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SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Tribal Health 2014



Part 1 of 3: The past year has brought many changes to the way things are done within the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department, including the introduction of a health insurance card, fresh faces around the office, and a new patient-centric set of goals at the Southern Ute Health Center. Over the next three issues, the Drum takes a look at how the department is faring and where it's headed in the future.

New chief medical officer discusses Health Center plans

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Throughout his career, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's new chief medical officer has helped connect communities with needed health services.

Born and raised in Miami, Michael Torres's medical experience led him to become a certified physician executive.

"I've been certified in medical management as well as family medicine," Torres said. "I've taken a significant number of courses in medical admin-



Chief Medical Officer
Michael Torres

istration, education, and leadership training in order to achieve the CPE board

certification."

Torres, who came from a low-income family, said he got a head start on higher education while still in high school.

"I completed the requirements for a two-year degree while I was in high school," he said. "In my junior year, I finished 24 credits. The summer between my junior and senior year, I finished another 12. After my senior year, I finished another 24 and was qualified for an associate's degree when I completed high school."

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Who pays for tribal health care?

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Big things began to happen in Southern Ute tribal member health care on Oct. 1, 2013.

The tribe joined a Preferred Provider Organization network, and Tribal Health Benefit Identification Cards were distributed. The Drum checked in with Tribal Health Department Director Kaylor Shemberger to see how things are going.

The changes have only been in effect for one quarter, but Shemberger said he believes the Tribal Member Health Benefits Program is moving in the right direction.

"It's a very time-consuming process, but by implementing more of a businesslike approach to the health care delivery system, we improve efficiency and [the] health status of tribal members," he said.

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department can't

provide exact figures; the changes are still relatively new. But Shemberger projects the Tribal Member Health Benefit Program will provide significant cost savings for the tribe to the tune of millions of dollars a year.

The health benefit cards let doctors, clinics, and hospitals know the tribal member is part of a PPO network and is eligible for discounted rates.

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SU Tribal Chairman
Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

BULLETIN

Tribal Council wishes Chairman Newton Speedy Recovery

Staff Report
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Today, March 13, 2014, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council wished Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., a speedy recovery from a recent illness.

Vice Chairman James "Mike" Olguin announced that Chairman Newton will be on sick leave for an extended period of time but made clear that tribal business will continue as usual.

Under the Tribe's constitution, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman is responsible for serving as the Chairman and exercises all of the powers, duties, authorities, and responsibilities of the Chairman.

"We hope Chairman Newton gets well soon and we are going to keep working hard while he's gone so that, when he comes back, we won't miss a beat," said the Vice Chairman.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Bobcats present the third-place trophy after defeating Parker Lutheran, 59-50, on Day 3 of the CHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Tournament, held inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena.

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

'Third' is the award for Bobcat boys

IHS finishes 25-1 by beating Lions at State

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Still regularly dubbed Colorado's "Steel City," four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients/residents justified the rise of Pueblo's nickname as the 'Home of Heroes.'

But for one weekend each March, it also becomes a City of Champions – whether first time or multi-time – when the three-day CHSAA State Basketball Tournament and all its competing squads roll into town from the varied expanses within the Centennial State's rectangle.

"It's ... a great feeling," said Ignacio senior guard Clayton Jefferson. "Just got to work hard; when you get

here ... it's worth it once you get here."

"It's tough," concurred senior forward Kelton Richmond. "Last time I was here I was a freshman, didn't play much. And then, two years of not making it ... you just want to get back here and win it all."

"All these games mean everything; you never know if it's going to be your last win, last loss, whatever," senior center Justin Carver added. "You've just got to go out there and play with your heart."

And though the Bobcats did from arrival to departure, an upset loss on Day 2 denied IHS Basketball its first state title since a 73-65 win over Basalt for the A-I championship in 1988. Determined not

to leave without some fresh filler for the trophy case however, Ignacio recovered to take third in 2014, with a day three triumph – their 25th win against just one defeat – over Parker-based Lutheran.

"I'm not going to take anything away from what they did," head coach Chris Valdez said, following the setback to Sanford, "and I'm not going to take anything away from what we did this season. Our kids went 24-0 [starting the season] ... our school has never done that, you know?"

"I think the best, final four teams were in this 'Final Four.'" Valdez said.

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Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Growth Fund Executive Director Bruce Valdez (left) presents a safety award on Wednesday, March 5 to Lawrence Cloud of Red Willow Production Co. during the Growth Fund Safety & Environmental Achievement Award Banquet at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

GROWTH FUND

Gas plant manager wins top safety award

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Steve Szabo, manager of Aka Energy Group's gas plant in Gilcrest, Colo., took the top prize Wednesday, March 5 at the annual Southern Ute Growth Fund Safety & Environmental Achievement Award Banquet at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Nominating Szabo for the award was Gregg Wurtz, Aka's corporate environmental, health and safety manager. Wurtz said Szabo handled several challenges over the past year, including floods and low temperatures in the area, with safety and efficiency in mind.

"Steve is the essence of a plant manager. He's the essence of someone that takes safety personally. He doesn't talk safety, he lives safety," Wurtz said. "We have had really no down time this year."

Wurtz credited Szabo with "ensuring Aka is a good citizen in the community."

"He takes care of the environment. He takes care of the Aka money and the Growth Fund investment," he said.

Winning second place was tribal member Lawrence Cloud of Red Willow Production Co. Cloud was nominated by Jake

Safety award page 8

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
General Meeting
Thursday, April 10
9 a.m.
Sky Ute Casino Event Center



COUNCIL CORNER

Introducing your new treasurer, Pathimi GoodTracks

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

You may notice in the near future another signature at the bottom of checks issued from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks, has been appointed by the Southern Ute Tribal Council to be the next Treasurer of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Under the constitution, the treasurer is accountable for all tribal funds for the Southern Ute Permanent Fund, Growth Fund and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

In perspective, Council Lady GoodTracks is responsible for a great deal of money. GoodTracks is learning quickly. She has embraced the position and is learning everything about being treasurer of the tribe.

As the tribe grows, the responsibility of the treasurer also grows. According to GoodTracks, past treasurers have closely abided by the role outlined in the Constitution, but now financial departments handle these tasks.

In addition to sitting on the Permanent Fund's budget committee and being an integral part of the auditing process, GoodTracks believes the role needs to be more widespread.

"The role of the treasurer needs to be defined across all tribal entities to ensure the treasurer is providing the level of stewardship and oversight that was intended. It's a goal I will be working toward," GoodTracks said.

Shortly after being appointed, GoodTracks sat down with the Chief Financial Officer's of each entity and identified the level of involvement of past treasurers.

"There has been little involvement with the Growth Fund and the casino. Defining the treasurer's role will include the relationship and level of involvement with all tribal entities as well as establishing the tools and internal controls necessary for the treasurer to safeguard and oversee the proper use of tribal funds," she said.

The Permanent Fund bud-



SU Tribal Council Lady
Pathimi GoodTracks

The greatest challenge to becoming treasurer is the transition and figuring out what requires review and signature, and how the position can assist the overall financial direction of the tribe.

- Pathimi GoodTracks

get process has been one item where GoodTracks sees the role of the treasurer helping to guide the Permanent Fund staff focus on programs that are essential to the tribe and tribal membership.

GoodTracks said, at times the staff has overreached and gone beyond the original intent of a program, and by sitting on the budget committee, GoodTracks believes she can help communicate to staff what is important to the tribe what the direct needs of the membership are.

Her view consists of two different categories that each program serves.

"Those that support the existence of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a sovereign nation into perpetuity, and those that meet the basic

intent of the Constitution in providing essential programs targeting the well-being of the tribal membership," continued GoodTracks.

"It's necessary to make sure these programs stand the test of time and produce high quality positive results. They are the programs that should receive the most attention, be adequately funded and produce the greatest benefit," GoodTracks said.

The role of the treasurer has opened her eyes to the challenges of having a dual role on the Tribal Council.

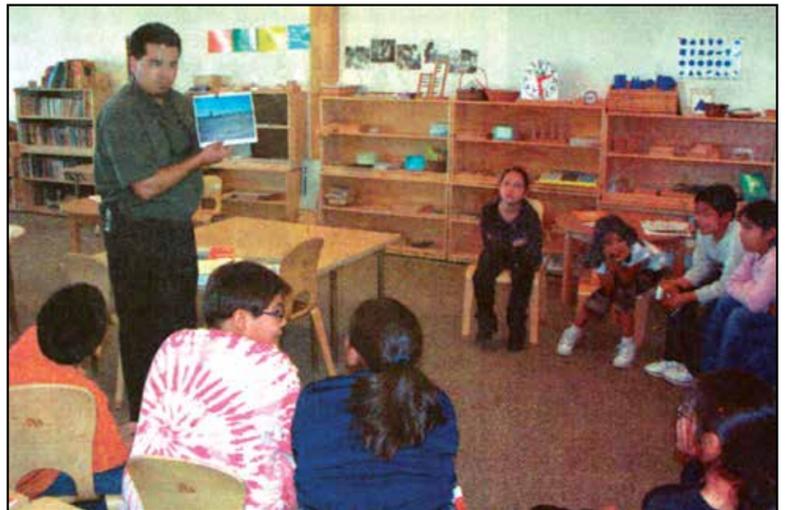
"You realize there is not enough time in the day, and in my case, not much time left before my term ends. It makes you very aware of your direct responsibility to make as many improvements as possible so the challenges will be more manageable for the next person," GoodTracks said.

The greatest challenge to becoming treasurer is the transition and figuring out what requires review and signature, and how the position can assist the overall financial direction of the tribe, she said.

One of her goals is to compile this information and produce some written guidance for future treasurers. She would like it to include practices such as: weekly/monthly meetings with each entity, review of their fiscal status, ensuring their expenditures are in alignment with approved budgets, business plans, compiling a monthly combined report for council, oversight of council's budget, and the expenditures of individual council members, reports to council about any discrepancies, and providing solutions to improve the overall internal controls with the tribe's financial structure.

"It's a lot to do but it will be helpful to future treasurers," GoodTracks said.

With GoodTracks in her last term on Tribal Council she has taken the bull by the horns, and is structuring the position to fit the needs of the changing economy. She hopes to help fulfill the vision of taking the tribe into perpetuity for the preservation of generations to come.

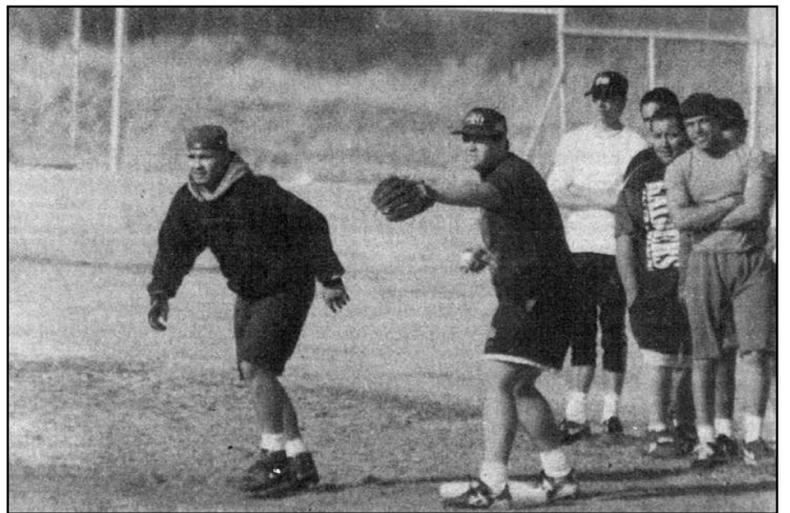


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Tierra Group Management team member Shane Seibel shows one of many photographs of the new Growth Fund Building construction site to a class of Upper Elementary students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Monday, March 15. Mr. Seibel answered many of their questions about the facility and handed our Tierra Group souvenirs.

This photo first appeared in the March 19, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

"And... He's going!" Joe Gonzales practices his lead-off, while Adam Red anticipates the throw and the rest of the team wait their turn, during practice at the Ignacio High school baseball field.

This photo first appeared in the March 18, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Mikki Naranjo received her award in the junior girls cloth division at the Hozhoni Days Powwow at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

This photo first appeared in the March 23, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPD AND VIN INSPECTIONS

Effective immediately the Southern Ute Police Department will adhere to the following protocols when conducting VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Inspections. All VIN Inspections will be conducted at the Southern Ute Police Department Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., excluding holidays observed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. When VIN Inspections are requested by tribal elders, officers will still continue to respond to their residence or other desired location during the above dates and times. The Southern Ute Police Department will provide VIN Inspections to Southern Ute tribal members free of charge; all other requesting parties will be required to pay a \$10 fee at the time the inspection is conducted. All VIN Inspection fees will be paid at the Southern Ute Police Department front desk. For more information or to request a VIN Inspection please contact SUPD at 970-563-0246.

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBER LAW ENFORCEMENT NAMES

To all tribal members and family of tribal members, who have served in law enforcement. The Southern Ute Police Department is putting together a plaque to recognize all the Tribal Members who served under the Southern Ute Police Department. We are needing information on the names of the tribal members, to include dates served, ranks held and

possible pictures, to complete the plaque. We would like to recognize officers, dispatchers and reserves. Please contact 970-563-0246 or come to the Southern Ute Police Department with the information by May 1, 2014, to ensure proper recognition for Law Enforcement Week, May 11 - 17, 2014. Please help to have our past Law Enforcement Tribal Members recognized.

JUSTICE & REGULATORY OFFICE RELOCATE TO JUSTICE BUILDING

The offices of the J&R Director and J&R Admin will be located in the Justice Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. The offices can be found in the Environmental area of the building using the south entrance. All phone numbers, extensions and emails will remain the same.

2014 BOWL FOR KID'S SAKE

This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Rolling Thunder Lanes in the Sky Ute Casino. Come help us celebrate Big Brothers Big Sisters 30th Anniversary at this year's event. Ignacio High School Service Learning class is having a friendly competition to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters. We have broken the class into 4 Teams and each team has a fundraising goal of \$300! If each team at least reaches \$150 by April we get to participate in the Bowl for Kids' Sake "thank you" event. Students are working hard to get the word out and raise money. Each team has a donation page, feel free to make a donation.

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Upcoming Three Springs events

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- 8th Annual Three Springs Fall Festival

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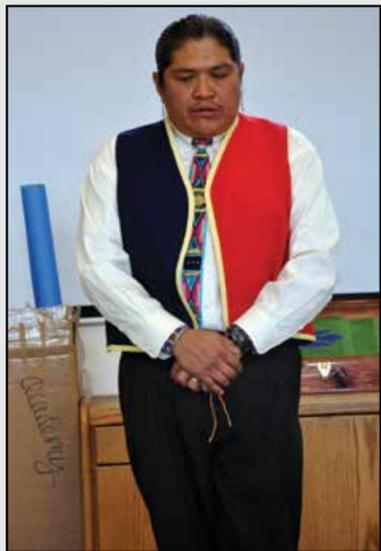


Coming of age, of importance



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montesorri, Upper Elementary boys listen as Andrew Frost talks to them about coming of age, Monday, March 10. A video will be made of both the young men and women's coming of age discussions and used in future lessons at the academy.



Andrew Frost spoke of his early childhood and his memories as a young boy. Giving examples of his own life to the students.

Andrew Frost offered a prayer and spoke of his traditional ways as it was taught to him as a young boy.

Southern Ute Tribe • Upcoming cultural dates

- May 23 – 26 Southern Ute Bear Dance • Bear Dance Grounds
- May 26 Bear Dance Feast • Bear Dance Grounds
- May 26 Southern Ute tribal offices closed (Memorial Day)
- May 23 – 24 Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow • Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- July 10 – 14 Southern Ute Sun Dance • Sun Dance Grounds
- July 14 Sun Dance Feast • Sun Dance Grounds
- July 14 Southern Ute tribal offices closed
- Sept. 12-14 Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow • Sky Ute Fairgrounds

CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURE DEPT. MARCH EVENTS

Adult Classes: 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cultural center, small classroom. Classes fill-up quickly, all classes & activities are subject to change.

- March 25: Beading (hats) sign-up by 3/21

Ute Language:

- Thursday, March 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Conversational Ute with Alden Naranjo, potluck on the March 27
- Sundays, March 30, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Family Ute Class – youth activity
- Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Givon Ute Language Classes: Reading and Writing

BEAR DANCE CONCESSION RATES

The Culture Department will be taking applications for the upcoming Southern Ute Bear Dance Concession/Arts and Crafts booths, to be held at the Bear Dance grounds. This will NOT coincide with the Bear Dance Powwow. This will be a first come first serve only!

The Costs are as follows:

- Daily Rate for Outside Corral Stand \$55
- Outside Corral Rate for (4 days) \$220
- Inside Corral Stand (4 days) - \$220 plus a \$25.00 Key Deposit (ABSOLUTELY NO INSIDE FLAME COOKING). Inside Corral Daily Rate is \$55 plus a \$25 key deposit. It is at the discretion of the Culture Department to put you in a Space, NO swapping or saving places will be allowed! If you will be applying for a food booth you must have a current Food Handler's card. You can apply for a Food Handler's card online at www.IHS.gov. You may pick up your application at the Southern Ute Culture Department. No Checks or Credit Cards will be accepted, strictly Cash or Money Order ONLY! For more information please contact Darlene Frost or Tara Vigil at Southern Ute Culture Department, 970-563-0100.

TRIBAL FAIR OPEN MEETING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Culture Department will be having its first open meeting to the General Tribal Membership for the upcoming 2014 94th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair on March 27 at 6 p.m., to be held in the big

classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Refreshments will be served. If you are interested in volunteering for exhibits entries or to coordinate a Fair event please come! We are always striving to make the Fair a successful event! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

BEAR DANCE HEAD COOK WANTED

The Bear Dance Chief is looking for a head cook for the 2014 Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast. All supplies and food will be provided. Head cook will need to prepare: Stew, Corn, Fry Bread, Watermelon, and serve. A stipend will be provided. Southern Ute Tribal Member preference will be given for the head cook. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

BEAR DANCERS NEEDED TO PERFORM IN DENVER

The Southern Ute Culture Department is looking for Southern Ute Bear Dancers; 1 singer and a Cat Man to perform in Denver on April 28, 2014 at the Denver Coliseum. This event will be televised and also seen in front of thousands of people all across the world during the RIMS Conference. The criteria is as follows: Southern Utes Only; 4 Women 18 and Over; 4 Men 18 and Over; 1 Singer; and 1 Cat Man. Must be able to climb stairs and walk at least 2 football fields long. Must be able to transport self to and from Denver. Must be able to rehearse the day before for 2 hours and be available on time and ready to go! Must have FULL Bear Dance regalia, the more beadwork the better for both men and women. Singer also must be able to sing from a hand drum to lead the dancers in a procession after the performance. Travel accommodations will be provided as well as a stipend for your participation. In all fairness participants names will be drawn on March 28, 2014. Although we understand that emergencies arise we ask that you must be in absolute COMMITMENT to this event. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

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Saturday, April 19th

- Children's Eskor Egg Hunt 10:30am (5 yrs and under)
- Location: Peace Park @ LC Campus
- Gourd Dance 11am
- 1st Grand Entry 1pm
- Gourd Dance 5pm
- 2nd Grand Entry 7pm

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- Miss Hozhoni: CHANE TEL JOHNSON (Hostess former Miss Hozhoni royalty)
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- Eagle Dance 11 am to 11:15
- Wolfwalker (Flute) 11:30 to 12:00
- Grand Entry 12:00
- End of Day 6:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 am- 5:00 pm

- Food Booth Open 10 am
- Gourd Dancing 10 am to 10:45
- Eagle Dance 11 am to 11:15
- Wolfwalker (Flute) 11:30 to 12:00
- Grand Entry 12:00
- End of Day 5:00 PM

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Spiritual Leader- TBD Host Northern Drum-TBD

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May 9, 10, 11, 12, 2014

Fort Duchesne, Utah

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Mini Head Start Bear Dance

Opening Ceremonies -10:00 am

May 8, 2014

Bear Dance Pow-Wow 2014

Ft. Duchesne Gym

May 9, 10, 2014

Grand Entries 7:00 pm. Both Nights.

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May 10- Main Tournament \$8000.00 Cash Payouts

May 11- 4 Man Tournament

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Contact Info: Angie Lucero 435-722-7957

COED Softball Tournament

May 9-10, 2014

\$300.00 Entry Fee

(6 Women, 6 Men)

Make Check payable to: Spring Celebration Committee

Contact Info: Auggie Santio 435-724-8629

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HEALTH CARE COSTS • FROM PAGE 1

"The tribe is no longer having to pay full retail price for tribal members to get treated," he said.

Shemberger said the Tribal Health Department has around \$15 million in the health care budget and has three major sources of revenue: federal grant money, third-party payers, and the tribe itself.

"About \$5 million of the \$15 million budget comes from the 638 program grant money," Shemberger said. The \$5 million the tribe receives from the 638 program goes towards the operating costs for the clinic, he said.

The second source of revenue for tribal health care budget is third-party

health care sources. If a tribal member has health insurance through their employer, the tribe can now bill the third-party health care provider, Shemberger said. The payments the tribe receives are a new source of revenue that helps pay for health care costs, he said.

The third significant source of revenue is the tribe's resource pool. According to the Tribal Health website, the Tribal Resource Pool funds are only used to pay for enrolled tribal members' medically necessary referrals not covered by other funds.

In addition to the three major sources of revenue, the Tribal Health Department is looking into past

claims where the tribe could have overpaid for services.

"We're looking at old bills to recover some money," he said.

Recovering old funds can potentially be another significant source of revenue for the tribe, Shemberger said.

The upcoming expansion of the clinic and the new dental and optical modular will be another cost-saving opportunity for the tribe. An ongoing goal is to get tribal members back to using tribal health facilities the tribe provides. It's more cost-effective for the tribe to treat patients at the clinic instead of paying another doctor out of the area, Shemberger said.

HEALTH CENTER PLANS • FROM PAGE 1

After high school, Torres enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"After the Marine Corps, I went back to south Florida, where I used my veteran and Hispanic preference to get a job at a fire department," he said. "After I went through my training as a rookie, I used to enjoy listening to the firefighters who were EMTs and paramedics talking about the things they were doing. I thought that would be something good to learn."

He explained how working for the fire department furthered his interest in the medical field.

"I got interested in [emergency medical services] and became an emergency medical technician. I found out that I liked that and became a paramedic," he said. "Afterwards, the doctors I was working with told me I had the brains to go to medical school and become a doctor. So in 1982 that's what I did."

After graduating from medical school in 1985 and obtaining his license, Torres would continue his service to the United States by joining the Air Force. He became a hospital commander and medical group commander, taking responsibility for all aspects of health care on the base.

The Southern Ute Tribe contacted Torres in September 2013 as it searched for a chief medical officer. After taking the job, Torres dedicated himself to improving operations at the Southern Ute Health Center. Since his arrival, there have been significant changes.

"We're improving the amount of patients," he said. "We've seen a 57-percent increase in volumes within the last six months. That's a significant increase in the number of patients we're seeing every day. We're looking at ways of operating more efficiently, cheaply, and without impacting the level of service the Southern Ute

Tribe gets from us here at the Health Center."

In addition to patient increase, the Health Center has developed services to satisfy the increasing flow of patients.

"Working with the Tribal Health Department leadership, I've created a walk-in program," Torres said. "Beforehand, patients would come in and be told there weren't any appointments. Now when they walk in, they're told to have a seat and the nurse will see them. If your medical situation requires that you see a licensed physician or nurse practitioner that day, then we'll arrange for you to be seen that day."

But, Torres said, walking in doesn't always guarantee an appointment.

"People need to understand that when they walk in, they're going to be seen and evaluated by a registered nurse," he said. "We use objective criteria; the registered nurse is going to make a decision whether or not the patients medical needs meet that criteria. If the patient does not, then we offer them an appointment, sometimes the next day. If somebody walks into the door and they're sicker, then they're going to be seen sooner."

Torres explained that patients are welcome to call and set up an appointment, but noted that the clinic often needs further information to have one set up in an appropriate timeframe.

"If [patients] call the clinic number, then whoever answers the phone can get you an appointment," he said. "[The clinic] also need to know why you're calling, because we need to know how long of an appointment to give you. ... If you have a chronic illness and you're coming in for your annual evaluation, that needs to be a longer appointment."

The privacy of patients

is heavily enforced at the Health Center, Torres said. Patients who disclose information can rest assured that anything discussed is completely confidential.

"We've all been trained in the privacy laws," Torres said. "[Staff] will lose their job if they talk, and I'll make sure of it. Protecting the privacy of the patients is paramount. Violating patient privacy is a violation of federal law."

Torres described the upcoming additions to the Southern Ute Health Center, including an expansive building with more exam rooms and doctors.

"People know about the new modular that's coming to increase the space in dentistry and optometry, but most people don't know about the plans to increase the rooms available of taking care of patients," he said. "We plan on having a total of 12 exam rooms by the time we're done. Patients arrive for their appointment, and if the doctor is still busy with another, then there's an empty room that a nurse can bring them to where they can get their blood pressure and find out what they're there for. There's going to be a marked improvement in patient flow, just because we finally have the space to be able to do that."

With plenty of changes coming to the Health Center, Torres said customer care always comes first.

"It doesn't make me happy when we have to inconvenience [our patients]," he said. "It's important we provide services to our customers. The patients we care for are the customers we care for."

Patients who need to set up an appointment can call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Notice to all adult Southern Ute Tribal Members:

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HEALTH UPDATE

ELDERS SERVICES – MARCH

March 26: Durango shopping trip. Van will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. All trips need to have 3 or more elder, handicapped or disabled tribal members. If you have any questions please call the office at 970-563-0156

UPDATE FROM PEACEFUL SPIRIT

There is a free aftercare group at Peaceful Spirit on Tuesdays, from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. This is a supportive and confidential group. Call 970-563-4555 and speak with Judy or Linda for more information.

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Register for Bayfield Parks and Recreation Youth Spring Soccer 3 Years Old-8th Grade

- Registration Deadline: March 14th (There will be absolutely NO late registration)
- Coaches Meeting:
 - Ignacio March 17th (Draft Teams)
SunUte Community Center
 - Bayfield March 20th (All Teams)
6:00pm @ Old Mid School Cafeteria
- Practices Begin: March 24th
- Games Begin: March 29th-May 10th
- No Practice or games the week of Spring Break (March 31st-April 5th)
- No games on April 19th (Town of Bayfield Spring Festival)



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Bobcats of the month



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These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Zane Velasquez Bowekaty, Brian "Gunner" Coyote, Aniah Cuthair, Amesto Dominguez, Jesus Olvera and Ambrose Valdez.

Head Start staff get NAFFA training



courtesy Rebecca Barnes/SU Head Start

Southern Ute Community Action Program (SUCAP) and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start recently sent four individuals to the Fatherhood is Sacred, Motherhood is Sacred facilitator training in Mesa, Arizona. They were trained by Dr. Al Pooley, the founder of Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. The core philosophy of NAFFA is "There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood." Fatherhood is Sacred and Motherhood is Sacred is a highly successful program used by over 155 tribes and communities throughout North America. These four newly trained facilitators will be offering workshops at Head Start this fall. These workshops will provide participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance and sacredness of responsible fatherhood and motherhood. This is accomplished by strengthening individuals and laying a strong foundation of a purpose-driven life. Fathers and mothers will gain the knowledge and skills needed to assist them in becoming responsible leaders in their home, allowing them to work together to provide safe and happy homes for their families. There is an immediate need to bring Native American men back to strengthening families, they are the greatest untapped resource. Fathers are the solution to the problems that face Native Communities and must take the leading role in keeping families together!

Sudden Science and STEM schedules

STEM (Grades 3-5)

March 26 Class
April 30 Last class

NOTE: Only STEM classes meet the last Wednesday of each month

Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)

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- Consider balancing land use at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument
- Study new programs and facilities at Mesa Verde National Park, A World Heritage Site
- Undertake learning activities at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
- Meet with volunteer organizations working to save and share sites
- Contribute to an ambitious service project at Old Fort Lewis
- Understand scientific advancements in archaeology
- Consider future strategies to better share and save historic and cultural places
- Experience the remarkable landscape of the southwest
- Gain knowledge and leadership experience
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EDUCATION UPDATE

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

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

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

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 16, 2014 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

LEARN TO KNIT

Come learn to knit at the Pine River Community Learning Center at the Bayfield Center at 54 Mill Street. Learn the basic knit and purl stitches, increases, decreases, and following a pattern (both in words and reading a chart). Class is taught by Pine River Community Learning Center instructor Rob Matyska who has been knitting and crocheting for many years. Class will meet on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, and 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The price for this class is \$40. You will need to register before or on March 12. Information and to register, please call 970-563-0681.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Come learn information on how to make your money work for you by learning to budget, understand credit card debt and how to save money instead of living paycheck to paycheck. This is a hands-on class, March 18 and 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The price for this class is \$40. Class is taught at Pine River Community Learning Center. Register before or on March 18. Information and to register, please call 970-563-0681.

INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK

This introductory course will walk you through signing up for a Facebook account and connecting with friends and family. Privacy settings will be discussed and why they are important in this digital world. Class is designed for people who are not on Facebook or have set up a profile and don't know how to use it. This class will be on Monday, March 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The price for this class is \$40. Class is taught at Pine River Community Learning Center. Register before or on March 23. Information and to register, please call 970-563-0681.

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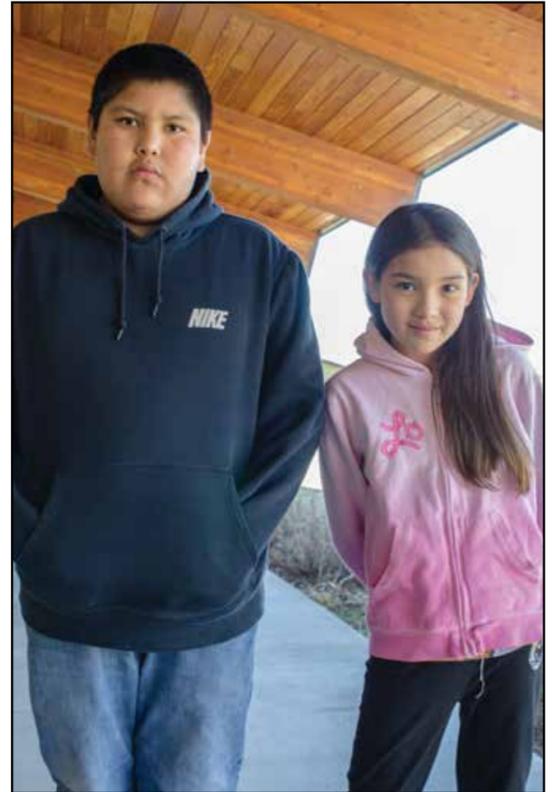
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CAREER



Ever Rubio (front) shows his creative art piece commemorating the late Chairman. He nabbed the third place award in the Elementary K-3 category.



Randy Herrera (left) and Avaleena Nanaeto are two lucky winners of the contest. Nanaeto placed first with her art piece in the Elementary category, grades 4-5. Herrera placed third in the middle school category.

Students honor Burch through art and voice

Students of Ignacio High School, Middle School, and the Southern Ute Montessori Academy came together for the second annual Leonard C. Burch Celebration of Life, Art and Literacy Contest, presenting an array of creative work that honors the late Chairman. Winners of the contest went home with various prizes, including iPads, portable speakers, and other rewarding assortments.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum



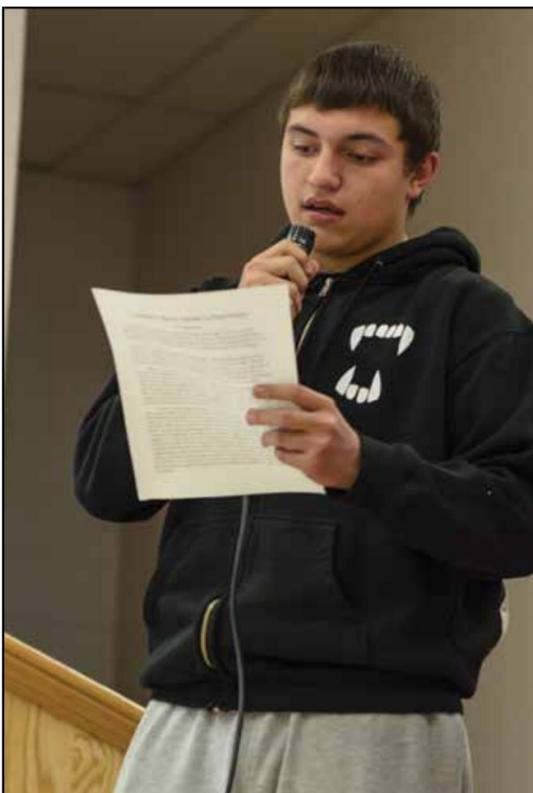
Second place high school winner, Charles Röhde recites his winning essay honoring Burch at Ignacio High School on Monday, March 17.



Lynette Sage presents the prize to third place LCB winner, Ever Rubio at Ignacio Elementary School on Friday, March 14.



LCB winners Katerie Lang (left) and Kyle Rima share a smile. Lang placed first in the Elementary category grade K-9. Rima placed second in the same group.



Joseph Herrera won first place in the essay category, spotlighting on Burch's successes and hard work. His prize was an iPad mini.



Senior Gabriela Garcia (left) accepts her LCB award at Ignacio High School, obtaining first place in the art category with her constructed dream-catcher.



BGC awarded El Pomar grant



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club were awarded with the El Pomar Foundation grant on Thursday, March 13, for their contributions and efforts of enhancing the lives of youth in the Southwest. The grant totaled \$7,500 and will be used towards the club's budget and expenses. Augusta Burch and Dana Kopf represented the club, joining other Colorado associations who were also awarded by the El Pomar Foundation in downtown Durango. Grant awardees (above) gather for a portrait inside the Sorrel Sky Gallery in downtown Durango.

Augusta Burch (left) from the Boys & Girls Club smiles with Durango City Councilor, Dean Brookie, after being awarded the El Pomar Foundation grant for \$7,500.



SUPD meeting



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Police chiefs, tribal police, and law enforcement officials of the District 4 area gathered at the Ignacio Police Department on Wednesday, March 12 for their quarterly meeting. District 4 is the name given to the local reservations and surrounding areas that expand through Colorado and New Mexico. Affiliates get together and share information with tribal and federal agencies while providing updates on law enforcement.

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SUNUTE UPDATE

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SUNUTE CLOSURES IN APRIL FOR FLOOR RESURFACING

Please be advised that we have firmed up our dates for the gym/group exercise closure as well as the entire facility closure in April due to our gym resurfacing project. The entire project will take approximately 14 days to complete beginning April 7 with a reopening on April 21. Following is a breakdown as to what parts of the facility will be closed and when.

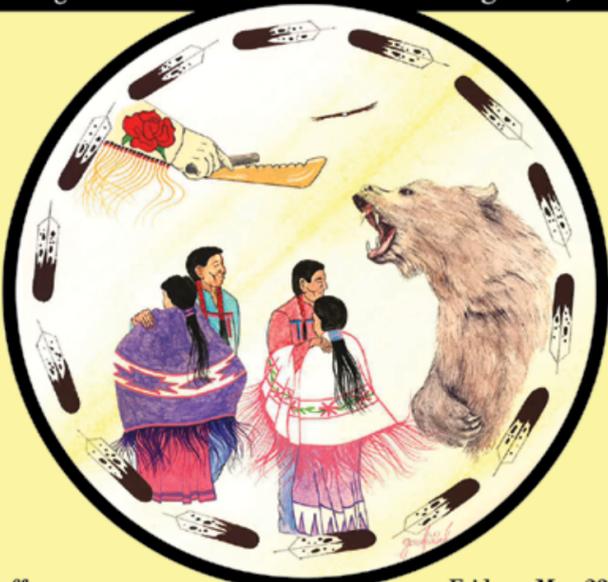
- **April 7 – 20:** The entire gym will be closed to apply new lines, new coating and cure time.
- **April 12 – 20:** Group exercise room will be closed to apply new coating and cure time.
- **April 13 – 16:** The entire facility will be closed due to the potential heavy fumes from the application process. HVAC system will also be down, so there is no air movement during this time for proper application of the floor finish.

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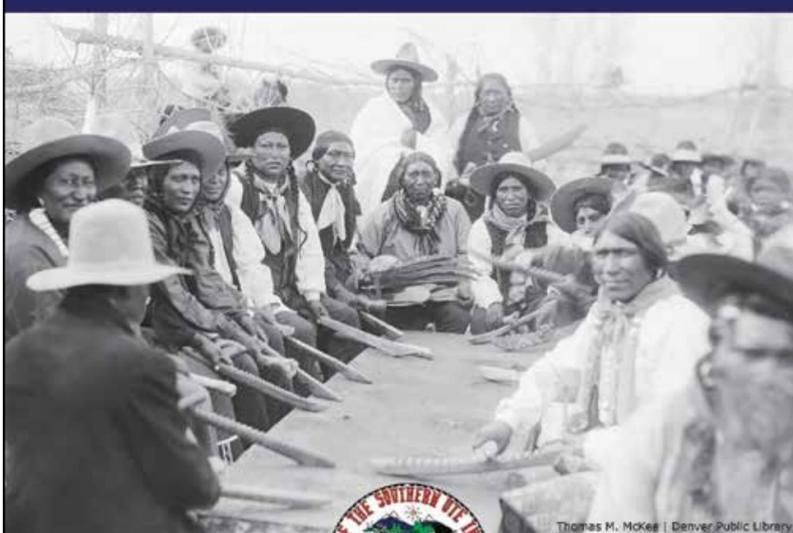
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MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Queensrÿche to bring Operation: Mindcrime to the Sky Ute Casino Resort

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Queensrÿche performed in Syracuse, New York, Wednesday, March 12 to fans who braved a snow-storm. Queensrÿche is currently playing shows along the east coast and looking forward to warmer weather, trekking across the U.S. on their 25th Anniversary Operation: Mindcrime Tour, eventually making their way to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on March 22 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio.

Geoff Tate, lead vocalist of the rock band Queensrÿche, stated during a phone interview from their tour bus, on their way to Virginia, "We will be featuring the 25th anniversary of Operation Mindcrime, we're going to be playing that album in it's entirety, followed by an encore set of some favorite Queensrÿche songs I'm sure people will recognize."

Queensrÿche has never played on an Indian reservation according to Geoff Tate, the first for him, saying "I'm looking forward to it ... it will be a really good time and I hope it's warm." Tate also expressed, "every tour is extra special, although touring is not easy, you have all kinds of logistic issues and challenges. Like for instance, we were in a snow-storm for about 6 hours, then the equipment trailer's bearings went out, so we had to stop and get it fixed. When the band makes it to a show it's a special occasion."

The current Queensrÿche's tour featuring original vocalist Tate, will be performing with an all-star line-up of musicians from bands like Ozzy Osbourne, Quiet Riot, Whitesnake, Dio, Blue Oyster Cult and AC/DC. Tate said, "this band is a group of really great players, exceptional musicians, the camaraderie amongst the band is incredible. The energy the band creates is infectious, and the audience feels it right away, it becomes a real shared experience with all the people that are there."

Hurricane, who hasn't played live in over 20 years, will be opening up for Queensrÿche. Hurricane's current members are Robert Sarzo, lead guitar, Tony Cavazo on bass guitar, Mike Hansen on drums and Andrew Freeman on lead vocals and rhythm guitar.

Tate started his musical career in the early 80's with Babylon, then with The Mob before changing the name to Queensrÿche. Being the lead vocalist for Queensrÿche for over 30 years, Tate expressed how his style has changed as a musician and a performer, "If you listen to our records, you will hear change happening from record one all the way until now. We abridged and invented the term progressive metal. For us it's always been about changing and trying new things, bringing different influences into our music, writing about different subject matter."

Tate continued by adding, "I've always held true to that belief, that music is a separate changing ever-evolving thing, not meant to be stagnant at all but to really reflect the journey through life of the writer. Change is a good thing, it's evident on



courtesy Ron Dukeshire/Power Chord

Queensrÿche will be performing at the Sky Ute Casino resort, Saturday, March 22. Doors open at 6 p.m., Hurricane will be playing in support of Queensrÿche.

the records."

When asked about what he enjoys most about writing and performing over the years Tate said, "writing and performing are two very different things, two very different experiences for me, writing is something I have to do. It's built into me, it's the best way I can express myself ... is through music."

Tate said of performing, "a live performance is another, completely different thing. It's about the moment, being in the moment and being with the music and with the band, performing the music for an audience. It's a very addictive thing playing live, I love it and I love traveling. I love being on the road, I love meeting people and talking to people. I feel very fortunate to experience two really different experiences with my job."

Queensrÿche has been successful in the progressive scene, having sold over 20 million albums worldwide, including over 6 million albums in the United States. Since forming in the early 80's, the band's sound has evolved, members came and went, Tate commented about the direction and sound the band has taken, "the band is really a collection of the people, everybody comes into it with their own set of rules and their own experiences, their own musical influences and we take that group of influences, somehow find your own thing, then once you find your own thing then you work to accentuate it and develop it. I think for us, for Queensrÿche it happened on our third record, Rage for Order where we really found our voice, found what was unique about us and we took that and developed it over the years."

Night to night performances, for Geoff take less time to prepare to go on stage. "Simply because I'm so used to it and practiced at it." Of course there's soundchecks which can take a couple hours, of which Tate enjoys, "I do like to soundcheck every day, I particularly don't like to go into a show without a soundcheck. I like to prepare my mental state based upon the stage and how it's set up and how it sounds on stage to make sure that all the monitors work correctly so that

I'm able to give the best performance that I'm able to." Tate added, "I think performances are very special I think you can be as prepared as you possibly can for them, so that you can do the best performance you can do."

The lifestyle on the road is time consuming, "often times we are up at 6 a.m. to get ready for a 7 a.m. music performance on a radio station or a TV show," Tate continued, "you gotta be ready for that, it's pretty tough to play rock and roll at 7 in the morning, but you get used to it."

There's much more to being a musician than just playing on stage, Tate explains a typical daily routine, "simply there's more performances in the city you're in, more interviews, a lunch - finally, soundcheck, then a meet and greet before the show, then you do the show, then you have a meet and greet after the show. So you get to bed about 2-3 o'clock in the morning only to get up at 6 a.m. again. Its pretty grueling, we do typically 6 shows in a row before we get a day off, the furthest I've ever gone I did 19 in a row."

When talking about gaining new fans, Tate expressed that it's an incredible experience, "being in the band for all these years, playing thousands of shows, meeting hundreds of thousands of people, have gotten to know a lot of the fans. What's interesting to me now is that people are bringing their kids to the shows who have grown up with our music as well. We are seeing second and third generation Queensrÿche fans to shows these days are really exciting."

When asked if Tate has a favorite song, Tate said, "I don't really have a favorite, being a writer you love all the stuff that you've created, all of it has special meaning for you, because it's a reflection of your life. I love everything that we've done."

The concert will be Saturday, March 22 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in the Event Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$35 and general admission is \$25, most GA seating is standing room only.

FLY-FISHING

Fly-fishing from the Mother of all Mother-ships

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Recently my wife and I had the opportunity to fly-fish from, and spend a week on, what can only be described as the ultimate Mother-ship. To set the stage one needs to have an understanding of what constitutes a Mother-ship. For fly-fishing purposes, a Mother-ship is any ship where you eat and sleep, then are taken to a location to fish every morning. Therefore, a Mother-ship can be anything from a single-wide trailer on a barge, to the vessel we were on, and everything in between.

We were on the Nomads of the Sea, Atmosphere. A 168-foot ship based in Puerto Mont, Chile. In my opinion, the Atmosphere is what every Mother-ship hopes to become.

To fully describe the Nomads of the sea adventure would take more words than this column allows. Plus, I need to tell you about the fly-fishing from the Atmosphere, which can be described simply as the ultimate toy box.

First, in an engineering feat, on the back of the ship are arranged boats for fun and adventure. There are four Zodiacs with 25-horse power motors, a fifth Zodiac with twin-250's, three jet boats of various sizes, and more khaki's than you count. The piece de resistance of toys is a helicopter, used to ferry the guests to far reaches of the Chilean rivers, lakes, glaciers, and forests.

Want to guess how many other people were seen at



the locations all these toys made possible?

Also on the Atmosphere are three hot tubs, a sauna, a masseuse, very comfortable quarters, a wonderful staff that out numbers the guests, great food and wonderful Chilean wines and fly-fishing, too. While I really don't like the term "bucket list", I have to say; spend the kids' inheritance or college funds, but get to Chile and the Atmosphere.

A typical day of fly-fishing begins by meeting on the holding deck for the helicopter. You, and your assigned fishing partner for the day, are loaded on the helicopter and flown to either a lake or river. The lakes have clarity of over ten feet, and the rivers are crystal clear. When you arrive at a lake your guide is already there with a drift boat that has been pre-positioned earlier in the year. If you are delivered to a river your guide is there, inflating a river raft.

Once you are deposited at your assigned beat, that no one else has seen or fished for weeks, the fun begins. Whether you are on a lake or stream your guide is most likely to suggest you use a

sinking tip line, with a really big ugly fly. Your guide wants you to catch lots of big rainbow or brown trout and this is the best way to it.

As hard as it is to believe, I threw my guides a curve. I wanted to fly-fish with dry flies, and only dry. The guides had a hard time understanding why any gringo would cast dries. We came to an understanding; I would cast dries when they weren't looking, and sinking tips when they watched me. It worked out pretty well. Except I was always in the back of the boat so they couldn't see me.

How did my numbers and sizes compare to those that fly-fished on the dark side? Well, in two days of a betting pool with two other anglers my two 20-inch browns didn't come close to winning. I didn't care; I was in Chile based on a Mother-ship that moved every night to a new location giving me new opportunities to lose more of my children's inheritance.

After a morning of fly-fishing, a picnic lunch cooked on shore was served.

It included wine or soft drinks, on tables with China and linens, accompanied by salad and desert. We then fly-fished until the helicopter picked us up and delivered us back to the Atmosphere.

Evening activities started with a nap, followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, then dinner. The evening was capped off with a movie of everyone's activities filmed and edited by the staff while we napped.

After a good night's sleep, all was repeated.

GROWTH FUND SAFETY AWARDS* FROM PAGE 1

Harter, who recalled their first meeting when Cloud was a contractor.

"Lawrence, you're too good for this," Harter recalled saying at the time. "You need to come work for Red Willow."

Harter said Cloud routinely works "with a positive attitude and also with an environmental consciousness."

Third place went to Logan Wilkins of Red Willow. Other nominees included Stacy Toppin of GF Real Estate Group, Kyle Siesser of the Department of Energy, Kelly Jesse of the Utilities Division, and Davis Dunagan of the Red Cedar Gathering Co.

"As far as we're concerned, everybody that's

nominated is a winner," said Lynn Woomeer, regulatory compliance manager with the Growth Fund's Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group, which picked the winners. "These folks really go beyond the bar, so to speak, and really perform on an exemplary level with regards to environmental health and safety."

Bruce Valdez, executive director of the Growth Fund, said the tribe has come a long way toward ensuring the safety of its employees.

"I started back in this industry when it wasn't uncommon to hear about people dying in the industry," he said. "We're in a lot of hazardous areas. We

do a lot of hazardous work. For us to be able to keep the kind of safety record that we have is kind of amazing."

Valdez said the tribe is fortunate to have employees who "believe in safety from the top to the bottom."

"I'm real happy to know that we send everybody home every day," he said.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex S. Cloud said a commitment to safety benefits all stakeholders in the long run.

"I think the real winner here is the tribe, because you guys have raised the bar for safety," he said. "You guys are out there doing the job for us, and we're very proud of you."

Solar Flares win medals



courtesy Lisa Allen/SunUte Community Center

The Solar Flares swim team showoff their medals on Thursday, March 13 inside the SunUte Community Center. Trained by coach Lin and coach Rob, the team has attended swim meets in Farmington and Durango throughout the year. Seven team members are in training for the NAIG games this coming summer. The Solar Flares are (left - right), back row: coach Lin, Lakota TwoChohan, Andrew Morgan, Zeb Brown and coach Rob. Middle row: Isaac Suins, Keegan O'Hare, Darrius Richard and Devan Richards. Front center: Kacey Brown. Not pictured are Randy Herrera, Howard Richards, and Madison Allen.



IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Paonia ends Lady Bobcats' run

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Wearing the same uniform and number as Ignacio's previous hero in its previous meeting with Paonia, senior Gabriela Garcia did her best on Friday, March 7, to try channeling now-graduated Michelle Simmons' 2013 mojo – canning a running three-pointer as the buzzer sounded, ending the first half and bringing the Lady Bobcats back to within three, 17-14.

Even more impressive than her heave was the fact that IHS had virtually wiped out a 13-2 deficit facing them after just one quarter inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium; PHS guard Braiden Clement's nine-point outburst had threatened to turn the 2A-Region III Tournament semifinal into a lopsided laugher. And even head coach Scott Rienks had to chuckle at his good fortune.

"Braiden Clement did not score for me this last weekend in our district tournament," he stated, stressing each word. "But she's one of my senior leaders – would get in the gym every morning at seven o'clock, by herself, work on her game – and I talked to her ... said, 'You can do this; I believe in you, and she just ... played like we know she can; she was relaxed, comfortable, hit her shots and that really got us going,'" Rienks said.

But the Lady Bobcats' season wasn't truly in jeopardy until the Lady Eagles went on a 10-0 run in the third quarter – after IHS quickly got back to 17-16 – to separate for good en route to winning 44-24.

"You know, their press was very aggressive," said Ignacio boss Shane Seibel. "We talked about having patience on that second cutter...once we found that outlet, then be aggressive to the basket once we got past that first wave. I mean, we got open shots and they were falling and we were able to climb right back into it."

"We lost our patience ... once they went into a zone for us," he continued, regarding the unfortunate third quarter (after which the Lady Cats trailed 31-18).

"It threw us out of balance a little bit and we just weren't able to capitalize on our open shots."

"We changed up our defense and I think that threw a wrinkle at 'em ... kind of took them out of their game," Rienks said. "We've got to quit our foul trouble; I haven't seen the stats [yet],



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Cloe Seibel (12) takes contact from both sides from a pair of Paonia Lady Eagles during the 2A-Region III Tournament semifinal contest in Durango.



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Ignacio head coach Shane Seibel tries keeping the Lady Bobcats, including Gabriela Garcia (3), fired up as halftime of the 2A-Region III Tournament semifinal game versus Paonia in Durango expires.

but I think we probably gave up more points at the foul line than we did from the field."

His guess wasn't far from the truth; Ignacio was 11-of-19 from the charity stripe, and Garcia (15 total points, 4-7 FT) netted 11 of IHS' 13 other points. Senior Cloe Seibel scored four, classmate Angela Herrera two, and sophomore Ellie Seibel three by halving her six FT tries.

Clement finished with a game-best 16 points, and sophomore center Ashley VanVleet booked six for Paonia. Senior guard Carson Pipher and junior guard Morgan Hartigan each registered five, but PHS' free-throw accuracy was an unsatisfying 6-of-13.

"I was happy to get out with a win," admitted Rienks. "Now we've just got to face Steve Hill! Steve and I have faced off many a time over the years – last ... was in 1998 in the State

Championship [Rienks' De Beque downed Hill's Ridgeway 59-53 in the 1A boys' finale] game, so it's going to be fun."

Improving to 19-5 overall, the Lady Eagles ultimately got the better of Hill – who was later rumored to be retiring – and his RHS Lady Demons the next afternoon, 47-42, and got the regional's championship and berth into the 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo.

"I'm just really so proud of the girls, because they turned into young women along that journey," Seibel said.

His first season at the helm freshly concluded with an 8-14 overall mark.

"And to learn really, basically, everything new from philosophy to offense and defense ... for them to really grasp it and move forward with it, it just warmed my heart. Touched me to know that."

IHS GIRLS SOCCER

Lady Cats kick off slate at home

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Already without all three of the players – Nicole Williams, Destinee Lucero (graduated), Amya Bison (concussion) – he'd put between the sticks last spring, seeing 2014's lone [at present, that is] backup goalkeeper Hailey Benavidez go down with an injury late in last Saturday's season-opener was probably the last thing Oscar Cosio wanted to witness.

But after new starter Krissy Velasquez's 79th-minute doorstep robbery of Telluride's Rachael Repola – already owning a hat trick (goals in the 20th, 52nd, 55th minutes) – not long before the final whistle at IHS Field, the Lady Bobcats' second-year skipper was still very much upbeat despite his side falling 6-0.

"I think that's the happiest I've been after a loss," he quipped later in the March 8, afternoon.

Maybe because Ignacio had held the Lady Miners and their first-year boss Lanier Nelson to just six goals, rather than the nine or 10 THS could usually manage.

But maybe it was also because even without a few members of the girls' bas-



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Ignacio's Isis Gonzales (13) plays a ball away from Telluride's Whitney Wells (24) during the Lady Bobcats' season-opener on Saturday, March 8, at IHS Field.

ketball team, needing to endure the CHSAA-mandated number of practices to become match-eligible, Cosio suited up 14 players – proving that despite its existence teetering on the proverbial ropes every season, interest in the hard-luck program still hasn't been knocked out.

Telluride's Sarah Barr netted the match-winner past Velasquez in the third minute off an assist by Karla Martinez, and the visitors also got goals from Jenni Ruud in the sixth, and Molly Shapiro in the 24th, while

firing a media-counted 25 total (15 on goal) shots. Velasquez totaled 11 stops.

Shapiro's strike put THS (1-0, 1-0 3A Southwestern) up 4-nil at halftime, when Nelson swapped out starting keeper Whitney Wells for Kenzie Zaumseil, and the pair split the shutout.

Up next for Ignacio (0-1, 0-1) was to be a trip to Pagosa Springs on the 18th, but results were unavailable by the Drum's deadline. Next on the schedule is a trip to Alamosa's all-new facility to face the Mean Moose on April 8.

FLC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Herrera, Hawks done in Denver

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With an 18-point, 10-rebound against the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II basketball, former Ignacio Bobcat Alex Herrera hinted that the 2014-15 season, his senior campaign, will be one to remember.

Metro State University of Denver may have held the upper hand when all was said and done inside the Auraria Events Center on March 7th, winning the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Shootout semifinal 77-73, but with three more blocked shots against the 1-seed Roadrunners, Herrera ended his junior season just one away from equaling Fort Lewis College's career rejections record of 208.

And postseason honors are already rolling in; on Thursday, Mar. 13, he was announced as a member of Daktronics' 2014 All-South Central Region team, after being the RMAC's clear-cut Defensive Player-of-the-Year as well as a First Team All-RMAC choice and All-Shootout honoree – after factoring in his 12-point, 12-rebound, 2-block effort in FLC's 79-68 quarterfinal win inside Whalen Gymnasium over 5-seed CSU-Pueblo.

All told, Herrera started



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Current Fort Lewis College junior Alex Herrera, with father Chris to his right, accepts a congratulatory handshake from a well-wisher during the Skyhawks' appearance to support not only the Ignacio Bobcats, but all teams competing at the 2A-Region III Tournament – held inside FLC's Whalen Gymnasium.

each of the 28 games for coach Bob Hofman this season, finishing with an 18.9 ppg scoring average (fifth in the conference, but second in field-goal percentage at 58.7%) while also pulling in nine rebounds per outing (second in the conference). His 97 swats led the loop, while establishing a single-season standard for not only Fort Lewis, but the RMAC as a whole, with his norm of 3.5 per also setting a new RMAC mark.

FLC, the Shootout's 4-seed, finished the 2013-14 slate 18-10 overall and placed fourth in conference at 14-8. Herrera's former San Juan Basin League opponent Mike Matthews (Telluride) scored 10 points in his final showing as a

Skyhawk senior.

IHS product Ryan Brooks' first season in a Fort Lewis uniform ended with a 1.5 ppg average in 13 appearances, in which he averaged 3.5 minutes' worth of action. He also snared 12 rebounds and blocked four shots. Combined with Herrera, the two former 'Cats were 9-of-19 from three-point land.

HISTORY CHANNEL

Herrera's blocked-shot total was four better than the former RMAC record, set in the 2004-05 season by Metro's Ben Ortner, and his bpg average eclipsed the 1982-83 mean of 3.3 set by Western State College's Benny Wright.

Mid-school girls, champions



courtesy Monique Marquez

The Ignacio Middle School girls basketball team pose with their championship trophy after winning the San Juan Basin League championship, Saturday, Feb. 22 against Dolores in Ouray.

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Ignacio senior Clayton Jefferson (11) leaps towards the rim inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena against Sedgwick County on Thursday, March 13, leaving Cougar Gage Garnas (34) behind and helpless to defend.

"You know, honestly, making it this far with this team being so close," said senior reserve guard Sam Corrado, "I think it means a lot more than I've ever expected."

"It means a lot," sophomore guard Wyatt Hayes said, of the State experience. "We have to get stronger and more physical, because up here...they [referees] don't call as much. But if we put in the work in the offseason we can do it next year!"

QUARTERFINALS

#8 Sedgwick County at #1 Ignacio, Thurs., Mar. 13: Called Cougars, and culled from student-athletes at former northeastern rivals Julesburg and Ovid-based Revere, Sedgwick County was only a match for IHS – at least on paper – in distance from CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena.

And when Hayes hit a game-opening two-pointer and junior Adison Jones deftly followed with an intimidating three, there was a quick business-as-usual feel to the game. But SC did have one thing in their favor which the 'Cats did not: A fairly-recent, shock-driven State Championship, won in '08 after beginning in the bracket as ... that's right ... the 8-seed.

"It was exciting, it was a little nerve-racking, you

know?" laughed Valdez, after seeing his squad separate late to win 49-33. "And the kids played great, played mediocre at times – our defense kept us in it while our offense really struggled shooting-wise."

A late Tucker Ward trey helped IHS build a 16-8 lead after the opening quarter, but the Cougars kept their heads and traded point-for-point with the 'Cats throughout the entire second quarter – creeping back to as close as 22-20 on a Chad Mikelson three before Ignacio, using another Jones triple, regrouped to lead 27-22 at the intermission.

But consecutive weak-side lay-ins by SC soph Tyler Woodhams early in the third again had the underdog chasing the biggest dog in the house, and IHS' advantage was trimmed to 29-26, and ultimately to a slimmest of 29-28 on two free throws by basketball-named senior Chase Dunker with 3:28 left.

Sedgwick County's morale was boosted as well on the play when Jefferson was called for a frustrating fourth foul, but again ... Valdez and his assistants had an answer coming off the bench. Sophomore Anthony Manzanares countered with a crucially-timed three, Richmond followed promptly with a finger-roll, and IHS forged themselves a 40-30 lead go-

ing into the fourth.

"The tallest guy on their team is barely six...two? Maybe? So we just needed to go inside a little bit more and we did that," said the 6'5" Carver. "Finally got some outside shots, from Anthony – he kind of lit us up there, a big spark. Had to pull together as a team a little better."

"They came out with a lot of heart," he admitted, "but I just think we worked the ball around a little bit better – the second half, especially – which got us more open shots. I think it went really well."

"Adi ... I don't know, had 'teens' in rebounds – had a double-double today ... fantastic job. Justin came in and got great rebounds for us, and I think that's where we won the game – rebounding," Valdez stated. "And hard defensive effort; we made mistakes on both ends, but we ended up finishing 'em off."

Dunker's hoop-and-one was the Cougars' only points of the final frame, giving him a total of ten, matching Woodhams for the team lead. Freshman reserve Michael Nein netted six.

Jones' 14 paced the 'Cats, while Richmond racked up eight, Manzanares seven and Carver five.

"They pressured us, got within one possession – I think it was – and I thought we kept our composure," said Jones. "Just battled back, ended up taking the lead. In the regular season we hadn't been tested any, and I felt it was good to be tested."

"We weren't on our game, exactly, but I thought...we stayed together as a team, and we all pushed ourselves, you know?" added Corrado. "That's what we've got to do to stay in this!"

SEMIFINALS

#4 Sanford at #1 Ignacio, Fri., Mar. 14: Manzanares had held an unusual, but important position in the team's pregame routine all season.

"Yeah it is an honor for all these boys," he said of being the one centering IHS' swaying circle of a final huddle, formed after the players' introductions, just prior to tipoff, "and especially for me because I get to share that moment with them ... it's just a special moment to all of us."

And with 4-seed Sanford—an odd bracket posi-

tioning, given that the Indians had followed Ignacio, 1-2, in virtually every ranking going into the postseason – awaiting Valdez's starting quintet of Hayes, Jefferson, Richmond, Tucker Ward and Jones to officially step onto Harry H. Simmons Court, it was up to Manzanares to make sure the Bobcats' 'team chant' was at maximum volume.

"We're just trying to get pumped up," he explained. "And they just say, 'IT'S ... ABOUT ... TO GO ... DOWN! GET 'EM!' And come out with the spark, the fire that we need to get a win."

For whatever improbable, cosmic reason against much of the same opposition which had brought about a surprise ending to IHS' 2011-12 year – denying the 'Cats a State trip – it took nearly 22 minutes against SHS for that 'spark' to finally ignite, though yielding only a quick-burning blaze in a 47-37 loss.

"Our defense did enough, but we didn't score offensively," said Valdez afterwards. "Defense is still doing the job, you know; they still weren't in the fifties scoring-wise! We've still got to put some points on the board; you can't score two points in a first quarter."

Jones' basket with 2:28 left in the first quarter finally got Ignacio on the board, after Sanford had struck with two hoops by 6'5" sophomore forward Chance Canty and one by senior guard Calder Larsen.

And though no one would know it at the time, the four-point deficit would be as close as IHS would approach until Jefferson slashed in to score with 1:53 left in the third – winnowing SHS' advantage down to 25-21 and pressing Indian boss Rhett Larsen into a timeout.

"The momentum...I was getting excited, you know, like 'This is our game!' and 'It's ours to lose!'" Richmond said, of the 9-0 run triggered by a Manzanares three after Richmond missed from distance the preceding possession. "We were the better basketball team, but we just...didn't execute."

Something which Sanford appeared ready to do at any cost. Following Larsen's instructions, sophomore guard Miles Caldon (7 points) recklessly plowed over and through Carver, somehow got his scoop shot to drop, and earned a free throw when the referee ruled Carver's feet weren't fully planted.

His 'and-one' attempt was true, SHS led 28-21 going into the fourth quarter, and then led 30-21 when Calder Larsen made 2-of-3 at the stripe after an NBA-grade backwards flop, tricking the nearest striped shirt into calling a foul against an astonished Jefferson following the miss from downtown.

And free throws would greatly aid the Indians down the stretch; Sanford was 11-of-13 in the final frame alone, while Ignacio – trying to capitalize on foul trouble plaguing Canty (14 points) and 6'4" junior Brett Crowther (3) – wasn't granted a single attempt until Jefferson sank two with just 0:44 remaining.

Jones' 10 points paced IHS, Manzanares had seven, and Richmond and Carver six each. Senior Dalton Rodriguez chipped in nine for SHS, Larsen finished with seven and junior Clayton Peterson five.

"We got a little comeback going, and then when we got



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Ignacio Bobcat loyalists show their allegiance during IHS' meeting with Parker Lutheran in the third-place game of the CHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Tournament, Day 3 in Pueblo.

within seven points...on an inbounds pass, they get an easy layup. Or we somehow miss a switch and give up a wide-open shot," said Valdez. "So you can't do that and expect to beat a quality team."

"They have a fantastic defense, don't get me wrong. They are one of the best defenses in the state—they're physical, they can play the post, they're out in your face on the guards," he continued. "We had a tough time attacking the basket and getting the ball to open shooters."

"They were a lot tougher," Manzanares said, "talked more – just on top of their game this time."

"We just didn't come out as physical; they were just pushing and getting more boards ... and just outplayed us physically," said Richmond. "We came here to play basketball ... got one more game so we're going to go out and put it on the line for our last game of the year."

THIRD-PLACE GAME

#2 Parker Lutheran at #1 Ignacio, Sat., Mar. 15: Saturday's sunrise over Bartley Boulevard indicated things would indeed look up. Heck, if not for Ignacio Basketball, maybe for society as a whole.

Incoming clouds two hours before tipoff against 2-seed Lutheran – bettered by 3-seed Akron in the other semi – however, hinted at the possibility of an inbound storm. It never really came, but the Bobcats created one indoors and the Lions had only some beneficial foul-calling to serve as an umbrella.

LHS junior Brendan Edgerley canned a three to open the game, but when Jones immediately answered in kind, and Hayes then followed from deep in succession, Lutheran had to know they were getting the 'Ignacio' which Sanford didn't. And that initial advantage would be the only one they'd get.

Jones (14 points) and Hayes (20) each drained another trey in the first, and Jefferson (13) also sank a bomb in helping IHS take a 21-15 lead after eight incendiary minutes, and ultimately a 59-50 victory after the full 32 to depart with the third-place trophy in tow.

"The way we adjusted from going against the 1-3-1 to the man-to-man without losing a step today...really showed what this team is really capable of," said Valdez.

"And to hold on against a team that rebounds well, that's quick off the dribble, and one that beat us ... it was really nice to see that for the kids! And for the program; we needed to get something other than fourth place this year, to solidify us as a top team."

"We knew it was our seniors' last game, so we all – we were going to give it our best shot to finish the season with a win. A GOOD win," Tucker Ward said. "It was ... just another team in the tournament that we had to

go through."

But be not disillusioned; though SHS had denied the 'Cats revenge for a season-ending loss two years ago, the Lions weren't about to simply grant revenge for 2013's season-ending loss – also in Durango at regionals—to Ignacio on a silver platter.

Keeping themselves alive with 11-of-15 free-throw accuracy during Quarters 1 and 2, compared to IHS' 1-of-4, the boys from Parker trailed by just three points, 29-26, at halftime – but did catch a big break when red-hot Hayes' heave from mid-court rimmed out, nearly a bookend bucket to complement Jones' second quarter-starting triple.

"It was good," said Hayes. "We weren't used to the gym the first two days, and when we got used to it ... we wanted to play for our seniors tonight. So it was good."

Hayes floated up a runner his first try of the third and netted it easily. But LHS' Josh Clausen dropped in six of his nine points in the frame, and it ended a virtual draw with each team totaling ten points and keeping fans on edge until Jefferson and Hayes each hit two FT's inside the penultimate 25 seconds.

"We just talked about the game, really, but there was nothing we could do," said Jefferson, about the aftermath of the previous evening. "So we just decided to be US – goofy teenagers – and stay loose."

"Clayton...he had a couple of couple sub-par games," Valdez noted, "and then he came back to shake that off, play that great in the third-place game ... a feather in his cap."

"They'd knocked us out of it – from going to State – before," said senior John House, who officially ended the game with a defensive rebound. "Today we were a lot more relaxed, not as tight."

"It's pretty intimidating at first, but once you get in you feel like it's just another game," Ward said. "Like we've been doing all year – just go out, do the best, work your hardest and it'll all work out!"

Senior guard Reilly Carew, a 20-ppg scorer, led the Lions with 15. Edgerley, Clausen and junior guard James Willis each finished with nine, senior Josh Murphy booked five and senior reserve Devon Holland an unexpected, fourth-quarter three.

Richmond scored seven for Ignacio, Manzanares and soph Nick Herrera two each and Ward one.

"I was proud of them," said Valdez. "And I just told the kids how much ... I loved them, and I appreciated how hard they'd worked also."

"I've believed in them all year and I'm behind them all the way."

"It's an awesome feeling," House said of the entire event. "Something to be proud of."

Inside the State Tournament Box

Figures from the Class 2A Championships in Pueblo

QUARTERFINALS 3/13

Sedgwick County (8-14-8-3=33): T.Walter 0 0-0 0, C.McKinley 0 0-0 0, T.Woodhams 4 1-2 10, Chas.Dunker 3 3-3 10, G.Garnas 1 0-0 2, Chan.Dunker 0 0-0 0, B.Hackbart 0 0-0 0, M.Nein 3 0-1 6, J.Garnas 0 0-0 0, C.Mikelson 1 2-2 5, B.Stortenbecker 0 0-0 0, S.Schneider 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 12 6-8 33. 3-POINTERS: Chas.Dunker, Woodhams, Mikelson. FOULED OUT: None. IGNACIO (16-11-13-9=49): W.Hayes 1 2-3 4, C.Jefferson 1 2-3 4, K.Richmond 4 0-0 8, T.Ward 1 0-1 3, A.Jones 6 0-0 14, A.Manzanares 2 2-2 7, B.Ward 1 0-0 2, J.Carver 1 3-4 5, S.Corrado 0 0-0 0, N.Herrera 1 0-1 2, J.House 0 0-0 0, X.Reynolds 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18 9-14 49. 3-POINTERS: Jones 2, T.Ward, Manzanares. FOULED OUT: None.

SEMIFINALS, 3/14

Sanford (10-9-9-19=47): C.Larsen 2 3-6 7, D.Rodriguez 2 4-4 9, C.Canty 6 2-4 14, B.Crowther 1 1-2 3, M.Caldon 2 3-3 7, C.Peterson 1 2-2 5, G.Peterson 0 0-0 0, W.Anderson 0 0-0 0, A.Romero 1 0-0 2, K.Jackson 0 0-0 0, A.Chavez 0 0-0 0, J.Smith 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 15-21 47. 3-POINTERS: Rodriguez, C.Peterson. FOULED OUT: None. IGNACIO (2-7-12-16=37): W.Hayes 1 0-2 3, C.Jefferson 1 2-2 4, K.Richmond 1 4-8 6, T.Ward 0 1-2 1, A.Jones 4 0-0 10, A.Manzanares 3 0-0 7, B.Ward 0 0-0 0, J.Carver 3 0-1 6, S.Corrado 0 0-0 0, N.Herrera 0 0-0 0, J.House 0 0-0 0, X.Reynolds 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 13 7-15 37. 3-POINTERS: Jones 2, Manzanares, Hayes. FOULED OUT: Richmond (2:42 left, Q4).

THIRD-PLACE GAME, 3/15

Parker Lutheran (15-11-10-14=50): J.Clausen 2 5-6 9, J.Willis 3 3-4 9, R.Carew 6 3-5 15, J.Murphy 1 3-4 5, B.Edgerley 3 2-2 9, C.Morelock 0 0-0 0, A.Nemmers 0 0-0 0, N.Sanchez 0 0-0 0, G.Cueva 0 0-0 0, D.Holland 1 0-0 3, D.Williamson 0 0-0 0, T.Rich 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 16-21 50. 3-POINTERS: Edgerley, Holland. FOULED OUT: Murphy (3:26 left, Q4), Clausen (0:23 left, Q4).

IGNACIO (21-8-10-20=59): W.Hayes 7 4-5 20, J.Carver 0 0-0 0, C.Jefferson 3 6-8 13, K.Richmond 3 0-3 7, A.Jones 4 3-4 14, A.Manzanares 0 2-2 2, B.Ward 0 0-0 0, T.Ward 0 1-2 1, S.Corrado 0 0-0 0, N.Herrera 1 0-0 2, J.House 0 0-0 0, X.Reynolds 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18 16-24 59. 3-POINTERS: Jones 3, Hayes 2, Jefferson, Richmond. FOULED OUT: None.

– By Joel Priest



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Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

BIG BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO YOU ARIES! Major planetary patterns are at work this month. Two Eclipses dominate your April forecast. The first one, a LUNAR ECLIPSE/FULL MOON on the 15th triggers partnership matters and may indicate a need for cooperation. Additionally, on the 28th a SOLAR ECLIPSE/NEW MOON in your financial area shakes, rattles, and rolls in opportunities for a promising upturn regarding income. Your sign is involved in a rare planetary configuration. Do your best to complete projects, keep arguments to a minimum, and be productive. Strive to make a good impression Rams. People will notice your outer persona first of all.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Typically the first part of April signifies a time when you are more introspective, and like to maintain a low profile. This month may be different TAURUS! Your famous mild manner might be tested as the SUN, MERCURY, and URANUS, transit through fiery, impatient, argumentative, ARIES until the 19th. Others may try to pull you into their disputes. Stay calm, and above it all. There's a NEW MOON/SOLAR ECLIPSE ON THE 28TH that ushers in a welcome change, and launches a fresh perspective for you.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

While this month's CARDINAL GRAND CROSS is rattling everyone's windows, you might want to secure your finances. There's nothing to worry about. But a more conservative approach may help, particularly on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 8th, MARS sets up shop in the creativity area and may inspire you to find an outlet for your artistic abilities. A LUNAR ECLIPSE/FULL MOON on the 15th in LIBRA inspires romantic notions. There are some GEMINI folks thinking more seriously about relationships.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

The SOLAR SYSTEM is alive with celestial events this month. The big news is a CARDINAL GRAND CROSS and your sign is part of it MOON KIDS. If you're feeling impatient, edgy, or tense, it's all part of the pattern. Practice patience, staying active can relieve frustration. This is a good month to pursue your goals, visit a friend, or a relative who lives out of town. Above all nurture your hopes and dreams. Keep them firmly fixed in front of you. Planetary placements are putting your reputation in the spotlight.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

HEY LUCKY LIONS ... money planet VENUS floats into watery PISCES on the 5th and bobs around in the money sea of your Horoscope for the whole month. Indulgent spending could occur on the 11th when VENUS connects with NEPTUNE and blurs the boundaries of your common sense. APRIL'S main focus is centered on distant relatives, and future plans. Expand your horizons. It's important to maintain a positive outlook LEO. What you send out into the Universe is what you will receive back in return.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Gentle VENUS in the relationship section glides into "Dream Mode" when it connects with NEPTUNE. Chances are you might be putting your mate on a pedestal, or happily dreaming of an ideal romance. But sooner or later it all comes down to money matters, and how to spend it. MARS opposes animated ARIES and sets off fireworks in the money sections on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 8th. Old financial issues may need to be resolved so that you can move forward again.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

The sign of LIBRA represents harmony and balance. However you may not feel that way as the month begins. The RED PLANET (MARS) still in your sign, is not at its cooperative best now. Furthermore the FULL MOON/LUNAR ECLIPSE on the 15th just adds to the impatient, restlessness, that has taken hold. Curb the tendency toward rebellious behavior. Relationships may not be harmonious as partners might try to provoke you into disputes. Pamper yourself LIBRA, find relaxing activities to enjoy, and tame your irritation. A celestial test is taking place now, take action LIBRA.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Planetary emphasis points to matters of work, and physical well being. Whether you are currently employed or retired, you might find yourself caught up in some type of labor-related drama. Household projects, and domestic chores included. Be helpful, give others a hand, and be good to yourself as well. Look after your health. Scattering your energies in all directions is counter-productive. Stay focused on the projects at hand. Much can be accomplished SCORPIO.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Your quest to be out and about, and socially connected lives on this APRIL. The SUN, MERCURY, and URANUS have gathered in the entertainment section to increase your fun quota. This is not a month to wildly spend money, or engage in risky ventures. Family and domestic activities are favored instead. VENUS has your back all month, and is promoting quality time for you and those in your household. Your Sagittarian love of the outdoors might have you pursuing some of your favorite hobbies, or sports.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

An unsettling, unstable energy disturbs your domestic environment. The CARDINAL GRAND CROSS sets off a firebrand of tension, and may have you at odds with household members. The one bright light is VENUS, who takes up residence in the communication area and calms your anger with a gentle, peaceful, more harmonious nature. Look for ways to incorporate a balance into your day to day activities. Find ways to sustain harmony. Keep the lines of communication open CAPRICORN.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

April's sunny, blooming days are launched with generous VENUS finishing its journey through your sign. It might have you wanting to splurge, and spend money on your closest friends. On the 5th, VENUS floats into PISCES and promotes prosperity. The SOLAR SYSTEM is very active this month as two Eclipses and a CARDINAL GRAND CROSS dominate your daily routine. The bottom line is that the COSMOS is encouraging you to: choose your words carefully, cooperate with others, let go of old ways, and keep an open mind. A very tall order, but you can handle it AQUARIUS.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

The CARDINAL GRAND CROSS largely influences some of your financial activities this month. The good news is that the "Money Fairy" of the Zodiac (VENUS) slips into your sign on the 5th, and nestles you into her protective custody all month. The 17th, 18th, and 24th are all favorable VENUS days when prosperity, love, and happiness prevail. But there are other forces at work also LITTLE FISHES. It may be in your best interest to keep your important papers in a safe place. Impulsive money moves are best avoided.

OBITUARIES



SAGE – India Summer Sage, 26, died Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at home in Ignacio, Colorado. Recitation of the rosary will be said at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. A wake will follow at the family home at 151 Jefferson in Ignacio. A Funeral Service will be Friday, March 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Father Damian de la Cruz-Nuñez of St. Ignatius Catholic Church will be officiating. Burial will occur at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

Miss Sage was born January 12, 1988 in Durango, Colorado. India was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and has lived in Ignacio all her life. She attended schools there and graduated from Ignacio High school in 2009. She also attended classes at Fort Lewis College in Durango. India helped with other handicapped people and disabled children. She helped them at skills for living and learning in Bayfield, Colo. India donated to the Special Olympics of Colorado three years and she participated in them throughout her schools years. She was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Ignacio and she followed the Great Spirit Way. She will be missed by all and many.

She is survived by Leigh Sage (sister) of Ignacio, Derrick Watts (brother in law) of Ignacio Dominic Sage (uncle) of Ignacio, Michael Sage (uncle) of Ignacio, Aunts: Mary Sage, Josie Olguin, Eleanor Archuleta, Virginia Sage. Cousins: Gloria Frost, Marietta Soto, Nancy Baker, Glinda Richards, Debbie Watts, Terrance Whyte and many other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by Colleen Sage (grandmother), Dorothy Sage (mother) and Maurice Sage, Sr. (grandfather).

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

For Calendar Year 2013

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ID: 890001

Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact the Utilities Office at 970-563-5500 with any questions about the Drinking Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR), for public participation opportunities that may affect the water quality or for information on the Source Water Assessment Plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

OUR WATER SOURCES

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River. At the time of this publication, Vallecito Lake is expected to stay full throughout the coming irrigation season, leaving us with excellent quality water that we have been used to in years past. The higher quality river water, together with a modern water treatment plant, will assure even higher quality to all of our customers.

VOLUNTARY FLOURIDE PROGRAM

Not only is the water safe, but it also has a measured amount of Fluoride added to it to reduce Dental Carries (cavities) in any users who drink the water. Fluoride acts on teeth much like Calcium in bones to make them stronger, especially in young children. This is an added cost of about \$4,500 per year to the Tribe.

Terms and Abbreviations

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Parts per trillion = Nanograms per liter (ppt = ng/L)** – One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion = Picograms per liter (ppq = pg/L)** – One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The Southern Ute Water Treatment System routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal Law. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013 unless otherwise noted. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

Note: If no tables appear in this section then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

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Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System						
Contaminant Name	Year	Range Low - High	Unit of Measure	MRDL	MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2013	.06-1.08	ppm	4.0	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System				
Contaminant Name	Results	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	For any two consecutive months, At least 95% of samples (per month) must be detectable	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90th Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	6/14/2012	.142	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion
Lead	6/14/2012	1.3	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	19.4	19.1-19.6	ppb	60	N/A	19.6	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2013	41.9	35.4-48.4	ppb	80	N/A	48.4	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2013	.028	0-.130	ppm	1.0	.8	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection



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Disinfectants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Unit of Measure	TT/MRDL Requirement	TT/MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2013	1.12	.41-2.23	ppm	TT = No more than 72 hours with a residual below .2 mg/L	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine Dioxide	2013	11.4	0-133	ppb	MRDL = 800	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Continuous	Highest single measurement: .250 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Continuous	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100%	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Antimony	2013	0.9	0.9	ppb	6	6	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Barium	2013	.0273	.0273	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2013	.53	.53	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2013	.050	.050	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	2013	.020	.020	ppm	1	1	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated or Secondary Contaminants**						
**Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.						
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard	
Sodium	2013	1.63	1.63	ppm	N/A	
Nickel	2013	.0008	.0008	ppm	N/A	

No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions



SCORING NIGHT

TRIBAL MEMBERS COME AND HAVE YOUR TROPHY OFFICIALLY SCORED

Thursday, April 10th
6:00pm
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John S. Williams Room (Banquet Room 1)





Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management
[970]563-0130

Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 21 – April 26

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and **BAG THE TRASH** for pick up. Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver **FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, AND LUMBER** to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at 563-0100 Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP.**

***** Elders and Handicapped Tribal Members who may need assistance, Please Contact Construction Services 563-0260**

OLD VEHICLE REMOVAL – Contact Building Maintenance at 563-0265 regarding any old vehicles needing to be removed, please provide title to old vehicles.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL – Contact Peter Dietrich at Environmental Programs Division at 563-0135 for disposal of hazardous waste.

UPPER AND LOWER TRIBAL, AND BIA CAMPUS AREA – All Tribal, BIA, HIS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start, and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash; call Building Maintenance at 563-0265 and Grounds Maintenance at 563-0272.

SUIHA - All Southern Ute Public Housing and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. SUIHA homeowners, renters, and Senior Center are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority at 563-4575. Ignacio Peak, Jefferson Drive, Sunset Circle, Northridge, South end Housing Authority units, Shoshone Apartments, Shoshone Houses, Senior Center.

PROPERTY & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT - (Building Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance & Motor Pool) Tribal homes located North of HWY 172 and West of the Pine River. Motor Pool is 563-0280. Building Maintenance is 563-0265. Grounds Maintenance 563-0272. Tribal Homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak.

TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES: (Wood Yard) Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of HRY 151 to Arboles. Contact Construction Services at 563-0260.



NEW EMPLOYEES



Matthew J. Gonzales

Job title: Range technician

Description of duties: Assist in the administration of grazing permits on tribal grazing units. Perform field examinations on proposed grazing lands. Ensure NEPA compliance on plug/abandon jobs and participate in site reclamation. Cooperate with other tribal employees or divisions when requested.

Hobbies: Spending time with family, riding horses, mountain biking, hiking.

Additional comments: I'm grateful for the opportunity to work for the Tribe. I look forward to helping keep the land beautiful for generations to come.

Eve Presler

Job title: Family Preservation coordinator

Description of duties: Using a strength based approach in working with tribal and native families.

Hobbies: Hardly Angels all women's motorcycle drill team.



Conny Heischkel

Job title: Social Services supervisor

Description of duties: Clinical supervision to the caseworkers and counseling staff, providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social case work services for a variety of program areas.

Hobbies: Outdoors

Family: 3 grown sons. Immigrant from Germany.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection, have

no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim, is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years, is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.



Call for Entries

Artists are invited to submit up to three entries for the annual *Spirit of Women* art show April 4-26. Entries must be brought to the gallery March 28 or 29 during gallery hours. Submitted artwork *must* include the color red, though it does not have to be dominant. For the opening reception, people are encouraged to wear red.

Entry fee for 1 work is \$10; 2 entries: \$15; and 3 entries: \$20. Prizes will be awarded.

The opening reception for the show is Friday, April 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food and drink will be provided. Entertainment will feature the Matakolla Moon belly dancers. These dancers are crowd pleasers and should not be missed.

Artwork drop-off:

Thursday or Friday, March 28 or 29

Opening artists' reception

Friday, April 4 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The exhibit continues through April 26

Artwork pick-up:

Tuesday or Wednesday, April 29-30

Questions? Call Arlene Millich, (970) 259-0582.



755 Goddard Avenue | PO Box 414 | Ignacio, CO 81137 | (970) 563-4600 | DancingSpiritCommunityArtsCenter.org
Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer

recruitment skills. For more information, please call (970) 563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.

KSUT Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT is seeking one Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings

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The Cultural Department Bison Instructor would like to learn your tips and tricks as well as recipes for cooking with Bison Meat. If you have any recipes that you would like to donate or some tricks you would like to show please visit the Cultural Department located at Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Monday-Thursday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Tog'oiak'
Thank you
Samantha Maez
Bison Instructor

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Ext. 2791



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Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

EHS Technician III – Air Quality – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/24/14 – Maljamar, NM or Durango, CO
Assists in supporting the Air Quality Compliance Program for Aka Energy LLC. in Southeast New Mexico. Provides technical support and assistance in maintaining environmental compliance for local gas plants and compressor station facilities. Works closely with Corporate EHS Manager, EHS staff, and local Operations and Engineering groups to maintain compliance with applicable regulations; responsible for supporting environmental programs and implementing best management practices in assigned field areas with engineering and operations staff.

Lease Operator II – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 3/24/14 – Ignacio, CO
Under the general direction of the Red Willow Production Foreman, this position manages and maintains field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

Instrumentation, Control & Electrical (IC&E) Manager – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/24/14 – Durango, CO; Denver, CO; or Tulsa, OK
Managing the instrumentation, control and electrical design, commissioning and start-up

on capital projects for Aka, to include oversight of all Aka and contract instrumentation, control and electrical personnel related to capital projects in plant facilities, including processing plants, field compressor stations and pipelines.

Business Analyst – Private Equity Group

Closing date 3/26/14 – Durango, CO
Processing incoming financial reports related to private equity investments, entering relevant data into a financial reporting tool based in PeopleSoft, and preparing appropriate reports and analysis.

Receptionist/Office Assistant – GF Properties Group (Belmar)

Closing date 4/4/14 – Lakewood, CO
Coordination of office duties and job functions associated with the Belmar Management Office and Marketing Department, under direction of the Marketing Director, maintaining positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors, tenants and the public.

Electrical Engineer – Automation and Controls – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 4/4/14 – Ignacio, CO
Instrumentation, controls, and electrical power systems maintenance, repairs, upgrades, and design. Scope of work includes oil and gas well sites, field compression facilities, produced water disposal facilities, gas measurement, and host system configuration. Performs programming in support of capital projects, as well as assisting Automation and Engineering departments with controls system design and SCADA upgrades and repairs.

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.

Registered Nurse (Detention Center)

Closing date 3/27/14
Providing professional and clinical services at the Southern Ute Detention Center. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/annual.

Youth in Natural Resources Crew Leader

Closing date 3/27/14
Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental education program of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission of YNR is to foster an interest in and a sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Through the program, participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education lessons, and field trip opportunities. The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour. The work season is from April through September.

Youth In Natural Resources Crew Members (4) – Native youth only

Closing date 5/16/14
Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference,

other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crew Members are assembled into a 4-person crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management. Pay grade 11; \$10/hour. The work season is from June to August.

Chief Medical Officer – Tribal Health Clinic

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

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled
Providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY JOB POSITIONS

Team Jobs Program (temporary)

Continuously open
Temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. Pat rate; set at the minimum pay, but not less than \$11/hour.

Summer Youth Employment Program Workers (YEP)

Closing date 6/13/14
Under general supervision of the YEP Coordinator, YEP Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the YEP worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education YEP. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June 16 to August 1, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence. Pay is \$9/hour, or \$9.50/hour for returning YEP workers. Limited number of employment slots open, so apply soon.

Trainee Natural Resources Assistant

Open until filled
Provides an opportunity for a Southern Ute Indian tribal member to become proficient in a support role in fieldwork and clerical services for Natural Resources divisions. Pay is \$11.59/hour – eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to final pay rate of grade 14; \$13/hour.

Education Office Manager

Closing date 3/31/14
Performs administrative support and office management for the Department of Education including budget preparation and monitoring, report preparation, coordination and consolidation, office records management, reception and clerical services to the department director and staff. Provides staff supervision over the Higher Education Staff. Pay grade 19; \$42,932/year.

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, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

Beverage Server – Circle Bar (full-time)

Closing date 3/19/14
Must maintain the highest level of customer service while providing beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages and will be required to lift up to 60 pounds regularly, including the responsibility of all cash transactions. High School/GED and 21 years of age. Related work experience preferred. Must be able to stand for extended periods of time and work in a smoke-filled, noisy environment with great customer service.

Craps Dealer (full-time)

Closing date 3/19/14
Deal all craps games. Promotes positive guest relations through prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School/GED. 1 year experience as a Craps Dealer with dealer school certification or 3 years experience dealing Craps, or Sky Ute Casino dealer certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in Craps.

Facilities Staff (temp)

Closing date 3/19/14
Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. High School/GED. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Housekeeping Staff (full-time)

Closing date 3/20/14
Duties consist of cleaning all public areas, casino; public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. High School/GED preferred and 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

Kitchen Utility Steward (full-time)

Closing date 3/19/14
Performs multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen. Wash dishes, clean facilities, cook in a number of capacities and take over for another person. High School/GED preferred. Must have three (3) months of previous dishwashing experience.

Line Cook – Shining Mountain Cafe (full-time)

Closing date 3/24/14
Preparation of the Al La Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness. Ensure all guidelines followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. High School/GED. Must have at least one year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant or six months in-house training.

Slot Technician I

Closing date 3/21/14
Assists in daily maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related equipment. Will train in all slot tech areas toward the Slot Tech II level duties. High School/GED. One year experience in a related field (Slot Operations, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Computer and electronics background preferred.

Surveillance Supervisor (full-time)

Closing date 3/20/14
Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees at all times by providing continuous monitoring of the casino operations internally and externally. High School/GED. Must be able to work in a confined space with no supervision. Prior experience in surveillance preferred but prior experience in a casino gaming dept. or equivalent required. Two years supervisory experience preferred.

FOR SALE

Brand NEW home on 1.4 acres outside Ignacio. 1540 sq-ft, 3b/2b. Owner financing available. \$269K. 970-749-6646.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

\$5,000. Cell: 970-426-1798. Home phone: 970-403-3455.

LAND FOR SALE

Attention tribal members/employees

Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16-irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been reduced to \$170K but will discount \$5K to Southern Ute Tribal member or Southern Ute Tribal employee for a quick close please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org
Ignacio School District has the following open for the 2014-2015 school year

Math Teacher and a Gifted and Talented Teacher – Closing date 3/24/14
High School Attendance Clerk – Closing date 3/14/14
Custodian – Closing date 3/14/14

BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: www.bp.com/epcareers. BP is seeking the following positions. BP is an equal opportunity employer.
Click on the “View Jobs” under the “HSSE” category or click “Submit Resume/CV” and then click “Search Openings” and type in Req ID#.

Intern Operations Technicians – Req ID #53437BR

For its Durango, Colorado and Farmington, New Mexico facilities. The Intern Operations Technician is responsible for establishing safe and environmentally sound operations while providing basic equipment maintenance on installations located in the San Juan North (Durango) or San Juan South (Farmington) installations.

In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.



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, CPD, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694



What's On Your Mind?

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners goes “On the Road” and invites you to join them for an informal community dialogue on issues important to you!

Monday, March 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Sunnyside Elementary School
75 County Road 218, Durango

Julie Westendorff
Gwen Lachelt
Bobby Lieb, Jr.

La Plata County Commissioners

For more information, please call (970) 382-6219

