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Meet the new Sky Ute Casino General Manager Intern

Staff report

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Krista Red, Casino HR Director, has been selected to intern under Charley Flagg, General Manager, with the goal of becoming the Casino's General Manager. Her internship began on March 1, 2016 and she will undergo extensive training in all aspects of managing a casino.

We thought it would be great to let Krista introduce herself and tell you a bit about her background. So, here she is!

I am excited to have accepted the position for the General Manager Internship. I will be working closely with Charley for a few years to gain the experience and knowledge I will need. I am proud to be part of the Casino staff — and I am honored to have the opportunity to work with all of you to continue making the Casino property a successful place to work and play.

I was born and raised in Ignacio, Colo. I am a member of the Southern Ute Tribe: my father is the late Bryce Red and my mother is Rosemary Aiken. I have a brother, Adam Red, and two delightful nieces. I am



courtesy/Sky Ute Casino Resort

Tribal member Krista Red (right) was selected as the Sky Ute Casino General Manager Intern. Current general manager, Charley Flagg, will be training Red to take over his position.

the proud mother of four wonderful children and everything I do is for my kids: Jasmine, Destaney, Harmony and Miguel. I have been blessed with the most adorable and loving grandchildren: Ivan and Ezra. As a family we have sacrificed a lot in order to allow me to pursue my career. I am grateful for the support of my family!

I graduated from Ignacio High School in 1996. I worked as a cosmetologist while I continued my education at Fort Lewis College. I graduated with a B.A. in Psychology and Business Administration. After college I went to work at the Growth Fund as an accountant while I pur-

sued my Master's degree in Business Administration. This is when I decided to dedicate myself to helping people and our community. I started working for the Casino in 2010 as the CDP Manager. In a short amount of time I found myself interested in the Director of Human Resources position where I am currently employed doing the job I love. I am excited and nervous about the challenge I have accepted but through all this I feel blessed.

I have big shoes to fill and I plan on filling those shoes successfully. I will do my best to fulfill both the requirements and expectations that go with this position!

GROWTH FUND

Employees honored for safety

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Wesley Carter from Aka Energy Group was named the top recipient at the tenth annual Southern Ute Growth Fund Safety & Environmental Achievement Awards on Wednesday, March 2. The banquet honors employees from the Southern Ute Growth Fund who have shown dedication in safety and attentiveness to the highest degree. Carter, Process Safety Engineer, was awarded first place due to his implementation of a new Process Safety Management (PSM) Program, as well as leading on process safety events and investigations. Other recipients include Scott Callaghan from Red Cedar Gathering Company, and Rudy Lizaro from Aka Energy Group.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bruce Valdez, Growth Fund Executive Director, praised his fellow associates with gratitude. "Every [recipient] has done a great job. They continue to keep everyone in compliance. They helped identify problems, they helped keep employees safe, and they are definite assets to the Southern

Ute Indian Tribe ... When people talk about safety, a lot of times they're only talking about the company and business. When I came here, I wanted to promise that we understand what safety really means. We take it very seriously."

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TRIBAL UTILITIES

Changes for the Solid Waste Program

Staff report
UTILITIES DIVISION

The Southern Ute Utilities Division Solid Waste Program provides a reliable and convenient way for Southern Ute tribal customers to dispose of their trash.

This is a wonderful program that is free of charge to Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Tribal Departments only. Unfortunately, there have been a number of incidences that have made it necessary to make some changes to this program.

Utilities management has worked hard to make these necessary changes and with your patience they assure you that it can be a smooth transition.

There is now a list of items that are acceptable to take to the Transfer Station

and there are specific places for you to put them. This will help to ensure proper disposal of all items.

- General household garbage
- Chemicals and oil common to household use such as cleaning supplies and motor oil.
- Branches, leaves, and burnable lumber – take these items to the burn pile
- The following items can be set aside by the shed:
- Latex and oil based house paints
- Home appliances, refrigerators, and freezers
- Home electronics
- Car batteries

As always, there is help available to anyone that needs assistance. If the Solid Waste Monitor is not available, you can either call the office at 970-

563-5500 for assistance or simply go inside the office building and they will get someone to help you.

The following items are NOT allowed:

- Construction, remodeling, or home and property demolition debris
- Commercial or contractor debris
- Chemicals and oil common in commercial or industrial product use
- Concrete, masonry, and rocks
- Dead animals
- Stumps or logs that are greater than 6 inches in diameter
- Vehicles and trailers
- Tires – except during the Spring and Fall Clean Up events
- Poisons

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TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Tax Season: What you need from Tribal Info. Services

Staff Report
TIS DEPARTMENT

Tax season, like all the other seasons, is unavoidable. To help prepare you for your visit to your tax provider the Tribal Information Services Department (TIS) has compiled a list of services they provide to the membership during this time of year.

For tribal members living within the exterior boundaries of either the Southern Ute or Ute Mountain Reservations:

- TIS will provide you a Verification Letter. The Verification Letter provides your tax provider proof that you indeed reside within the boundaries of one of the two reservations.

If you are a Southern Ute tribal member living on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation please

provide your tax provider proof that you indeed reside within the boundaries of one of the two reservations.

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Grapplers at State Ballers to Regionals

IHS WRESTLING

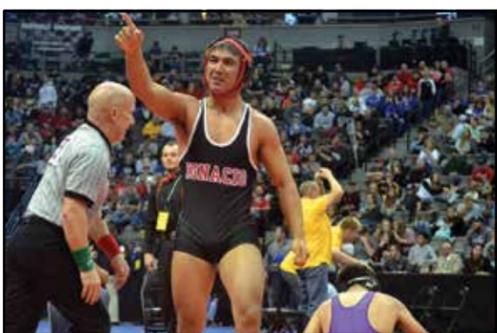
3 qualify, 3 place for IHS at State

Appenzeller finishes second at 138

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Standing with a former State Champion (older brother Jacob) during the Parade of Champions, and listening to instructions from another former State Champion (head coach Jordan Larsen) and his assistant (Cody Haga), who'd ended his Ignacio career with a third-place podium finish, IHS' Ethan Appenzeller had about as much CHSAA State Wrestling Championships knowledge from which to reference as a grappler could want.

And after having pinned Limon junior Bra-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lorenzo Pena salutes the Bobcat fans inside Pepsi Center while the referee makes sure Wray's Carlos Tarin (seated, right) is o.k. to stand after being forcefully pinned by IHS' junior 160-pounder on Day 3 (Feb. 20) of the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships in Denver.

den Kappel in 1 minute, 33 seconds, dominated Rocky Ford junior Cody Venem by 11-0 major de-

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats leave D-3 no doubt

No. 1 seed for regionals

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seemingly more content to bang and bruise up local nemesis Mancos the night before, the Dolores Lady Bears certainly weren't looking forward – figuratively or literally – to squaring off against San Juan Basin League powerhouse Ignacio the next afternoon for the Class 2A-District 3 Tournament title.

To be fair, not many squads anywhere would have been after witnessing the Lady Bobcats ravage Ridgway by an incredible 68 points in the Feb. 26-27 event's very first contest – which made IHS' 35-point rout of DHS on Day 2 seem almost competitive by comparison.

But with the Lady Cats swiftly build-

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS boys bag D-3 championship

Draw regional's 2-seed

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Stefan Reiter couldn't help but beam after some eleventh-hour planning paid regional-qualifying dividends on day one of the 2A-District 3 Tournament, held Feb. 26-27 at Montezuma-Cortez High School.

"You want to hear something funny?" he asked, following Telluride's exciting 53-48 escape from no-quit Mancos in the event's second semifinal. "I just taught them that defense today. Only had time to practice it in our run-through ... and it worked!"

Frustrated Blue Jays fans found a little solace in the fact that THS and their 1-3-1 scheme would be put to the ultimate test the next afternoon, and weren't afraid to vocally remind Reiter's Miners: 'Have

Boys basketball page 8



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Chairman of NIGA, National Indian Gaming Association, Ernest Stevens Jr., former Senator, Ben Nighthorse Campbell and NIGA Executive Director, Jason Giles present to Tribal Council pertinent information in regards to Indian gaming.

TRIBAL GAMING

Gaming association meets with tribe

By Sacha Smith

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Monday, Feb. 29 to provide information to Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Division of Gaming on the work the association does.

"The reason for the visit is to strengthen our voice in Washington [D.C.], that's why we're here," Ernest Stevens NIGA chairman said.

NIGA gave a brief history of the association and updated the tribe on the lobbying

the association does in Washington D.C. Since NIGA was established in 1985, it has served as a lobbying organization, Jason Giles, NIGA Executive Director said. NIGA has been instrumental in helping pass legislation that helps Native tribes and has also worked to stop legislation that threatens tribal sovereignty, Giles said.

"Every election ... people get into office that are unaware of tribal governments," he said.

Which is why it is important for tribes to be involved with new political systems coming in Giles said.

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost thanked the association for the presentation and let them know that the tribe works well with the state of Colorado.

"We are thankful for the Governor ... that he understands the tribe and that the tribe has the support of the Governor's office and CCIA. We appreciate the state's relationship with the two Ute Tribes," he said.

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission will be attending the NIGA's Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention March 13-15 in Phoenix, AZ.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost enjoys a Rolling Thunder Hall lunch with sixth graders from the Southern Ute Academy and Ignacio Intermediate School on Thursday, Feb. 23. The gathering was one of several the Southern Ute Tribal Council has been having with different grade levels in the local area, with the Council offering its support and encouragement to the students' education.

This photo first appeared in the March 3, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

TRIBAL CREDIT

Downs-Glass appointed interim Tribal Credit Division Head

Staff report

SU TRIBAL CREDIT

Mrs. Lovvis Downs-Glass is recently appointed as the interim Tribal Credit Division Head. Mr. Matt Morishige has been the Tribal Credit Head but has accepted a new lending position in Durango. His last day with the Tribe's Permanent Fund will be March 4. Matt has worked hard and diligently, built the Credit Division almost up from scratch and served the Tribe well in bringing us this far along.

Mrs. Glass was originally



hired by the Southern Ute Tribe in January, 2010, as the Wildlife Administrative Assistant. She was there to help you with hunting, fishing, crossing permits or bi-

son meat.

In November of 2015, Lovvis moved to the Finance Department as the tribe's Contract & Grant Writer Specialist. Mrs. Glass has an extensive background in banking, mortgage loan closings, real estate documentation and escrow accounting. Please come visit Lovvis in the Tribal Credit office on the second floor of the tribe's Leonard C. Burch Bldg. to discuss your home loan options.

"I look forward to serving the Members in my new role," said Downs-Glass.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Late-coming feathers in their caps. Ute Language teachers Everett Burch, Lynda D'Wolf and Dorothy Naranjo received certificates of achievement for completing classroom management and curriculum writing classes in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. The four-day workshop was held in 1993. The awards were sent the following year, however Director Alden Naranjo was not made aware of the existence of the plaques until just last month.

This photo first appeared in the March 1, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Cynthia Kent was honored by her tribe, the Southern Utes on Friday, Feb. 28, 1986 for being selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1985.

This photo first appeared in the March 7, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

GROWTH FUND SAFETY AWARDS • FROM PAGE 1

Tribal member Steve Herrera from Red Willow Production Company took home a nomination award for his work with Operations to ensure safety design changes, as well as implementing aspects of

the PSM program to E&P facilities for improved work practices.

Herrera stated, "I feel honored. I've worked with Red Willow since July 2014, and was with Red Cedar prior. It's great to be

nominated by your peers."

Other nomination recipients include Alan Bartells, Joe Brett, Brent Brown, Greg Busch, Lawrence Cloud, Ron Davis, Billy Hendricks, Ray Lehr, and Andy Young.

Shale Oil & Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

Southern Ute Tribal Members Meeting: March 15, 2016
Public Meeting: March 22, 2016
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Bonnie Kent Room
Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio, Colorado
For more information: Maria Irwin (970) 764-6494

Appetizers & Door Prizes at March 15th Tribal Members Meeting!

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund is drafting a "Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement" to analyze potential impacts of shale development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This document will help guide long-term development of shale oil and gas.

The Southern Ute Growth Fund will provide an overview of the proposed development, explain the process, and welcome your questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the proposed environmental analysis. Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will also be present.

Join Us!

Free Wills for Southern Ute Tribal Members

Law students from the University of Denver are coming to Ignacio to prepare Wills for Southern Ute Tribal members from Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 17. There will be no charge for the Wills. To make an appointment for your Will, call Julie or Rayelene at the OST Southern Ute Field Office at 970-563-1013. If you have questions, call John Roach, Fiduciary Trust Officer, or visit him at the BIA Agency office across from the community center.

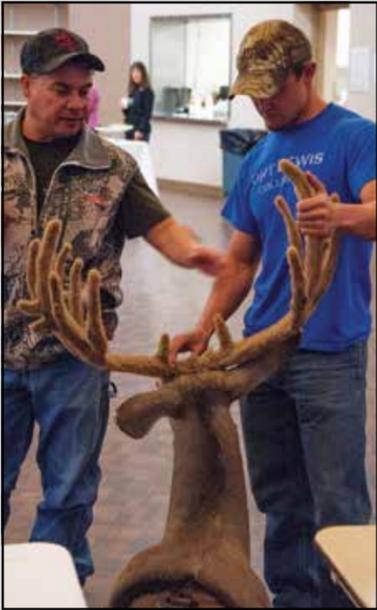


Wildlife outreach draws crowd



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Aran Johnson, wildlife biologist, takes a look at antlers tribal member Jordan Rock brought in to be scored at the Wildlife Division's Membership Outreach Meeting and Scoring Night Thursday, Feb. 24.



Bison Educator, Marge Borst was recognized for her work on completing the Southern Ute Buffalo & Wild Game Cookbook on Thursday, Feb. 25. The cookbooks are now available at the Wildlife Division and are limited to one per tribal member household.

Members from the Jicarilla Apache Game and Fish provided the scoring for the annual Southern Ute Wildlife's scoring night.

CULTURAL UPDATE

Classes & Beading Challenges

Each month the Cultural Department will offer a monthly beadwork challenge. The challenge is open to all bead workers. The winner will be selected by the Elders at the Elder Luncheon. If you have any questions please call the Cultural Department at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620. Be on the look out for our flyers with information and template of the each bead challenge design and "Good Luck!"

- March 18 – Beaded Butterfly
- April 8 – Beaded Teepees
- May 20 – Beaded Floral

3 p.m. (Limit 15 participants)

- March: 8, 10, 15 – Shawl Making
- April: 5, 7, 12 – Cloth Dress
- May: 3, 5, 10 – Ribbon Shirt
- May: 17, 24 – Wreath Making

Tribal Elder Lunch

Lunch will be held at the SUCCM Large/Small Classroom at noon

- Friday, March 18
- Friday, April 8
- Friday, May 20

Tribal Membership Classes

Tribal Membership Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 5:30 p.m. till at 8 p.m. (Limit 20 participants)

- March 9, 10 - Ribbon Dress Class
- March 16, 17 - Make-up session/Ribbon Dress
- March 23, 24 - Shawl Making Class
- March 30, 31 - Make-up session/Shawl Making
- April 6, 7 - Ribbon Shirt Class
- April 13, 14 - Make-up session/Ribbon Shirt
- April 20, 21 - Beaded Gauntlets Class
- April 27, 28 - Make-up session/Beaded Gauntlets
- May 4, 5 - Beaded Shawl Pin
- May 11, 12 - Make-up session/Beaded Shawl Pin

Ute Language Classes

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. Classes start at 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

- March – 7, 14, 21, 28
- April – 4, 11, 18, 25
- May – 7, 14, 21, 28

Spring Blessing 2016

Tribal Membership, Tribal Staff and Buildings will be blessed on March 18, 2016. The blessing will start south of KSUT in the old casino parking lot starting at sunrise.

- May 18, 19 – Moccasin Class
- May 25, 26 – Make-up session/Moccasin

Tribal Elder Events

Tribal Elder Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 10 a.m. and end at

Contact Edward B Box III, Cultural Education Coordinator-Temp at the Southern Ute Cultural Dept., 970-563-0100, ext. 2306 or via email at ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov.

DENVER MARCH POWWOW
March 25 – 27, 2016
Denver Coliseum, Denver, CO

Southern Ute Culture Department

Beadwork Challenge for March!

Email your photo of your entry to ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov, or bring your project by the Culture Department and we will take a photo.

The Culture Department's monthly beadwork challenge is back! "Opportunity to be creative!"

The challenge this month is open to all bead workers. The winner will be posted in The Drum.

Here is the challenge for March.



2016 SPRING BLESSING— FRIDAY MARCH 18TH

The 2016 Blessing of the buildings, tribal vehicles, staff & Southern Ute community will be held on Friday March 18th. The ceremony will begin at sunrise just South of KSUT.

Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost, asks that all staff respect the ways of the Southern Ute people and have all offices & buildings open & available to be blessed. All Southern Ute tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the fire pit located South of KSUT unless you have made arrangements with the Sun Dance Chief for your tribal vehicle to be blessed.

If your department would like a certain Sun Dancer to bless your building, office or cubicle please contact Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil @ 563-0100 Ext. 3624 or Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost at 970-442-0500.

Southern Ute community members and or Tribal Staff that would like an individual blessing, can do so at the fire pit.

FRIDAY - MARCH 18TH

SOUTHERN UTE ELDER LUNCHEON

12PM-1PM— SUCCM

MENU

- BRISKET
- POTATOES
- RED CHILI
- CORN
- TORTILLAS

BEADWORK "BUTTERFLY" CHALLENGE WILL BE HELD & JUDGED

For questions please call 970-563-0100 ext. 3620
Southern Ute Culture Department

HOZHONI DAYS POWWOW
April 15 – 16, 2016
Ft. Lewis College
Durango, CO

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE BEAR DANCE POWWOW

MAY 27 & 28, 2016

Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, CO

BEAR DANCE POWWOW HEAD STAFF

Bart Powaukee - MC Fort Duchesne, Utah	Daniel Cesspooch - Drum Judge Fort Duchesne, Utah
Randy Medicine Bear - AD Loveland, CO	Andrew Frost - Head Gourd Dancer Ignacio, CO
Michael Grant Sr. - Head Man Bloomfield, NM	Mile High - Host Northern Drum Lakewood, CO
Snow Wing Arrow Top Knot Wagner - Head Lady Cortez, CO	Bad Company - Host Southern/Gourd Drum Fort Collins, CO

GOURD DANCE
- Friday, May 27 - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28 - 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

GRAND ENTRY
- Friday, May 27 - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28 - 1 & 7 p.m.

REGISTRATION
- Opens: Friday, May 27, 5 p.m.
- Closes: Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m.

CONTEST CATEGORIES
- Golden Age: 55 & older
- Men and Women
- Men's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
Fancy, Grass, No & So, Traditional
- Women's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
Fancy Shawl, Jingle, No & So, Traditional
- Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs
Fancy, Grass, Combined Traditional
- Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs.
Fancy, Jingle, Combined Traditional
- Tiny Tots: 6 yrs & younger Exhibition, each session
- Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

POWOW CONTACTS
- Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149
- Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255
- Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301

POWOW INFO
- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846
- Food Vendors: Kendra Alexander, 970-563-5541
- \$50 each day (10x10) inside booth rates.
Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

ADMISSION INFO
- Admission is free
- Camping is free
- The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
- No drugs or alcohol allowed

96TH SOUTHERN UTE FAIR POWWOW SEPT. 9-11, 2016

Southern Ute Bear Dance

• May 27th - 30th 2016 •

BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING
10:30 am Friday, May 27th

BEAR DANCE FEAST 12 pm Monday, May 30th

- BEAR DANCE CHIEF - Matthew Box •
- NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING •
- PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED; EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF THE UTE TRIBES •
- THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, THEFT •
- THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED •
- FOR MORE BEAR DANCE INFORMATION, CALL 970-563-0100 EXT. 3624 •

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NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

Hotchkiss recognized as Champion for Change

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Last month, the Center of Native American Youth (CNAY), a policy program at the Aspen Institute, recognized their 2016 Champions for Change. Among the five native youth recognized was 17-year-old Noah Blue Elk Hotchkiss, the son of tribal member, Kimberly Armstrong, and Jason Hotchkiss. Noah was recognized for organizing an adaptive sports program for disabled Native youth. Noah is Southern Ute, Southern Cheyenne/Caddo Nation.

“There are inspirational young people that are working on and off reservations all across this country to try and improve the lives of Native youth, you got five of them in



courtesy Amie Hammond/Weenuche Smoke Signals

Noah Blue Elk Hotchkiss was recognized as a 2016 Champion for Change by the Center for Native American Youth during the National Congress of American Indians Conference Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Washington D.C.

front of you ... these kids are doing extraordinary things,” former US Senator Byron Dorgan and founder of CNAY, said during a public panel discussion held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Washington D.C.

During the panel, Noah

said he and his father started the Tribal Adaptive Organization and received a \$10,000 grant from the Dreamstarter Grant Project, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, to host

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SUPD

Car seat safety: Protecting the precious cargo

Staff report
SU POLICE DEPT.

Parents, while you are traveling, how do you protect the most precious thing in your life? You place your child in the proper car seat to protect them from a crash. The technology has improved from the old days when a mother would place her hand on a child while she braked hard. Today you have car seats based on the size and age of a child to maximize their protection. But how many parents are paying attention to the amount of protection they give their children?

A car safety seat survey was taken February at the SUCAP Head Start in Ignacio using car seat technicians from Head Start and law enforcement personnel from the Southern Ute Police Department to survey 47 vehicles. The results were interesting. Parents and guardians driving up to the school had their seatbelts fastened for only 68 percent of the drivers. Would the passengers be better? No, only 50 percent of the adult passengers were buckled up in the vehicles. Would the numbers prove

greater protection for their children being dropped off to school? Infants placed in a rear facing car seat were strapped in 91 percent of the time. Not perfect, but a fairly high compliance of protection for the youngest infants.

Convertible child seats that hold the widest age range of children, correctly held only 67 percent of the children arriving for classes. One third of the children that age or size had no car seat in the car or were not buckled in their car seat. This statistically matches with the one third of parents that were not buckled up. It gets worse. Booster seats are mandatory by Colorado law until age eight. Correct booster seat usage was observed at 40 percent and for older children in seatbelts – only 29 percent were buckled in.

What can be learned from all of this? Car seats were found in almost every vehicle surveyed. More car

seats could be seen on this survey than any of the other surveys that have taken place over the last ten years. Parents have invested in car seats protection. Sometimes parents were short the correct number of car seats.

We observed failures to correctly protect children when children were not placed in the car seat but were sitting alongside their empty car seat. Sometimes the car seat was not buckled and the child left without the protection. Or, sometimes the smallest infants or toddlers were placed in a booster seat designed to protect a larger child.

Our goal is to see 100% of the children protected by correct car seat usage 100% of the time. The car seats are out there. The trained technicians are available to help at both SUCAP Head Start and the Southern Ute Police Department. Our community cares enough to make each child as safe as possible.

Contact SUCAP Technicians

Michael Tom at 970-563-4566, ext. 29
Kate Jones at 970-563-4566, ext. 29

Contact Community Resource Officer

Don Folsom at 970-563-0246, ext. 3310

Southern Ute Dental Clinic
Dr. Brian Talley (Children's Dentist)

Appointments are available in April

April 25th 8 am to 5 pm
April 26th 8 am to 5 pm
April 27th 8 am to 5pm
April 28th 8am to 5pm
(except during the lunch hour noon to 1pm)

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Healing Spirits: Walking for those we lost



The Valentine's Memorial Walk had approximately 40 participants, who walked almost four miles – beginning and ending at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Walkers walk along Buck Highway (HWY 521) making their way back to the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.

The Healing Spirits after-care program of Peaceful Spirit, hosted a Memorial Walk on Saturday, Feb. 20 in remembrance of loved ones lost to addictions. The Healing Spirits program wants to do a memorial walk every month, and are looking for individuals and/or families to come forward to sponsor a memorial walk. On March 19, Daisy Bluestar will host a walk in remembrance of her mother, Audrey Frost-Nissen, and on May 21, Shawmarie Tso, will host a walk in memory of her daughter Leah Tsosie. Contact Esther Belin at Peaceful Spirit for further information, or if you would like to host a memorial walk, at 970-563-4555.

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The Southern Ute Drum

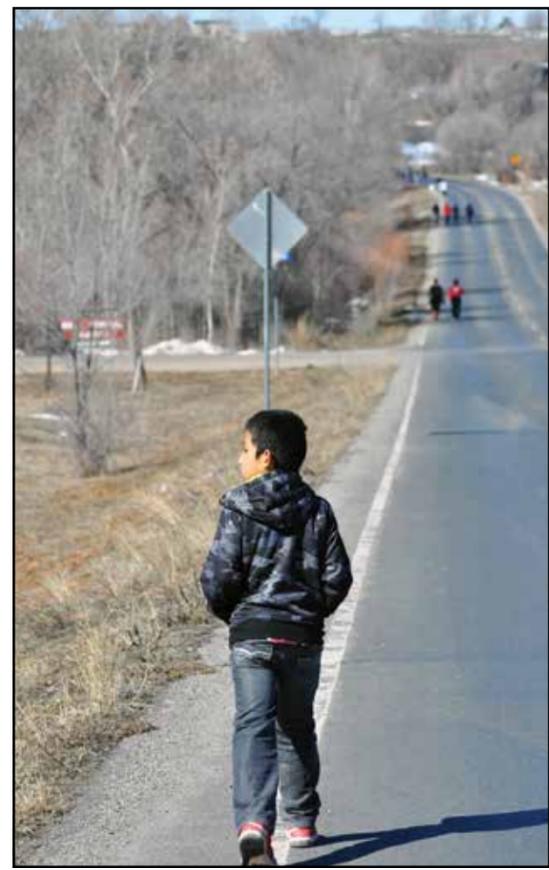


Esther Belin, Intake and Aftercare Coordinator at Peaceful Spirit, hands out hearts to those participating in the memorial walk. Names were written on the hearts of the loved ones lost to addictions.



Two- and four-legged alike, walked together on a four-mile memorial walk, leaving from the Veterans Memorial Park. Gary Archie and his dogs, Sadie and Sam enjoy the walk.

Eight-year-old, Angelo Frost (right), looks back towards the walkers on Buck Highway (HWY 521), as he and others head over the Bear Dance bridge along Ute Road. The walk took participants around the SunUte Community fields and the End Of The Trail road, and back to Veterans Memorial Park where the walk began.





Bobcats of the month

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for demonstrating the six pillars of 'Character Counts' at IES: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congrats Lil' Cats!



3rd grade
Dewayne Hendren



3rd grade
Alejandra Howe



3rd grade
Damien Lucero



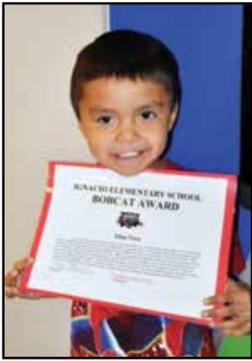
3rd grade
Ryan Naranjo



Kindergarten
Mirra Bourriague



Kindergarten
Marquis Castro



Kindergarten
Elias Pena



Kindergarten
Kayanna Velasquez



Kindergarten
Kieley White-Thunder

Breakfast for guys and kids



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Head Start hosted a special guys and kids breakfast on Wednesday, March 2, inviting parents to join the students for an early meal consisting of egg burritos, fruit, and milk. The school was visited by San Juan Regional Medical Center where they discussed the benefits of keeping healthy through nutrition and exercise. Raymond Dunton also spoke, addressing to the families the importance of keeping domestic relationships strong. Natalia Peña (center) enjoys breakfast with her grandfather Bernard Peña.

Students earn their 'Paws'



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary Students proudly admire each other's prizes "Bobcat Paws" earned by displaying positive qualities in school. Their names are entered into a drawing for the prizes. K-5 students each picked their own prizes from a table, which was loaded with great prizes.

JOM Meeting

The next Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Education Dept. building.

Happy birthday Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss on the loose at SUIMA



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Wednesday, March 2 the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with delightful laughs and joy. Academy students read various stories by the beloved author while dressing up as some of his most iconic characters. The Cat in the Hat (Jake Ryder) and Thing 1 (Terena Hight) hand out pencils to Academy students.



He's not a mean one after all. The Grinch (Scott Allen) pays a visit to Academy students.

Terena Hight, Kaycee Jefferson, Haiden Valdez, Scott Allen, and Jake Ryder joined in on the fun by visiting all the Academy classes while handing out gifts.

Reading of Dr. Suess at IES



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

As part of Dr. Suess' birthday celebration, Ignacio Elementary School participated in National Reading Across America Day. Hundreds of students took an oath given by IES Principal, Mrs. Kathy Herrera, to read more, Wednesday, March 2 in Cafe Lupe.



Ignacio Elementary students either dressed up or donned cutouts, or self-made hats, some even wore makeup and a teachers wore Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat" inspired hats.

Marcos Brown and Sonny Flores dressed as the Grinch for the special occasion, celebrating the birthday of Dr. Suess, an American writer and illustrator, who authored many popular children's books.



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SUNUTE

SunUte closing basketball courts

Heating and Venting/AC Replacement Project

Staff report
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

The SunUte Community Center is scheduled to close the gymnasium/basketball courts to replace the basketball court's heating/venting and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. This project is necessary to replace the gymnasium's aging HVAC system which supplies the proper combination of fresh, temperature controlled air. This capital improvement project is scheduled by the Tribe's Construction & Project Management Department (C&PM) to take place between March 7 and May. Due to the amount of work required to reroute air conduit, electric lines, and air exchange systems, it was deemed necessary to close the gym to the public for the duration of the project. This closure is to insure public safety and to also support an efficient working environment to finish the project as quickly as possible.

Closing of the gym does not affect any other part of the SunUte Community Center. The Pool, Fitness Floor, Tumbling-Tots, Active-Kid-Care and Group-X classes will all be available as scheduled. Programming most affected by the closure will be the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) and SunUte's Recreation Division. Boys & Girls Club operations will remain the same. Other arrangements for physical activities are being made during the gym closure. BGC will notify parents of any scheduled changes.

SunUte's Recreation Division scheduled youth basketball leagues earlier than usual this year to address the closure, as they will be limited in the type of indoor recreation programming the Division can offer while the gym is closed. Recreation will still be hosting the MAYB tournament on March 19, which will be held at the Ignacio High School. Also, during the closure SunUte and

Grounds Maintenance staff will be clearing the outdoor basketball courts, depending upon weather, on a regular basis for those willing to take the game outside.

If you typically visit the SunUte Community Center to use the indoor basketball courts we strongly encourage you to investigate the many other health and fitness opportunities available at SunUte. Other opportunities include, but are not limited to; stationary cardio machines, free weights, taking a Group-X exercise class to focus on your core, attend one of our new Yoga classes, schedule a time with one of our free fitness trainers to develop a work out regiment custom tailored specifically for you, challenge yourself to swimming laps, or simply sweat it out and relax in our all cedar dry-sauna.

For questions, comments, or more information please contact the SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214 or visit our website at www.sunute.com.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Carving history

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Last week the Ignacio Community Library continued to focus on its program titled "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History" – a historical series spotlighting on the chronicles of the early Hispano locals who settled around the community many years ago. Hosting the discussion was Dr. Ruth Lambert who serves as Director of the San Juan Mountains Association Cultural Program. The series is the fourth program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and American Library Association (ALA). Lambert spoke at the library on Saturday, Feb. 20 and focused the history lesson around the Hispano's migration throughout Southwest Colorado, which they documented by etching arboglyphs into aspen trees.

Hispano and Basque shepherders carved the arboglyphs more than a century ago, with some dating



to more recent decades. The shepherders who carved most of the arboglyphs hailed from settlements and towns along the San Juan River, according to Lambert. "Most carvings go back several decades to a half century, when sheep herding was still the lifeblood for some in the region. That way of life, for the most part, has disappeared with the advent of roads and truck transportation for livestock."

It was common for most of these etchings to feature animals and phrases, notably the carver's own name, time of date, and where

they are from.

After the establishment of the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant in 1832, populations extended throughout the San Juan Basin, San Luis Valley, and Pagosa Springs area. However, conflicts between the local Native American tribes were not uncommon.

"History was a violent time," Ruth stated. "The settlers, along with the Navajo, Comanche, and Apaches, were at extreme tensions."

During the 1800's, there was heavy demand in the sheep industry for use of food and household goods. During the Civil War, the demand for wool increased in order to provide thicker uniforms for soldiers. As a result, fewer sheep were butchered, and the size of flocks increased to accommodate the requests for fleeces. This resulted in seasonal migration to become a standard practice for the herders in the surrounding area.

The closest arboglyphs can be found in Moonlick Park along the trails of the San Juan National Forest.



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The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility (MPF) held its Yard Sale, Saturday, Feb. 20. The yard sale is open to the community to buy and sell items. Food was also provided. If you would like more information on the next yard sale contact the MPF at 970-563-4784 or 970-563-0100, ext 2641. The next yard sale at the Multi-Purpose facility will be Saturday, March 12.

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CHAMPION FOR CHANGE • FROM PAGE 4

wheelchair basketball programs on the reservations.

"Our mission is to use sports as a tool to change and impact the lives of disabled Natives," Noah said.

During the discussion, Noah talked about the November 2009 car crash he was injured in that left him paralyzed from the waist down.

"It really impacted my life," he said about becoming paralyzed after the car accident. "It made me feel like I had no value left in this world."

But over time, Noah said his father started encouraging him to become more active, he began taking Noah to do outdoor activities including taking him skiing for the first time.

"I went to Adaptive Sports Association of Durango and

that's where I really started coming out my shell a little bit and realizing there are opportunities ... then I started going to wheelchair sports camps where I met other disabled people who started pushing me to go further and further," Noah said. "I think through my accident I've learned a lot about not seeing barriers as barriers that I can't get over; I see them as barriers that I can overcome. And I'm always open for challenges."

During the panel discussion Noah talked about how far he has come. He is now on the number one ranked wheelchair basketball team in the country, Phoenix Suns, and is the fastest monoskier under the age of 21 in the world, he said.

Noah continues to lead

the way, using his athletic talents, intelligence and voice to reach out to disabled Native youth all over Indian Country.

"I don't want them to try and fight through major depression or anger in their lives. I want them to ... look ahead and not back," he said.

Also recognized as Champions for Change were: Brayden White, 21, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe; Christie Wildcat, 18, Northern Arapaho Tribe; Samuel Slater, 18, Navajo Nation; and Vanessa Goodthunder, 22, Lower Sioux Indian Community.

To watch the full panel discussion with the Champions of Change visit the Center of Native Youth website at: <http://www.cnay.org/Videos.html>.



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Winterguard prepares



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Winterguard's Mini Cadets practice a routine with La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts (LPCIYA) Instructor, Sharon Hunter, on Friday, Feb. 26. The mini-cadets were taught the routine by Gabriel Garcia on Saturday, Feb. 20. Garcia flew in from Rhode Island to teach the Winterguard a routine in preparation for two upcoming competitions; The Spring Showcase in April and the Manzano Winterguard Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M. March 26. Garcia has been working in collaboration with Sharon Hunter, Director/Instructor of the La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts, based in Studio 2B in the ELHI Building in Ignacio.

LPCIYA will hold a special, live pie silent auction and coffees from around the world will be served. The fundraising event will be on Saturday, March 5 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, in Ignacio.



Gabriel Garcia, looks on as the Winterguard practice twirling flags. Garcia has a background with the Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corp, and the Oracle Winterguard. He has been teaching clinics himself for over 10 years.

Color guard is about making the music visual," said Gabriel Garcia. "It's all about the visual performance," he added. Here Garcia (left) works with Nate Hendren.

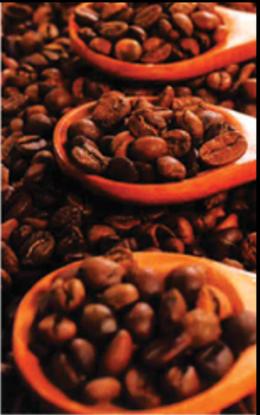
Ballet classes being offered



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Dominique Malik instructs the ballet class, to bend at the knees, in the 'first position'. The girls are part of the ballet class being offered by the La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts (LPCIYA). Contact Sharon Hunter at Studio 2B in the ELHI Building (The old Ignacio Elementary School) for additional information at 970-903-4294, about ballet or any of the other classes offered by LPCIYA.





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This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 19 (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, 77 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. The course fee is \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Class size is limited to 25 students. Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child. Pre-registration is required. Register online at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/76801>.

The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of the class must be completed before attending class on March 19. There are three options available for taking the Internet course, details will be provided when you register. Class time on Saturday is 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Students must complete the online course, attend the class, and pass a written and live fire test. **Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class, all supplies will be provided.**

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ing up a double-digit advantage, like they'd done against RHS, in just one quarter of play inside Montezuma-Cortez High School and never really relaxing their full-court pace and pressure, there was no questioning Ignacio's championship resolve.

Or that sophomore Avionne Gomez would likely have been the D-3 MVP. Certainly, every one of Shane Seibel's players contributed greatly, but Gomez followed up her 18-point performance in IHS' 78-10 thrashing of the Lady Demons with an incendiary 21 against Dolores – burying five three-pointers on top of four the afternoon before – to fuel a 63-28 triumph and power Ignacio into the 2A-Region I Tournament out in the San Luis Valley.

“All year we've been trying to make a hundred. That's been our goal; I mean, who doesn't want to make triple digits?” said senior guard Chrystianne Valdez, who scored two points against RHS and nine versus DHS.

“But we wanted to come out strong; we've been having a rocky start to most league games. We'll finish strong at the end, which helps, but we wanted to ... stay strong the whole time and I think we accomplished that.”

Catching fire even faster than her teammate on day one of districts, sophomore Hilda Garcia sank two treys and totaled ten of her 15 points against Ridgway in the first frame as IHS blasted out to a 17-2 lead. Senior forward/center Miriam Fernandez-Lopez canned a surprise triple late in the second, helping the Lady Cats inflate their pad to 36-5 at halftime, and finished with 13.

Senior forward Gibran Silva launched an unplanned three and watched – to the Lady Demons' horror – it splash through the net just before the third quarter expired, widening the gap to a 60-6 chasm and putting Silva in position to finish the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chrystianne Valdez (3) motors ahead during 2A-District 3 Tournament semifinals action against Ridgway inside Montezuma-Cortez High School. Getting points from all nine players on the roster, IHS destroyed the Lady Demons 78-10.

rampage with ten points.

“Our bench did their job ... it was just well-rounded,” Valdez said. “Everyone played their game.”

Able to limit RHS to only three makes from the floor, Ignacio then allowed DHS just seven as from start to finish, offensively and defensively, the Lady Cats thoroughly “honored the game,” according to Seibel.

“And they never played down,” he stated.

IHS led the Lady Bears 16-6 after one quarter, 37-20 through two, and 50-26 at the end of the third as again, all nine in uniform scored at least one point. Senior Ellie Seibel booked eight along with senior Cortney Wilson-Baker. Fernandez-Lopez registered six and Garcia five.

Junior Madi Archuleta managed seven for Dolores, and senior Larissa Umberger and freshman Aryelle Wright each contributed six. Junior Emma Copp and sophomore Bianca Icke led Ridgway with three points apiece,

and the Lady Demons (6-16) were then coldly eliminated by MHS, 42-41, in the D-3 third-place game.

Seeded No. 1 in Region I, IHS (now 17-4 overall) will first take on Westcliffe-based Custer County (8-12), fifth place in District 1 but the regional's 8-seed, at noon Friday, March 4, out in Alamosa inside Adams State University's Plachy Hall. The winner then faces either 4-seed Sargent (14-8) or No. 5 Dolores (now 12-8) on the 5th at 2 p.m. at the same site for the right to advance to the next weekend's State Championships.

Fighting on the other side of the bracket for the other pass to Pueblo will be No. 2 Del Norte, No. 7 Center, No. 3 Sanford and No. 6 Mancos. DNHS (19-5; D-1 champions) and CHS (6-16) will go head-to-head at ASU on the 4th at 4 p.m. while SHS (14-8) and MHS (10-10) clash at Monte Vista High School, and the winners will meet inside Plachy at 10 a.m. on the 5th.

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fun with Ignacio!

Having already proven themselves unwilling to play at Ridgway's ultra-conservative pace in the previous semi, the Bobcats weren't about to be denied another district-level title on day two by modified zone-style resistance barely 24 hours into the enemy's mental playbook.

And with a 28-point, fourth-quarter explosion IHS finished what the previous evening's confident 18-point first quarter had started, leaving the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's champs with a 60-41 win over RHS and a more impressive 60-27 trouncing of THS.

Senior guards Anthony Manzanera and Wyatt Hayes combined for 37 points (Manzanera 19, Hayes 18) in the 19-point defeat of the Demons, and seven of Ignacio's destructive 11 three-pointers as the Bobcats' lead grew from 18-11 after one frame, to 31-20 through two and an insurmountable 49-29 beginning the fourth.

Senior center Nick Herrera scored seven points and junior reserve guard Joaquin King six as only seven Cats scratched the scoring column. However only five Demons did so, led by senior Hasten Beamer's 15 and classmate Eli Hagemeyer's 12, and IHS' bench outscored Ridgway's by a 16-0 margin. Ignacio went 7-of-8 at the free-throw line as well, while RHS was a woeful 1-of-11.

Telluride was a much better 7-of-10 in the take-all tilt, but with the Cats 12-of-15 accurate the Miners' task was made all the more arduous after single-digit scoring in Quarters 1, 2 and 3 – by the ends of which IHS had built up leads of



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kruz Pardo (23) fires a three-pointer over Ridgway's Jimmy Saville during 2A-District 3 Tournament semifinals action at Montezuma-Cortez High School. The Bobcats sank 11 from long range against the Demons, then another eight in the first-place contest versus Telluride.

11-5, 21-10 and 32-14.

To THS' credit, their defending – which had flummoxed MHS' Ro Paschal – held Herrera to just two points, but Ignacio's big had help from senior Austin McCaw (seven points) and sophomore Kai Roubideaux (two).

Hayes netted 12, but while Manzanera scored just five, senior Tucker Ward, despite lacking a gear due to an ailing knee, blew up for a game-high 15 points after a rare scoreless showing versus RHS. Senior reserve Chase Sanchez dropped a late nine, helped by two triples.

Miner standout junior forward Andrew Denny scored only seven points, and se-

nior guard Zak Hild six.

Seeded second in Region I, the Bobcats (now 19-2 overall) will begin the event against a familiar opponent – Mancos – at 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 4, inside Adams State University's Plachy Hall. The 7-seed Jays (9-12) edged the Demons (11-11) 60-56 for third place in D-3, and the victorious SJBL side in Alamosa will then face either #3 Center or #6 Sargent on the 5th at noon for the right to go to Pueblo and the State Championships.

Representing the Southern Peaks League, CHS (18-4; District 1 runners-up) and SHS (11-11; fourth place, D-1) will strive to survive another day on the 4th at Monte Vista High School.

2A-District 3 Domination: IHS Basketball Boxscores

(Feb. 26-27, 2016, at Montezuma-Cortez H.S.)

DAY 1: GIRLS' SEMIFINAL – Ridgway 10, at Ignacio 78

IHS (17-19-24-18): H.Garcia 6 1-2 15, C.Valdez 1 0-0 2, M.Fernandez-Lopez 6 0-0 13, E.Seibel 3 0-0 6, A.Gomez 7 0-0 18, A.Lujan 3 0-0 6, C.Wilson-Baker 1 0-0 2, G.Silva 4 1-4 10, A.Baker 2 2-6 6. TOTALS: 33 4-12 78. 3-POINTERS: Garcia 2, Gomez 4, Fernandez-Lopez, Silva. TOTAL FOULS: Unavailable. FOULED OUT: None.

DAY 1: BOYS' SEMIFINAL – Ridgway 41, at Ignacio 60:

IHS (18-13-18-11): A.Manzanera 6 4-4 19, W.Hayes 7 0-0 18, A.McCaw 0 0-0 0, T.Ward 0 0-0 0, N.Herrera 2 3-4 7, J.King 2 0-0 6, J.Valdez 1 0-0 3, K.Pardo 1 0-0 3, C.McCaw 0 0-0 0, L.Valdez 0 0-0 0, C.Sanchez 0 0-0 0, K.Roubideaux 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 21 7-8 60. 3-POINTERS: Hayes 4, Manzanera 3, King 2, J.Valdez, Pardo. TOTAL FOULS: Unavailable. FOULED OUT: None.

DAY 2: GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP – Dolores 28, at Ignacio 63

IHS (16-21-13-13): H.Garcia 2 1-7 5, C.Valdez 4 0-0 9, E.Seibel 4 0-2 8, A.Lujan 1 1-2 3, A.Gomez 8 0-0 21, C.Wilson-Baker 4 0-0 8, M.Fernandez-Lopez 3 0-0 6, G.Silva 1 0-0 2, A.Baker 0 1-2 1. TOTALS: 27 3-13 63. 3-POINTERS: Gomez 5, Valdez. TOTAL FOULS: 15. FOULED OUT: None.

DAY 2: BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP – Telluride 27, at Ignacio 60:

IHS (11-10-11-28): A.Manzanera 2 0-0 5, W.Hayes 4 2-2 12, A.McCaw 2 3-4 7, T.Ward 6 2-4 15, N.Herrera 0 2-2 2, J.King 0 0-0 0, J.Valdez 0 0-0 0, K.Pardo 1 2-2 5, C.McCaw 0 0-0 0, L.Valdez 1 0-0 3, C.Sanchez 3 1-1 9, K.Roubideaux 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 20 12-15 60. 3-POINTERS: Manzanera, Pardo, Ward, Sanchez 2, Hayes 2, L.Valdez. TOTAL FOULS: 12. FOULED OUT: None.

– compiled by Joel Priest

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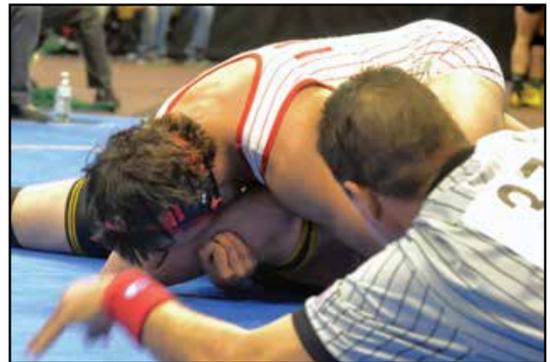
Rigan Pfeiff in only 1:35 of the semifinal's first period, it had appeared the Bobcat junior had done precisely that as he earned his shot at No. 1 seed Britton Holmes of Peyton for the Class 2A, 138-pound title Saturday night, Feb. 20, in Denver.

Seeded No. 2 in the bracket, Appenzeller overcame an early Holmes takedown with an escape and a flooring of Holmes just before the first period expired to take a 3-2 lead. Holmes tied the score with a second-period escape, then unfortunately scored a three-point near-fall in the third after Appenzeller started in the down position.

Appenzeller managed an escape after Holmes' best opportunity, but was unable to bring the Panther junior to the mat one last time before the regulation six minutes ran out and lost 6-5, ending his season with a 37-2 record as Holmes' improved to 43-2.

However, the Cats enjoyed a higher placing in the standings when all was said and done inside Pepsi Center; Appenzeller's runner-up showing, plus junior Lorenzo Pena's third at 160 and senior Tyler Beebe's fifth at 132 amounted to 56 points and a healthy 11th-place status, while PHS managed only 35.5 and settled for 16th.

Powered by the 19th four-



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Ignacio's Lorenzo Pena, having switched to his white singlet with red pinstripes, goes for near-fall points against Meeker's Chase Rule during the 160-pounders' third-place battle on Day 3 (Feb. 20) of the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships inside Denver's Pepsi Center.

time State Champion in state history, senior 170-pounder T.J. Shelton, Meeker clipped RFHS 143-142 to win the team championship. Helped by 170 runner-up Chris Martin, La Jara Centauri was a close third with 132, with Paonia (107) and Buena Vista (88) rounding out the top five.

Pena began by pinning Manzanola junior Ryan Saine 1:31 into the second period, then stuck Akron senior Tyler Hottinger 36 ticks into the second. But against BVHS senior Saby Diamond, the 160's No. 1 seed, in the semifinals, Pena's run towards a state title came to a halt underneath the Demon – who did go on to top the podium – only 65 seconds in.

Recovering with a vengeance, Pena then pinned

Wray freshman Carlos Tarin in 1:54, then took third place 4-0 over MHS junior Chase Rule to finish the 2015-16 winter an imposing 44-5.

Beebe started off pinning Center junior Erik Perez 42 seconds into the third period, but then lost to Holly senior Brendon Crum 4-2 in the quarterfinals. On the backside of the bracket, Beebe pinned Yuma junior Spencer Holtorf and defeated Hotchkiss junior Colton DeLuzio 7-1 before losing 11-8 to Centauri sophomore Brandon Buhr.

Still not yet finished, Beebe then defeated Sedgwick County (Julesburg/Ovid Revere)-Fleming senior Keith Graham 5-2 to close out his last season an impressive 37-12 overall (Graham ended up 40-7).

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BOBCAT ACTION

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STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♋ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
HAPPY BIRTHDAY LITTLE FISHES! An extremely potent SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 8th sets a brand new six month cycle into motion. Included in this planetary line up are MERCURY, AND NEPTUNE. They signify a type of healing is taking place. Call it Enlightenment. Release the past PISCES. It's time to move forward, and leave the old baggage behind you. A dreamy, foggy outlook just won't get you anywhere. MERCURY connects with NEPTUNE on the 10th and supports both creativity and imagination. Use it, or lose it!

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
 There's every good reason to believe that you are more than ready to throw off the confining weight of winter, and go play in the warmth of the SPRING SUN. You'll have your chance after the 20th when the SUN returns to your sign. The HOT NEWS for MARCH is all about the total SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 8th. It triggers a six month cycle that impacts your most private thoughts, and emotions. Assess your old ideas. Maybe it's time to go with something new. SATURN and MARS encourage bold adventures.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
 You won't need the "Luck of the Irish" this month. A bunch of planets have gathered in a good luck sector and are currently serving up a social extravaganza. Friends, and fun situations are abundant. You might be quite the humanitarian in March, giving away gifts, or household items you no longer want. Your generosity shines like the SUN TAURUS. Make it a point to manifest your long held dreams. No sense in letting them get old and moldy. You'll have help from VENUS later in the month (26th) Enjoy!

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
 If it's recognition, popularity, and success, that you want, then March is your month GEMINI. Ambitions receive a boost, and communications are much livelier. Favorable connections may appear out of the blue. JUPITER'S extraordinary presence in the communication area maintains a lucky aura that surrounds all your conversations. Choose your words wisely. You're an excellent communicator. Put your talents to good use. You can be at your very best this March.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
 A much brighter outlook may take hold this month as a most compatible NEW MOON launches a shiny perspective regarding travel, and education. Create, and hold a vision of your future ambitions in the front of your mind. Then strive to make them a reality. Rest assured your enterprising nature will push you into action. By the time Spring arrives on the 20th you will have a direction, or a plan in place. When it comes to business, CANCER folks are very clever, and generally successful.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**
 OK LIONS... this month it's time to get realistic about money and finances. Not one, but 2 major Eclipses are the driving force behind your actions. The planetary grouping of the SUN, MERCURY, NEPTUNE, and the MOON all in PISCES set up an opposition in both of the money areas in your HOROSCOPE. Overindulgence is not the way to go. You might be tempted to spend more than you normally do. Conserve your energy and your funds on the 26th LEO.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**
 An abundance of Solar System activity is taking place in the relationship section. JUPITER now in your sign may be slightly overwhelmed by the overpowering opposition from the Piscean planetary grouping. All the more reason to be mindful of your close partnerships. Consideration and cooperation is key to enjoying a more harmonious bond. Be clear with communications VIRGO. Family members, and spouses, may get the wrong impression, or misunderstand what you are saying. Instead look for constructive family projects to work on together. You may be amazed at what you can accomplish.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**
 Listen up LIBRA Folks...You don't have to travel to the Land of OZ to see the WIZARD. There's planetary magic already at work in this month's forecast. Just click your heels 3 times and set your sights on making your goals a reality. If your NEW YEAR'S objectives included improving your physical condition, or developing stable relationships, then you've got the "LUCK OF THE IRISH" working in your HOROSCOPE this month. Maybe you'll see a Leprechaun or two.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**
 One of your best days this month will occur on the 16th. That's when progressive JUPITER teams with your power planet PLUTO to launch a cycle of advancement. Your natural tendency is to be consistent, and this month it's in your favor SCORPIO. Broaden your point of view, there are good times to be had. The SUN, MERCURY, NEPTUNE, and the MOON will all converge, and activate your 5th house of creativity, love, and entertainment. Hours spent with loved ones are happy and pleasurable.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**
 Motivating MARS charges into your sign on the 5th and stirs up a mountain of forcefulness. No doubt you will want to do something constructive. MARS supports your ventures all month SAGGIES. If you're ready for a lifestyle change, this is the month to do it. But sometimes change is difficult. You'll have to focus more intensely. Keep your sights fixed on your goals. Best days to make progress are the 16th, 18th, 21st, and 23rd. Be more forthcoming with your communications. The results will be rewarding.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**
 Gaining knowledge may be part of your agenda this month. Some of it might be from actual book learning, some comes from schooling, and there may also be knowledge gained through psychic awareness. The watery collection of planets, in the sign of PISCES are involved in your daily communications. Be careful what you say to others CAPRICORN. Careless remarks are not a part your normal conversations. Stick to your sensible, practical, well thought out ideas. They are more helpful.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
 Tiny MERCURY in your sign until the 11th, launches your month on a mental high note. Swift moving thoughts and ideas may have you flitting from one interest to another. Ground yourself AQUARIUS. MERCURY slips into watery PISCES on the 12th and inspires a fantasy mentality. There's a chance of falling into some confusion over a financial matter. But opportunities might be gained and utilized, after the 20th. The Lunation's are influencing your finances, and they could change rapidly. Stay alert.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

IIPA VALENTINE'S POWWOW THANKS

The Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association (IIPA) held our first Valentine's Powwow on Saturday, February 13 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. There was a great turn out for the event. There were five drums in attendance and they did an awesome job, very good music all evening that was enjoyed by all.

Thank you for attending the second Powwow of the IIPA, we appreciate all the donations for the dinner, prizes and Head Staff.

Below is just a few names of people that donated to the cause, if we have missed or forgotten anyone, we are truly sorry and still very much appreciate your donation and support.

The Multi-Purpose Staff, Amy Barry, Melvin Baker, Gilbert Dutchie, Sharon Cloud, Terrie Box, Inez Cloud, Diane Olguin, Renee Sage, Bobbie Sage, Benda Watts, Dona Frost, Jennifer Goodtracks, Neida Ray, Karen Gilbert, Ramona Eagle, Marge Borst, Hilda Burch, Lorelei Cloud, April Toledo, and Betty Box.

Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association

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The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov by the end of the day Monday preceding publication.

COMMUNITY WISHES

Wendell, Tara and Joseph Vigil

I, your Mom, would like to wish you three March kids (3rd, 11th & 22nd) a very Happy Birthday! Thank you three for helping me with my needs, having fun together and just spending time with each other. It is truly a Blessing to have all three (3) of you in my life. Don't give up on me now that I'm getting into my golden years. I appreciate everything that you do and are. You are ALL VERY SPECIAL to me. Know that I have been, am now and ever will be at your sides. May the Creator bless you three with what you have, and that is LOVE & RESPECT. Have a tremendous day on your Birthday's.

*I love you three!
Mom, Darlene*



Happy 3rd birthday son
 May you have many many more to come son. I love you and I will always be here for you.

Love papa

TAX SEASON • FROM PAGE 1

call the Southern Ute Vital Statistic Office for a Verification Letter. Ute Mountain tribal members residing within the Southern Ute Reservation boundaries can contact the Ute Mountain's Vital Statistics Office at 970-565-3751.

- If you are a Southern Ute tribal member residing within the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation, please call ahead to allow the Southern Ute Vitals Office time to verify your address with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
- TIS also recommends you keep your physical and mailing addresses up to date to avoid any delays.
- To save time, call ahead.

The Vitals Statistics Office can have your Verification Letter ready for you when you arrive. Upon request, your Verification Letter can also be faxed to your tax provider.

Tribal members living **outside** the exterior boundaries of either reservation:

- Tribal members who reside off reservation fail to satisfy the residency requirement which is a key factor under federal case law for claiming exemption from State income taxes and, therefore, payments received from the Tribe probably must be reported and probably are subject to State income taxation. Tribal members

who reside off-reservation, however, should consult with a tax professional as to whether any exemptions exist under the laws of the state, which they reside.

- TIS will not provide Verification Letters to tribal members living outside of either reservation. If you are unsure if you reside within the exterior boundaries of the reservation you can call the Vital Statistics Office, who will verify your physical address with the tribe's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division.

The Southern Ute Vital Statistics Office can be reached at 970-563-0100, ext. 2302.

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project

Southern Ute Agency/ BIA will start collecting Water Request Tickets beginning with 2016 Irrigation season in accordance to records of delivery as required in 25 CFR171.600
2016 Irrigation rate \$18.00 per Acre

Water Request Ticket forms are available at the Irrigation office 811 CR 517, BLDG 51 Ignacio, CO.
 Ph.# (970) 563-9484

0608 # 1076-0141 Expires: 06/31/2009

WATER REQUEST
 SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY
 PINE RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT
 IGNACIO, CO

REQUESTER'S NAME: _____
 DATE OF REQUEST: _____ TIME OF REQUEST: _____
 UNIT NO.: _____ SERIAL NO.: _____
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: _____
 CANAL/LATERAL: _____ HEAD GATE: _____
 NUMBER OF ACRES TO IRRIGATE: _____
 TYPE OF CROP GROWN: _____
 DIVERSION AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____
 TIME ON: _____ DATE: _____
 TIME OFF: _____ DATE: _____

DITCH RIDER NAME: _____
 REQUEST must be in at least 72 hours and not over 7 days prior to desired time of water delivery. WATER USERS must be responsible for water until returned to canal. One request for each turnout.

Silent Auction

Friday, March 18, 5 – 7 p.m.
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Dining Hall

Come see and bid on the artwork of Mr. Russell Box Sr. and SUIMA students. All proceeds from the artwork will go to SUIMA's Art Program. Also bid on gift baskets donated by SUIMA and the Parent Advisory Group (PAG) activities for SUIMA students.

Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m., Frito pie, dessert, & drinks
Highest bidders announced at 6:15 p.m.

Drum Deadline

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Deadline: March 14

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Shale Oil & Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation Scoping Period Begins March 15, 2016

On March 15, 2016, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Southern Ute Agency, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund will begin accepting public scoping comments on proposed shale formation oil and gas development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, in preparation of drafting a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the 2002 Final Environmental Impact Statement, which did not specifically address or analyze the impacts associated with shale oil and gas development. The environmental report will address proposed shale oil and gas development across the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, in La Plata, Montezuma, and Archuleta counties. The Proposed Action consists of shale oil and gas development, which would include drilling 1,534 wells on 352 well pads; completion and production of those wells; construction of associated gathering system pipelines, access roads, other infrastructure (i.e., compressor stations, injection wells, etc.); and interim and final reclamation over the next 20 years. Programmatic environmental documents are written to analyze impacts on a broad scale. The exact locations of wells and other facilities associated with the proposed development are not currently known. Impacts resulting from the proposed development will be assessed quantitatively when methodologies and data are available and qualitatively when they are not. Scoping comments will be accepted until April 14, 2016. You may submit scoping comments related to the proposed shale formation oil and gas development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation through any of the following methods: Attending a Tribal Members Meeting on March 15, 2016 or a public meeting on March 22, 2016. Both meetings will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Bonnie Kent Room at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio, Colo.

Website: <http://www.sugf.com>
Email: blm_co_suit_seis@blm.gov
Fax: 970-882-6841
Mail: BLM Tres Rios Field Office
Attn: SUIT SEIS Shale Formation Plan Comment Manager
29211 Highway 184
Dolores, Colorado 81323

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 may request in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld 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://www.sugf.com> or contact BLM representative Justin Abernathy, BLM Assistant Field Manager at 970-882-6861.

Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member? 18 or older, 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 phone number to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building by 5 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

The Election Board is located on the second floor (east wing), of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building.

If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305 or our direct line 970-563-4789.

IT'S YOUR VOTE • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY
Southern Ute Election Board
P.O. Box 737, #32 • Ignacio, CO 81137-0737

NEW EMPLOYEES



Cecilia Yocum
Description of duties: Home health
Family: Michael & Nanette Yocum



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

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

ETHICS COMMISSION – TWO VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for “Ethics Commission Member” position and for ONE vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by March 25, 2016. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to fill ONE 3-year seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, March 4, 2016.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. 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.



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.

Training & Development Manager – Red Willow (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 3/8/16

Leading efforts and making recommendations to maintain and enhance ongoing employee training and education within Red Willow. Independently defines, creates, and implements strategies, through core resources, for the design, implementation, and evaluation of programs that facilitate professional development, leadership development, and continuous learning for all employees. Performs as a lead resource and coach to the Executive Leadership team and managers on matters of staff capability, bench strength assessment initiatives and organizational development. Provides internal consulting with managers on motivational strategies, and personal career development. Managing and developing the Office Manager and clerical/administrative staff. **Minimum qualifications include:** A Bachelor's Degree in Business, Organizational Development, Human Resources, or closely related field and five years full time experience in a training or development role in the oil and gas industry OR an Associate Degree in Business, Organizational Development, Human Resources, or closely related field and eight years full time experience in a training role in the oil and gas industry.; OR a High School diploma and ten years full time experience in a lead training role in the oil and gas industry. Must have experience in the implementation, and administration of learning management systems (LMS) or databases. Must have excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and Internet Explorer. Must possess the ability to identify and implement best practices, work independently, think strategically, and plan for the long term success of the organization. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable under Red Willow Production Company's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug 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.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 3/7/16

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

*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 3/4/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 3/4/16

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 yrs minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

*Server-Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 3/4/16

Provides an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

*User Support/Database Administrator (Full-time)

Closing date 3/7/16

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. 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 yrs experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

**Must be 21 years of age*

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.

Dispatcher

Closing date 3/4/16

Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Home Health Care Aide

Closing date 3/4/16

Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. Provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Closing date 3/4/16

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

System Support Specialist

Closing date 3/4/16

Under coordination of the Systems Administrator(s), provide Systems administration, maintenance, and support for all Southern Ute Tribal internal and external customers. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Contract & Grants Manager

Closing date 3/7/16

Ensures compliance with the terms of Southern Ute Indian Tribe contracts and grants with State and Federal Regulations. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

Dentist

Closing date 3/8/16

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

Tribal Credit Division Head

Closing date 3/8/16

Manages the Tribal Credit Department that serves the Tribal Membership with mortgages, consumer and business loans and ensures that all activities and interactions with the Tribal Membership is held to the highest levels of professionalism and customer service. Takes the leading role in the development of all credit programs related to mortgages, consumer and business loans and reports periodically as necessary on the status of the program utilizing reports or direct meetings with Tribal Council. Pay grade 25; \$86,368/annually.

Tribal Planner

Closing date 3/9/16

Direct, oversee, and coordinate planning activities related to the development of the Southern Ute Indian reservation, tribal community, and tribal government. Supports intergovernmental liaison with various local and regional planning entities to establish effective communication. Provides support to the Executive Office in coordination of transportation, planning-related and development activities and works with the Tribal Council and other Tribal depts. and committees to achieve planning goals and objectives.

Teacher Trainee – TERO Intern

Closing date 3/11/16

Under the direction of the Southern Ute Department Education Teachers, the Teacher trainee/Program Aide will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students attending the Ignacio Public Schools. Will provide the TERO employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. Temporary position, not to exceed 6 months or 24 hours per week. Pay grade \$12.09/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Closing date 3/14/16

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Family Practice Physician

Closing date 3/15/16

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

Tribal Member Health Benefits Director

Closing date 3/16/16

A professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. Provides information and support on health services and the health status of the Tribal members to the Tribal Council.

Payroll Manager

Closing date 3/31/16

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.

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.

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.

HERITAGE RESOURCES SUMMER INTERNSHIP GS-4 ARCHAEOLOGIST - RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST - SAN LUIS VALLEY SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO



The Rio Grande National Forest is planning on filling a Pathways Archeology Student Trainee GS-0499-04 (NTE). This is a temporary full-time position in the Heritage Program with an anticipated start date of May 30, 2016. The end date is flexible with school schedules and funding is secured through August with the potential to extend through December 31, 2016. Pay rate is approximately \$13.84/hr. Participants are provided housing at a Forest Service bunkhouse in South Fork, CO. **Good academic standing and full-time enrollment in college is a requirement of the position. We are seeking upper division undergraduates or recent graduates, preferably with field school experience.**

Trainee will work closely with crew chief to conduct cultural resource inventories, identify and document prehistoric and historic sites, assess sites for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility, and write small technical reports. All students will gain experience with Trimble GPS units and ArcGIS for site mapping.

Survey activities can be physically intense; volunteers should expect to hike up to several miles a day and often work at elevations over 10,000 ft. The work is performed outdoors in adverse weather conditions in rugged terrain. Applicants should have their own sturdy hiking boots (preferably water-proof) and appropriate rain and cold weather gear. Some projects may require camping and/or backpacking.

- > The position is anticipated to be flown on USAJOBS.gov the week of **March 7th and will close March 11th**. Applications are *not* accepted outside of USAJOBS.gov!
- > It will be flown under a general Student Trainee (GS-0199-04 STUDENT TR (ARCH) position advertisement for GS-0499-04 that may include similar positions elsewhere. Applicants must select **Monte Vista, CO** as their preferred duty station for this particular position.

For more information about the forest, go to: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande>

Interested students with questions should contact Heritage Program Lead Angie Krall (akrall@fs.fed.us) or call 719-852-6242.

IHS Division of Diabetes

Nutritionist for Diabetes Treatment and Prevention

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is seeking applicants for a Nutritionist to serve as a nutrition consultant for the Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention (DDTP). This position will provide nutrition leadership, management, direction, and technical expertise to clinical and community health care providers and administrative officials within the IHS. The position will also provide program leadership and coordination to implement strategies within the Indian Health System that improve the health status of patients and populations affected by chronic conditions related to diabetes. A registered dietitian who has specialized experience in nutrition, clinical, public health and/or administrative positions that provided nutrition leadership, management, direction, and technical expertise to clinical and community health care providers and administrative officials on an Area, state, and/or national level is eligible to apply. The duty station for this position will be Rockville, MD or location negotiable upon selection. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please review the Vacancy Announcement and apply via the following link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/429655600>

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2016-NC-0012

Corey Lloyd Richards, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Corey Lloyd Richards filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Corri Maureese Watts-Chase. As of February 29, 2015 at 9 a.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Corey Lloyd Richards name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Corri Maureese Watts-Chase.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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 filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Elizabeth Olive Williams. As of February 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Olive Santistevan name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Elizabeth Olive Williams.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2016.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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FLY-FISHING

Inquiring minds want to know

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



Recently, I had an inordinate amount of free time on my hands and got involved in a scientific experiment. I was trying to find out if my eyelids leaked light. For the experiment I placed myself in different areas of the den, in different positions, closed my eyes from 30 to 60 minutes, then made notes if light appeared. I'm still working on the experiment. In between experiment times I had an inquisitive thought about fly-fishing. I began to wonder how did the Quill Gordon get its name?

To solve that question I turned to one of the research books in my library, *Fishless Days, Angling Nights* by Sparse Grey Hackle, a.k.a. Alfred W. Miller. Truly, I really wasn't researching the question; it just makes me sound scholarly. I was in fact reading this book to help my experiment along. It is a pretty boring book. However, I discovered that a man named Theodore Gordon invented the Quill Gordon. I also found out that Theodore Gordon came to be regarded as the father of dry-fly angling in America. Wow, a twofer. So instead of continuing my scientific experiment, I set out to find some information about the father of dry-fly angling in America, and inventor of the Quill Gordon.

I discovered that Theodore Gordon was a writer and innovative dry fly tyer who lived in the Catskills of New York State from the late 1800's until his death in 1915. And, like many writers and innovators, is far more famous today than when he was alive. So, what makes him the father of dry-fly angling in America? Well, he wrote about it, and improved the dry flies of that era. While never publishing a book he did publish articles in the *Fishing Gazette* and *Forest and Stream*. He also published articles under the pseudonym Badger Hackle.

After reading about Theodore Gordon I have to surmise that what prompted his writing, and tying of dry flies, was his reading of the *American Anglers Book* by Thaddeus Norns, and his correspondence with British fly anglers Frederick Halford and G.E.M. Skues. Further, I assume that Theodore Gordon wasn't enamored with the dry fly patterns available in the U.S. at that time. So he

set out to produce dry flies that trout would eat and fly fishermen would use. Sparse Gray Hackle wrote, "Theodore paid very close attention to the quality of hooks and hackle and the shades of color used in his flies." Because he used only top quality material, and having an eye for detail, Theodore Gordon's flies became sought after. I think that paying that much attention to the detail of his tying, the finished product matched what was in the air as close to perfect as one could get. The book also made note that Mr. Gordon took hand tied flies to a different level. He tied without using a vise. I can't imagine holding a hook between my thumb and trigger finger, then applying dubbing and hackle to it with the other hand. Have you ever tried to tie a fly using only one hand? Imagine tying enough flies to meet the demand for his flies in this manner.

Keep in mind he lived in a small rural area, at the turn of the century, so, high-powered mass advertising to promote his flies wasn't available. His finished dry flies just worked so much better than anything on the market that when fly fishermen learned of his flies they beat a path to his door.

In this day and age of mass-produced flies tied in foreign countries, it is fun to know how things were done in days gone by.

Durango sled dogs visit IES



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sled dogs of the Durango Dog Ranch made their annual visit to Ignacio Elementary School on Wednesday, March 2. The students, led by Gregg Dubitt (in parka), owner of Durango Dog Ranch attempt to get the dogs to howl.

Durango Dog Ranch owner Gregg Dubitt fields questions from the Ignacio Elementary students during the sled dogs visit to the school. One question was, "why do dogs sniff each other's butts?" The answer ... although only speculated, was to investigate what the other dogs have been eating - there you go.



SOLID WASTE PROGRAM • FROM PAGE 1

If you have a question on whether or not an item is acceptable to take to the Transfer Station, please call Utilities at 970-563-5500.

Every tribal member that would like to utilize the Transfer Station will now be required to register annually at the Utilities Office Building (right next to the Transfer Station) to receive a vehicle pass that will allow access to the Station. Please understand that Utilities will issue vehicle passes to ensure that only tribal member trash is accepted. This change will help guarantee continued free service to all customers.

When taking items to the Transfer Station, customers are allowed to dump no more than 5 cubic yards of personal trash per week. That's quite a bit of trash, it is just about 8 feet long by 4 feet wide by 4 feet deep, which is just about the size

of a full size truck bed.

Trash pickup can be a little confusing sometimes, so here is some clarification. Residents have to have their polycarts at the side of the road by 6:30 am of their scheduled pickup day.

If you do not have your cart out by 6:30 a.m. then you are taking the chance of your trash not getting picked up that day. If you had your polycart out in the right place by the right time and it still was not collected, you will need to notify Utilities within 24-hours to obtain a special pickup.

However, if you did not have your polycart out in the right place by the right time and therefore missed your pickup, you will have to wait until the following week's regular pickup. Or, if you simply cannot wait until the next week, you can request a special pickup but please understand that you

will be charged a fee of \$30 each time.

Elders and handicapped customers may have their polycarts picked up at their home, instead of the road. You will have to contact the Utilities office to make arrangements. The trash contractor will place blue stakes at the entrance of the customer's driveway indicating the need for this service.

Last, the Transfer Station hours of operation are posted at the front gates. However, please keep in mind that the Station is closed on holidays and may close when administrative leave is granted or if there is inclement weather without prior notice.

If you have any questions regarding service that the Utilities Division provides, please contact us at 970-563-5500 and we will be happy to help you.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, March 4



Mostly sunny 61°F

Saturday, March 5



Partly sunny 56°F

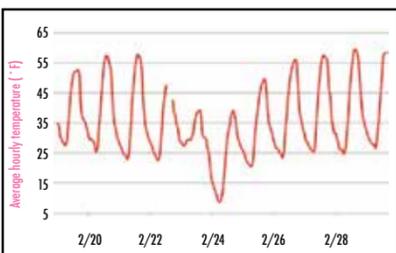
Sunday, March 6



Partly sunny 51°F
40% chance of rain



Weather data for February 19 – February 29

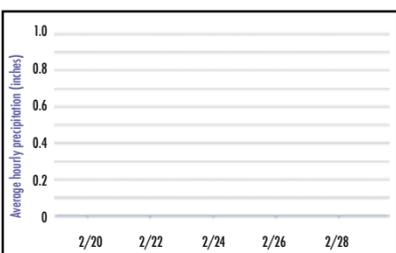


Temperatures	
High	59.5°
Low	8.8°
Average	35.5°
Average last year	31.6°

High (2/2 – 2/18)	48.4°
Low (2/2 – 2/18)	-5.6°

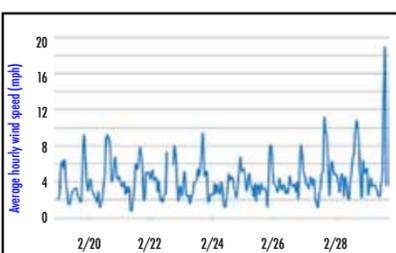
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Total	0.000"
Total last year	1.460"

Total (2/2 – 2/18)	0.210"
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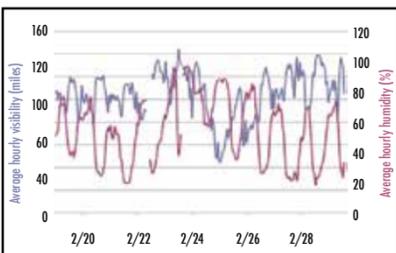
Wind speed	
Average	4.2
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	18.5

Avg. (2/2 – 2/18)	5.7
Min. (2/2 – 2/18)	1.0
Max. (2/2 – 2/18)	15.0



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	104.0
Average humidity	55.2%

Air quality	
Good	
Air quality descriptor: 49	



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

Community Easter EGG HUNT

March 26, 2016
10 AM
SunUte Park
Fields behind SunUte Community Center

Bring chairs and if it snows please make sure your kids wear their snow suits and boots.

Age Categories:
0-4 Years
5-8 Years
9-14 Years

One lucky boy and girl from each age category will win a grand prize!

Brought to you by:

Food, Games, Fun and Tons of Prizes!!

For more information, booth info or questions please contact Don Folsom at 970-563-0246.

Family Easter Walk

1.5 Miles
March 26, 2016
Registration: 8:30 AM
Walk Starts: 9 AM
SunUte Park

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