be delivered within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.

Wood orders for Southern Ute Tribal members will be placed Monday thru Friday, please call 970-563-4780 extension 3510.

Wood pick-up days are Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries to elders and approved members with disabilities are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No pick-ups or deliveries on Fridays.



Matt Archuleta/SU Forestry

WINTER PROCEDURES

Snow removal procedures

Southern Ute Tribal Hotline: 970-563-4800

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Snow Plowing Driveways

The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is as follows:

- 1st: *Dialysis Patients*
- 2nd: *Disabled/Frail Tribal Members*
- 3rd: *Tribal Member Elders*

Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below. Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over five (5) inches. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly. Any issues or concerns regarding snow plowing in areas specified below, please contact individuals listed or Vince Mirabal at 563-4710 ext. 2723 or 970-553-0225.

Snow Shoveling Sidewalks

The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is as follows:

- 1st: *Dialysis Patients*
- 2nd: *Disabled/Frail Tribal Members*

Dialysis/Disabled/Frail Tribal Members snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. Please be patient during heavy snows, the staff are making every attempt to get to you quickly. Please contact individuals listed below for assistance. Any issues or concerns regarding snow shoveling contact Mateo Carmenoros, Custom Farms Field Supervisor 563-0220.

SNOW REMOVAL ROUTES/AREAS

BIA Route

BIA does not clear driveways

- Powwow Drive
- Howe Drive
- Cedar Point East and West
- Ignacio Peak
- Sunset Circle Loop
- Tamuche
- Piwood
- Shoshone Avenue
- Bear Dance Road
- Ute Road
- North Ridge

BIA: 563-9484

Vickie Begay: 759-6429

Herman Begay: 759-6705

Construction Services Route (Homes Only, no rentals)

- Cedar Point (East/West); Chief Shavano
- Ignacio Peak; Town of Ignacio-Elders, Disabled
- Hwy 172 South from County Road 318 to La Boca

Danny Abeyta: 563-0260/317-1029

Walter Reynolds: 563-0260/749-7614

Mandy Rockwell: 563-0260/769-2922

Custom Farm Route

- East of Pine River – South of Bayfield to La Boca
 - Allison and Arboles Area
- Kevin Mallow:** 563-0220/799-2473
Mateo Carmenoros: 563-0220/759-1668
Mike Yeager: 563-0220/749-8770

Motor Pool Route

- North of Ignacio, West of Pine River
 - Breen and Red Mesa Area
 - Airport and Weasleskin
- Leigh Sage:** 563-0280/759-2516
Roger Sage: 759-2518
Shelena Porambo: 563-0280

Forestry Fuels Crew (Shovel walkways)

- 1) Dialysis Patients
 - 2) Disabled/Frail
- Mateo Carmenoros:** 563-0220/759-1668
Kevin Mallow: 563-0220/799-2473

Housing Authority Route

(Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled and Elder Only)

- Sunset Circle
- Senior Center- Entire area
- Ignacio Peak
- Northridge Rentals
- Shoshone Avenue
- Jefferson Drive

Eric Spady: 563-4575

Kenneth Richards: 749-7534

Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance (All Tribal Campus Parking Areas)

Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, SunUte, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, IHS, Higher Education, SUCAP, Food Distribution, Parking lots & Sidewalks.
Dale Santistevan: 563-0272/749-4463

GENERAL INFORMATION

Information on Southern Ute Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates is available by calling the Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800.

If you are an **Elder or Disabled** and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710.

During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please move your vehicles to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles.

Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also know that our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal.

Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes any other item(s) out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows.

For additional third-party snow removal numbers see page 7 of this issue.

Walkways and Roof – Snow Removal

Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is as follows:

- 1st: *Dialysis Patients*
- 2nd: *Disabled/Frail Tribal Members*

In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur.

If you believe you should be included in one of the categories please contact Agriculture/Custom Farm. **Contact Mateo Carmenoros at 563-0220 or 759-1668.**

Roof Raking

Roof raking for roofs is done by Construction Services Division on a case by case basis. The Tribe will not climb on roofs to remove snow, but will stand on the ground and reach as far as the tool will allow to safely remove accumulations of twelve (12) inches or more. **Contact Construction Services Division at 563-0260.**

Livestock - Snow Plowing

Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snow plowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus 35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. **Contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 970-563-0220** if you wish to pay for these services.



Many Moons Ago



Julian Baker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Julian Baker and his brother, Jerome Olguin, along with Elmer Rock and Elroy Vigil rang in the New Year by bagging a 170-pound, seven-foot four-inch long mountain lion. The lion was harvested up on Archuleta Mesa on Monday, January 2, 2006. Mr. Baker submitted these photos to the Drum and said he and his dogs tracked the mountain lion up into a tree. Elmer Rock got the honors of taking the shot.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 5, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Native American Rock Band Red Thunder paid a visit to the KSUT studios on Friday, December 22. Based in Taos, NM, Red Thunder blends traditional music with alternative rock using Native drums, flutes and rattles. Their latest CD release "Makoce Wakan" conveys the importance of protecting Native American sacred sites and the environment. Pictured are KSUT Native American Show DJ's Eddie Box Jr., Cynthia Buckskin, Benito Concha of Red Thunder, Williamette Thompson, Marjorie Borst, and Robby Romero of Red Thunder.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 5, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

(Left to right) Tom Shipp-Tribal Attorney, Eddie Box Sr., Chairman Chris A. Baker, Lillian Seibal, Tim Wirth, U.S. Congressman, Vida Peabody, Leonard Burch and State Representative Tom Glass were visitors to the Southern Ute Reservation to learn more about the Southern Utes.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 10, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Department of Natural Resources

Bi - Annual Open House



January 27th
Multi-Purpose Facility
10:00 - 2:00

Tribal Members!

Happy New Year!
Let's Get Together!
Lunch is on Us! Door Prizes Too!

Let's get the New Year off to a Great Start!! Come visit with your DNR Staff. Division Representatives are available to answer your questions. We will listen to your concerns & discuss suggestions.

DNR Divisions (Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Wildlife, Range, Water Resources & GIS) will be on site to discuss their available programs plus La Plata West Water Authority & ALP Association.

Working Together WE CAN make things happen! See You on the 27th!



BGC become Santa's helpers



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Boys & Girls Club staff members paid a visit to the good boys and girls of Ignacio on Thursday, Dec. 24 as they delivered a bundle of Christmas gifts – making stops at Shoshone, Cedar Point, Candelaria Heights, and other neighborhoods in Ignacio. Lindsay Box from the Boys & Girls Club hands out Christmas gifts to the boys and girls of Ignacio.



Cassandra Sanchez from the Boys & Girls Club hugs her niece, Avalyna Sanchez. Over 300 toys have been donated, and the Boys & Girls Club is looking to repeat the tradition next holiday season.

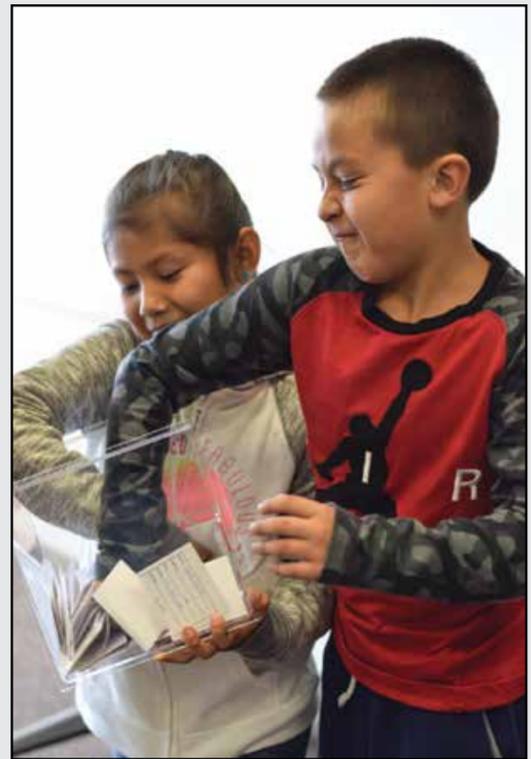
Lindsay Box, Cassandra Sanchez, and Susan Velasquez pose for a smile while delivering Christmas gifts at Cedar Point on Thursday, Dec. 24.

BGC awards cow elk winners



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club announced the winners of their second annual cow/elk raffle drawing on Tuesday, Dec. 29, declaring Stan Wilmer from Bayfield and Tyson Thompson as the winners. Thompson has since donated his tag, stating he'd like to give it to a local family who would "utilize it in a good way". The raised money will go towards art supplies and possible trips for Club members. Tribal Planner, Edward Box III helps Chairman Clement J. Frost draw the second cow/elk tag.



Club members, Tavian Box and Aspen Naranjo draw the winning name for one of the cow/elk tags. Approximately 200 tickets were raffled with the involvement of the Wildlife Division.

Southern Ute Elder Luncheon Friday, Jan. 15

Southern Ute Cultural Center Large Classroom • Noon

On the Menu: Hamburger Stew, Yeast Rolls, Salad, Banana Pudding, and Cake.
Call the Culture Department with any questions 970-563-0100 ext. 3620.

What if a loved one has cancer and doesn't know?

American Indians are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Early screening can save lives.



Everyone 50 and older should be screened for colon cancer. Contact your health care provider to learn more.

Andrea Martinez
970 563 0154/ EX 2347
CHR/ HEALTH SERVICES



Beadwork Challenge

The next Beadwork Challenge is a pair of beaded earrings, any style, any color. It's completely up to you!
Bring your earrings to the Tribal Elder Luncheon.

Tribal Elder Luncheon
January 15, 2016
Culture Center
12:00 to 1:30 PM

Join us for a delicious lunch, healthy food, great conversation and a good movie.



For more information call the Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620, or 2306.

Friends of the Museum Reward Program

Why not get rewarded twice for visiting the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, with our FREE rewards program Friends of the Museum, you can do just that! All you have to do is ask a visitor service representative to sign you up for the FREE Friends of the Museum Rewards Program. You will receive a gift bag with some FREE goodies, we will fill out a rewards card and put it in our card file for safe keeping. Then when you come back to the Museum tell the visitor service representative that you are a rewards member, he/she will get card out and punch it for you. Remember to tell the visitor service representative each and every time you pay for a class and or visit the Museum because the more times you come in the more rewards you receive.

- ❖ 3 punches Lip Balm with Museum Logo
- ❖ 6 punches Magnet and Stylus pen with Museum Logo
- ❖ 9 punches One FREE Workshop
- ❖ 12 punches (1) Entry for our ONE OF A KIND Pendleton Logo Blanket

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Top stories of 2015

15. Community walk



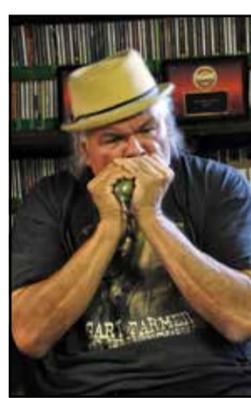
Trennie Collins/SU Drum

There were an influx of community walks held this year, whether it was for raising awareness, promoting health, or for remembering loved ones, the community showed up in numbers to show support.

14. Entertainment



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

In 2015 the tribe was treated to some laughs and good music thanks to some fellow Indian Country entertainers. Actor turned jazz musician, "Gary Farmer & The Troublemakers" visited KSUT and the casino to perform. The all-native 49 Laughs comedy group also visited filling the Sky Ute Events Center.

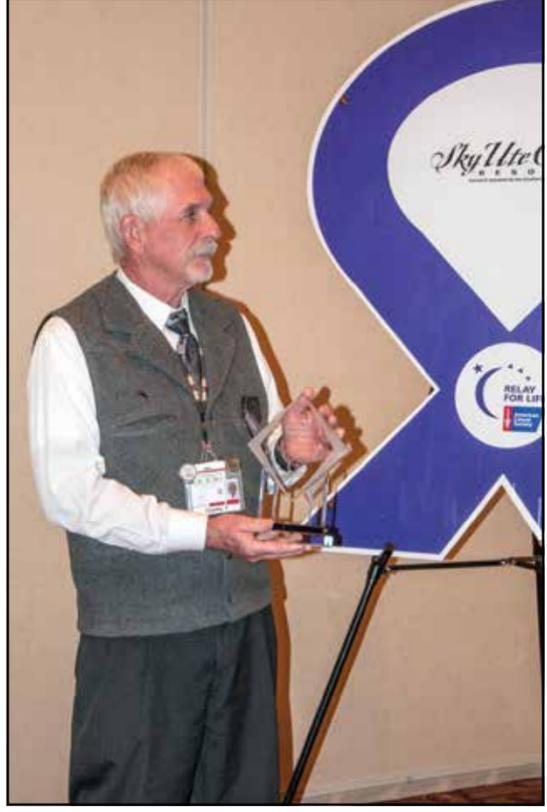
13. Intertribal visitors



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Reservation welcomed many guests from across Indian Country in 2015. The tribe hosted guests from the Potawatomi Nation, San Felipe Pueblo, and numerous other tribes thanks to the tribe being the 2015 host of the American Indian Alaskan Native Association Conference.

12. Sky Ute Casino Resort



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The casino hosted a number of notable events this year, including the American Indian Alaskan Native Tourism Conference and the popular 49 Laughs comedy show. It was also recognized by Hotels.com for outstanding service, and by Relay For Life of La Plata County for being a presenting sponsor at the annual cancer awareness event.

11. SUIMA Celebrates 15 years



SU Drum archive

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy celebrated its 15-year anniversary on September 5, 2015.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10. Growth in Ignacio



Anthony Suina/SU Drum

Ignacio saw positive growth this year, a Subway made it into town along with the newly renovated high school and the brand new Farmers Fresh Market.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

9. Growth Fund expansion



Anthony Suina/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Growth Fund expanded in 2015 with the opening of the Growth Fund II Administration Building. The Growth Fund also announced the building of a new solar plant on the reservation that will power 10 tribal buildings.



8. Veterans keep marching



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal veterans stay giving back. This year they provided educational talks to the Boys and Girls Club and local schools. The tribe also celebrated the retirement of Raymond A. Baker – who served 30 years in the Navy.

7. Tribal artists



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Art can be expressed in many ways, and several tribal members took the opportunity to showcase their works last year.

6. Healthy initiative



Damon Toledo/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Many tribal departments focused their efforts on health. Whether it was a cooking class, a walk or fitness challenge, they all shared the same goal, healthy living.

5. Gov't to Gov't



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Whether at the city, state or federal the tribe made sure its input and concerns were heard.

4. Tribal elders



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum

In 2015 tribal elders stayed busy making the headlines with their multiple achievements and activism efforts.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

3. Preserving the language

Tribal members did their part to help preserve the Ute way of life last year. Preserving the Ute language was the topic of many conferences hosted by Southern Ute tribal members. Ignacio High School also saw its first Ute Language Class 2014-2015.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

2. Youth leadership



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

In 2015 we saw tribal youth working towards developing positive leadership qualities with the help of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, the Education Department and others.

1. Animas River



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

With information being released that the countries largest concentration of methane emissions is coming from the Four Corners to the disastrous Gold King Mine Spill that turned the Animas River yellow in early-August – the environment has made several front page headlines in 2015.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

FLY-FISHING

Stripping baskets are not for nude fly-fishing

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



I know a retired fly fishing guide who once tried to convince his wife that a stripping basket was meant to keep your clothes in a neat pile when fly fishing nude from the deck of a boat, or picnicking on a secluded beach.

She listened to his explanation long and hard. Then after about two seconds of consideration she told me, I mean him, that was the craziest thing she had ever heard.

It soon became obvious that no amount of sound reasoning was going to persuade her otherwise. So, a truthful explanation of just what a stripping basket was, and how it was used, became necessary.

Simply put, a stripping basket is a container that holds fly line as you strip it back after making a cast. They do come in various sizes and shapes. The most common one is a cylinder shaped tube that looks like a trash can, and is about three feet tall.

These are seen mostly on the decks of flats and bass boats. If you're watching people fly fishing in the surf you might see something that looks like a wash basket tied around the fisherman's waist.

For those spey casting, a smaller basket attached to someone's waist is what you'll most likely see. You can either fabricate a strip-

ping basket from items found at the hardware store, or buy one from a fly shop. Either way, they are a good addition to a fly fisherman's arsenal of equipment.

You might now be asking yourself, why should I use a stripping basket? A stripping basket keeps the line out of the way, so you don't step on it, while fishing from the deck of a boat. It will also stop your line from being magnetically attracted to everything on the boat.

If you're fly fishing in the surf it will prevent your line from being washed in and out by the waves.

For those wading the flats, or spey casting, a basket will keep your line close to you, and out of the water. Having the line out of the water lessens the drag and resistance water will put on your line when you make a cast.

Your next question is probably how does something this sophisticated work?

In order for a stripping basket to function properly

one has to remember to put the line into the basket as you bring it back in.

Remember to put the line in last that you want to go out first. Or, put the line in first that you want to go out last. If it helps think lifo, or filo. I think those are old computer terms, but they do make sense.

To state the obvious, line is put into the basket as you strip it back. You don't want to bring your line in to where you're standing, then put it into the basket in a big wad. If you put the line into the basket in a big wad, that's how it is going to come out.

And, fly lines with big knots will almost always guarantee a broken off fish. So, as you lay line on top of itself, do so gently. It will come out the same way and make for easier casting and a better chance of landing a fish.

If you've never used a stripping basket, and think using one makes sense, I suggest you practice using one before heading out.

Try baskets of different heights and sizes. Also, try one that is attached to your waist. With a little practice you'll find a style and size that is comfortable and useful.

You might also practice your explanation to the other person in your life about what a stripping basket is used for. Maybe you'll be more successful than that retired fly fishing guide I know.

TRIBES DISCUSS HEALTH • FROM PAGE 1

CDPHE, who was accompanied by Audra Bishop, CDPHE representative."

One of the discussed topics was the use of heavy drugs, which has gone rampant across the reservation. Councilman Melvin J. Baker claimed that meth has become an issue, being that the Four Corners has been struggling with controlling the substance for years.

"I'm concerned about the meth and harder drugs - I don't think anyone is mentioning that," he said. "Other tribes have come down with harder discipline on their community because these heavier drugs are destroying lifestyles. I think the tribes have the opportunity to punish drug dealers that are on our own reservation."

Baker added that marijuana is easily accessible to tribal members even though it is illegal on the reservation.

"Meth can destroy lives more than marijuana. I know we don't recognize it here on our own reservation, but that won't stop driving over to Durango where they can buy it legally."

Ute Mountain Ute Council Lady, DeAnn House,

stated that educating the tribal communities about the realities of heavy drugs is a necessity in order to drive toward healthier lifestyles.

"We need to educate our communities on exactly what drugs like meth can do," she said. "Hosting town meetings would be beneficial - it would allow our elders and youth to further understand how these drugs destroy lives."

Among drug concerns, the rising rate of teen pregnancy across Indian Country has been overwhelming - with Native teens having the third highest teen birth-rate in the United States among the five major racial/ethnic groups. Among these statistics, sexually transmitted diseases have also increased annually.

With various intervention programs available, tribal affiliates have been balancing the choices between western and traditional.

"As long as we're creative, we stand by our creativity," House added. "We have a woman's group that teaches about the rights of passage. If we don't learn that, then we won't know how to apply our strength."

"Nowadays we don't set boundaries for our children," said Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost "Parents must educate their children about the proper lifestyles and the things that can destroy it."

Mary Young, behavioral health manager at the Southern Ute Health Center, said that every healthy lifestyle begins with a healthy mentality, which has flown under the radar numerous times on sovereign lands.

"It all starts with mental health," she said. "It defines you as a person. Natives are killing themselves everyday because they feel the help isn't there."

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 40 percent of Native Americans that die from suicide are from the ages of 15 and 24. Among young adults ages 18 to 24, Native Americans have higher rates of suicide than any other ethnicity, and higher than the general population.

"All health is circled around mental health," DeAnn House stated. "If you don't have that self-esteem about who you are, then you're not going to seek help."

JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER • FROM PAGE 1

Program teacher and program coach, said.

The health program will begin classes starting January 18 with the energy program starting shortly after. Class sizes range from eight to ten students with the labs being open 15 hours each week. After successfully completing the course the individual will receive a certificate of completion.

The certificate of completion, can help the student go on to further their education or training and possibly help with getting an entry level internship, Pace said.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual wage for healthcare practitioners and technical occupations was \$61,710 in May 2014 higher than the annual wage for all

occupations in the economy of \$35,540. And though oil and gas isn't performing so well right now oil & gas extraction employees still make almost twice the hourly wage of the average U.S. worker.

Adults interested in enrolling in the free program can contact the Pine River Community Learning Center to sign up at, 970-563-0681.

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP
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970-799-6223.

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Education Department
Distance Learning Programs
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WINTER SAFETY

Winter driving tips

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Help keep your car under control and your winter drive a pleasure by following these easy techniques.

Maintain Traction

Start and stop gradually to avoid losing traction in wet or slippery conditions. Drive at steady speeds, avoiding sudden starts or stops. Accelerate slightly when approaching a hill, then maintain steady speed going up. Gearing down ahead of downgrades can help avoid brake wear and reduce the chances of sliding.

Skids

Driving sensibly and steadily will avoid most skids. Anticipating turns or lane changes will help. If your vehicle begins to skid, remove your foot from the accelerator or brake and steer in the direction of the skid. When the vehicle steadies itself, turn the wheels straight and proceed.

Braking

Be gentle with braking pressure during slippery road conditions. Gentle pumping action on disc brakes will avoid locking the wheels and sending the vehicle into a skid or spin. Anti-lock braking systems provide this action for you. Avoid braking on curves by driving through them at a safe, steady speed. Gear down for going both uphill and downhill.

Four-wheel drive vehicles can't stop better or faster on ice and snow than 2WD vehicles, even if they are locked into four wheel drive. The heavier the vehicle, the longer it takes to stop, no matter how many drive wheels. Many of the popular sport utility vehicles (SUVs) are heavy and require a greater stopping distance.

SAFETY AROUND SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Colorado's snowplows use distinctive amber and blue lights to warn you well in advance that snow removal operations are underway. When you see these lights, slow down and use caution. Your best course of action will be to follow well behind the plow with your headlights on, staying away from flying snow and sand, which the truck may be spreading to improve traction. You may also encounter a CDOT truck applying liquid de-icer. Stay back to avoid getting extensive liquid on your windshield.

Avoid driving in the snowplow's blind spots. If you must pass the plow, remember the limited visibility caused by flying snow. Be sure you have enough visibility to avoid the rooster tail of snow coming from the plow's blade. Please do your part by driving safely around Colorado's snowplows.

Ever wonder what those big tankers are applying to Colorado's highways?

CDOT maintenance crews use liquid de-icers like magnesium chloride at the onset of a storm to prevent ice from forming and during and after a storm to break the bond of snow and ice.

Mobility: It reduces the formation of snow/ice on the highways and provides a quicker return to bare pavement and higher driving speeds; there is less reliance on the chain law and fewer highway closures.

Safety: It reduces accidents caused by snow and ice; there is less sand build-up on the roadway after a storm; the reduction of sand means there is also less damage to vehicle windshields.

Air Quality: It does not add air pollutants to the environment like sand does; its use actually helps reduce the pollution caused by sand since CDOT is able to dramatically decrease the amount of sand used on roadways.

Water Quality: Sand use can cause more sediment in streams, liquid de-icers have little or no sediment and are less damaging to vegetation and waterways than sand and salt.

Tip: Wash your vehicle after snowstorms to remove any liquid de-icer build-up.

ADVICE FROM EXPERTS

Colorado's winter driving experts are the Department of Transportation maintenance professionals who patrol and clear the highways. They offer the following tips and advice based on their years of experience:

1. Slow down in winter driving conditions. Most accidents are caused by driving too fast for conditions.
2. Use your low-beam headlights in bad weather, especially where snow is falling heavily or blowing.
3. Don't use your cruise control in slippery road conditions.
4. Remove ice and snow from windows, mirrors, and vehicle lights, both front and rear, as often as necessary.
5. No matter how far you are driving and no matter what the weather conditions, always wear your seat belts.
6. Leave extra room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you in poor visibility and slippery conditions.
7. Your safest place in bad weather is a safe distance behind a snowplow, where you will find the clearest road and the best traction.
8. If possible, avoid driving at all in bad weather conditions. Stay home until the weather improves and the roads clear.
9. A road that has been treated with liquid de-icer may be wet and slippery. It's important to watch your speed, particularly around curves and in canyons.

In avalanche-prone mountain areas, roads may be temporarily closed due to high avalanche danger. Although inconvenient, these closures are intended to protect public safety. Roads will be reopened only when they are determined safe for travel.

From November to April, current information on mountain weather, snow, and avalanche conditions may be obtained by calling the Colorado Avalanche Information Center at 303-371-1080.

WEATHER DEFINITIONS

Road Closure

It is unsafe and unlawful to drive past a road closure at any time for any reason.

Heavy Snow Warning

Snow accumulations of 6 inches or more within 12 hours or 8 inches or more within 24 hours are expected at lower elevations, with 8 inches or more in 12 hours and 12 inches or more in 24 hours expected in mountain areas.

Winter Storm Warning

Heavy snow is expected, aggravated by blowing and drifting conditions.

Blizzard Warning

Sustained or frequent wind gusts of 35 mph or more for at least 3 hours, reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile, are expected.

STUCK OR STRANDED?

If you get stuck on a snowy road, or your car slides off the road, the following guidelines will help you decide what course of action to take:

1. If the road ahead is clear and your car can be dug out, use your shovel and traction mat or sand to free the vehicle. Ease the vehicle out gently and steadily to avoid spinning the tires.
2. If the road ahead is not clear or you slid off the road, and there is no shelter in sight, you are stranded. Do not leave your vehicle—it is your only certain source of shelter. Be sure the vehicle exhaust is clear of snow and keep a window slightly open for ventilation. Run the vehicle only a few minutes at a time in order to stay warm. Dress in layers for warmth and cover your entire body with a blanket or sleeping bag. If there are two or more persons, huddle together for warmth.
3. If you are stranded, do not panic. CDOT maintenance crews will be working to open the highways and look for stranded motorists. If you are stranded on a secondary or backcountry road, remain in the shelter of your vehicle until the storm passes so that you can be spotted or can proceed safely on foot.

WINTER PROOFING

Winterizing your home

From greenoptimistic.com

With winter fully upon us now, we all know how cold it can get, here are a few tips to help make you more comfortable during the frigid temperatures.

INSTALL STORM WINDOWS CORRECTLY

If you have old windows, make sure they are in good repair and closed correctly all around your home. Storm windows help to provide an additional layer of protection against the cold winter air. Caulking around older windows can work wonders.

ADD HONEYCOMB CELLULAR SHADES

Honeycomb cellular shades help to keep cold air and drafts out, not just from the window, but from around the window frame too. It's important to lower them at night when the temperatures are colder, and then open them during the day to use the energy of the sun to warm up the house. Some styles qualify for a 2011 Federal energy tax credit when installed inside a double-glazed, weatherproofed window.

PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES

Consider installing specific products made to insulate water pipes like a "pipe sleeve" or installing UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes. Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection to exposed pipes – even 1/4" of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.

USE DOOR DRAFT STOPPERS

You can buy a door draft stopper, or if you're creative, make one yourself. Place them along your outside doors to help keep away cold air that make come underneath

FIX LEAKS AROUND DOORS AND WINDOWS

An easy trick is to light a candle and move it around the door and window frames in your home. If it flickers there is a draft coming in. Patch the drafty spots with caulk or weather stripping. Weatherproofing windows is one of the greatest improvements you can make.

GET A WATER HEATER-INSULATING BLANKET

Insulating your hot water heater saves energy by reducing heat lost through the sides of the water heater by 25-40%, which will help save you money on your energy bills.

ADD ATTIC OR BASEMENT INSULATION

Adding attic or basement insulation is not cheap, but it will also give you the largest return on your investment. Large amounts of heat can be lost through un-insulated, or under insulated, basements, crawl spaces, and attics.

GET A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT

Install a programmable thermostat to automate indoor temperature and trim about \$200 off annual heating and cooling costs.

WEATHERSTRIP THE HOUSE

Sealing gaps around doors and windows can make your home feel warmer-and save you 10 to 15% on your energy bills.

PET SAFETY IN THE WINTER

If possible, bring your pets inside during cold winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure they have access to non-frozen drinking water. If the animals are outside, make sure their access to food and water is not blocked by snow drifts, ice or other obstacles.

ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31ST 2015

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FRONT OFFICE, LOCATED DOWNSTAIRS AT THE SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Please have your Memberships renewed by: **January 22, 2016**

REGISTER NOW

(Does not include the summer fee)

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"Drum to the Beat of a Healthy Heart" Digital Storytelling Workshop

We would like to invite you to spread the word about heart disease and stroke among our people. We are seeking participants who have a story to share about the impact heart disease, stroke, or how you prevent risk factors by living a healthy lifestyle. By participating in the Digital Storytelling workshop and sharing your story, you will start a conversation that can save a life.

Do you have a heart healthy story to share?

January 20 – 22, 2016
9:00AM – 5:00PM (every day)
Albuquerque, NM

REGISTER AT <http://bit.ly/DSjan2016>
Registration is limited to 12 participants and will close as soon as the slots are filled.

To help you prepare for the workshop, we scheduled a one hour Getting Ready Webinar. Please choose one Webinar you will be able to participate in:

- Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 3:00pm MST OR
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00am MST

During the workshop, you will ...

- create your own three-minute digital story about the impact heart disease, stroke, or how you prevent risk factors by living a healthy lifestyle.
- learn the basics of script development, digital imagery and video editing.
- record and integrate your voice with your pictures.

This workshop is brought to you by:
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The Working Man's Plow	970-884-9300	Bayfield, Vallecito
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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

IHS girls geared for Ridgway

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Near the proverbial bubble's edge, on the verge of cracking the CHSAA Now.com Class 2A poll's top ten before the holiday break brought to a close the 2015 half of their schedule, the Lady Bobcats – still the third-highest 'Others Receiving Votes' team – will look to resume their climb back into the realm of the ranked Friday, Jan. 8, at home against Ridgway in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action.

Shane Seibel's side will go in standing 4-2 overall, 1-0 in the SJBL, while the Lady Demons and new skipper Adam Dubroff (mastermind Steve Hill, as ever, won't be far away) hope to build upon their most recent – albeit back on Dec. 11 – work put forth in a 52-22 trashing of non-league 1A Crested Butte Community School. Which was an accomplishment; Non-league 2A Cedaredge hammered RHS 66-20 only two nights before.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Hilda Garcia (right) gets a steal against 3A Pagosa Springs early in the 2015-16 season. Garcia's backcourt leadership will be key for the Lady 'Cats during the season's second half.

CLASS 2A GIRLS' TOP TEN

(last released 12/21/15)

1. Yuma, 2. Akron, 3. Cedaredge, 4. Paonia, 5. Simla, 6. Wray, 7. Haxtun, 8. Ault Highland, 9. Peyton, 10. Sanford. (Others receiving votes: Kremmling West Grand, Oak Creek Soroco, IGNACIO, Greeley Union Colony, Ellicott, Del Norte, Hoehne, Calhan, Rye.)

IHS WRESTLING

Grapplers get '16 going in Pagosa

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Then competing for Larimer County-based Windsor, now-junior Skyler Score couldn't score the Wizards as many team points as hoped for by not placing at last season's Class 4A State Championships in Denver.

And currently wrestling for Ault Highland, further to the east of the sprawling Fort Collins area, the former 120-, 138-pounder still finds himself close to the top – as in the final pre-holiday On The Mat Class 2A rankings – as the second half of the 2015-16 slate gets underway ... but not close enough in priming himself to seek out a Pepsi Center podium finish next month.

The same could be said for Ignacio junior Ethan Appenzeller – billed fourth at the weight behind Score, Rocky Ford senior Jeremy Fraser and #1-ranked Peyton Britton Holmes – one of only two Ignacio wrestlers receiving top-four distinction in Tim Yount's closely-followed assessment heading into the New Year.

Head coach Jordan Larsen's Bobcats, however, will hit the Jan. 9 Rocky Mountain Invitational (hosted by 3A Pagosa Springs) mats as a sum ranked above its parts; the Dec. 28, 2015, team rankings saw IHS bumped into tenth in the classification, with former #10 Walsenburg John Mall taking #9 away from Ordway Crowley County.

RFHS' Meloneers continued holding down the #1 spot, followed by La Jara Centauri, Meeker, Norwood-Nucla, Hotchkiss, Paonia, Highland and Buena Vista before getting to JMHS and Ignacio.

The Maverick-Mustang co-op crew led the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League with four top-4's, while Dove Creek had one individual so honored as did Dolores – Brandon Ward at 113 pounds, right behind second-ranked Bobcat junior Stocker Robbins.

Robbins trailed only Akron senior Tanner Watson, runner-up at 106 (Holmes had finished third at 138 pounds, Fraser second at 126) at last season's Championships, in Yount's cal-

culated opinion.

After competing at the RMI, the 'Cats will next see action Friday, Jan. 15, on the road for a dual against non-league 2A Center beginning at 5 p.m. Staying well east of Wolf Creek Pass, Ignacio will then head north to put in work on the 16th at Salida's Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational.

LAST TIME OUT

Prior to the New Year, IHS' last action had come at the 2015 Piedra Vista High School/Herman Orthodontic Panther Classic down in Farmington, New Mexico on Dec. 19.

Individual results were not available, but the Bobcats took third place in the second-tier 'Silver Bracket' and seventh overall out of 16 teams competing. Ignacio defeated 5A Grants, N.M., 48-30, lost 48-33 to 4A Kirtland (N.M.) Central, held on to down the 6A Rio Rancho (N.M.) Cleveland 'Silver' roster 41-35, lost 54-22 to 5A Gallup (N.M.) Miyamura and ultimately edged 3A Bayfield 33-27 to finish 3-2 for the day.

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Ranked Cats ready for 2016 re-up

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ready to ride into 2016, the undefeated Ignacio boys will host Ridgway on Friday, Jan. 8, looking to keep pace in the CHSAA Now.com Class 2A rankings with top-ranked Sanford and #2 Loveland Resurrection Christian.

Following third-ranked IHS (5-0, 1-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) in the most recent poll – issued Dec. 21, 2015 – are Julesburg/Ovid Revere co-op crew Sedgwick County, Meeker, Rye, Holyoke, Paonia, Simla and surprising Center – whose only loss came at the Bobcats' claws on Dec. 11.

Maybe not yet in Ignacio's sights, but always a prime mental target, Sanford stands 6-0 with just one game decided by 20 points or fewer going into their 1/8 game at Del Norte. And then-head coach Steve Hill, who never ventured the 8th to Greeley Union Colony standing a solid – a shaky overtime over 3A Alamosa aside – 7-0 and victorious in 32 of their last 33.

The lone loss came against Sanford in last



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez will be just as animated in the 2015-16 season's second half as during its first, starting with a Jan. 8 visit from off-problematic SJBL rival Ridgway.

season's State Championship, and SHS – now the classification's two-time defending champs – will face DNHS trying to extend an awesome winning streak to 53.

Ironically, Ridgway's run of 73 consecutive conquests between 1993 and '96 still stands as Colorado's record (Merino's 56 between 1978-80 ranks second). And then-head coach Steve Hill, who never ventured far from the Demons' program – girls' or boys' – after multiple attempts at retiring since 1998 (he first 'came back' in 2001, helming the Montrose boys) since 1998, will oppose Chris Valdez

for the Friday night feature inside IHS Gymnasium, with RHS off to a reported 2-1 (0-0 SJBL) start.

The Cats, 53-4 overall since 2013, will then go to Montezuma-Cortez on Jan. 9 for a 2 p.m. tip against Michael Hall's Panthers (2-3, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern). M-CHS fared well in December wins over 5A Aztec, N.M., and most recently 1A Monticello, Utah, but struggled in between against three Arizona foes at the 37th Annual Navajo Generating Station Holiday Classic and will have just hosted 3A La Jara Centauri before Ignacio's visit.

SunUte Youth Basketball 2016

** First team listed is home team



4 & 5 YEAR OLDS

Monday, Jan. 25

6:00 p.m. Thunder vs. Bulls
6:30 p.m. Warriors vs. Mavericks

Monday, Feb. 1

6:00 p.m. Bulls vs. Mavericks
6:30 p.m. Thunder vs. Warriors

Monday, Feb. 8

6:00 p.m. Warriors vs. Bulls
6:30 p.m. Mavericks vs. Thunder

Monday, Feb. 22

6:00 p.m. Warriors vs. Thunder
6:30 p.m. Mavericks vs. Bulls

Monday, Feb. 29

6:00 p.m. Mavericks vs. Warriors
6:30 p.m. Bulls vs. Thunder

6 & 7 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday, Jan. 19

5:45 p.m. Nuggets vs. Thunder
6:20 p.m. Heat vs. Spurs
6:55 p.m. Bulls vs. Rockets

Tuesday, Jan. 26

5:45 p.m. Thunder vs. Rockets
6:20 p.m. Spurs vs. Bulls
6:55 p.m. Nuggets vs. Heat

Tuesday, Feb. 2

5:45 p.m. Heat vs. Thunder
6:20 p.m. Bulls vs. Nuggets
6:55 p.m. Rockets vs. Spurs

Tuesday, Feb. 9

5:45 p.m. Thunder vs. Spurs
6:20 p.m. Nuggets vs. Rockets
6:55 p.m. Heat vs. Bulls

Tuesday, Feb. 16

5:45 p.m. Bulls vs. Thunder
6:20 p.m. Rockets vs. Heat
6:55 p.m. Spurs vs. Nuggets

Tuesday, Feb. 23

5:45 p.m. Thunder vs. Nuggets
6:20 p.m. Spurs vs. Heat
6:55 p.m. Rockets vs. Bulls

8 & 9 YEAR OLDS

Wednesday, Jan. 20

5:45 p.m. Clippers vs. Celtics
6:20 p.m. Thunder vs. Lakers
6:55 p.m. Knicks vs. Nuggets
7:30 p.m. Pacers vs. Bulls

Wednesday, Jan. 27

5:45 p.m. Nuggets vs. Pacers
6:20 p.m. Lakers vs. Bulls
6:55 p.m. Celtics vs. Knicks
7:30 p.m. Thunder vs. Clippers

Wednesday, Feb. 10

5:45 p.m. Celtics vs. Bulls
6:20 p.m. Lakers vs. Nuggets
6:55 p.m. Thunder vs. Pacers
7:30 p.m. Clippers vs. Knicks

Wednesday, Feb. 17

5:45 p.m. Pacers vs. Clippers
6:20 p.m. Knicks vs. Lakers
6:55 p.m. Bulls vs. Thunder
7:30 p.m. Nuggets vs. Celtics

Wednesday, Feb. 3

5:45 p.m. Knicks vs. Thunder
6:20 p.m. Clippers vs. Lakers
6:55 p.m. Pacers vs. Celtics
7:30 p.m. Bulls vs. Nuggets

Wednesday, Feb. 24

5:45 p.m. Thunder vs. Nuggets
6:20 p.m. Lakers vs. Celtics
6:55 p.m. Clippers vs. Bulls
7:30 p.m. Knicks vs. Pacers

10 & 11 YEAR OLDS

Thursday, Jan. 21

5:45 p.m. Spurs vs. Nets
6:40 p.m. Lakers vs. Bulls
7:35 p.m. Heat vs. Thunder

Thursday, Jan. 28

5:45 p.m. Heat vs. Lakers
6:40 p.m. Bulls vs. Spurs
7:35 p.m. Thunder vs. Nets

Thursday, Feb. 4

5:45 p.m. Nets vs. Bulls
6:40 p.m. Spurs vs. Heat
7:35 p.m. Lakers vs. Thunder

Thursday, Feb. 11

5:45 p.m. Lakers vs. Spurs
6:40 p.m. Heat vs. Nets
7:35 p.m. Thunder vs. Bulls

Thursday, Feb. 18

5:45 p.m. Bulls vs. Heat
6:40 p.m. Nets vs. Lakers
7:35 p.m. Spurs vs. Thunder

Thursday, Feb. 25

5:45 p.m. Nets vs. Spurs
6:40 p.m. Bulls vs. Lakers
7:35 p.m. Thunder vs. Heat



COMMUNITY WISHES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM

We would like to wish our mom, Jeri, a very happy birthday – we are all so very blessed to have you in our lives. We look forward to many more adventures together ... we'll put our crash helmets on and go anywhere with you!

Love forever – Bobbie and Loni (and families)

*In Loving Memory of
My Beautiful Daughter
"Leah S. Weaver"*

Not gone....
But only gone before to where love
lives on evermore.
Not lost....
But only lost from sight, as one who
walks ahead at night.
Not parted....
Only just apart, in memory, kept close
in heart.
Not of the past....
But now to be a part of all eternity.

*My heart is with you,
and my soul waits to join you.
You are missed and loved
every day.*

Faith & Anthony



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEELYN

There are only a few women who have my heart completely – my Mother is one of them, she is now in heaven and looks upon us and smiles – how I wish she were here to see you grow. She would be so proud of you Keelyn. You hold a very special place in my heart and your momma, my daughter Miracle also has my heart. You are so smart, silly, helpful, and stubborn and creative – just like your momma and me. I couldn't say I love you enough, but always remember, no matter how old you get, you will always be my 'baby-girl.'

Love you always,
Papa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEELYN JASMINE REYNOLDS

Today (Jan. 7) 6 years ago, I was blessed with the birth of my daughter Keelyn Jasmine Reynolds. You forever kept me on my toes and gaurd up, made me cry, kept me smiling. But one thing I'm grateful for is all the MANY people that helped and currently raise her, teach her, listen to her, had their "food orders" taken by her, just THERE FOR HER in a POSITIVE, RESPECTFULLY MANNER as an ADULT should be!

I love her more than I love myself because I'M THE ONE SHE LOOKS UP TO! I'm her hero!

Happy birthday – Jazzy, Berries, Lotso, Keelyn, KJ2, Berries Armijlo, Lil mama, Lil Miracle, MY MINI ME!



NEW EMPLOYEES



Gregory Liebscher

Job title: Detention officer
Description of duties: Responsible for care of the inmate, his/her welfare, keep inmates safe and secure.
Hobbies: Basketball, hiking, fishing and off-roading
Tribe: Osage

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is a leadership program that supports the Southern Ute Youth. The SCSYAC members are the voice of the Southern Ute Tribes youth and are in charge of making proposals to tribal council when they wanted to take action on a topic. The idea behind SCSYAC would be to create more awareness for the youth in the topics and everyday issues in our community and to provide a leadership training to increase their skills. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending public or private school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses. Application packets are due February 1st, 2016.

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2015-NC-0126
Elizabeth Olive Santistevan, Civil Subject**
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Olive Santistevan has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Elizabeth Olive Williams. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2016.
BY THE COURT,
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

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 17th of December, 2015
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2015-NC-0118
Mikki Naranjo Roubideaux, Civil Subject**
Notice is hereby given that Mikki Naranjo Roubideaux has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Mikki S. Naranjo. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 22, 2016 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2015.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Julia Mae Cruz, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2015-NC-116**
Notice: Notice is hereby given that Julia Mae Cruz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Juliya Mae Valdez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 29, 2016 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2015.
BY THE COURT,
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

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Jan. 4	Jan. 8	New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed 1/1
Jan. 15*	Jan. 22	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/18), offices closed 1/18
Feb. 1	Feb. 5	Valentine's Day (2/14)
Feb. 12	Feb. 19	
Feb. 29	Mar. 4	President's Day (2/15), offices closed 2/15
Mar. 14	Mar. 18	Easter (3/27)
Mar. 28	Apr. 1	April Fools Day (4/1)
Apr. 11	Apr. 15	
Apr. 25	Apr. 29	May Day (5/1), Mother's Day (5/8)
May 9	May 13	
May 23	May 27	Memorial Day (5/30), offices closed 5/30. SU Bear Dance (5/27-30)
Jun. 6	Jun. 10	Father's Day (6/19)
Jun. 20	Jun. 24	Independence Day (7/4), offices closed 7/4
Jul. 1*	Jul. 8	Sun Dance Feast (7/18), offices closed 7/18. SU Sun Dance (7/14-18)
Jul. 15	Jul. 22	
Aug. 1	Aug. 5	
Aug. 15	Aug. 19	
Aug. 29	Sep. 2	Labor Day (9/5), offices closed 9/5. Grandparent's Day (9/11)
Sep. 12	Sep. 16	SU Tribal Fair & Powwow (9/9-11)
Sep. 26	Sep. 30	
Oct. 10	Oct. 14	Cultural Diversity Day (10/10)
Oct. 24	Oct. 28	Halloween (10/31)
Nov. 4*	Nov. 10*	Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 17*	Nov. 23*	Thanksgiving (11/24), offices closed 11/24 & 11/25
Dec. 2*	Dec. 8*	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed 12/9
Dec. 19	Dec. 23	Christmas (12/25), offices closed 12/26

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Professional Design Build Services For Multi-Family Housing – Cedar Point Initiative

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Professional Design Build Services to include: Design Build for Multi Family Rental Units for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Housing Departments located at 15168 Hwy 172 in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on Feb. 18, 2016. Proposals received after that time will not

be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Vince Mirabal for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-4710 or vmirabal@southernute-nsn.gov. The RFP will be available on Jan. 8, 2016. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 at 2 PM at 15168 Highway 172, Ignacio, Colo., at Tribal Housing Department. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

Do you have Questions about your Indian Mineral Ownership or Royalties?

*Department of the Interior
Oil and Gas Royalty
Question and Answer Sessions*

Thursday, January 28, 2016

*BIA - Southern Ute Agency
Ignacio, Colorado
8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.*

*Southern Ute Senior Center
Ignacio, Colorado
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226

**Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member
18 or over and Registered to vote?**

THE SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD IS SEARCHING FOR
1- ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER, COULD THIS BE YOU!

This is a Tribal appointment and a paid position. If you are interested, please submit a Letter of Intent with a current phone number on it to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) Monday, January 11, 2016 by 5 p.m. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, West Wing of the Tribal Office. If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext: 2303 or 2305.

It's your Voice It's your Tribal Community

Southern Ute Election Board, P.O. Box 737, MS #32 Ignacio, CO 81137-0737



Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors Meeting

Due to upcoming holidays, the January and February meetings have been moved to Jan. 11 and Feb. 8. The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Board of Directors regularly meets on the third Monday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letter of interest from three (3) at-large Southern Ute Tribal members and two (2) alternates to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal members must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO, 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100, ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KSUT is seeking individuals to fill three (3) open seats on the Board of Directors. One (1) is open specifically for the "Native American at Large" seat; and Two (2) are open for the general Board seats. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Board Vice-President Paula Miller at paulajomiller@gmail.com (read it Paula Jo Miller at gmail DOT com) or mail to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seats are open until filled. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information visit the KSUT website at www.ksut.org. These positions are open until filled.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.



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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.

Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Construction Coordinator-Engineering – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 1/13/16

Providing construction management support as required and coordination of activities between Operations and Engineering for the construction of Red Willow pipeline systems, compression, dehydration, and water facilities; project development for efficiency improvements and mechanical integrity projects; active participation in project scope development and planning, and assists with communicating to Engineering the needs of Operations as they pertain to specific projects. Monitors projects and their progress to assure schedule coordination with Operations and monitors contractor performance and cost control. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree and five years relevant, appropriate and equivalent industry experience; OR an Associate's Degree and ten years relevant, appropriate and equivalent industry experience; OR a high school diploma or equivalent and fifteen years relevant, appropriate, and equivalent industry experience is required. Must have: Ten years experience in operations and/or construction of natural gas well production, pipeline gathering, and compression facilities; Supervisory experience; Knowledge and skill using computer spreadsheets, word processing software, and e-mail; Experience with managing construction crews; Ability to become familiar with generally accepted gas industry construction practices; and valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Working knowledge of specific industry codes and regulations, including ASME VIII and IX; ANSI B 31.3, B 31.4, B 31.8 piping codes; DOT Part 190-195, and API 1104 is desirable. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Operator II – Aka Energy Group (Maljamar, NM)

Close date 1/13/16

Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have: One year natural gas or amine plant operating experience, or in an industry that utilizes similar equipment; Computer experience, with knowledge and experience in MS Word, Excel, and Outlook; and valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka Energy Group vehicle insurance policy. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history

background check. Must live within a 50 mile radius of the facility. Must be able to work under a rotating workweek, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Operator III – Aka Energy Group (Maljamar, NM)

Close date 1/13/16

Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner, assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have: Two years natural gas or amine plant operating experience, or in an industry that utilizes similar equipment; One year gas dehydration systems and related pumps and filters experience; Computer experience, with knowledge and experience in MS Word, Excel, and Outlook; and valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka Energy Group vehicle insurance policy. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must live within a 50 mile radius of the facility. Must be able to work under a rotating workweek, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Operations Tech I – Aka Energy Group (Maljamar, NM)

Close date 1/13/16

Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have: Three years natural gas or amine plant operating experience or industry that utilizes similar equipment; Two years gas dehydration systems and related pumps and filters experience. Must have computer experience, with knowledge and experience in MS Word, Excel, and Outlook. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka Energy Group vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must live within a 50 mile radius of the facility. Must be able to work under a rotating workweek, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

KSUT Public Radio

Development Assistant/Underwriting Specialist

KSUT Public Radio seeks a Development Assistant/Underwriting Specialist who is responsible for the renewal and maintenance of existing underwriting accounts, writing, editing, trafficking and changing on-air underwriting copy and underwriting billing and receiving. The Underwriting Specialist is a key member of the development team and contributes to the brainstorming, planning and supporting all station fundraising and marketing activities, including underwriting, membership and special events. Duties include maintenance of underwriting accounts including renewal of existing underwriters, record keeping, copy changes and billing questions with a goal toward meeting or exceeding revenue goals and strategic benchmarks; management of underwriter database, including posting payments, invoicing, trafficking announcements, monthly and annual reporting, and preparing bank deposits; being the first point of contact with KSUT underwriters for maintaining relationships and problem solving; be the first point of contact for potential new underwriters, explaining the benefits and costs with a goal toward meeting or exceeding revenue goals and strategic benchmarks; maintaining complete and up-to-date knowledge of FCC regulations as they pertain to underwriting announcements and be prepared to explain them to current and potential underwriters; maintain the KSUT online underwriter list, website banner advertising, and participate in the marketing of the station through social media outlets; solicit donations other than financial gifts for the purpose of fundraising; recruit, coordinate, and acknowledge volunteers for station fundraising activities; brainstorm, plan and produce special events and marketing strategies; represent KSUT as part of the nonprofit community and at community service club meetings and events; train for and perform weekly on-air music programming shifts, as needed; attend training as required or needed; and perform other duties as assigned. A passion for public radio is essential. Bachelor's degree in related field required. KSUT offers a dynamic work environment and excellent benefits plan. Qualifications and a full job description can be found online at ksut.org. KSUT is an EEO, Native American preference employer. Tribal preference given. Send letter of interest and resume to chris@ksut.org by Jan. 15, or by mail: Chris Aaland, KSUT Public Radio, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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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. 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.

Administration Assistant-Wildlife

Closing date 1/11/16

Performs office support for the Wildlife Resource Management Division, including reception, secretarial and office records management services. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

LAN Support Specialist

Closing date 1/12/16

Under the direction of the LAN/Systems Administrator, provides Local Area Network and System administration, maintenance and support for all Southern Ute Tribal internal and external customers. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

After School Guide (Part-time)

Closing date 1/14/16

Regular part-time, provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program.

Water Resources Division Head

Closing date 1/15/16

The Division Head works under the direction of the Department of Natural Resources' Director, and is responsible for management/oversight of all Water Resource Division operations including water resource planning, irrigation activities, soil conservation activities, and the Tribe's Weed Management Program. The program promotes the appropriate use, development, and conservation of the Tribe's water and soil resources in accordance with all Tribal policies and any applicable State, Federal, or other regulations.

Payroll Manager

Closing date 1/25/16

Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll

tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annual.

Family Practice Physician

Closing date 2/5/16

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

Human Resources Director

Closing date 2/16/16

Under general direction of the Executive Officer, management of the Human Resources Dept., Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Dept. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open until filled

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

Enrolled Local Native American Only

Criminal Investigator

Open until filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

Maintenance Worker

Closing date 1/12/16

Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Occupant Safety Coordinator – Southern Ute Head Start

Closing date 1/5/16

An excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Full-time, 25 hours. Flexible schedule is required. Occupant Safety Programs experience preferred. High School Diploma or GED required. Able to lift minimum of 30 lbs. and experience with power tools. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 1/11/16

Graveyard shift. Cleans all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break room. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. 21 years old+. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 1/15/16

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

*Restaurant Supervisor – Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 1/11/16

Monitors and supervises the day-to-day operations of the Rolling Thunder Grill and lounge area, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional guest service experience. Supervises all floor staff including host/hostess, servers and bussers. Completes opening and closing duties. Assists management in training, scheduling, evaluating and/or disciplining, motivating and coaching employees and serves as a role model. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. At least 5 years in the restaurant industry with a minimum of 3 years experience as a Restaurant Supervisor in a restaurant or in a hotel environment.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 1/11/16

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

*User Support/Database Administrator (Full-time)

Closing date 1/14/16

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 years experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Experience in: A client/server environment; Aristocrat Environment; and installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment. Knowledge and experience in: Working with and supporting accounting systems; Development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified.

*Must be 21 years of age



Powwow rings in 2016

The New Years Sobriety Powwow was hosted on Saturday, Jan. 2 at SunUte Community Center, bringing the community together to celebrate 2016 with healthy resolutions.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Ignacio Wildcats offer tickets for the powwow cakewalk, with all earnings going towards the 7th and 8th grade basketball teams.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal veteran, Howard D. Richards Sr., marches with the color guard, followed by Head Man Dancer, Henry Whiteskunk, during Grand Entry.

Songs to bring in the new year



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Drummers gathered and sang around the drum at the New Years Potluck held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on December 31. Community members came out to the potluck to enjoy food and company of friends and family.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The music of drumbeats was provided by Yellow Jacket and Catching Eagle.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

MC, Sheila Nanaeto from KSUT Tribal Radio handles the announcements.

Walking into 2016 with prayers



Tyson Thompson

In below zero temperatures, about 20 community members make their way north on HWY 172 to the first rest stop to offer prayers for the New Year.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Natahnee Winder, holds a can of tobacco, used to offer prayers by each of those who walked.

The youngest of the walkers, and most energetic, Sinaav Larry holds the staff of his grandfather, Saa-swanis Hiswaqs (Robert) Buckskin. The staff has been on many walks and will continue to be carried on years to come.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The walkers of the New Year's Sobriety Walk stop to offer prayers and pose for a quick photo before heading south on CR 517 back to Ignacio.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Jan. 8



Cloudy 28°F
70% chance of snow

Saturday, Jan. 9



Partly sunny 25°F

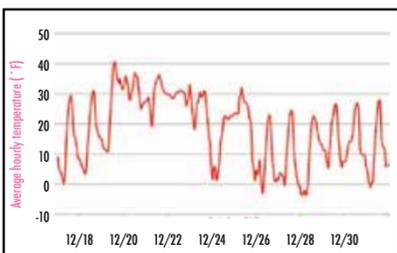
Sunday, Jan. 10



Partly sunny 26°F
10% chance of snow

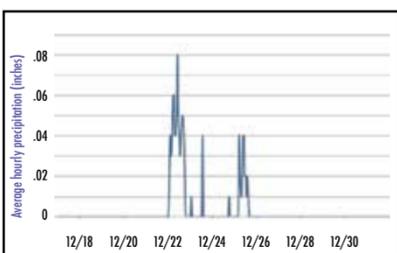


Weather data for December 17 – January 1



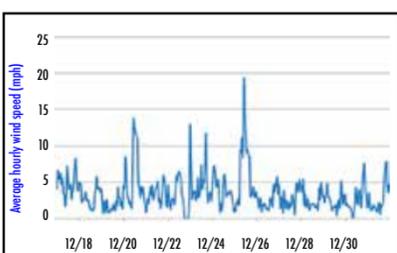
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High 40.6°
Low -3.8°
Average 17.7°
Average last year 22.7°



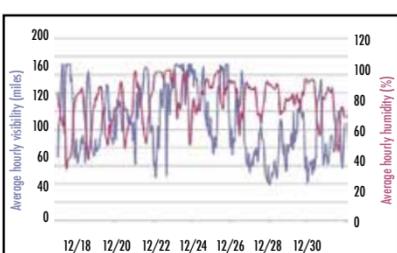
Precipitation

Total 1.080"
Total last year 0.030"



Wind speed

Average 3.5
Minimum 0.0
Maximum 19.2



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 106.0
Average humidity 76.4%

Air quality

Good
Air quality descriptor: 38