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Bobcat 'C' team winning into 2015

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# The Southern Ute Drum

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Team Colorado traveled to Saskatchewan, Canada to compete in the Native American Indigenous Games.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Tribe saw a number of developments in 2014, including the opening of the tribally owned Marriott Spring Hill Suites in Oceanside, Calif.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

The passing of late tribal chairman, Jimmy R. Newton Jr., was one of the most prominent Drum stories of 2014.

# NOTES

Year in review

**As we enter into 2015 we take this time to reflect on some of biggest news trends of last year. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe made big moves in the business world opening up a hotel in California and expanding oil operations in the Gulf of Mexico. The tribe's youth grew stronger this year gaining a voice through the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, and travelling to Canada to compete in the North American Indigenous Games. The tribe also suffered the loss of Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., which affected the tribe in many ways. For the full list of the top news trends of 2014, see pages 4 and 5.**

## COUNCIL AFFAIRS

### Olguin selected as treasurer

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Councilman James M. Olguin has been selected as the treasurer of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He begins his two-year position, replacing former treasurer Pathimi GoodTracks.

He begins a two-year term as of early January and plans to carry on the position with full determination. Olguin personally conveyed his gratitude for the job and expressed the plans with continuing on a straight path.

"The council wants to take it to a level where we are more manageable with the Tribe's finances," he said. "We're trying to bring that level to a more interactive role with council and staff. The Chairman made it known that he would like the treasurer to become



part of the administration. My goal is to continue the work of the former treasurer, and I'll have two years to be able to continue the advancement."

Olguin has worked for the Tribe for 37 years. His first position was with the division of wildlife where he worked seven years as the conservation officer, which is now known as the division head.

Opportunities within the Tribe continued to ad-

vance when he applied for the position of the natural resources director. He maintained that position for seven more years.

At the end of this era, he was asked by Chairman Clement J. Frost to fill in as executive officer for the Permanent Fund where he gathered experience in leadership.

In 2000, Olguin ran for a seat in Tribal Council where he was officially elected. He was reelected again in 2010, and was appointed as Vice Chairman in 2011 by Chairwoman Pearl Casias. Olguin retained his position of Vice Chairman under the terms of late Chairman, Jimmy R. Newton Jr. until his passing in March 2014.

Olguin described how his past experiences working with the Tribe will aid

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## IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Girls' JV ready to build off win

Team edges Silverton ending '14

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The running-clock format already working against her team, guard Hannah deKay – a relative of former IHS Wrestling boss Chris deKay – knew that with only 18 seconds remaining she'd likely have but one chance to get the co-ed Silverton varsity its first lead since forward Luis Castro's game-opening free throw.

"Nailbiting," was her postgame description of the final moments on Dec. 19, ending the 2014 half of the visiting Miners' schedule. "It was just like, 'Oh my God we're almost there!' So intense, the pressure was so high – you could cut the tension with a pair of scissors, it was so tight."

With Castro having

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Destaney Reynolds (23) powers in close to the basket against Silverton.

## Introducing your Tribal Council



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Meet the Southern Ute Tribal Council. From left: Tyson Thompson, Mike Olguin, Clement J. Frost, Melvin J. Baker, Amy J. Barry, and Alex S. Cloud. A special election will be held Thursday, Feb. 12 to make it a full 7-member council, the first time in two months.

## THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

### New year, new Drum

By Sacha Smith  
The Southern Ute Drum

As you have probably already noticed the Drum has been downsized. And now you are wondering, "why?" The short answer is that it had to be done, and the long answer follows.

As of Wednesday, Dec. 24 Four Corners Printing located in Cortez – our previous printers – shut its doors. Its parent company, Ballantine Communications entered into

a deal with The Farmington Daily Times to print all of its publications including: The Durango Herald, Cortez Journal, Dolores Star, Mancos Times and Pine River Times – thus leaving them with no need to keep Four Corners Printing open.

With Four Corners Printing no longer in business, we were forced to look for a new printing partner. Ultimately, we decided to enter into a deal with The Farmington

Daily Times.

Part of the deal required us, The Southern Ute Drum, to cut down our format to meet the requirements of the Farmington press operations – which is why the paper is smaller in size.

Nothing else has changed in regards to Drum operations. We will remain a bi-weekly paper hitting the newsstands every other Friday. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions, 970-563-0118.



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION 2015

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2015 Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

**SPECIAL ELECTION: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Constitution Article V, Section 5:** Any vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Council, resulting from any cause, shall be filled at a special election to be called and held within sixty (60) days following the date upon which it becomes vacant if the office has longer than six (6) months to run.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION: Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-4-102 (1):** Election Board shall post notices of the election within the Southern Ute Reservation at least thirty (30) days before each election.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-1-104 (1):** Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-5-102 (2):** Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 by 5 p.m.**

**Election Code 11-5-107 (3):** An emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline and prior to the Election day.

Questions or concerns, call Election Board: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305  
Direct Line: 970-563-4789 or 1-800-772-1236, ext. 2303.  
The Election Board office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION February 12, 2015

\*Candidates for the Tribal Council seat are:

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Shelly L. Thompson  
Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie  
Ramona Y. Eagle  
David Latham  
Jake B. Ryder

**NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.**

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1. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
2. Voting is by secret ballot.
3. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
4. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

\*Voter Registration Deadline: February 3, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

\*Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: February 3, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

\*Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: February 11, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

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The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Wish you were here?



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Especially when compared to a year earlier, gas prices recently couldn't have been better for holiday travelers in Colorado ending 2014. But the \$2.25-2.35 range seen in the state's southwestern corner still couldn't hold a candle to figures found on the Front Range – including the \$1.88 [\$1.85 with a King Soopers SooperCard or City Market Value Card] found by this writer/photographer while traveling Dec. 30, 2014, at a Loaf-N-Jug in Fountain, south of Colorado Springs.

Just a couple hours after initially paying \$1.99 for regular unleaded at a Diamond Shamrock in Lyons (similar prices were seen later in Alamosa, but no nearer in relation to Ignacio) to the north.



## MANY MOONS AGO



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Academy watched as Southern Ute Veterans Ronnie C. Baker and Roderick Grove conducted a flag lowering ceremony at the Academy on the morning of Jan. 5. The flag lowering was in response to a proclamation by President George W. Bush calling for the nation's flag to be flown at half-staff until January 8th to remember the victims of the Dec. 26th earthquake and tsunamis in the Indian Ocean region, a calamity that claimed tens of thousands of lives, including those of many children. President Bush's proclamation concluded, "As the people of this devastated region struggle to recover, we offer our love and compassion, and our assurance that America will be there to help."

This photo first appeared in the January 7, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Cultural exchange with heritage dancers.

This photo first appeared in the January 6, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Southern Ute Royalties tour Jicarilla. Last week our tribal royalties were invited to the Jicarilla Apache Tribe to get to know their organization. Pictured at the Jicarilla Inn for lunch are L-R Colleen Sage, Chaperone, Leigh Sage, Jr. Miss So. Ute, Diana Millich, Miss Southern Ute; Frances Bison, Little Miss Southern Ute and Beulah Kent, Chaperone.

This photo first appeared in the January 1, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## SUCCM 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!



BISON PROGRAM

# A word about the bison

Staff report  
SU BISON PROGRAM

As the Winter Solstice settles in and a new year begins we plant the seeds of change. Perhaps you are thinking of changing your lifestyle to restore, renew, and regenerate.

I envision the Buffalo, a revered symbol of stability, consistency, strength, and a blessing. Changing a lifestyle takes time but if you are consistent and have the strength; change will occur and it will be a blessing!

The NEW Southern Ute Bison Cookbook will be published very soon and it will feature recipes from Southern Ute Tribal members who cook with Bison. It will also feature other wildlife recipes including Elk, Deer, Grouse and a special section on bread.

The cookbook is made possible by a grant from



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

the Inter Tribal Buffalo Council from Rapid City, South Dakota.

As I was doing research on various traditional foods of the Southern Utes, it certainly brought back the need to re-establish garden projects.

By growing and consuming our own traditional foods including hunting elk, deer, grouse, turkey or other wild game, it is of utmost importance for our overall tribal health and longev-

ity. A return to innocence is the phrase I would like to use. Because a return to innocence brings us back to a time when we were not bombarded with diabetes, heart disease, or cancer. Our people were healthy.

If you would like to contribute your recipe and have it featured in the new Southern Ute Bison Cookbook; OR would like to know more about the cookbook please call me at 970-563-0100, ext. 3627.

## A lesson in crafting



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Culture Department hosted an arts and crafts class on Tuesday, Dec. 30, where participating tribal members gathered for an afternoon of traditional crafting. Attendees were given the demonstrations on how to construct miniature teepees using wood and wax. Others were given lessons on how to sew pouch bags complete with beadwork. The class was held to spread culture awareness. Henry Whiteskunk (above) from the Culture Department shows young participants how to put together a teepee.



Carletta Hayes from the Cultural Preservation Department helps Dominic GoodTracks construct a wooden teepee.

Carefully sewn and detailed pouch bags hang from the wall. The art class displayed a number of various traditional craftsmanships.

## Blessings for the new year



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal elder, Elwood Kent and family members organized a New Year's Eve blessing. The event included a meal, and songs throughout New Year's Eve with a blessing to bring in the new year at the Multi-Purpose Facility Wednesday, Dec. 31.



Elwood Kent (foreground) and nephew Alex Cloud sing songs to usher in the new year. Family and community members took part in the evenings blessings.

## Crafting Nuupàcha



courtesy Edward Box III

Tuesday, Dec. 6 the Culture Department held a moccasin making class at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's Large Classroom. Students young and old learned how to craft moccasins from scratch.

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sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### 95TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2015 Logo and Theme Contest for the 95th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until April 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artist. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Department and will be featured on all items associated with the 95th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2015 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Department PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.



Elder & Senior Care  
Helps for older adults, their families and caregivers

Southern Ute Health Services – Elder Health Care  
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MC Building



Southern Ute Health Services Departments promotes, supports and assists in delivering homemaker services and limited health care within the homes of tribal elders and disabled individuals residing on the Southern Ute reservation.

The Elder & Disabled Home Health Care program will meet the daily needs of eligible enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Elders/Disabled individuals thru proper medical referrals.

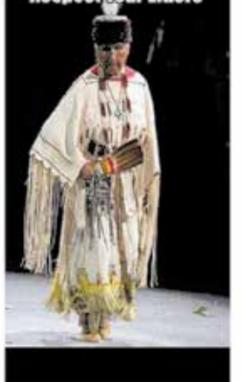
- Lite house work duties: living room, kitchen, and living areas
- Assist with bathing, grooming and dressing
- Laundry, change of linens, cleanliness of bedroom & bathrooms
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\*ELDER HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM TO START JANUARY 19, 2015

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## Top news trends of 2014

### 15. Tribe, Facebook official



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Tribe introduced the official Southern Ute Facebook page as another form of communication with tribal membership. Members can view updated news articles, videos, and invitations to events. To date, the page has 1,186 likes.

### 14. Education



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Ignacio School District saw a number of developments and renovations throughout the school year. Ignacio Elementary School opened a brand new building and the Ignacio High School is currently under renovation. Awards were also handed out for architecture – Ignacio Middle School taking first place with the AIA Colorado Merit Award and AIA South Colorado Honor Award.

### 13. Visitors from near and far



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Tribe had many visitors to the reservation in 2014 including the international Peace Runners, European Scholars, Golden High School senior students, foreign exchange students and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper.

### 12. Boys & Girls Club



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe did a lot for the community this year organizing food drives, toy drives and helping organize a Halloween Carnival.

### 11. SunUte



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

This year involved plenty of activities provided by SunUte Community Center. SunUte hosted many events including the annual Eldred Vigil Memorial Walk Run and the Leonard C. Burch Walk Run. The community center was active throughout the year, aiding tribal members with health incentives and services while keeping things interactive and fun.

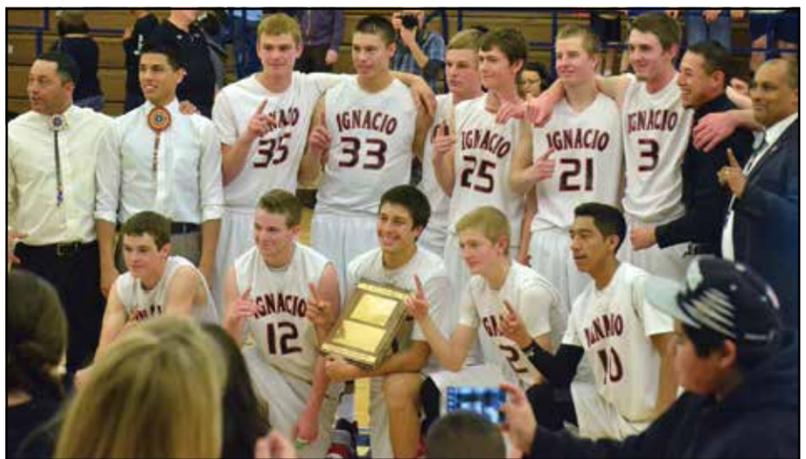
### 10. Veterans



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal Veterans stayed busy once again this year, carrying flags at many events and attending Veteran conferences around the country. The tribe also reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to allow the Health Center to provide primary services to Native American veterans.

### 9. Bobcats take third at State



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio High School Boy's Basketball team finished the season with a 25-1 mark taking third in the state basketball finals.

### 8. Culture keeps it moving



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Culture Preservation Department didn't slow down last year staying busy coordinating major events like Ute Nations Day, the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, tribal dinners and conducting culture classes and elder luncheons. The department also made presentations nationally in Denver and Washington D.C.



## 7. Red Cedar celebrates 20 years



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Red Cedar Gathering Company celebrated 20 years of operation for their work in natural gas industry.

## 6. Youth get their voice



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council became a voice for many youth across the reservation, touching on topics involving education, culture, and perseverance. The young leaders attended many of the same events as Tribal Council including: Tri-Ute Meetings and The National Congress of American Indians Conference, to name a few.

## 5. Utes represent in Canada



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Youth from Southern Ute, Ute Mountain and Northern Ute traveled across the border to compete in the 2014 Native American Indigenous Games in Saskatchewan, Canada. Team Colorado brought home four medals.

## 4. Health



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Health Department and Southern Ute Health Center made a lot of changes last year. One of the biggest was the opening of the new Dental and Optical Modular.

## 3. Growing nationally



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Growth Fund took big strides in 2014 opening up a hotel in Oceanside, Calif. and placing the Delta House Floating Production System in the Mississippi Canyon in the Gulf of Mexico.

## 2. Gov't to Gov't

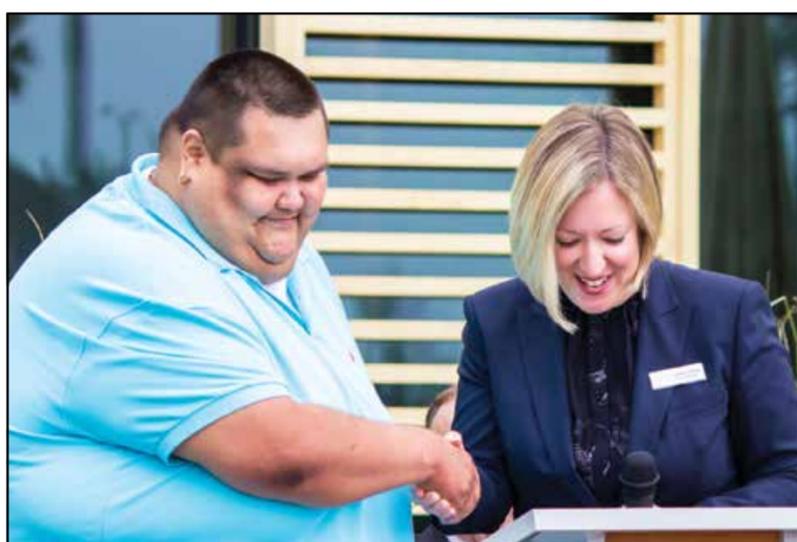


The tribe made history last year hosting Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper for the signing of House Bill 1080 – the occasion marked the first time in history any Colorado Governor has signed a bill on an Indian reservation. Additional advances include the signing of the Global Grant Right-of-Way Agreement, and the Southern Ute Tribe representing Colorado during the governor's third "State of the State" address.

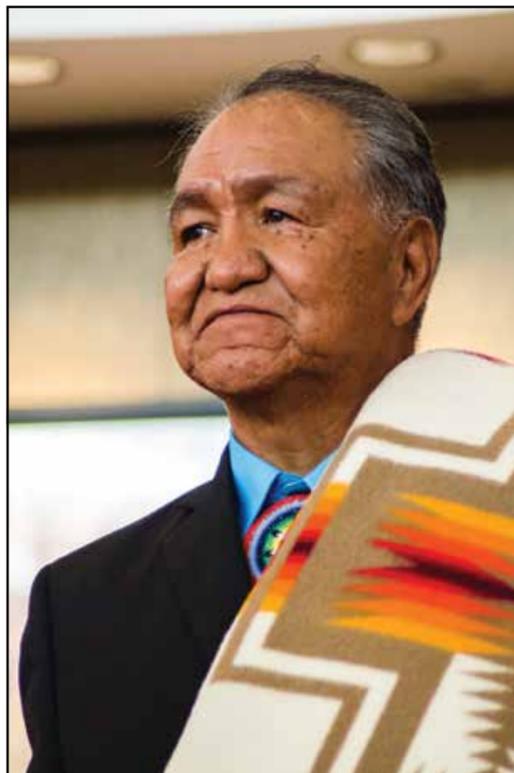


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## 1. Shifting of powers



Sacha Smith/SU Drum



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Last year, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe suffered the passing of the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., and saw Chairman Clement J. Frost return to office after a six-year absence. In addition, two new faces joined council for the first time, and one veteran councilman resigned.

## GET INVOLVED!

### The parents' guide to education

#### HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

You play an important role in maintaining contact with your student's school. This article provides some easy ways to help create a clear and healthy line of communication.

#### Respond to school communications promptly

Ask your student for any school information or forms daily. Respond or fill out the forms or requests right away and check for due dates to be sure they are returned when required.

- school performance
- Providing god information about your student will help the school better meet his/her needs.
- Maintain open communication with your student as well
- Make time to talk with your student daily. Give him/her the opportunity to share what is going on in their daily life and be willing to listen.

#### Get to know the faculty

Attend parent-teacher conferences and find out the best method of contact for the teacher. If you have questions or concerns contact the teacher as soon as possible and set up a time to discuss the issue. Don't wait to address a problem or concern.

#### Let the school know about your student's needs

- Communicate about:
- The student's learning strengths & challenges
  - Health issues (medications, allergies, etc.)
  - Changes at home, family needs, or events that might affect the student's

- #### Keep a calendar
- Have a copy of a school and /or class calendar to keep track of events, due dates, & meetings. Check the school website regularly.

## Walking for sobriety into 2015



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Family and friends of Robert 'Saaswanis Hiswaqs' Buckskin gathered in the early morning to celebrate the coming of 2015 with a sobriety walk. The four-mile walk began at the Veteran's Memorial Park, across Bear Dance bridge, to HWY 151, and through Ignacio and back to the park. The Winder family, and the Buckskin family as well as community members pose for a photo prior to the walk.



Oolcu Buckskin carried her father's staff, which has been a part of the walks when Robert first carried the staff in years past.

The New Year's Sobriety Walk has been celebrated each New Year's day and has been going on for many years. The walk has traversed various routes into Ignacio. With the same meaning of bringing in the New Year with sobriety.

## Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members!

The 49 Laughs Comedy Tour is coming to the Casino on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 and we would like to extend an invitation to Southern Ute Tribal members and one guest to attend for free. Simply bring you SU Tribal ID to the door the night of the show and that will be your ticket. We do ask that the Tribal Member be over the age of 18 and this is for General Admission Seating ONLY!

## Tribal Member-Exclusive Fitness Incentive

December winners



18 years and up  
Trennie Collins



Third grade - high school  
Tristan Thompson

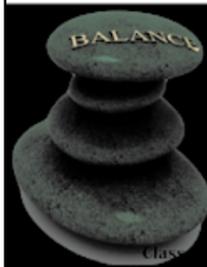
Do you know that your chances for winning \$100 gift card is 1 in 10. Come in to SunUte, take part in some physical activity, and enter for your chance to win.

Both participants won a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority.

For information on how to win; Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 and ask for the trainer's desk or stop by to talk to a trainer.



## POSITIVELY PARENTING



Join us for a FREE 8 week workshop series for parents experiencing the challenges of raising youth

- Topics include:
- > Tolerating stress without creating more problems
  - > Learning to control your own emotions instead of having them control you!
  - > How to make communication work for you
  - > Finding the "middle path" when it seems like life is a struggle

Weekly series begins Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center Classroom.

Facilitated by Lillian Ramey, LCSW & Sara Hunt, LCSW, CACIII.

For more information or to register contact Lillian Ramey at 749-4491 or Lisa Pratchett at 749-6704.

Please let us know if you need childcare when you register. Youth will have special cultural programming during the parent meeting time. Snacks will be provided for everyone.

## HEALTH UPDATE

### HEAD START OFFERING RELATIONSHIP CLASSES

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start is offering "Linking Generations Through Strengthening Relationships." a program based on Native wisdom for families of all cultures. Classes are

on 14 Tuesdays beginning Jan. 13, 2015 from 5:30-7:15 p.m. Childcare and dinner provided - all free. Open to all community members, couples and single people. Space is limited. Call Rebecca or Scott at 970-563-4566 to register.

## RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE MURDERED & MISSING Indigenous WOMEN

Help raise awareness for the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women across the US and Canada. We are creating a traveling art exhibit displaying approximately 1,181 earrings (one-side or one half of a pair) to symbolize the Indigenous women who were stolen.

We are asking you to send us one side of a Native designed earring (or an earring you've lost one side to) to help us shed light on this important epidemic. In February, we'll be hosting a Speak Out event and march in Fargo at North Dakota State University on February 9th and 14th respectively to show our solidarity for our stolen sisters.

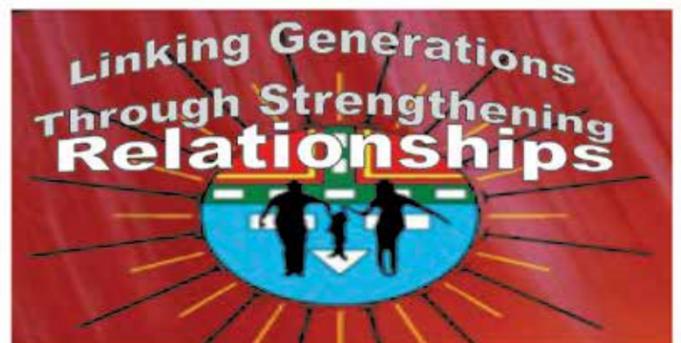
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### Join us

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SUCAP

## Road Runner Transit announces schedule changes

**Staff report**

SU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Road Runner Transit has made changes in its 2015 schedule. They will take effect Monday, Jan. 12, 2015.

The Ignacio to Durango

route has been increased to five runs per day, with an additional run starting in Ignacio a 2:25 p.m.

The Bayfield to Durango route has been reduced to three runs per day.

The Ignacio to Aztec schedule has not been changed.

Schedule changes are based on funding changes for 2015. Riders are encouraged to find schedule details online at [www.su-cap.org/roadrunner](http://www.su-cap.org/roadrunner), or by calling 970-563-4545.

For more information, contact Clayton Richter at 970-563-4517, ext. 121.

### Road Runner Transit Schedule

**IGNACIO-to-DURANGO**  
(Five runs per day)

Leaves the Road Runner office in Ignacio at:

- 5:55 a.m.
- 8:25 a.m.
- 11:55 a.m.
- 2:25 p.m. (new run)
- 4:50 p.m.

**BAYFIELD-to-DURANGO**  
(Three runs per day)

Leaves the Pine River Library in Bayfield at:

- 6:50 a.m.
- 8:40 a.m.
- 4:30 p.m.

**IGNACIO-to-AZTEC**  
(Three runs per day)

Leaves Sky Ute Casino Resort at:

- 5:45 a.m.
- 2:05 a.m.
- 5:13 p.m.

## Cow elk tag raffle winners



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe met at the SunUte Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 30 for a special raffle drawing of two cow/elk tags that were donated by the Wildlife Division. 400 raffle tickets were sold with all proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Club, where they will be using it for necessities including books, headphones, and educational supplies. Cameron Standing and Mollie Bellino were the two winners of the raffle drawing. This is the first year the club hosted this raffle and hopes to do it again next year. Councilman Tyson Thompson and other representatives from the permanent fund were also present to show their support. The Boys & Girls Club (above) raise their hands cheerfully after being honored by Chairman Frost for keeping the club positive and ongoing.

Chairman Clement J. Frost (right) draws the winning raffle names with Tribal Planner apprentice, Edward Box III.



## New gaming commissioner



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a new gaming commissioner. Edward Box III was sworn in on Wednesday, Dec. 7 inside the Southern Ute Tribal Courthouse where his new position was finalized by Judge Chantel Cloud. This is the first time Box has been apart of the gaming commission and anticipates to work hard with dedication for the people of the Tribe.

## 2015 calendars are here



The 2015 Southern Ute Tribal calendars are available for pickup at the Southern Ute Drum office, located in the Leonard C. Burch Building. Please understand we have a limited amount. Each tribal member head-of-household was mailed a calendar.

## Southern Ute tribal holiday office closures

- **Jan. 19:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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- **July 13:** Sun Dance Feast
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- **Nov. 26-27:** Thanksgiving
- **Dec. 10-11:** Leonard C. Burch Day
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## IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Boys' 'C' shows Silverton strong skills

Long-ball shooting buoys young 'Cats

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Aptly named for the damage he was to do, Ignacio guard Rain Rosa almost singlehandedly doused visiting Silverton's fire, kindled in an unexpected first-quarter fray Dec. 19th inside Sun-Ute Community Center.

Connecting on consecutive three-point tries to begin the second quarter, then sinking two free throws in immediate response to the guests' first hoop in the frame, Rosa buried yet another try just 0:03 before halftime – solidifying what had been a shaky seven-point lead through eight minutes into a concrete 37-18 pad through sixteen, en route to a 58-35 triumph for the Bobcat C-team boys over the Miner co-ed varsity.

"I just was more focused this game, wasn't really messing around," said Rosa, whose 16 total points paced the squad. "And I think our whole team was. We just had to wake up a little ... and we did what we had to do."

"It was good," added guard Juanito Medina. "We gave it our all in the first half, like we did the second."

Had IHS not done so in the first two quarters, however, the unusual game ending 2014 could have taken on a much different look. The Cats drained nine triples altogether before all was said and done, but their first two – both made by Medina – were just as (if not more so) important as Rosa's later trifecta [pun intended].

SHS forward Martin Torres began the contest with a basket, but Medina promptly answered from downtown. Torres countered with a free throw to tie, but Medina's next conversion put IHS up 6-3. Oddly unfazed, Silverton went back to work and recovered to take leads of 7-6 on a Luis Castro inside bucket, and 9-8 on an Ernesto Saldana hoop assisted by Alexis Gallegos.

Ignacio reserve guard Dan Weaver then hit the Bobcats' third triple for an 11-9 lead, and a later Joseph Vigil three followed by a Medina breakaway finish put the home team ahead 19-12 when the buzzer sounded.

"You know, Silverton has the benefit of coming from 9,300 feet. So obviously we always like to try to run and gun, kind of wear 'em down a little bit



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Juanito Medina goes for a steal against Silverton's Martin Torres.

– we do have oxygen on our side," said Miner head coach Larry Gallegos, at the helm after Dan Salazar left to aid first-year IA Grand Junction Caprock Academy's girls' program. "That's kind of always our strategy. This year we've kind of changed things up a little – last year we were more of a 'set' team – trying to run and gun more and use our elevation as a benefit."

"It was pretty surprising," admitted Rosa, of Silverton's non-stop pace. "I knew we'd have to be prepared, and the first half we sort of struggled. But in the second half we got our game together."

"We kind of decided to lay off the three-pointers and just work on our routine and our plays," explained Medina, as Ignacio began slowing their offense down in hopes of not only mastering their own execution, but also to limit Silverton's aggressive rebounding, and thus running.

The Cats scored just eight points in the third quarter and 13 in the fourth, but still held leads of 45-24 and the aforementioned final margin, respectively, after each.

"We've got to tip our hats off to Ignacio," said Gallegos. "Killed us at the three-point line; we tried to adjust and they just did a heck of a job. They knocked down those long balls all day long ... did a great job."

"Yeah, we've been working with the kids on their offense, making

sure that they take open shots and not just taking any three-point shot," IHS head coach Johnny Valdez said. "Work the ball and get a wide-open look. And ... get good rebounds; we had good rebounding to go with that shooting. It worked out very well for us."

All nine Bobcats utilized contributed to the team's scoring, with Medina totaling ten points and Weaver eight. Vigil chipped in seven before fouling out with 0:18.7 left in the game, and Jaden Maez netted six.

Torres struck for eight points in the fourth, giving him a game-high 18 despite his 2-of-16 woes at the foul line (SHS was just 5-of-23 collectively; IHS was 7-of-13). Edgar Avitia scored seven, Saldana totaled six and Castro and Talitha Gallegos each booked two. Castro corralled 12 rebounds, Torres pulled in nine and Avitia eight.

"They have some good athletes on that team. They're working on their program – it's their third year back, playing co-ed – and it's difficult to get as many kids as we have," said Valdez. "Here at Ignacio, we get about seventy-five percent of the kids that play basketball!"

"It's awesome just to see our kids come around like they do, with the heart they play with," Gallegos said. "So going forward we want to continue to grow the game ... in Silverton – passing, dribbling and shooting!"

## IHS FOOTBALL

# Cats crack All-SPC Football list

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The lion's share of the loop's postseason props went to heavyweights La Jara Centauri and Monte Vista.

The Bobcats' share, following a difficult 1-8 season, was proportionally much smaller.

But nonetheless notable; senior quarterback/linebacker Adison Jones and junior wide receiver/defensive back Wyatt Hayes were chosen to represent Ignacio on the All-Southern Peaks Conference First Team for 2014.

Jones completed his last season under center with over 1,500 yards passing and ten touchdowns against eight interceptions. As the campaign progressed, he became a defensive fixture credited with 76 total tackles. Avoided as often as possible by enemies when lined up as a kick- or punt-returner, Hayes was Jones' top target and pulled in just under 800 yards' worth of catches, eight yielding six points a pop.

CHS led the circuit with six – all seniors, led by QB/DB K.C. Jarvies – selected, and MVHS had five.

Dolores senior Kellen Gatzke, whose reported 159 total tackles this fall left him four short of the school record, highlighted



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio quarterback Adison Jones (8) looks for yardage after escaping Pagosa Springs' pressure during the 2014 season.

the Bears' four First Teamers. Sophomore running back Nabor Quintana led Center's four honorees, and sophomore RB Evan Gonzales – whom IHS got to know well during a visit to Walsenburg – led first-year SPC member John Mall's two.

Gatzke and Centauri senior Mitchell Wilson, also a First Team pick, were named the SoPeaks' Defensive Players-of-the-Year, while Falcon senior James Richardson was the sole Offensive POY after gaining nearly 900 yards rushing for the conference champions – guided by Kyle Forster, named Coach-of-the-Year after CHS went 5-0 in conference, 7-4 overall, and reached the Class IA State Playoffs' quarterfinals.

Ignacio seniors Blaine Mickey and Mike Perez were named Second Team

All-SPC, more so for their defensive exploits than for their overshadowed offensive capabilities running the pigskin. The pair amassed nearly 700 all-purpose yards, but denied foes as many as possible; Mickey was credited with 117 total stops and Perez 92.

Finally, juniors Austin McCaw and Tyler Beebe – the latter ascribed 96 total tackles – were named Honorable Mention All-SPC, having both seen extensive time in the trenches during the fall.

On paper, McCaw will go into the 2015 season as a leading candidate to replace Jones, despite both he and fellow backup Zach Weinreich (also a junior) having been used primarily as offensive linemen when numbers pressed head coach Lupe Huerta to take the clipboards from their hands.

## IHS WRESTLING

# Grapplers ranked in Class 2A

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When Ignacio Wrestling sees its first action in the fledgling New Year, at the Jan. 10 Pagosa Springs Rocky Mountain Invitational, it will be carried in by some already well-earned momentum.

In the Dec. 30 "On The Mat" rankings, IHS cracked the Class 2A list at #7, behind [in order, first to sixth] Paonia, Meeker, Rocky Ford, La Jara Centauri, Norwood/Nucla and Swink, following a strong showing at Farmington, N.M., Piedra Vista's 11th Annual Webb Toyota/Chevrolet Panther Classic on the 20th – the last item on the Bobcats' pre-holiday itinerary.

At the 16-team, dual-based gathering inside Jerry A. Conner Fieldhouse, Ignacio ultimately finished sixth, a 3-2 record finalized via a 39-36 loss to 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central in the 'Silver' bracket's first-place meeting.

Having placed second in the tournament's opening round-robin pool – four teams comprised each of Pools A through D, with the best in each then advancing

to the 'Gold' bracket, the second-best in each to the 'Silver,' the third-best to the 'Bronze' and fourth-best to the 'Copper' – phase, IHS then booked a 48-30 win over a collective simply labeled 'EXTRA' in the Silver's semifinals to set up the final test against the Broncos.

(The 'EXTRA,' meanwhile, fell 48-30 to Dove Creek, finishing fourth in the bracket and eighth overall.)

Unable to manage much in a 62-9 Pool D loss to PVHS, NMPreps.com's preseason #1 in Class 5A, Cody Haga's Bobcats recovered against New Mexico 5A's Gallup Miyamura and Grants – putting down, respectively, the Patriots [the aforementioned poll's #3 crew] 45-30 and the Pirates 48-27.

Piedra Vista, as expected by most, went 5-0 – including a 77-0 shutout of GHS – and locked up first place overall with a 66-9 rout of its junior varsity. 5A Aztec, N.M., finished in third after defeating in-state 4A Bloomfield 49-24.

Tenth in the preseason 5A rankings, Los Alamos, N.M., edged Grants [1-2 in Pool D] 31-30 in the

'Bronze' clincher to take ninth, while Dolores defeated 5A Espanola, N.M., Valley 27-18 to save third in the bracket and 11th overall. 0-for-three in Pool D, MHS managed to muster up a 42-30 win over 5A Farmington, N.M., to leave town with the 'Copper' crown, and 5A Gallup, N.M., held off Mancos, 30-24, in the bracket's third-place dual.

Individual results for the Bobcats had not been fully reported by the Drum's deadline, but of several matches noted online at ZiaWrestler.com, senior 152-pounder Iaasic Pena scored a 2-1 win over Mico's Alias Starkovich (son of coach Ken Starkovich), junior 138-pounder Ethan Appenzeller pinned Patriot Josiah Shank 47 seconds into the third period, and sophomore 113-pounder Stocker Robbins blanked MHS' Toshio Herrera 6-zip.

After attending the RMI, Ignacio will head west to Montezuma-Cortez on the 12th for a triangular against the Panthers and Mancos Blue Jays, and then east to Salida on the 17th for the Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational.

## RE-SETTING THE TABLE(S)

Standings as of January 5, 2015

Boys' Basketball 2A/1A San Juan Basin League					Girls' Basketball 2A/1A San Juan Basin League				
Team	OVERALL W L T Pct.	SJBL W L T	Team	OVERALL W L T Pct.	SWL W L T				
Ouray	7 0 0 1.000	1 0 0	Nucla	6 1 0 .857	2 0 0				
<b>IGNACIO</b>	<b>4 2 0 .667</b>	<b>1 0 0</b>	Norwood	4 0 0 1.000	1 0 0				
Mancos	3 3 0 .500	0 0 0	<b>IGNACIO</b>	<b>4 2 0 .667</b>	<b>1 0 0</b>				
Telluride	2 2 0 .500	1 1 0	Ouray	4 2 0 .667	1 0 0				
Norwood	2 2 0 .500	0 1 0	Ridgway	1 2 0 .333	0 0 0				
Ridgway	1 2 0 .333	0 0 0	Dove Creek	1 3 0 .333	0 0 0				
Dove Creek	1 4 0 .200	0 0 0	Mancos	1 4 0 .200	0 1 0				
Dolores	0 4 0 .000	0 1 0	Dolores	1 4 0 .200	0 2 0				
[Nucla: Mustang boys playing as a JV squad in 2014-15.]			Telluride	0 3 0 .000	0 1 0				
<b>First Games, post-break:</b>			<b>First Games, post-break:</b>						
1/9: <b>IGNACIO</b> at Ridgway; Norwood at Ouray			1/9: <b>IGNACIO</b> at Ridgway; Norwood at Ouray						
1/10: Mancos at Norwood; Ridgway at Nucla; Dolores at Telluride			1/10: Mancos at Norwood; Ridgway at Nucla; Dolores at Telluride						

– compiled by Joel Priest

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## Membership memory



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Three years ago on Jan. 7, 2012, Southern Ute tribal elder Eddie Box Jr., Southern Ute Royalty and heritage dancers headed up to the Vail Ski Resort to perform a snow dance – during an unusual drought that left many ski resorts suffering. The same day the dance was performed the mountain received eight inches of fresh powder.

## OLGUIN NEW TREASURER • FROM PAGE 1

his direction in further understanding tribal policies, leadership, and budgeting.

“I have seen all aspects from fieldwork to supervisor, director, and executive office levels. Also, there are my experiences as Vice Chairman and acting Chairman. I think with those experiences, it gives me a pretty good aspect of who we are as a Tribe, where we’re at, and where

we need to be. The membership has expectations and we must meet them. We have to take a step forward and invest in those opportunities but not forget what we are here for. Like family trust, you have to properly manage it or that trust will diminish quickly,” he said.

Olguin concluded that he anticipates working hard for the tribal council,

staff, and citizens of the reservation.

“I’m going to be as busy as I want to make it, and I want to be busy. I want to do the best job I can, but not be limited where I hold myself back in learning as much as I can. There are always questions, but it’s the people among the Tribe who help in finding the answers and knowing where to get them.”

## GIRLS’ JV READY AFTER WIN • FROM PAGE 1

cleaned up an Edgar Avitia miss just a few ticks earlier, cutting the Ignacio Lady Bobcat JV’s lead – once as great as 17-5 in the third quarter after a Destaney Reynolds three-pointer and a long Tori Archuleta two – down to 20-19, the diminutive deKay made her move when it appeared Archuleta had exposed the ball too much after dribbling into the offensive end.

“Do it,” was her simple recollection of that instant’s thinking. “Go for it. It’s almost over; just do it!”

Unfortunately for SHS there was some excessive ‘Nike’ in deKay’s bid for a steal, and Archuleta was sent to the foul line where she canned both ends of the 1-and-1 bonus – despite Miner coach Larry Gallegos trying to ice her with a timeout between the charity tosses – to secure a 22-19 win inside SunUte Community Center.

“It felt really good, because our whole team worked together,” Archuleta said, whose eight points equaled Castro’s and Avitia’s for the game-high count. “Without my team I wouldn’t have gotten those free throws. We worked together as a team, and that’s all that matters.”

“We worked hard,” she continued. “Last night [versus Dolores] was a big game – we only lost by two

[33-31] – but it felt good tonight because we played together and hustled. We were really tired, but we pulled through.”

“It’s our first ... real win of the season, and it feels really good to get it!” said teammate Sidney Cox. “This was a day where we wanted to fix our mistakes from last night, and just play our hardest. We wanted to beat them!”

The Lady Cats had led 6-1 after the first quarter and 12-3 after the second, but Silverton, taking advantage of the enemy’s more complacent rebounding, managed to cut the deficit down to 17-10 entering the fourth. Hinting that the contest’s finish would be thrilling, deKay’s only made basket – with 2:02 left in the third – was waved off due to a traveling violation, and fans of both sides booed the ruling.

“It’s always good to have the family support,” deKay laughed. “And I try to, like, have fun with it and know this is almost my hometown, so it’s o.k. to play hard. I just kind of push it out of my mind ... and keep going.”

“We were so ready to win, and they [Ignacio] did great,” said SHS’ Alexis Gallegos. “At halftime we had a little pep talk ... changed out a few players who were really tired, and

just kicked it in. Put the pressure on them.”

“It was crazy because this is the closest game that we have had,” she added. “We really pushed it, gave them a run for their money, I think ... throughout the second half even though we still lost.”

“At first a few of us were a little scared,” Archuleta said, of the unusual experience in Colorado of a girls’ junior-varsity squad facing a co-ed varsity. “But some of us who played last year were just, like, ‘Well we’re going to be playing bigger and tougher teams ... just like them,’ so we decided not to let it get to us and we did it!”

“When you see big guys running at you, and you’re like, ‘Oh God, I’ve got to block them?’ it’s terrifying,” quipped Cox. “Especially being one of the shortest people on the team!”

Reynolds finished with seven points for IHS, Rachel Cooper netted three, and Krissy Velasquez and Isis Gonzales each scored two. Talitha Gallegos’ third-quarter ‘and-one’ accounted for the Miners’ other three points.

“They got a lot quicker, they have a lot more people on their team,” Archuleta added, “but we didn’t let that get to us. We just went out there and played with heart, and ... came out with a victory.”

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



### BUCKSKIN REMEMBERED

Ten years ago on February 25, 2005, a bright star in our lives burned out. SaaSwaNis HisWaq (Robert) Buckskin stepped into the Spirit World to join our ancestors.

On January 1, 2015, the Spiritual Walk that Buckskin started, resumed with a renewed spirit. Thank you Natahnee and Tanya Winder for wanting to continue to do this walk. Although it was small, it was strong. The youngest walker was four years old, the oldest walker in their 60’s. Prayers were said for those who could not join us. Buckskin organized this walk as another way to begin the new year rather than the alcohol ceremony. We will be doing this again on January 1, 2016. Buckskin cared about people especially first nations people. He could make you laugh even when you didn’t feel like laughing. He loved living here on the Southern Ute Land and enjoyed getting up early in the morning and walking to work/town. He was proud to be a son of his Klamath nation.

He walked his talk! When we moved back here from the West Coast, Buckskin started off working as an Assistant Cook at the Ignacio Senior Center then ended being the Director there. He has other jobs and his last one was a Counselor at Peaceful Spirit Recovery Center. He conducted sweatlodge ceremonies there whenever needed and when a client was leaving he ran a sweatlodge ceremony for them. He took the responsibility of being a Sun-dancer very seriously; he was also a Community Activist. We each choose our own path to follow through this thing called life, Buckskin chose to reach out and help his people. He loved all his children, grandchildren and probably would have loved all the great grandchildren he never got to meet and hold. If you knew Buckskin, take a moment and reflect on something he told you, funny or thought provoking. I would like to share something that my sister-in-law, Margaret Hummingbird Red wrote when her brother passed:

### Grandfather Creator

Thank you for this day and for everything you have given us.

Let no harm come to my family as I take my journey to you.

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Take care of the ones I left behind.

We love and miss you Buckskin. You will always be here in our hearts and laughter. You will always be in everything I do. It’s a good day to be Indigenous!

*Cynthia Buckskin, Children, Grandchildren and Margaret Hummingbird Red*

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Dated this 17th of December, 2014  
James Crowdes, Deputy Court Clerk

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Dated this 16th of December, 2014  
James Crowdes

## Correction

In a photo published in the Dec. 24 issue of the Drum, The Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) were misidentified as the Ignacio Police Department.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### David Aeschlimann

**Job title:** Gaming Investigator

**Description of duties:** Enforce gaming code, rules and regulations. As well as law enforcement duties within Sky Ute Casino Resort.

**Hobbies:** Four wheel driving, spending time with my kids and wife.

**Family:** Wife Julie and three kids, Brianna, Gabrielle and William.

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#### THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM CONTACT INFO

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Deadline Dates	Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures	Distribution & mailout
Jan. 5	New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed Jan. 1-2	Jan. 9
Jan. 16*	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/19), offices closed Mon. Jan. 19	Jan. 23
Feb. 2	Valentine's Day (2/14)	Feb. 6
Feb. 13*	President's Day (2/16), offices closed Monday, Feb. 16	Feb. 20
Mar. 2		Mar. 6
Mar. 16		Mar. 20
Mar. 30	April Fool's Day (4/1), Easter (4/5)	Apr. 3
Apr. 13		Apr. 17
Apr. 27	May Day (5/1) Mother's Day (5/10)	May 1
May 11	Memorial Day (5/25), offices closed Monday, May 25	May 15
May 22*		May 29
Jun. 8	Father's Day (6/21)	Jun. 12
Jun. 22	Independence Day (4/4), offices closed Friday, July 3	Jun. 26
Jul. 6	Sun Dance Feast (7/13), offices closed Monday, July 13	Jul. 10
Jul. 20		Jul. 24
Aug. 3		Aug. 7
Aug. 17		Aug. 21
Aug. 31	Labor Day (9/7), offices closed Monday, Sept. 7	Sep. 4
Sep. 14	Grandparent's Day (9/13)	Sep. 18
Sep. 28		Oct. 2
Oct. 12	Cultural Diversity Day (10/12)	Oct. 16
Oct. 26	Halloween (10/31)	Oct. 30
Nov. 6*	Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed Wednesday, Nov. 11	Nov. 13
Nov. 19*	Thanksgiving (11/26), offices closed Nov. 26-27	Nov. 25*
Dec. 3*	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed Dec. 10-11	Dec. 9*
Dec. 18	Christmas (12/25), offices closed Friday, Dec. 25	Dec. 24*

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### KSUT

#### Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT Radio is seeking two Southern Ute tribal members to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

### SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

#### Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is actively seeking two qualified tribal or community members who would be available for regularly scheduled and emergency meetings throughout the year for its Board of Directors. We need team-focused, inspiring leaders who believe in our core mission and vision, ready to connect deeply with our museum and our causes. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted by email to sclane@southernute-nsn.gov, in person to SUCCM at 503 Ouray Drive, or by mail at P.O. Box 737 #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

### SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY COMMITTEE

#### Committee Vacancy

#### Attention past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens and Tribal Elders!

The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are five (5) positions open for former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queens and one position for a tribal Elder. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three year terms will be served. The Committee is responsible 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. The Committee will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. 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 Building, in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or email your letter to ahiett@southernute-nsn.gov by January 16, 2015.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

#### Tribal Credit Alternate Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribe Credit has (1) alternate committee member vacancy. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources.

#### Duties of the Credit Committee:

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

### LAND FOR SALE

#### Attention tribal members/employees

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.

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**\$10,000**

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Earn one entry ticket for every 25 points earned on your Bear Club Card from 12AM-9PM. Two winners will be drawn hourly from 5PM-9PM. Winners will enter one of the money booths. Each money booth will have \$5,000 in cash blowing around! Grab as much as you can in 45 seconds and whoever (stuffs the most money in the box) wins the duel and an extra \$500 in cash. And there's no loser, because the opponent will take home the cash they grabbed!

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## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://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.

### \*Bartender-Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Provides an exceptional lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years+. Completion of an accredited bartending course, or at least 1 year experience in high volume cocktail service, preferably in a hotel, restaurant and/or Casino environment.

### \*Busser-Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. 17 years+. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able to read and write at an 8th grade level.

### \*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Provides fast, accurate and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Must have a High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. Good math skills essential. Be able to use a 10-key calculator. Previous banking or extended money-handling skills preferred. Light, basic computer skills needed.

### Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Responsible for providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have

previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

### \*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 1/16/15  
 Deals Blackjack (Class 3), Three Card poker, Roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 6 months Table Games Dealer experience or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

### \*Poker Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 1/16/15  
 Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. 6 months experience as a poker dealer or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

### \*Room Inspector/Inspectoress (Full-time)

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Inspects the performance of floor attendants to assigned rooms, while ensuring that all procedures are completed to the standards of the hotel. Assists where necessary to ensure optimum service to guests. 21 years+. High School Diploma/Equivalency. Must have at least 3 years experience as Room Attendant. Prior Supervisor experience preferred.

### \*Server-Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School Diploma/equivalency. 18 years+. 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.  
 ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE  
 Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
 Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
 Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Home Health Care Coordinator

Closing date 1/9/15  
 Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, coordination, supervision and development of activities and care to elders and others who require care and home based services, resources and living assistance for Tribal Members Clients in their homes. Home based services include, but are not limited to, providing individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community, transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

### Home Health Care Aide

Closing date 1/9/15  
 Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. Provides and coordinates individualized care and resources

to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

### Recreation Coordinator

Closing date 1/12/15  
 Develop, implement, coordinate and facilitate all youth and adult recreation programs. Involves planning, implementing, coordinating and facilitating youth programs and schedules for the Tri-Ute Games, the North American Indigenous Games, as well as other Ute Games. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

### Detention Sergeant

Closing date 1/14/15  
 Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

### Development Manager – GF Properties Group (Durango)

Closing date 1/13/15  
 Responsible for Three Springs pro-forma and development budgeting, to include coordinating all aspects of planning, design, horizontal development and interface with vertical development of the company's projects with a particular focus on Three Springs. Other general responsibilities will include representation on owners' associations and metropolitan districts as required.

### Royalty Auditor – Dept. of Energy (Ignacio)

Closing date 1/14/15  
 Performs audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties.

### Land Assistant I Trainee – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio)

Closing date 1/19/15  
 Provide training and experience for up to six months in order to learn and assume responsibility for routine clerical and administrative duties involved in carrying out the activities of the Land Department.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### Construction and Installation Services • Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Utilities Division

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division  
 116 Mouache Drive  
 Ignacio, Colorado, 81303

Issued: January 9, 2015  
 Submittal Due Date: February 5, 5 p.m. MST

**BACKGROUND:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Utilities Division ("Division") provides utilities services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation near Ignacio, Colorado. The Division operates the Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant located at 981 CR 518, La Plata County, Colorado (the "Plant"), approximately 5 miles south of Bayfield, Colorado, and is seeking a contractor to install a standby generator set at the Plant ("Contractor").

**INTRODUCTION:** The selected Contractor must have sufficient skilled workers, supervisory personnel, equipment and experience to install the standby generator set (occasionally referred to as the "genset") at the Plant and perform the work efficiently and independently, in coordination with representatives of the Division (the "Project"). Observation and oversight of the Project will be performed primarily by representatives of the Division. The Contractor shall follow the scope of work, drawings, specifications, the Contract executed upon award of the work, and other engineering documents provided by the Division (the "Contract Documents"), which provide further detail to the Anticipated Scope of Work set forth below, and which require the Contractor to follow the 2014 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA-70).

### ANTICIPATED SCOPE OF WORK

- Contractor will meet with representatives of the Division to develop a list of critical path items for the Project. The Contractor should expect to attend a kick-off meeting, at least four Project meetings with Division representatives, and at least two site visits. The Division does not anticipate the need for the Contractor to meet with the Division's management committee or with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council; however, the Contractor should be prepared for such meetings, if requested.
- Contractor will coordinate source of power clearances with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) and the Division. All LPG piping construction will be coordinated with the Division.
- The Contractor is responsible for locating all buried utilities affecting the Project and shall coordinate location activities with the Division.
- Contractor will be responsible for checking and documenting phase rotation at the facility service entrance prior to beginning work. Contractor is responsible for maintaining proper rotation with the installation of new conductors and verifying that the generator phase rotation matches the existing source rotation.
- Contractor will remove and dispose of the existing manual transfer switch.
- Contractor will remove existing conduit and conductor from utility transformer to the manual transfer switch (via fused disconnect).
- Contractor will remove or reuse existing conduit and conductors from removed manual transfer switch to the fused disconnect as necessary. If the conductors cannot be removed, the contractor shall dispose of the removed material.
- Contractor will make all excavations and install genset foundation as indicated in the Contract Documents, and in accordance with manufacturer instructions and applicable

- laws. This includes picking up material located on the Plant premises, and transporting it to the equipment locations.
- Contractor will be responsible for all excavation and removal of excess/unacceptable fill material. Contractor shall excavate the required trenches as shown in the drawings. The scope of the trenching work includes saw-cutting and removal of asphalt concrete, trench bedding, backfilling with flow fill concrete, disposal of spoils, and replacing/repairing the surface.
- Contractor will furnish and install all cables, conduit, conduit accessories, wiring enclosures, and all other materials required to complete the project as indicated in the Contract Documents and in accordance with applicable laws.
- Contractor will furnish and install a dedicated 1.75" LPG line and regulator(s) from the existing propane tanks to the genset in accordance with manufacturer instructions and applicable laws.
- Contractor will furnish and install one (1) 12V, sealed, lead-acid battery, capable of supplying 710 cold cranking amps or 65 amp/hour in the genset.
- Contractor will furnish and install one (1) 2-gang receptacle in genset enclosure.
- Contractor will close all unused openings on switches and wiring enclosures.
- Contractor will coordinate with the Division regarding all concrete and earthwork testing.
- Contractor will minimize the amount of pavement disturbed during construction and replace with Sakrete U.S. Cold Patch® following backfill of trenches.
- Contractor shall excavate sufficient material around the new installation to prevent eroded material from accumulating on concrete.
- The Contractor shall provide a list of personnel and their job classifications prior to award of the Contract.

**SCHEDULE:** The Contractor will submit to the Division an anticipated schedule, which the Division must approve after award of the Contract and further consultation with the Contractor. The Division anticipates a start date of March 1, 2015 and a completion date of May 1, 2015.

**INDIAN PREFERENCE:** The Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. To receive this preference in the award of the Contract, Native American-owned companies must be certified by the Tribe's TERO office. Any Native American-owned business not certified by the due date will not be given preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

**BIDDING AND SELECTION PROCESS:** The Division will hold a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Jan. 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., at the Project site. Prospective contractors will be able to familiarize themselves with Project details and ask questions of the Division in-person. Follow-up questions may be directed to Kelly Jesse at 970-563-5513 until Jan. 29, 2015. The Division anticipates completing the closed bid process and awarding the Contract by Feb. 9, 2015. The selection of the Contractor will be completed by representatives of the Division.

The evaluation criteria will include the following:

- Qualifications of the Contractor, its staff, and any subcontractors.
- Details regarding expertise or strengths necessary to complete the Project.

- Prior experience with similar projects.
- References from other similar projects.
- Total Project cost given the above Anticipated Scope of Work.
- Understanding of the Project needs and the quality of suggested approaches to the work.
- Description of approach to quality control, project management and team communication.
- Willingness to enter into the Division's standard contract for on-Reservation work (the "Contract")
- The Consultant providing the best value to the Division will be selected; the lowest-cost bidder will not necessarily be selected. The selection process may, at the discretion of the Division, include possible interviews of Contractor representatives.

### PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

To submit electronically: Send the submittals listed below to [hbriskey@suitutil.com](mailto:hbriskey@suitutil.com), with a copy to [kcjesse@suitutil.com](mailto:kcjesse@suitutil.com) by the Submittal Due Date, with "RFP – Genset Installation 2014" in the subject line.

To submit in person or by mail: Send or deliver two (2) completed sets of the submittals listed below with a cover page marked "RFP – Genset Installation 2014" to 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, Colorado, 81303.

The submittals must contain the following major topics in the following order:

- Letter of Interest: A letter of interest that includes a summary of the Contractor's business, its qualifications, primary contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone and facsimile numbers), and the principal-in-charge representing the contractual authority of the firm.
- Key Personnel: Include a list of the Consultant's key personnel, stating their specific roles in past projects, professional titles, related qualifications, and past relevant experience. Identify also what specific role each individual is likely to serve during the Project.
- Relevant Experience: Provide statements of the Contractor's past appropriate experience as it relates to similar projects. Include a brief description of the projects and references with current contact information.
- Proposal: Provide the Contractor's proposal in response to the Anticipated Scope of Work and other information provided herein.
- Additional Information: The Contractor may include other related information in the proposal that may assist in the evaluation process.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The Division reserves the right to reject late proposals. The Division reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, as well as the right to waive informalities. The Division also reserves the right to issue written notice to all submitting contractors of any change in the proposal submission schedule should the Division determine, in its sole discretion, that changes are necessary.

The Division's receipt of any proposal submitted pursuant to this Request for Proposals shall not constitute any implied intent to enter into a contract for services. As the Division deems necessary and appropriate in its sole discretion, the Division reserves the right to make any inquiries or take other follow-up actions required to verify the information provided. The Division reserves the right to retain any or all of the materials and drawings submitted by the respondents to this RFP. Questions may be directed to: Kelly Jesse: [kcjesse@suitutil.com](mailto:kcjesse@suitutil.com). 970-563-5513

## FLY-FISHING

# Curing fly-casters elbow

**Don Oliver**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



*The end result of all the travel, and hours upon hours of casting, was that my casting really improved. I believed I now understood the movement patterns of my cast and used them to my benefit.*

who wants to improve his casting pain free.

My grandson received a practice rod for Christmas. It is a very short and light fly rod with no reel. There are guides for a thick and soft light line to go through. Attached to the thick line is a thinner woven line that

acts as a leader. The rod is balanced for this line set up. These practice rods are made by several rod manufacturers and can be purchased at any fly shop.

I soon discovered, while testing his present, it cast very similar to a full-size rod. I found you could over and under power the rod, cast tailing loops, and get wind knots in the leader. It is also short enough to use indoors. The furthest you can cast is about 10 feet, so your den will work just fine. If you don't have a vaulted ceiling practice a side arm cast. If all the Christmas decorations are still up, use a roll cast. This is truly a great piece of fly fishing equipment.

Now, here is where it can help fly caster elbow. The rod is so light that the movement pattern for a good cast doesn't take much muscle strength. Had I had one of these last year my elbow would not need medical attention. I could have cut my travel time and budget in half. That would of course have allowed me to plan more fishing trips in 2015 to catch more fish with my newly understood and improved cast.

I plan to obtain a practice rod of my own since my grandson caught me trying to put his rod in my truck for safekeeping at my house. He is pretty protective of his equipment when Grumps is around.

For 2014 I set a goal to improve my casting. In order to do that, I felt I really needed to understand the cause and effect of what I was doing. This task took an enormous amount of dedication. I had to make thousands and thousands of casts. I read articles and books on casting. My goal was not catching fish; it was putting the fly where I wanted it to go, every time, in all types of conditions. That, of course, meant I had to travel to where the weather was nicer than winter in the mountains. My dedication to this task was monumental.

The end result of all the travel, and hours upon hours of casting, was that my casting really improved. I believed I now understood the movement patterns of my cast and used them to my benefit. I did this with both my right and left hands. At one stopping point I had someone want to know if I was right-or left-handed. They couldn't see any difference in my casting stroke. I felt on top of the world.

However, all this casting created a big problem. I developed fly caster's elbow. I know most of you have no sympathy for me, but it really was painful. However, I have found a real help for the fly-fisher

### Advertise in the Drum!

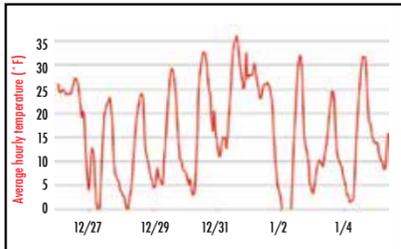
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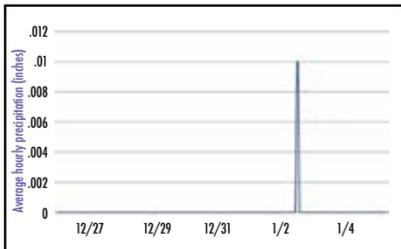
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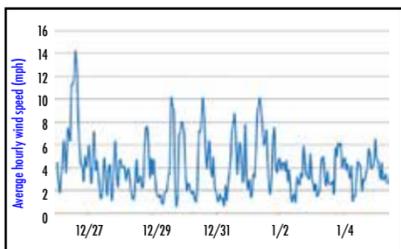
### Weather data for Dec. 26 – Jan. 5



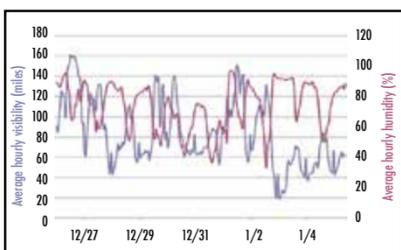
Temperature	
High	36.0°
Low	-3.8°
Average	15.8°
Average last year	26.1°



Precipitation	
Total	0.020"
Total last year	0.000"



Wind speed	
Average	4.1
Minimum	0.6
Maximum	14.2



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	83.4
Average humidity	73.6%

**Air quality**  
Good  
Air quality descriptor: 36

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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