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Remembering the Milk Creek Battle



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Members of the three Ute tribes and others gathered at the site of the Battle of Milk Creek for a dedication ceremony for the development of the Milk Creek Battlefield Park on Saturday, Sept. 26. The battle took place 136-years ago on Sept. 29, 1879 between the US Army and the White River Utes.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Kenny Frost (left) leads the Ute members into the park on Saturday, Sept. 26 in Milk Creek, Colo. Pictured left to right: Robert Chappoose, Jonas Grant and Terry Knight.

By Sacha Smith
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Milk Creek Battlefield Park, commemorating the history of the event.

One hundred and thirty six years after the Battle of Milk Creek, dozens gathered at the site of the battle Saturday, Sept. 26 for the dedication ceremony of

White River Utes and U.S Army Cavalrymen both lost lives fighting the nearly weeklong battle in 1879; but arguably the Utes lost more. After the battle the Utes

were forced out of their homeland in western Colorado and moved to the desert in Utah.

"The more you teach and tell the true stories, the more it will benefit future generations ... as Native people all we want is the

truth," Ernest House Jr. Executive Director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs said overlooking the battlefield. "The stories of the Utes are still in the air and mountains."

The Rio Blanco County Historical Society has been

working on the park for over 25 years. Joe Sullivan, 96, has led the development of the memorial park.

"The way the U.S. Government treated the Native

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal members ask questions of Growth Fund's Operating Director, Bob Zahradnik's presentation regarding the Growth Funds Response to Prices at the Growth Fund's General Meeting Monday, Sept. 28 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

GROWTH FUND

Growth Fund meets with membership

By Sacha Smith
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

mind the membership that oil and gas has, and will continue to be the main revenue generator for the tribe.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund discussed the successes and downfalls of fiscal year 2015 at an annual meeting held Monday, Sept. 28 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

"Real estate had a fabulous year," Zahradnik said. "But you'll never see the returns of oil and gas from real estate."

The Growth Fund Properties Group had the most success in FY 2015.

It's no secret that the oil and gas prices have drastically declined over the last year. The price crash is due in large part to America making more oil and Saudi Arabia announcing they would not reduce oil production, Zahradnik said.

Patrick Vaughn, President and COO of GF Properties talked about the company's memorable year. Including new apartments that are being built in Oceanside, Calif. a couple blocks from the SpringHill Suites by Marriott – that the tribe owns – and the sale of the Belmar Properties in Lakewood, Colo., for profit.

"Oil has been good to this tribe, but you got to work through the hard times," he said. "Delta House – the 96-foot semi-submersible floating production system in the Gulf of Mexico – will be a big part of [the tribe's] revenue over the next 10 years."

"Fiscal year 2015 was our best year as a real estate group," Vaughn said.

The GF company hit the hardest this past year was AKA Energy LLC, Zahradnik said. AKA

Bob Zahradnik, Operating Director of the Growth Fund said the tribe should be pleased with the returns received from real estate, but re-

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TRIBAL VETERANS

Native veterans discuss services

By Sacha Smith
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Native American veterans and their families convened at Isleta Resort & Casino for a conference that focused on educating and assisting veterans in regards to veterans rights, entitlements and benefits. The second annual Southwest Native American Veterans Association (SNAVA) Conference was held Sept. 20-22 in Isleta, NM.

"I'm humbled and proud to look at all the veterans faces today ... all first Americans of many tribes," Isleta Pueblo Governor E. Paul Torres said. "Hopefully this gathering will address the greatest issues facing veterans and provide solutions to these problems."

Representatives from health care providers, and veteran organizations gathered for the conference to help educate veterans on services available to them.

Jeff Wilson, from Phoenix Regional VA Loan Center discussed the Native American Direct Loan Mortgage program. The loan program is designed to help Native American veterans receive funding for housing. Wilson discussed the low rate of applications he has been receiving.

"Last year we sent out 55 loan applications," Wilson said. "And we only got back four."

Some veterans stated that Native American's don't like paper work and the application is probably so long it discourages them from finishing it.

"Resolutions to the problems is what we veterans are looking for," Southern Ute veteran and SNAVA



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute veterans Rod Grove and Howard D. Richards present Isleta Pueblo Governor E. Paul Torres a vest as a token of appreciation. The Isleta Pueblo hosted the 2nd Annual Southwest Native American Veterans Association Conference Sept 20-22.

board member, Howard Richards said.

Wilson said he would continue to work with tribes to find a tribal contact to help tribal members complete the home loan applications. But he said, he has trained tribes on the how to complete the application before, but since a lot of the positions are not permanent he's having to train new people every year.

Health was another main focus of the conference. On Monday, Sept. 21 there was a presentation on Vietnam and Agent Orange. With the majority of the veterans at the conference having served in the Vietnam War, the presentation had a lot of interest.

Elizabeth Bowers spouse of lifetime member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, talked about the barrels of toxins that were used to spray villages.

"The government knew it was toxic and they knew



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Director of New Mexico Veterans Health Care System, Andrew Welch thanks Southern Ute veteran Randy Baker for his service during a Tribute to all Native Veterans.

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COMMUNITY

ELHI opens its doors to personal wellbeing

By Raymond Dunton
ELHI

intended to be an education resource that fosters community collaboration among not only the anchor tenant organizations, but also other community-led organizations that serve our area youth and families. Space will be available for community events and workshops.

The ELHI Association is a Colorado non-profit established as the tenant management organization that oversees operations and coordinates community use spaces. Anchor tenants are: Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center, Hope Community Christian Academy, Ignacio Community Church, La Plata County Independent Youth

Performing Arts, Silver SPRUCE Academy, and SUCAP Youth Services.

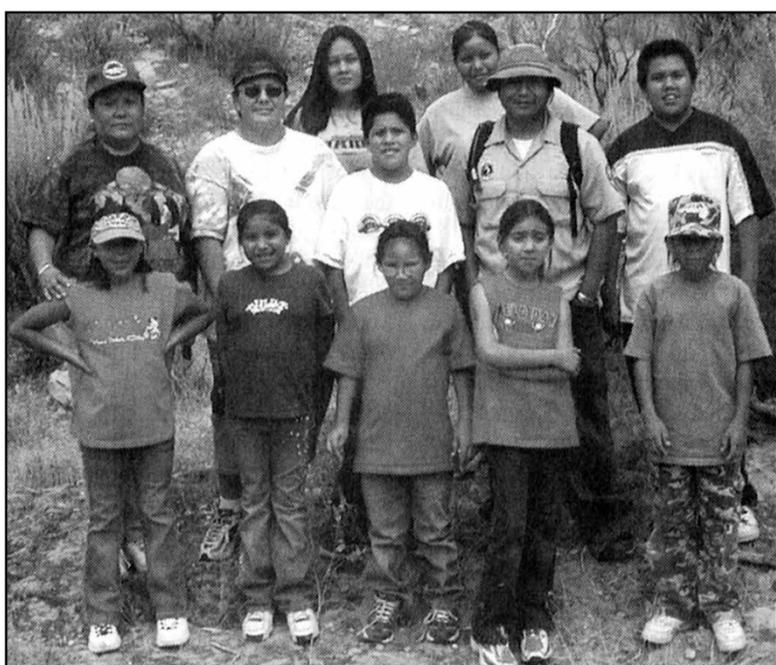
The community-based partners all share the vision and mission to provide public education, arts, and life skills training critical to the success of our community as a whole.

This project connects agency partners and community members in seasonal sports and games, visual and performing arts, science and math activities, use of new technologies, and ways to improve health and nutrition, all combined in existing infrastructure.

We anticipate an opening celebration once the move-in activity has settled down. We'll keep you posted.

The mission of the ELHI Association is to unify the community and support personal wellbeing by providing safe, holistic opportunities that support education, skill building, and resiliency. ELHI's vision is to model collaboration and the unification process in a collectively supportive environment.

The ELHI Community Center in Ignacio opened September 1st, 2015. The site is the former Ignacio Elementary School, which subsequently served as the Ignacio High School until August 2015. Hence, the ELHI name. ELHI is



courtesy Tim Watts/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Seven Rivers 4-H Club took a field trip to Ute Mountain Tribal Park south of Towaoc recently. In the photo (back row) Rose Marie Rivera, Kree Lopez, (middle row) Leonora Bravo, Jennifer Goodtracks, Philman Lopez, Ute Tour Guide Gerald Ketcham Jr., Ricardo Rivera, (front row) Destinee Lucero, Kristen Lopez, Summer Youngman, Brianna Goodtracks-Alires and Leon Burch.

This photo first appeared in the Sept. 30, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

With 'Words Like Love'



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

All in attendance listen as Tanaya Winder reads from her first book, "Words Like Love" at a book reading and signing on Monday, Sept. 28 at the Ignacio Community Library.



Southern Ute tribal elder Cynthia Buckskin (right) gets her copy of Tanaya Winder's first book, "Words Like Love" autographed during her book reading and signing.

Tanaya Winder explains some of the poems she picked out to read to the 20-plus people who showed up to show their support for the young author.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Southern Ute Fair and Powwow celebrated its 75th year with fireworks, and fun. Kids dashed and tugged and hopped and tumbled for cash prizes, but they weren't the only ones. From Tikes to elders, everybody found a way to participate in on of the Southern Ute Tribe's grandest weekends.

This photo first appeared in the Sept. 29, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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30 years ago

Its not how many games you win, it's how you play the game. Mr. Everett Burch (l) and Mr. Ervin Taylor (Right) present the Trophy for Sportsmanship to Manager Mr. Jim Turner (middle) of the Sky Ute Lodge. The Sky Ute Lodge sponsored this team in the Southern Ute Recreation League-1985. Other members of the team were: Steve Burch, Johnson Taylor, Gerald Howe, Barney Pinnecoose, Willard Price Jr., Ron Price, Lonnie Neash, Robert Howe, Lee Briggs, Harold "Stoney" Stone, and Arnold Managan.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 4, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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Costume Contest starts at 6 PM



Box displays colorful work



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum hosted an art display featuring a variety of crafted items from tribal elder, Austin Box on Thursday, Sept. 17. Southern Ute tribal elder, Austin Box (above) shows off the detail of his Broken Arrow piece made from elk hide.



Box showcased years of dedicated work ranging from watercolor paintings to beadwork. The museum provided this showcase as a way of attracting more local artists to display their work.

Powwow Trails

- Oct. 2 - 4 • 104th Annual Northern Navajo Nation Fair Powwow • Shiprock, NM
- Oct. 9 - 11 • Elko Band Powwow • Elko, NV
- Oct. 9 - 11 • He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskate - Black Hills Powwow • Rapid City, SD
- Oct. 24 - 25 • 10th Annual Las Vegas Intertribal Veterans Powwow • Las Vegas, NV
- Nov. 7 • Southern Ute Veteran's Powwow • Ignacio, CO

MUSEUM UPDATE

Attention local artisans

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue

for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

REMEMBERING MILK CREEK • FROM PAGE 1

Americans is atrocious ... but I hope [the park] will be a place both Utes and white people can come to remember their ancestors," Sullivan said.

Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee Member, Tony Small commended those who have preserved and maintained the land.

"Thank you for keeping the land the way it is," he said. "It feels like home; it's a beautiful place."

Thanks to the work between the Rio Blanco Historical Society and the Ute Indian Tribe of Utah, a Ute Monument was erected in 1993 and stands side-by-side to the U.S. Army Monument.

After the Ute Monument was finished, the U.S. Army



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

"I feel drawn to this place, I feel this land is apart of all the Utes," Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost said during the dedication ceremony for Milk Creek Battlefield Park Saturday, Sept. 26 in Milk Creek, Colo.

Monument was upgraded to match the Ute Monument, Sullivan said.

"The Ute Monument is made by Ute people," Robert Champoos, Northern Ute elder said. "We took shell

rock from the reservation ... we erected this monument."

Champoos is an architect and helped with the design of the monument, he said. The use of shell rock from the Uintah & Ouray Reservation was very important to him, he said.

"I hope the tribe will continue to keep up the monument," Champoos said.

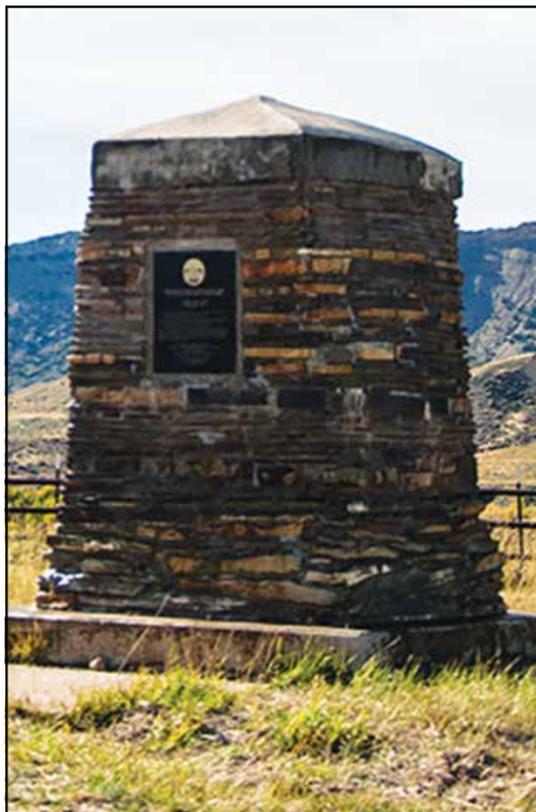
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost was also in attendance for the dedication and said the land holds a lot of history of the Utes.

"The land doesn't belong to the Indians; the Indians belong to the land ... we take pride in our culture we honor the land everyday," Frost said. "I feel drawn to this place ... I feel this land is apart of all the Utes."

Ute Mountain Ute Council representatives Priscilla Blackhawk-Rentz and DeAnne House also spoke on the beauty of the land.

"It's humbling being here," House said. "The land is beautiful, it's hard to imagine we now live on lands that are barren with just sand and sage brush."

The park is complete with the three monuments and a gazebo built to hold events like this past weekends.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Ute Monument is made from shell rock from the Uintah & Ouray Indian Reservation. The monument was erected at the battlefield in 1993.

CULTURAL UPDATE

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS October 2015 Culture Events

- Oct. 4 & 18: Family Ute Class. Small Classroom. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 15 & 28: Conversational Ute Class. Small classroom, noon lunch-hour.
- Oct. 16: Making Pies. Small Classroom. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 13, 15 & 21: Beginner beadwork class. Small classroom, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23: Elder Lunch. Movie: TBA. Large & small classroom. Noon – 2 p.m..
- Oct. 27 & 29: Moccasin class for new students. Class limit (8). Small Classroom. 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Ute Language 105 Class: Mondays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All sessions are held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center classroom areas. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up for a class please call Marge Barry at 970-563-4802. We are also seeking Culture Instructors for classes, if you are interested, please call Marge at the above numbers. Please note dates are subject to change.

Culture Department October Beadwork Challenge



Participants are asked to head a set of three inch (3") beaded hair ties in the shape of a heart. The design and colors will be up to the beader.

Deadline for the entries is Friday, October 23, 2015. The winner will be selected by the Elders at the Elder Luncheon. Please submit a photo of your completed beadwork to email hwhite@southernute-nsn.gov, or bring your project by and we will take a picture for you.

If you have any questions call the Culture Department 970-563-0100. EXT. 3620



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East Site 701 Camino del Rio Durango, CO |

(More Drop Box sites soon to come!)

(Last Day to Donate to drop boxes will be October 20, 2015)

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"Once you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and the other for helping others."



TRIBAL HEALTH

A step to healthy lifestyles

Damon Toledo

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Program will be introducing new diabetes and wellness classes within the coming weeks. The classes are established in an effort of spreading awareness for healthy lifestyles within the Southern Ute Tribe.

The program partnered with Peaceful Spirit on Thursday, Sept. 17 as part of the Cooking Matters class – a course that teaches healthy cooking and lifestyles to those recovering from substance abuse. The class is additionally geared towards families who wish to shop on a budget.

“We want our people to evolve towards healthier lifestyles,” Deanna Frost, Shining Mountain Health & Wellness director apprentice said. “It’s about focusing on your entire well being, not just eating healthy and exercise. People must be aware their behavior is important too. Keeping your mind in place is all part of being in balance. We’re excited because ‘Cooking Matters’ has never done anything like this before. We have worked hard with Peaceful Spirit on [health]



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Nathan Strong Elk, of SUCAP’s Peaceful Spirit makes chicken stir-fry with brown rice, peppers, onions, and ginger. Cooking Matters is a class hosted by the Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Program.

education.”

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy also got a taste of healthy eating. Students gathered with Shining Mountain on Tuesday, Sept. 22 and learned

about how much sugar is in popular drinks, such as Gatorade, soda, and energy drinks. The exercise consisted of measuring the actual amounts of sugar used in these drinks.

“We’re working with SUIMA for a four week program – Youth Staying Healthy,” Frost added. “It was an older program that we are starting back up. The kids learn things from sugar estimates to the portion amount they should have on their plates. We encourage the community to come out to our classes.”

The diabetes and wellness classes will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Capote Room at SunUte Community Center.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Academy student, Tamarius Roland measures the amount of sugar used in a single can of Red Bull. The exercise is part of the ‘Youth Staying Healthy’ Program.

Celebrating sobriety



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Daisy Bluestar, an invited speaker at the Peaceful Spirit Sobriety Celebration spoke about her struggles through alcoholism, and growing up in that type of environment. She spoke of her late mother, Audrey Frost-Nissen and how with spirituality she has learned to deal with what alcoholism has done to her family.



Neida Chackee talks about growing up in a Sun Dance family and how the Creator has helped her get to where she is today. “I am thankful for what I was taught about the Creator,” Chackee said. “Once you live by and know that the Creator – he loves you so much, he has a great life for you.”



Nathan Strong Elk, Spiritual Counselor for Peaceful Spirit was the emcee for the Sobriety Celebration. He recognized Judy Lansing for her dedication at Peaceful Spirit presenting her with a Pendleton blanket. “You’ve been using the spirit of alcohol and drugs, now you must use the spirit of sobriety, search within yourself,” she said.

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it was bad for you ... some veterans were affected right away and some 40 years later,” Bowers said.

Bowers went on to discuss the list of symptoms associated with Agent Orange and how it is affecting children and grandchildren of those who served in Vietnam.

“If a veteran is registered with the VA and was in the war and his child has effects from Agent Orange, the child is able to get VA benefits,” she said.

All the diseases and conditions of Agent Orange are listed on the VA website, and they’re all presumptive, she said.

“If you have symptoms or an illness that is listed and you served in Vietnam, you are eligible for VA benefits,” she said.

Closing out the conference was a marching in of all veterans with the respective flags and an honoring ceremony by Southern Ute veterans Rod Grove and Howard Richards.

Richards and Grove presented Isleta Pueblo Governor Torres a vest on behalf of the Southern Ute



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Native American veterans follow in their branch flag during the honoring of all Native veterans during the SWNAVA Conference, Tuesday, Sept. 22.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Several breakout sessions, guest speakers and activities kept Native American Veterans busy during the Southwest Native American Veterans Association Conference.

Veterans Association as a Ieta Pueblo Council also token of appreciation for received pins from the hosting this year’s second Southern Ute Veterans Association. The Is-



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- **Oct. 14 Ute Mountain Ute Casino:** Trip van will be leaving at 9 a.m
- **Oct. 20 Movie Day:** Please call for a list of showings.
- **Oct. 27 Pagosa Hot Spring:** Trip van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 29 Farmington Shopping:** Trip van will be leaving at 9 a.m.

**All Trips are subject to change without prior.
Please call the Elder Services Office at 970-563-0100 if you have any questions.**



IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District to host Indian policies and procedures meeting

By La Titia Taylor, MS
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Ignacio School Board and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council would like to invite you, as a parent of an American Indian student in our schools, to attend the Ignacio School

District Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) meeting on Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Ignacio School Administration Building 455 Becker Street in Ignacio.

Dinner will be provided. We encourage you to attend this important meeting in order to get information about the collaboration between the school and the Tribal Educational Department, services that are provided jointly, test score results, survey results, new policies and programs implemented, Memorandum of Understanding and receive additional information on programs that are offered to your students. All parents and guardians of Native American children in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend.

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Head Start celebrates 50



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The carnival themed celebration included games and activities for current students and alumni Monday, Sept. 28 during the Head Start Celebration.



Élan Rutledge, son of DeMitt and Annalise, opts for a fun temporary tattoo as his auntie Veronica Lasater looks on.

A bouncy house equipped with a slide proved to be a favorite at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's celebration in honor of National Head Start's 50th Anniversary Monday, Sept. 28.

A night of family fun



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Families enjoyed dinner, a show and a free gift at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start 'Family Night' Thursday, Sept. 24. Thanks to a grant the Head Start received each child went home with a copy of Melanie Milburn's book "I Love You More Than Chocolate".



The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's 'Family Night' included a presentation by local author and songwriter Melanie Milburn.

SUIMA celebrates 15th



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted a family night celebrating SUIMA's 15th anniversary on Friday, Sept. 18. The event allowed SUIMA students to meet the teachers of the Academy while enjoying fun and games, including face painting, big bounce, and animal balloons. A dinner was held for all the guests later in the evening. The Native American Youth Organization (above) drum group sang songs.



Esther Rima gives a smile to her daughter, Kodi Mae Rima as she enjoys her time inside the big bounce.

SUIMA students line up to get a balloon animal. The family night provided different activities for the students and parents.

Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting

The next regularly scheduled JOM meeting will be Monday, Oct. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building, 330 Burns Ave., Ignacio, Colo.
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ANIMAS RIVER

Gold King Mine Spill: Update on Animas River Health

Staff Report
SUIT WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

the visible portion of the pollution that turned the Animas a shocking orange yellow. Dissolved metals are smaller, not visible and readily available for uptake by animals and plants and toxic at elevated concentrations.

The Silverton area has been releasing low pH and high metals water into the Animas for hundreds of years from natural process and by mining. Metals pollution had not reached the reservation because of dilution from tributary streams and because of buffering impacts of limestone outcrops in the northern Animas valley. Limestone increases pH and makes heavy metals less toxic to aquatic life.

To assess the impacts of the spill, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Water Quality Program (WQP) Staff began to collect pre-spill water quality and macroinvertebrate samples before the spill hit the reservation.

In addition, WQP deployed instruments in the river that track pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature and conductivity at 30-minute increments. The WQP began coordination with EPA, Colorado, La Plata County and many other local entities to coordinate monitoring locations, analytes and other response. The WQP collected daily water samples from the river for two weeks following the spill, collected drinking well samples,

On Aug. 7, 2015, EPA contractors working on the Gold King Mine accidentally triggered a release of approximately 3-million gallons of mine wastewater. The contractors were not prepared to control the release. The discharge, rich in toxic heavy metals and low pH, flowed into Cement Creek. Cement Creek joins the Animas River at Silverton and showed low pH and high metals content as a result of the spill.

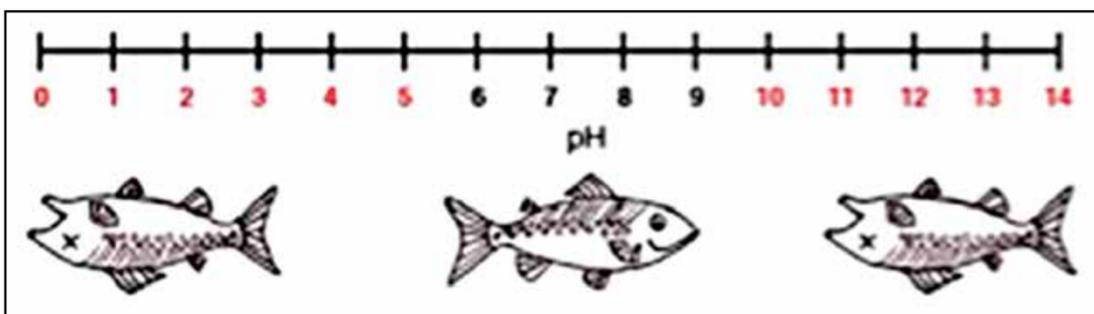
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was notified of the spill by the State of Colorado on August 3 and immediately enacted its emergency response team and alerted the State of New Mexico. The waste took approximately 3 days to reach the northern border of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in the early morning hours of August 7.

The concern to aquatic life, human health, agriculture and recreation from the spill surrounds low pH values that can kill crops and aquatic life on contact, and high heavy metal concentrations, which when ingested, can cause adverse effects to humans and livestock. Metals pollution from mines comes in two forms, total and dissolved. Total metals are large molecules, often bound to sediment; this is



courtesy/SU Wildlife Dept.

Water Quality Program Staff collected data before, during and after the event.



courtesy/SU Wildlife Dept.

pH tolerance values of Animas River trout and other aquatic life are in between 6-9.

continued monitoring of the continuous reading instruments, collecting post spill macroinvertebrate data.

To assess whether the Animas River has returned

to normal levels, the WQP compiled historical data on the Animas for comparison and also looked at Colorado Water Quality Standards set to protect human health and the environment. The WQP has been collecting water quality data on the reservation since 1992 and is in the process of creating Tribal Water Quality Standards.

The WQP noted increased metals concentration in the Animas on the day of the spill that quickly rebounded to pre-spill concentrations: pH dropped on the reservation only slightly, and never went below pH 7.4.

Trout, for example, prefer pH in the range of 6-9.

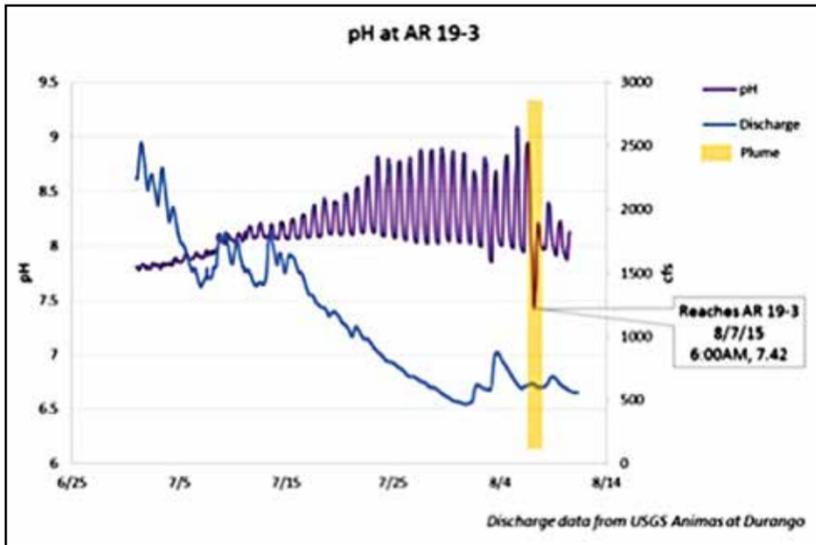
Water quality data from the spill showed elevated levels of total metals and little increase to dissolved metals. Standards set by Colorado and the EPA that protect human and animal health from immediate danger were exceeded for arsenic, lead and aluminum on August 7 only, then quickly rebounded to pre-spill levels.

Macroinvertebrate samples collected one day before the spill were compared to macroinvertebrates collected four days after spill shows no change in those populations.

While the data show little noticeable immediate im-

pact to the Animas River, the WQP will be monitoring for many years to come to determine any long-term impacts. The WQP will be evaluating water chemistry, macroinvertebrates, river sediment, and fish tissue to understand any long-term impacts. The evaluation will last several years for specific impacts from the spill and will be ongoing for many years beyond that for normal monitoring activities.

Please contact the Water Quality Program with any questions about the spill, or with any other water quality concern you may have, 970-563-0135 charten@southernute-nsn.gov.



courtesy/SU Wildlife Dept.

pH summary data show the plume arriving at the Northern border of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at 6 a.m. on August 7, yet pH values do not drop below 7.4.



courtesy/SU Wildlife Dept.

Water Quality Program Staff display instrument that collects data every 30 minutes in the River.

Annual FALL Clean-Up October 19 – October 24

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 Tribal Housing at 563-4710.

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 Environmental Programs Division at 563-0135 for disposal of hazardous waste.

CONCRETE WASTE - Please be aware that there will be a fee associated with any loads of concrete requested to be hauled away that the requesting party will be responsible for.

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: Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of HWY 151 to Arboles. Contact Construction Services at 563-0260.

Attention agricultural land managers

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is accepting applications for the 2016 Cost-share program.

The Cost-share program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements.

The majority of costs are covered by the Tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs, such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing/off-stream watering sources are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds.

Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135, ext. 2214 for more information.



WILDLIFE

Black Bear awareness

Staff Report
SU WILDLIFE DIVISION



Sacha Smith/SU Drum archive

Black bear calls to Tribal Wildlife have suddenly increased dramatically over the past several weeks. The mild spring and summer weather should have produced ample natural food sources, but we are seeing bears coming into town and approaching outlying residences searching for easy food sources.

While we don't typically see many bears coming into Ignacio, this year seems to be different. Bears are most active in early fall in preparation for winter denning. Black bears increase their daily calorie intake from 3,000 calories per day to nearly 30,000 calories per day and forage for up to 20 hours per day in order to store enough fat to sustain them through the winter.

Unfortunately, human food sources can often become an easy meal for black bears during this time. Although it may seem humane to provide food to hungry bears, it is truly a disservice to both the bear and the community.

Black bears that habitually receive food from human sources often become used to close contact with people and begin to lose their natural fear of people. Black bears will often return to the area where food was previously available. If food is unavailable on their return, they can become destructive or even aggressive in their search for additional food. It is important to remember that black bears have the ability to withstand years of natural food shortages without human intervention.

The most effective meth-

ripe fruit from fruit-bearing trees and pick up any fruit that falls to the ground.

It is important to remove any potential source of black bear food from residential areas. In the absence of human food sources, black bears will almost always look elsewhere for food, hopefully utilizing natural sources.

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management believes in removing attractants (e.g., trash, pet food, bird feeders, and grills) prior to taking steps to remove a bear. If attractants aren't removed then another bear, or other wildlife, will likely continue to take advantage of the source. The Wildlife Division does have the ability to trap and relocate nuisance bears, but this is treated as a last-resort option and only if all prevention measures have been tried.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130.

To report black bear encounters contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130; the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers at 970-563-0133; or Southern Ute Dispatch at 970-563-4401.

If people see a black bear from a distance, it is important that they not approach it. If a close encounter occurs, some general guidelines to follow are:

- Stay Calm.
- Stop and back away slowly while facing the bear.
- Avoid direct eye contact. Direct eye contact may be perceived as threatening by a black bear.
- Speak softly to identify yourself as a human and to show that you are not a threat to the bear.
- Fight back if the bear attacks.

Better safe than sorry



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Lonicia O'John (14) shoulders a 20-2 and takes aim at the paper targets during 'Range Day' on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Southern Ute Shooting Range, as part of the Hunter Safety classes sponsored by the Southern Ute Wildlife Department.



Although accuracy is important in hunting, 'Range Day' is more about proper gun handling and safety. Ben Zimmerman shows Carlos Lovato, 12, where his shots hit the target.

Fire-starting is an important survival tool, and may save a stranded hunters life, as brothers Tristan (left) and Cadelle (right) try to start a fire using a battery and fine steel wool.

Hunter Education On-line Class

Hunter Education Internet Course at So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum
One-day INTERNET-BASED • Oct. 3 (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Minimum Age Limit: 12 years or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child.

Cost: \$10 (payable to the instructor on first day of class)

Class Size Limit: 25 students

Pre-registration required: Register online <http://register-ed.com/events/view/67112>
The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of the class must be completed before attending class on Saturday, Oct. 3. There are three options available for taking the Internet course, details will be provided when you register. Class time on Saturday is 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Students must complete the online course, attend the class, and pass a written and live fire test. Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class, all supplies will be provided.

AGRICULTURE DIVISION OAT HAY FOR SALE!

Southern Ute Tribal Members Only

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division has oat hay for sale to Tribal Members Only.

This hay has been tested for nutrients and nitrate levels and test results will be made available to the purchaser.

Approximately 100 round bales and 700 small square bales are available for purchase.

Round bales are \$40 each at the stack (AG Staff will be available to load) or \$45 delivered.

Square bales are \$3 each at the stack or \$3.50 delivered.

This hay is available first come first serve.

Contact the SUIT Agriculture Division at 970-563-0220 for more info.

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Raffle tickets will be sold through September 11th - December 29th, 2015.

Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety License

Winner must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter meeting on Fri. Jan. 8th at 6PM in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and are sold by BGC Staff or at the BGC Office in the lower level of Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970-563-4753

Funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal elder, Renee Cloud (left) speaks with Lily Frost, Judy Lansing, and Yvonne Tree at an elders meeting held on Thursday, Sept. 24.

TRIBAL ELDERS

Discussing the general election

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Over the past few months, a group of Southern Ute tribal elders has been hosting regular meetings to discuss their concerns. On Thursday, Sept. 24 the group held a meeting to discuss their stance on the upcoming tribal election in November, including the participation of running candidates.

Since the last elder's meeting, a petition was introduced to recall council members Clement J. Frost, Amy J. Barry, Melvin J. Baker, Tyson Thompson, Alex S. Cloud, and James M. Olguin with the exclusion of Ramona Eagle. Council candidate, Renee Cloud stated that the petition has been discarded due to an inaccurate clause in its purpose and that a new one will be submitted. She then expressed her concerns

regarding council and the use of Facebook as a commutative tool between tribal members.

"They're not taking responsibility for cleaning up the system. When that happens, it takes away a lot of joy. People on Facebook have been saying the recall is getting out of hand and that it damages other's reputations - using it against each other. It's bad communication. It goes all over the world and could be damaging to our tribe's own reputation ... there's a lot of younger people blinded by the fact that they have no experience like us old folks. They're unaware of council's dirty laundry," Cloud said.

Council candidate, Kevin Frost stated that tribal members must be more vocal to show their stance.

"We need other tribal members to help us with this. Coming together al-

lows us to do that." Tribal elder, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf stated that the future generation of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe should be acknowledged when considering the election.

"We need to clean house. People who are elected have no knowledge of accountability. We need to stop this merry-go-round and connect. [Council] approve things left and right, when we really need to think about our future generation. The direction going on there needs to finally change."

"Tribal Council still won't listen to us," tribal elder Judy Lansing, said.

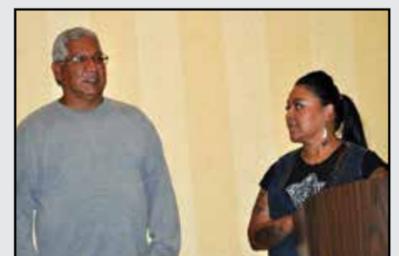
"This is our home, we should say what we want to say," Yvonne Tree said. "My voice is all I have. There are moments where I've been told to settle down when I have the freedom to express myself."

Appreciation given by Culture



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Culture Department showed their appreciation with a luncheon on Friday, Sept. 25 to all the workers; volunteers and everyone involved with the annual events hosted the tribe; Bear Dance, Sun Dance and the Tribal Fair & Powwow.



Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost acknowledged all those that helped with this year's Sun Dance. Special Events Coordinator Tara Vigil (right) organizes the annual events hosted by the tribe.

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box thanked those that helped with this year's Bear Dance, saying we work as a tribe, together to put these events on.

GROWTH FUND MEETING • FROM PAGE 1

Energy LLC designs, constructs, and operates natural gas gathering, treating, and processing facilities in a wide range of sizes off the reservation.

Brian Briscoe, President and CEO of AKA Energy said that the company has done multiple things to cut expenses and reduce the cost of ongoing business.

Another company that took a hit this year was Red Willow Production Company.

"It was a very challenging year for us; we're hoping that prices stay where they're as a minimum, or

improve," President and COO Albert Brown, said.

Looking to fiscal year 2016, Tribal Council has instructed the Growth Fund to hold more frequent regular meetings with the tribal members to provide updates, Vice Chairwoman Ramona Y. Eagle said.

These meetings are held to educate the tribal members on what is going on, Council Treasurer James M. Olguin said.

"We have to be real with the numbers and the actuals," he said.

Councilman Alex S.

Cloud encouraged tribal members to ask questions and visit the Growth Fund for answers.

"[Tribal Council] has offices in the Growth Fund ... set up an appointment and we can sit down at the Growth Fund and talk," he said.

A few tribal members expressed gratitude to the Growth Fund and Tribal Council for the honest presentation.

"It was a good presentation ... a good report, so now we know where we stand," tribal elder Stanley Frost said.

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Ignacio's Ethan Appenzeller (21) hoists high teammate Nathan Herrera (7) after Herrera's fumble recovery deep in Montezuma-Cortez territory, which set up a Bobcat touchdown Friday, Sept. 25.

IHS FOOTBALL

IHS intensifying in non-conference

Football fights at Pagosa, vs. M-CHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

"They just told us to keep fighting 'We're right there,'" recalled senior quarterback Zach Weinreich, of the Ignacio coaches' chat at intermission. "All it takes is one score – really, one play – and we're ahead in this game ... they said just leave it all on the field in the second half."

Trailing 2A Montezuma-Cortez by only four points (12-8) through two quarters, and by just ten – after an 11-yard Cordell Ridings-to-Coby Baer connection with 5:29 left in the third – beginning the fourth, IHS got "that play" in the form of Nathan Herrera's fumble recovery at the M-CHS 8-yard line with 10:07 remaining.

Fifty-eight seconds later senior Tyler Beebe, spelling injured and inactive junior Lorenzo Pena as the Bobcats' prime ground-gainer, crashed through the Panthers to score from three yards out and resurrected the same hope at IHS Field as witnessed within Pagosa

Springs' Golden Peaks Stadium a week earlier – when a Herrera recovery set up a Weinreich-to-Austin McCaw TD, slicing the 2A Pirates' lead to 12-6 with 8:40 left in regulation.

"It was a good game, we fought our way," Beebe said. "Just need to work on everything we have ... work on our blocking, and need to work on lowering our head and running through them."

"We were able to get three yards and a cloud of dust, and that was due to him," Weinreich said. "And then he scored the touchdown ... his running, he did really good."

But unfortunately, neither of Ignacio's close approaches carried through to conquest; PSHS pulled away to prevail 24-6 and M-CHS secured a shaky 26-14 win on Friday, Sept. 25 with a composed 11-play, 64-yard drive – capped by a 1-yard Ridings keeper – chewing 4:14 of clock and leaving the Bobcats just 1:02 in which to pray for a miracle.

"We had trouble stopping the reverse," Beebe said, himself bowled over

by Ridings on the two-point conversion. "Then we were finally starting to stop that, and they started that QB-sneaking – he would sneak out every time! That's what we'd have trouble stopping too."

After an incompletion, Weinreich's second-down pass from the Montezuma-Cortez 41 was caught by Juanito Medina but immediately fumbled back to the enemy with 0:48 left after Medina took a shot in the back.

"We had a pretty good start ... got that touchdown on a curl route," Lawrence Valdez said of his first-half scoring catch, punctuated by a Weinreich two-point run. "But it was hard because we got in the red zone so many times but couldn't finish."

"We wanted to put our best effort out, and prove to our fans that we're better than you think we are."

"We're obviously showing progress; you look at our first game to now, it's two totally different teams," Weinreich said, not needing to be reminded of last fall's 60-point

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Flag football anyone?



photos Robert L. Ortz/SU Drum

Run Migel, RUN! These boys and girls as well as family members alike from Ignacio and Bayfield enjoy the flag football action every Saturday. The Bayfield Parks and Recreation began flag football Sept. 12 and league play will continue through Oct. 17.



A Bayfield runner, in the five-to six-year-old bracket, runs past players from Ignacio for a score. Play is on an 80-yard football field, and held in the Bayfield Town Park every Saturday.

Team Ignacio runs a play meant to confuse the opponent, however it looks like it's debatable who will get the ball.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Ignacio simply superlative in Simla!

Ranked Cats go 3-0 at tourney

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The ironic thing was that the previous weekend, she'd reportedly hit a ball even harder.

That smash Saturday, Sept. 19 in Ridgway, however, didn't claim a victim: Feet failing, knees buckling, eyes undoubtedly watering after seeing the bullet all too well ... Brooke Drury's slow-motion collapse to the court, resulting from a concussive, close-range Kelly Campbell spike, not only generated crowd reactions loudening with each of the Rye junior's stunned staggerings, but also visibly served as the moment Ignacio became contenders to take the Sept. 26, 2015, Simla Invitational.

"I don't know; I was just focusing on trying to make a clean kill and not hitting the tape. And it ended up going in her face ... it was really exciting," said Campbell, a junior middle. "Definitely a game-changer for us."

And ultimately, neither the No. 6-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 9/21] Lady Thunderbolts nor any of the day-long event's other four teams could find a way to stop the Volleys from receiving the championship shirts from impressed SHS skipper Sue Snyder (whose Lady Cubs defeated RHS in last year's finale).

After a thorough 25-18, 25-13, 25-15 rout of Vail Mountain, sparked by junior Alex Forsythe's



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Ignacio's Shoshone Thompson (14) punches a ball over the net as Rye's Taylor Benedict (8) observes during varsity pool-play action at the 2015 Simla Invitational. The Volleys dealt the Lady Thunderbolts their first loss this season, prevailing 3 games to 2.

lengthy stay on serve after VMS called timeout down just 12-10 in game one, IHS could have weakened out in rural Elbert County after outlasting Rye 25-21, 23-25, 27-29, 25-20, 15-12.

"Our serves kept us in," senior Ellie Seibel said. "And just finding it within to perform our best. I mean, we were running on fumes pretty much this entire day – I know I didn't get any sleep last night – and we were ... running on

what we had left." "Yeah we definitely got a little tired and down," agreed Forsythe. "But after that one was over, we just found a way to bring our energy up together ... just bonded as a team."

And rallied from an exhausted game two loss to Hoehne in the championship to finish – by scores of 25-23, 19-25, 25-21, 25-20 – the Lady Farmers off with a wire-to-wire win,

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JV score in Simla invite



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Wray's Annika Harmsen (22) looking on, Ignacio JV players Allisianna Baker (12) and Kiana Valdez (2) hustle and shout fearfully as a ball drops on their side of the strings during the 2015 Simla Invitational's junior-varsity championship match. Unfortunately for the young Volleys the ball fell, and IHS did the same against the Lady Eagles in a tightly-contested 26-24, 20-25, 12-15 loss.



Ignacio JV player Reyna Cruz (13) follows through on a spike against Rye's Katie Richardson (2) during the 2015 Simla Invitational's junior-varsity event, staged simultaneously as the varsity with three courts available at SHS for use at any one time. IHS notched a quality 25-23, 16-25, 15-8 win over the Lady Thunderbolts in the team's only pool-play contest, landing them in the championship.

IHS SPORTS ALUMNI

Herrera calling Highlands home

IHS grad redshirting in Div. II

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Lack of height, lack of hype ... lack of hope, usually, to be more than just a back-row player.

In the realm of college volleyball, that's often how it goes for undersized, overlooked talent, but those willing to wear the blue-collar L/DS (libero/defensive specialist) roster designation proudly often become invaluable stones upon which rock-solid defense is built.

That was Angela Herrera at Ignacio High School once, and – as the 21st and last lady presently shown on the roster – now again at NCAA Division II New Mexico Highlands University. Part of head coach Bryan Crawford's seven-recruit Class of 2015 and currently listed as a redshirt-freshman, Herrera is one of four billed at 5'2", and the three ahead of her on the squad should make for solid mentors.

Senior L/DS Miranda Arredondo, currently No. 2 on the Cowgirls' digs chart, is the barometer, while true freshmen Bryanna Lopez and Jaselynn Sanchez both come from established large-school, in-state programs (Lopez, a NMHSCA 1st Team All-Stater in 14, from 6A Rio Rancho V. Sue Cleveland, and Sanchez – 2nd Team All-District 2-6A – from Albuquerque Manzano).

The first Four Corners regional product on the Las Vegas, N.M.-located team since Farmington, N.M., Piedra Vista product Mariah Culpepper in 2013, Herrera was Honorable Mention All-San Juan Ba-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Now a New Mexico Highlands University redshirt-freshman, Ignacio product Angela Herrera (10) passes out of the back row during district-tournament play inside IHS Gymnasium in 2012.

sin League that same fall as an IHS senior, and as a junior in 2012 earned Second Team All-SJBL.

"Each position needs a greater level of depth without worry of the level of play dropping," Crawford had said; pre-season, of his incoming crop. "Angela provides us with that depth defensively and at the service line."

Requests made through Highlands' sports information department for an up-to-date assessment of Herrera's progression at the D-II level had gone unanswered by press time.

After going 1-2 the week-end of Sept. 25-27 – losing

at both Black Hills (Spearfish, S.D.) State and South Dakota M&T (Rapid City, S.D.), but then winning in Denver at Johnson & Wales – NMHU stood 4-8 overall, 1-4 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's Mountain Division before hosting Colorado Mesa University and Salt Lake City, Utah-based Westminster College in RMAC action Oct. 2 and 3.

Last year the Cowgirls went 11-18 (5-13 RMAC) overall, similar to a 12-17 (6-13) showing in 2013, and both seasons Highlands finished 11th in the 14-team (it now has 16)

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Volleycats mug for fans after defeating Hoehne 3 games to 1 in the varsity-division championship of the 2015 Simla Invitational, played Sept. 26. Ranked No. 10 in Class 2A before the event, IHS moved up to No. 7 in the CHSAANow.com poll after exiting Elbert County three times victorious, including a 5-gamer over then-#6 (and previously unbeaten) Rye. Standing, L to R: Payton Lyon, Miel Diaz, Kelly Campbell, Alex Forsythe, Shoshone Thompson, head coach Thad Cano. Kneeling, L to R: Ellie Seibel, Chrystianne Valdez, Avionne Gomez.

nailed down by a Forsythe kill, in game four after never losing the lead since going up 14-13 in game three.

"It was all just a mental game," Forsythe said. "You know, just really good placement for serving – we didn't have to have hard placement – and same with hitting ... if the set was great, we could pound it. And if not, take a little bit off and place it."

"We have to show that we're not going to let up to any team," Seibel stated.

Rye (10-1 overall) regrouped from their season's first loss to down Wray (5-6), 3 to 1, in the third-place match and Simla (5-5) salvaged some hometown pride with a shutout of Vail Mountain (3-7) for fifth.

HHS dipped to 5-6, while

Ignacio – already 3-0 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League – moved to 6-2. Full statistics, however, hadn't been finalized as of press time.

Before departing home, and returning confident for Homecoming Week action Thursday, Oct. 1 versus SJBL rivals Telluride, the Cats – ranked tenth before the Invitational, seventh in the Sept. 28 poll after – all seemed to believe the tournament's dividends will be seen not only in the present, but a desired future.

"Goodness, I know that I was tired! Like, I almost fell asleep when I was sitting down! Because between our matches we ate, and ... it was kind of rough coming out and trying to have as much energy as we did this morning," Campbell said.

"This is definitely preparing us," she continued. "Coach told us that this is a lot like State – there's a lot of games, 'You guys are going to be really tired' – and we just have to dig deep, find our energy and pull out a win."

"This will just help us get better once we get to that State Tournament," Seibel said.

Here's hoping that indeed it's only a matter of 'when,' not 'if.'

Results from the THS test were unavailable at press time. Looking ahead, IHS plays a SJBL triangular at Dolores versus DHS and Nucla on Oct. 3, then hosts 3A La Jara Centauri on Oct. 8 and Ridgway on Oct. 10. RHS was the top 'Receiving Votes' team in the 9/28 Class 2A rankings.

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loss at Panther Stadium. "And that's good for us."

Coming in winless after taking a 46-20 beating up at 5A Grand Junction Central, M-CHS and new boss Scott Conklin left town a relieved 1-3 (0-0 2A Western Slope – South) overall, while IHS dipped to 0-4 prior to starting 1A Southern Peaks Conference play Friday, Oct. 2 versus Walsenburg John Mall during Homecoming Week.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

"We're going to go to practice and bust our butts just to beat them. I believe we'll beat them again this year," Beebe said, alluding to Ignacio's 26-19 spoiling of JMHS' Homecoming 2014 festivities.

The Panthers, however, will come in 2-2 overall – most recently 47-0 triumphant over

non-conference 1A Pueblo Dolores Huerta Prep – and ready to seek revenge.

"We hope to win, like always," Valdez said. "It's going to be a good game, just like every other one."

"Hopefully we show up," Weinreich said. "Homecoming ... we want to win. That's all we're trying to do."

The Cats will then play their final home game of 2015 Friday, Oct. 9 against Monte Vista (3-1, 0-0 as of this writing), then begin a three-game away stretch on the October 16 in La Jara at Centauri.

KEY PERFORMANCES

Full statistics from the loss to M-CHS hadn't been finalized as of press time, but second-half numbers tracked from the sideline

show that the Panthers could have been in trouble had it not been for Ridings' leadership under center.

The senior went 6-of-6 passing for 75 yards and the score to Baer between the start of the third quarter and Herrera's fumble recovery, and also gained 39 yards and a TD on ten second-half carries.

Weinreich was unofficially 5-of-12 passing in the second half for 47 yards, and was intercepted once late in the third (M-CHS' 90-yard scoring runback on the play, however, was nullified by penalty). Beebe was 7-18 rushing after half-time with his TD, and Valdez 3-16. Medina and Timmy Plehinger each caught two passes during that time span, and McCaw one.

For all BOBCAT info, articles, and additional photos, please check out The Southern Ute Drum's website. www.sudrum.com

Youth soccer kicks-off season



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio player, Aubrey Lucero attacks the ball as Keevin and Marcos eye the ball as Ignacio goes toe-to-toe against the Bayfield team, Saturday, Sept. 19 in Bayfield. The Bayfield Park & Rec started the Fall Youth Soccer League and will run from Sept. 12 through Oct. 17.



Ignacio goalie, Solymar Cosio rushes the ball as defenders, Matthew and Isabel defend against a Bayfield player. Bayfield Parks and Recreation info can be found at <http://www.bayfieldgov.org/services/recreation>

Tallas Cantsee "throws-in" the ball to continue play in the youth soccer match, Saturday, Sept. 19 in Bayfield.

SETTING THE TABLE(S)

Standings as of Sept. 28, 2015

VOLLEYBALL: 2A/1A SAN JUAN BASIN LEAGUE (SJBL)

Team	OVERALL			SJBL			SETS		
	W	L	%	W	L	%	W	L	
Nucla	9	1	.900	4	1	.800	25	4	
Ridgway	7	1	.875	5	1	.833	23	7	
IGNACIO	6	2	.750	3	0	1.000	21	12	
Dolores	4	3	.571	2	2	.500	14	10	
Norwood	3	2	.600	3	1	.750	10	10	
Telluride	3	5	.375	2	2	.500	9	12	
Mancos	1	8	.111	0	6	.000	9	25	
Dove Creek**	0	6	.000	0	2	.000	2	18	
Ouray**	0	7	.000	0	4	.000	0	21	

**head-to-head result not yet reported

FOOTBALL: 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS CONFERENCE (SPC)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		SCORING
	W	L	%	W	L	US/THEM
Center	3	1	.750	0	0	139/70
Monte Vista	3	1	.750	0	0	84/57
Dolores	2	2	.500	0	0	110/60
John Mall	2	2	.500	0	0	102/59
Centauri	1	3	.250	0	0	50/131
IGNACIO	0	4	.000	0	0	20/142

– compiled by Joel Priest



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

VOTE FOR A CHANGE Renee J. Cloud For Tribal Council 2016

"A voice for Tribal members"

"A voice for Tribal members" is based upon electing a person who will listen, be proactive and provide solutions to our issues.

If elected I will address Tribal Member issues as needed, be your advocate when it comes to issues with departments or any other entities; Encourage leadership Ethics, and represent the Tribe to the best of my ability.

At the present time we need a voice and be concerned with the following:

We need to vote on any changes made to the Tribal Constitution; Financial accountability on any Grants funded by the Tribe; Casino, Growth Fund and Permanent Fund; Adherence to the Ethics Code and Drug Policies, and Departmental Financial responsible by all concerned; Tribal Credit Fund/Secured Housing Program (needs to be reviewed and changed to accommodate all tribal members); Tribal member Health Program covering our medical, dental and vision care (is not sufficient and does not work for us as planned); Tribal court and other departments within the system need to be reviewed. There are more issues regarding departments operation and policies that need to be reviewed/changed to be more sufficient.

With my knowledge of the Southern Ute History, and Government Operations I am confident that I am qualified to fill this Council Seat, which includes 16 years of work experience in various departments, including Tribal Council, and on my personal level my Education.

Remember we are the shareholders/membership this is our government and we need to be involved: be concerned today, tomorrow, and for the future. "Together we can make a difference". Your vote will count, Elect Renee J. Cloud on November 6, 2015.

Renee J. Cloud

YOUTH CONCERT AND JALAPENO CONTEST THANKS! "REZ-olution VII" Youth Concert

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that had supported this year's REZ-olution VII, Southern Ute Tribal Fair "Jimmy Newton Jr." Youth Concert.

This year's concert was successful in many ways, not marked just by attendance but by seeing smiling faces of those who did attend.

The music this year was provided by a number of bands, for whom this concert would not be possible, so first and foremost, thanks goes out to the bands and their families and friends who traveled here to play for us: 'Ethan 103' from Window Rock, Ariz., 'A Malicious Plague' from Albuquerque, N.M., 'One Bullet Away' from Kayenta, Ariz., 'Dyfröst' from Chinle, Ariz., 'Hands Down 10' from Shiprock, N.M., 'Cinematica' from Farmington, N.M., and a special thanks to the two bands who jumped on the bill last minute; 'In Venegeance' from Kayenta, Ariz.; and 'Paranormal Slaughter' from Bloomfield, N.M.

and thanks to 'Studio 18 Productions' for providing sound and lights.

Our thoughts and prayers to the family of 'Hour Eleven's' drummer who had to cancel due to a relative involved in a tragic automobile accident. Hope to see you in the future!

A concert like this could not be made possible without the help, and assistance of others who support the youth concert. A vision I set from the very first concert 10 years ago. To give the youth of our community a drug and alcohol free environment to enjoy a night of fun, listening to some good music and enjoying it with their friends. By seeing and meeting the Native bands, that the youth may be inspired to achieve their own dreams – be it music or some other talent they may possess.

This was a vision shared by the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., who felt the need to support and make the concert a part of the fair, he saw the positive in what the concert brings to the youth.

A special thank you goes out to the family of "Jimmy" for your support in the concert, and believing in me to continue to with the concert each year, in Jimmy's honor.

"Thank you" to the following for their combined contributions, and their support of the REZ-olution VII Youth Concert: The Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Kendra Alexander (although you were not there, you were there in spirit) and her crew JD, Steve, Sal and Craig – THANK YOU for your commitment in making the Fairgrounds, year-after-year, an awesome venue to host the Tribal Fair & Powwow; The Sky Ute Casino Resort's Marketing Dept., and Maintenance Dept., especially Jeff Lyman, Tracy Leppert and Ann McGaw; NeeNee's Food Catering Services for feeding the bands – they all enjoyed the delicious food! BIA Forestry Wood Services for providing the wood for the bonfire; The Southern Ute Police Dept.; Los Pinos Fire Dept.; Walkers Do-It-Best; Basin Printing & Imaging for your yearly support of the youth concert; and KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM and The Southern Ute Drum for interviews, coverage and promotions.

Last but not most certainly not least are the people who's support and individual commitment to making this year's concert a success, "without whom I could not have done it without you – THANK YOU!" Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator and the Southern Ute Cultural Dept.; and The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) – Issac Suina, Larenz Wilbourn, Lakota TwoCrow, Cameron Weaver, Randy Herrera, Elijah Weaver, Lonicia O'John and SCSYAC Coordinator Mary Guenther.

REZ-olution Concert groupies who did the bulk of the grunt work, from concert/stage setup and teardown, to handing out handbills, and assisting the bands: Rayleen Richards, Shayna Johnson, Shondeena Richards, Ryanna Johnson, D'mitri Reynolds and Dev Richards and of course, my right-hand man, Fabian Martinez you ROCK dude, who's helped me out every year for the past 4 years!

Jalapeno Eating & Chili/Salsa Contests

I would like to also thank the following for all their help in making the Jalapeno Eating Contest and the Chili/Salsa Contests very enjoyable and managable events at this year's fair: Melinda Ortiz, Velma Armijo, Cathleen, Francesca and Malcolm Cajero, without your support year after year, these events would not run as smoothly.

Thanks Henry Whiteskunk for stepping up and taking awesome pics of the "Drummer's Special" Jalapeno Eating Contest!

Also to the members of the Flobots, M2X2 and Lolita Castaneda for helping with the tasting, thank you!

And lastly, the Southern Ute Powwow Committee for giving me time for the "Drummer's Special" once again in this years Tribal Fair Powwow. As we know this event has gained in popularity and has been a fun event for a number of year's now, may we continue to work together in making it as fun and eventful in years to come.

The Flobots Come To The Rez

I would like to thank Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Amy Barry and Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Executive, Secretary Ernest House Jr., for giving me the honor of meeting and giving a tour to the world-reknown Flobots, and members of MX2X and Lolita Castaneda during their brief visit to the Southern Ute Reservation during their 'Detour' on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

Meeting the Flobots after seeing them perform on-stage opening for Metallica at the KFMA Day music festival, May, 2008 at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona, was an enjoyable experience, reminiscing about music, networking and creating connections while educating and sharing our traditions and culture was an amazing experience ... thank you.

They expressed their words in hoping to return to the reservation, and how disappointed they were in missing the youth concert the night before. But enjoyed the experience of spending time at the fair, seeing various events and contests, and partaking in the Chili/Salsa contest and how much they enjoyed tasting all the varieties of chili and salsa.

I would like to thank the Powwow Committee and the Powwow Emcees, Jason Goodstriker and Edmond Nevaquaya, for taking a moment and acknowledging the musical groups during the powwow.

In closing I would also like to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to the Southern Ute Tribal membership, the Ignacio Community and all the visitors to the Tribal Fair for your attendance, participation and support in ALL the Tribal Fair events and contests!!! Without you the Fair would not be what it is today. To all the Committees for all your hard work and of course, the Southern Ute Tribal Council for all your support in the Tribe hosting the annual Tribal Fair – as the Fair is our time to shine, and we exceed every year in providing an enjoyable experience for all those who attend and partake in what we provide as a tribe.

*Thank you,
Robert L. Ortiz*

WHAT IS A TRIBAL LEADER?

A tribal leaders is one who cares for the native people within his own tribal nation.

A tribal leaders is one who will care for all native people regardless of what tribal nations reside on their reservation.

A tribal leaders were those leaders of long ago who cared, loved, cherish and protected their citizen of their tribal nation and native people.

Today, we don't have leadership as we did long ago of leaders caring for their people. Our so-call leaders only look after themselves. If it don't involve money in today world. Tribal leaders could care less with the attitude of don't bother us it's not important enough to be discussed.

On September, 1 my grandson was assault at Ignacio High School by a teacher Mr. Murphy who was teaching Physical Science class at the time. Granted my grandson had his hoodie on and Mr. Murphy didn't like him to have it on. Well, my grandson wasn't fast enough for Mr. Murphy liking to put it down. So he walks over to him. Grabbing my grandson by the hoodie in the neck region and attempts to pull it off him. My grandson addresses Mr. Murphy. He's going to the office. As he gets up off his chair walking to the office. Mr. Murphy chases after my grandson. Grabbing him and attempting to throw him down onto the floor 4 different times with a leg sweep. My grandson didn't grab Mr. Murphy at all but was grabbing is pants.

The High School allow Mr. Murphy to go home to cool off. Didn't call the police for over 2 hours as an assault had occurred. Ignacio Police was called as this incident happen within the city limits of Ignacio. I guess the Ignacio School didn't also feel it was important enough. A member of their staff committed a crime. Like anything they felt he had a cold and sent him home.

Like any parent I inform Southern Ute Education and social services since they administer Southern Ute educational needs within the school system. Both were very helpful assisting at the time on September 1, 2015

I was out of town. Southern Ute education personal did attend this meeting as I had written a statement of what had occurred.

On September 3, I called the Southern Ute education

office for an update as to what transpire. I was inform by Ms. A Duran education administration. What the Southern Ute Tribal Council reaction? She stated they took the information as advisement only. There wasn't anything they can do as my grandson wasn't a member of the Southern Ute tribe.

In fact since your grandson isn't a member of the Southern Ute tribe there is not much we can do to offer you any assistance from the Southern Ute education office. We can loan you a person from here and that is about it.

When, I was the education director for the Southern Ute Indian tribe. We had many native kids who were attending Ignacio Public School system. If there was an incident such as this. Our Education office came and supported the native child or Southern Ute child providing needed help. I realize times have changed. Policies have changed from our battles with the Ignacio School district. Hence the reason we build our own Academy to address those needs.

So the point of this letter is? If you're have a native child attending the Ignacio Public School system as your child is assaulted at school. Do not come to the Southern Ute tribal departments for help. It don't matter if your child has lived here all his life. You're not going to get any type of assistance at all.

Long ago at one of the Tri-Ute meetings it was agreed by the 3 ~ Ute tribes. If there are many Ute tribal members residing on either Ute reservation. Those members could get help from other sister's tribes where they reside. We're all supposed to be related one way or another. I guess this younger generation of Southern Ute Council didn't know this and this agreement is null and void.

Watching what occurred to my grandson being assault in a place which is supposed to be a safe place. Isn't really safe at all. Perhaps we do need to recall all the Southern Ute Council people and get people in there who is willing to help our people and other Utes.

I called the Ignacio Police Sgt Crumb and advised him to let the charges go. He asked why? I told him basically no one really cares what happen to my grandson. Maybe, he deserved to be beat up at school by the teacher. Sgt Crumb said he cares and is going to pursue this all the way. I told him what the Southern Ed-

ucation dept's and Southern Ute tribal councils stated. Pretty much didn't care at all. So, I was willing to drop all charges. Sgt Crumb said he will follow through all the ways. So, I want to thank the Ignacio Police Department and their staff for not giving up.

*Thank you all
for reading my rant.
Kenny Frost*

IN RESPONSE

In response to Kenny Frost's letter to the DRUM and for the reader to understand that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe agrees that all students in any school district should not be confronted in any inappropriate way by a teacher or administrator. As this incident is out of the jurisdiction for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (even if the student was a Southern Ute) and is a personnel action, it is under strict confidentiality and investigation by the Ignacio School District.

Therefore, it would be a violation of the rights of the employee (s) or employer which in this case is the School District to divulge information to anyone outside of the investigation, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Circumstances in any situation allows each party a right to ask for their needs to be met through the court system and not through the Southern Ute Education Department or the Tribal Council as we are not the courts, all citizens have the right to due process; right or wrong.

With some clarification from the Education Department, our department offered to Mr. Frost, and to any family in our community that has an American Indian student in the Ignacio, Bayfield and Durango school Districts; the Education Department can offer counseling services to a student for similar circumstances.

We are confident that the Ignacio School District will do the right thing, unfortunately with due process it could take longer than what we all would like. On behalf of the Southern Ute Education Department, we are sorry that this young man experienced this. Students need to have a well-balanced life at home and in the school where they should feel safe, comfortable and happy.

*Sincerely,
Southern Ute
Tribal Council,
Executive Office and
Education Department*

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BBQ and fun



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The Southern Ute Education Department's annual 'Back to School BBQ' welcomed students, families, teachers and coaches to the new school year. Administrations from Ignacio, Bayfield and Durango School Districts also showed up to enjoy the evening full of fun, food and great raffle prizes. A big part of the celebration was the Ignacio High School's bands; several bands performed and were the evening's entertainment.



A surprised Lonicia O'John happily accepts the Kindle Fire she just won.

Zachariah Red smiles big as he holds up the Monopoly game he won at the Back to School BBQ, just one of the many prizes that were raffled to students, teachers, and parents.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

REMEMBRANCE

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't be full of love shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him and only that he's gone, or can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, Or you can do what he'd want: Smile, Open your eyes, Love and Go On.



One year ago on September 28, 2014 our father Bennett Thompson left, we his family loved him dearly and miss him every day. We know that he is happy where he is with out mother and his family and one day we will be all together.

IN MEMORY OF YOU LOVED ONE

Let you heart be troubled;
you believe in God believe also in me.
"In My Father's house are many mansions,
if it were not so, I would have told you. I
go to prepare a place for you,"
John 14:1-2

Luana Herrera, Rebecca, Franklin, Keith,
Shawn and JoGenia Thompson his
Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO IRENE C. BURCH

Our mother, grandmother and best friend ...
Our mother is a women like no other, she gave life, nurtured us and taught us, fought for us, held us, scolded us, kissed us, but most importantly loved us unconditionally ...
There are not enough words I can say to describe just how important our mother is to us, and what a powerful influence she continues to be!
Thank you mom for all you've done for each one of us. For all your encouraging words & especially the many laughs we've shared. May your Birthday reflect the special women we celebrate today & everyday!

Happy Birthday Mrs. B!
Love your daughters, sons, grandchildren, family and relatives

HAPPY BDAY BRANDON LUCERO

Wishing our son a very blessed – happy 25th birthday to Brandon Phillip Lucero. My how the years have gone by – you've grown to a fine young man keep your head up.

With all our love – Mom, Dad, Dest, Quint and Bree

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Ignacio FFA Chapter presents their bi-annual Rocky Mountain Oyster, Catfish and Chicken Fry

Oct. 2 • 5 – 7 p.m. • Lawn in front of High School
Prices for dinner: (all you can eat) • Adults: \$15 • Child: \$10 (under 10)
Menu: Serving Rocky Mountain Oysters, catfish, chicken, coleslaw, beans, rolls, dessert, tea and lemonade.
Proceeds to benefit the Ignacio FFA Chapter. This is a tobacco and alcohol free event.

SUCAP IS ALMOST 50!

Southern Ute Community Action Programs will be turning 50 years old

To commemorate our turning 50 years 'young' we will be having an art contest. We are looking for art that will be used to promote our year-long celebration starting this October through October, 2016. The art will be turned into a logo and MUST incorporate the rules as stated below:

Contest rules:

- Must be on 8 1/2 X 11 paper—no lines
- Maximum of three colors (can be black and white)
- Must enhance or incorporate the current SUCAP logo
- Must include "1966-2016"
- Include on back: Name, phone, mailing address, email
- Deadline: October 23, 2015 @ 4 p.m.

Turn your submission in to the staff at SUCAP Central Administration. 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO
Call 563-4517 for info.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

WITH YOU.....EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



Friends of the Museum Reward Program

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

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Do you swear ...



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Chief Judge Chantel Cloud swears in new election board member Kela Hernandez. Hernandez filled one of the two spots that have been open, the other election board spot remains open until filled.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE • GENERAL ELECTION November 6, 2015, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sun Ute Community Center

Candidates for TWO Tribal Council Member Seats are:

- Lorelei Cloud
- Marjorie Borst
- Kevin R. Frost
- Renee J. Cloud
- Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: The candidates receiving the majority number of votes shall be elected.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center
(290 Mouache Dr., Ignacio, Colo., 81137)

- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 28, 2015, by 5 p.m.
Absentee Deadline: Oct. 28, 2015, by 5 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline: Nov. 5, 2015, by 5 p.m.

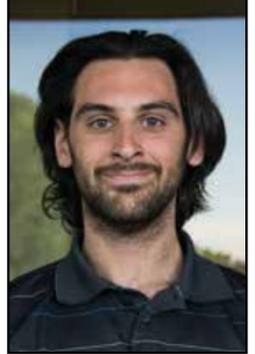
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NEW EMPLOYEES



Crystal Kelly

Job title: Air Quality Compliance Specialist
Description of duties: Monitor the Southern Ute Tribe's air quality.
Hobbies: I like going to the gym, reading, and spending time with my family and friends.
Family: I have two amazing toddler boys, Archer and Cedar.
Tribe: Navajo



David Heermance

Job title: Air Quality Compliance Specialist
Description of duties: Monitoring and enforcement of industrial site air emissions
Hobbies: Snowboarding, rock climbing, computer aided designing, building robots
Family: Father, mother, step-mother, brother, two sisters.



Tom Arthur

Job title: Range Tech
Description of duties: Helping manage range units in all aspects.
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, camping
Family: Wife – Jennifer, daughter – Kelly, son - Eli.



Kylie Krauss

Job title: Range Technician
Hobbies: Mountain biking, skiing, running, gardening, reading
Family: A cat named Kevin



Stacy Lawson

Job title: Front Desk at the Rec Center
Description of duties: Keeping everyone current on memberships.
Hobbies: Cooking, gardening, being outside
Family: 2 children in college, husband works for Red Willow.

VOTE RENEE J CLOUD FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL 2016

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Jonathon D. Sells, Deceased
Case No.: 2015-PR-070**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on October 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 22nd of September, 2015
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2015-NC-0073**

Devonne Jordynne Colleen Madril, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Devonne Jordynne Colleen Madril filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nevaeh Jordynne Colleen Madril.

As of September 28, 2015 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Devonne Jordynne Colleen Madril name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Nevaeh Jordynne Colleen Madril.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2015.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Mary Sage, Deceased
Case No.: 2015-PR-082**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the

Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 15th of September, 2015
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Clifford Springer Baker, Deceased
Case No.: 2015-PR-069**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on October 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 9th of September, 2015
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Jeremy Wade Shockley | Southern Ute Dir.

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

Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

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

Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Monday, Oct. 19 at 3-5 p.m. at the AKA Energy Building, Conference Rm., located in the Three Springs Subdivision, 65 Mercado St., Suite 250, Durango, Colo., 81301. The agenda will include Commission Procedural Business, Tribal Air Quality Program and Commission Updates, Proposed Reservation Air Code Revisions, Ozone Advance Program Presentation and Discussion, CDPH&E Update, Other Announcements, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule of the Next Meeting. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Mr. Mark Hutson, Air Quality Program Manager at 970-563-4705, ext. 2206 or visit the Commission website at: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission/>

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE ETHICS COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST: JANELLE DOUGHTY

Case No: 01-2015
Case No: 02-2015

Notice is hereby given of a consolidated hearing scheduled before Hearing Officer David Gomez, AAHO, on October 5, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO),

Justice Administration, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. This Hearing is open to the tribal member public, subject to the determination of the Ethics Commission. Published pursuant to SUIT Ethics Code §19-6-103(3).

Done this 14th day of September, 2015
Law Practice Of Leigh Meigs, LLC
S. Leigh Meigs, JD, LCSW
Special Acting Ethics Director
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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SAWYER BROWN

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NOVEMBER 14**

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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" position on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way, by Oct. 30. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

KSUT BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

KSUT Board of Directors has one vacancy for a Native American Board Member. Interested KSUT Board of Director applicants send a resume to Robert Franklin at bob@ksut.org.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY/TITLE VII COMMITTEE

There are three vacancies on the Johnson-O'Malley/Title VII committee. If you are interested in becoming a committee member please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. This is a volunteered position and JOM/Title VII only meets once a month on the first Monday at 5:30 p.m. To be eligible: You must have a student(s) enrolled with Ignacio or Bayfield School District K-12. Your student(s) must be eligible for the program with proper documentation on file with the Education Department, and Open to all Native American that is enrolled with the two school district's. Contact Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education, 970-563-0235, ext. 2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

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

Receptionist/Office Assistant – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 10/7/15
Coordination of office duties and job functions associated with the Red Willow Production Company Receptionist function, under direction of the Senior Office Manager, maintaining positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors and the public.

safely and efficiently. Provide support for engineering projects and oversee third party contractors during maintenance and construction projects. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Maintenance Tech I – Aka Energy Group (Platteville, Colo.)

Closing date 10/9/15
Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently. Contributes to the efficient management of the plant and equipment to meet company goals.

Operations Engineer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 10/9/15
Requires a multi-discipline skill set that includes engineering and technical support for surface issues for the Operations Dept. Assurance that all Red Willow production facilities are designed and constructed within accepted industry guidelines and practices. An integral part of the Operations Dept. and will support ongoing activities in several oil and gas basins in which Red Willow operates. Supports Operations with the development and tracking of annual capital and operating budgets.

Maintenance Tech II – Aka Energy Group (Platteville, Colo.)

Closing date 10/9/15
Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and the field compressor stations

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

*Database Administrator/User Support

Closing date 10/12/15
Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems. Supports all systems on casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 years experience in DBMS (Database Management System) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems in a microenvironment, such as Microsoft Access.

*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time/On-call)

Closing date 10/5/15
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

*Poker Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 10/5/15
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

*Player Development Supervisor (Full-time)

Closing date 10/5/15
Assists in supervising all facets of the Sky Ute Casino Bear Club and Player's Center, while having a complete understanding of player data and player development philosophies. 21 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency required. Previous supervisory skills required. 1 year previous casino host or club (player tracking program) experience required. Has an excellent understanding of player tracking software and thorough understanding of player data and player worth.

Fine Dining Bussier (Full-time)

Closing date 10/2/15
Clears off and sanitizes tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeps the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, silverware and napkins. Bussier will help cooks, servers, dishwashers and bartenders perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 18 years old. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have a minimum of 1 year experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

**Must be 21 years of age*

MIS: Occasional Road Closures for Fiber Optic Cable

As the Southern Ute relies more on information technology to do its business, it requires increased reliability from its computer systems and networks. Starting this week the Permanent Fund Management Information Systems Department (MIS) begins a project to install the last major fiber link of the Tribe's fiber optic network between the Mouche-Capote Building and Multi-Purpose Facility. This will add to Southern Ute Tribe's ability to maintain network connectivity in the event of a line cut or other fiber optic cable outage. To accomplish this, MIS requires several road cuts between the two buildings. At various times between Sept. 18 and Oct. 7 there will be one or two road closures on the following Tribal area streets:

• Ouray Drive • Buckskin Charlie Drive • Ute Road •

In each case, there is a nearby alternative route. Also, MIS will try to keep the closures to a minimum. MIS appreciates the community's patience and understanding during this important upgrade to keeping Tribe's network services reliable.

FOR SALE

In EXCEPTIONAL condition, top grain Italian Leather sofa and chair features Legette and Platte wall-away reclining mechanisms that provides full recline position even when closer to the wall reclining sofa includes a retractable drop down table and two cup holders. Call 970-779-8133.



LAND FOR SALE

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 off CR 514, 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 significantly reduced to sell at \$150K. Financing may be available with 35% down payment at 5% APR to a qualified buyer. If interested please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

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.

Detention Officer

Closing date 10/7/15
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

soil resources in accordance with all Tribal policies and any applicable State, Federal, or other regulations.

MSP

Closing date 10/9/15
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Patrol Officer

Closing date 10/09/15
Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Systems Administrator

Closing date 10/9/15
Under general direction of Director of Management Information Systems, provides the administration, maintenance and support for all Permanent Fund Information Systems. Pay grade 22; 61,872/annual.

After School Guide

Closing date 10/12/15
Regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program.

Wildlife Enforcement Captain

Closing date 10/16/15
Under general supervision of the Director of Justice & Regulatory Dept., performs a variety of administrative and field supervisory functions over the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers and Animal Control Programs in accordance with all applicable Tribal, State, and Federal laws, rules and regulations. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annual

Air Quality Scientist

Closing date 10/26/15
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Technical Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 20; \$23.01/hour.

Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

Records Manager

Closing date 10/12/15
Under general supervision of the Tribal Information Services Department Director, this position is responsible for the management, retention, and protection of Southern Ute Tribal records and archived documents. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/annually.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Janitor

Closing date 10/9/15
Southern Ute Head Start; an excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Part-time, 20 hours in the evening Janitorial experience preferred. High School Diploma or GED required. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. And experience with power tools. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

Para Educator

Closing date 10/9/15
Southern Ute Head Start; Part-time 25 hours a week educator to assist teachers and BOCES providers with special services. One year experience. Working in preschool program required. Must pass background checks and have current DL.

Para Educator

Closing date 10/9/15
To provide a safe, fun, and appropriate learning environment for all pre-school children including those with special needs ages three to five. Specific duties may be assigned by the Disabilities Coordinator and BOCES service providers.

Janitor

Closing date 10/9/15
Responsible for the safe transportation of pre-school children to and from the Head Start Center. Also, building, grounds maintenance and repair.

Car Auction

TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY



October 5 – 9, 2015
815 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo., 81137
970-563-0280

All vehicles that are purchased will be **SOLD AS IS**.
Motor Pool will not be responsible for starting, towing, or repair on vehicles.
Vehicles that are not paid for will be resold no exceptions.
Bid sheets may be picked up at the Motor Pool.

Deadline for pickup will be October 16, 2015.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Oct 17th 9am-4pm

Multi-Purpose Facility

OPEN TO ALL IGNACIO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND TRIBAL MEMBERS

To RSVP or More Information Please Call 970-563-4784

OPINIONS • FROM PAGE 11

TEXAS CATTLE DRIVES

Starting about 1846 the Mexican Rachoe's moved back to Mexico to escape Yankee Rule.

And the Spanish Texas Longhorn's flourished rapidly many Mexican's left abandoned them Ranchoes. And to catch only on Texas longhorn steer was very dangerous and unpredictable plus they were very very hard to

catch one by one, not like our Hereford cattle.

So in 1865 the American Mexican men went after the Texas longhorn's their was about #5 million Texas longhorn's in Texas and so they would round them up and move them in Herd from 200 to 2,000 or more cattle.

They would drive them northeast to Abilene Texas then to Dodge city Kansas and put them on the railroad to

Chicago and Illinois in Texas each and every cow sold on the hoof for #3 dollars locally but in Chicago they were sold for #30 dollars each.

Plus on the way they had to watch out for Indians and American Men that would shoot them steal their herds. So one would have to be very brave but the profit was worth it.

By Joseph Rael

GOV'T TO GOV'T

Navajo Nation visits tribe

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members from the Navajo Nation council and committee visited the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Monday, Sept. 21 to discuss with council how the recent EPA disaster from the Gold King Mine affected their waters.

"Water is a value for everyone to live by," Southern Ute Tribal Councilman, Alex S. Cloud said. "I think the Creator has brought us together to speak about it. On our business side, we need to stay consistent. Whatever happens in this world affects all of us, too. I think as natives, we work together in the Creator's hands so he can guide us." Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairman of the Navajo Nation Resource Development stated, "it's an honor to speak with all of you. We both share our



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Navajo Nation visited Southern Ute Tribal Council on Monday, Sept. 21 to discuss government-to-government issues, including the recent Animas River disaster.

struggles and accomplishments, economics, water rights, and infrastructure. These are all priorities for our tribe and yours. As diverse as we are, I'm happy we have the partnership to move forward."

Navajo Nation Councilman, Seth Damon gave praise to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, stating they are leading Indian Country forward with progress.

"I look at this meeting as a way to listen to your council and department. I have a tendency to know that you're nation is leading us all forward in Indian Country. I'd like to have that dialogue that shows us how we too can move forward."

Tribal Council thanked the Navajo Nation for coming by presenting them with parting gifts.

TRIBAL OBITUARIES

BURCH – Sandra Burch passed on Sept. 25, 2015 at Mercy Regional Medical Center surrounded by family.

Sandra was born to Rose Marie Howe and Kenneth Burch Sr. on Nov. 2, 1957 in Durango, Colo. Sandra had her first son McGary Stone with her first husband McGary Gallegos. She later had a second son Aaron and daughter Julia.

Sandra married Fernando Vialpando on Sept. 29, 2009 in Trinidad, Colorado. Sandra loved her pets, friends and family. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and relaxing with her husband. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and then brother Dan

"Spanky Hope" Weaver.

Sandra is survived by her husband Fernando Vialpando; son Aaron Burch; daughter Julia Valdez; sisters Josephine Lister and Dora Howe; brother Daniel Weaver; numerous nieces and nephews; grandsons Ambrose Valdez and Kenneth Burch.

Sandra is predeceased by her son McGary Stone; her parents; brother Kenneth Burch Jr.; first husband McGary Gallegos.

A rosary was held on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015. A funeral mass was held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Ignacio, Colorado on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, burial followed at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 2 Mostly sunny 74°F Slight chance of t-storms	Saturday, Oct. 3 Mostly sunny 69°F	Sunday, Oct. 4 Sunny 71°F
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Weather data for September 19 – September 28

	Temperature High 81.0° Low 37.4° Average 58.3° Average last year 63.1°
	Precipitation Total 0.940" Total last year 1.620"
	Wind speed Average 4.2 Minimum 0.1 Maximum 14.5
	Visibility & humidity Average visibility 105.2 Average humidity 44.6%
	Air quality Good Air quality descriptor: 46

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

ABUNDANT BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU LIBRA! Celebrate your special day, and enjoy the gifts, cards, and greetings from family and friends. The planets have set up a pattern of change for you this month. VENUS switches signs on the 8th, and puts you into a practical mood. MARS joins VENUS on the 6th and 16th. It might instigate confusion. Maintain your balance LIBRA, a supportive JUPITER/PLUTO connection on the 11th prevents you from tipping over.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Because you're a "fixed" sign SCORPIO, clinging to the past will not support your future progress. Try not to become too wrapped up in rehashing what you have, or have not accomplished. Correct whatever mistakes you can, and let the rest ... rest in peace. MERCURY moves forward again on the 9th, and clears away some of the foggy thinking. Resist placing limitations on yourself SCORPIO. JUPITER makes a pivotal move on the 11th, and forms a union with PLUTO creating beneficial change. Think positive!

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

A social group of planets sit in the opportunity section of your Horoscope this month. But people are not always who they appear to be. And not everyone is a fan of yours SAGITTARIUS. Don't buy in to the schemes of people you barely know. They may not have your best interests at heart. Instead, put your trust in long-time friendships. VENUS is at odds with SATURN on the 10th, watch your money and your spending. Saggies who own a business might see it thrive during the month.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

In case you've been confused about your future plans, or which direction to take, worry no more CAPRICORN. The SOLAR SYSTEM in all its wisdom, has mapped out a planetary solution. After MERCURY turns direct on the 9th, progress can be made. It sows the seeds of advancement on the 6th, and 13th, when it teams with SATURN (your planetary ruler). The 11th, 15th, and 23rd are your personal power days. wConcentrate on pushing both your goals, and your thinking forward.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

OCTOBER'S cool and calming atmosphere might be just what you've needed AQUARIUS. The NEW MOON on the 12th activates an interest in long-distance travel, learning, and legal affairs. A relative who lives far away could become one of the major focal points of this month's forecast. You'll get a "green light" from MERCURY to take action after the 9th. Favorable financial developments may arise after the 11th. There might be gains from unexpected source, possibly from an inheritance you weren't expecting.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

HEY LITTLE FISHES ... The NEW MOON on the 12th initiates a resourceful energy, perfect for revising monetary practices. OCTOBER'S planetary message involves your cash, and your financial interests. This month it's more important to build up your bank account, rather than add to your debts. A most powerful, but constructive grouping of planets, set up a series of favorable Astrological days. These are your top dates to make an impression, 11th, 15th, 17th, 23rd, and 25th. Do your best PISCES!

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

The focus is on relationships, with the SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON, enhancing the partnership house of your chart. When you're dealing with partners or others, your interactions might require you to use a little more diplomacy. With URANUS currently living in your sign, and pumping in new interests on a daily basis, stimulating events might happen quickly. There are also exciting opportunities to be had in the employment field. The challenge here is to go after what you want ARIES.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Working TAURUS folks may have a chance to learn some new methods that will enhance their job performance. Your sign is one of the most reliable, steady, signs of the Zodiac. Work and responsibility comes naturally to you. Each and every test you are met with is handled to the best of your ability. This month it may be associated with work or health affairs. Such as making improvements in your physical condition, diet, helping a co-worker, or climbing the ladder to a higher position. "Go get em" TAURUS!

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Welcome to an OCTOBER party, GEMINI. A friendly nod from the SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON insure that a good time will be had by all who attend...including you! Unexpected surprises could arise from simple daily communications. SATURN'S recent entry into SAGITTARIUS (Sept 17th) may also influence your work situation. (in a good way). A positive tie with MERCURY, stimulates good news regarding family matters. Get ready to start a fresh cycle. Single GEMINI'S, (if open to it) might find romantic possibilities and warm relationships after the 9th.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Typically CANCER households are busy this time of year, because the brilliant SUN shines on your household matters. Domestic plans, residential issues, and property interests, can be planned, and settled during this time. A family meeting might be helpful Moon Kids. MERCURY and the SUN, now in LIBRA will insure a harmonious outcome. The main planetary event this month is JUPITER'S outstanding link to PLUTO on the 11th. Its purpose is to inspire confidence, and spectacular results.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Well, well, LEO, aren't YOU the social one this month! Phoning, texting, short trips, and connections with friends, and acquaintances, make your daily activities busy. Community interests may also be included in this routine. The planets are activating your communication zone this month. And your words will mean a lot to someone. Be careful how you use them. Finances might receive a potential windfall when JUPITER connects with PLUTO on the 11th. Resist the temptation to brag about it LIONS.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

You're positively incandescent, with sky-high confidence this month VIRGO. There are a few changes to navigate, but it's all good. The SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON in LIBRA, consent to economic advancement. Together they revitalize your zone. VENUS, MARS, and JUPITER, join forces in your sign to inspire great progress. Get your personal objectives in order, then act on them. MERCURY and SATURN encourage great plan-making energy on the 13th. You're in a growth cycle!