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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Culture Preservation Dept.

Part 1 of 3: Springtime is here, the Bear Dance quickly approaching and the Tribal Fair is only months away. Over the next three issues the Drum will take a deeper look at the department that is in charge of these events: The department that is the staple to promoting and sustaining the culture, language and history of the Southern Ute people, the Culture Preservation Department.

Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, goes over safety precautions and guidelines with various tribal departments at the Bear Dance grounds Wednesday, April 15.

Cookbook nears completion

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

For the last couple years the Bison Program has been working on "The Southern Ute Bison Cookbook." Good news for tribal members is that there is a release date in sight.

Coming end of May, tribal members can expect to see the official release of the bison cookbook, Bison Educator Marge Borst said. The cookbook will be made available to all tribal members for free.

The Bison Program cookbook boasts 21 bison recipes, along with; 9 other game meat, 13

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History of the Bear Dance

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Bear Dance is one of the oldest recorded dances in North American history. The origins of the Bear Dance can be traced back hundreds of years to the fifteenth century, and has since served the Ute people for each generation. The dance has seen its share of changes throughout its time, but has always stood by the foundation of gathering tribal people together for the celebration of life. As the Bear Dance heads into its next year, the Southern Ute Drum takes a look at how the Bear Dance has evolved throughout his-

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TRIBAL AFFAIRS

County unveils sign for "Jimmy R. Newton, Jr. Road"

Staff report
SU INDIAN TRIBE

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners recently memorialized the life and contributions of the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., by passing a resolution naming County Road 322 (East La Boca Road) in his honor.

The sign for "Jimmy R. Newton, Jr. Road" will be unveiled this coming Tuesday, April 21, at the intersection of County Road 322 and Highway 172 at 2 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will follow in the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

In its resolution, the County Commissioners recognized the late Chairman's accomplishments: "Chairman Newton made significant, tangible and noteworthy contributions to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, its members and La Plata County over his lifetime."

The Tribal Council appreciates the County's recognition of the contributions made by the Tribe's late Chairman.

"Chairman Newton made remarkable contributions to the tribal membership, the tribal youth, and the greater community during his short life. That the County has decided to recognize him in this way is evidence of the impact he made, and we appreciate the County's acknowledgement of his accomplishments."

UTE LANGUAGE

Help preserve the language

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Ute language class from left to right: Lynda Grove D'Wolf, Rylen Herrera, Autumn Medicine-Blanket, Hunter Frost, and David Boyd. Classes are held daily at the Southern Ute Education Center and welcomes all that wish to learn the Ute language.

History is more than just seeing things as part of the past. For many, it plays the important role of preserving for the future. As modern technology and lifestyles continue to grow, a big part of history may be lost due to neglect and become no more than just a page in a textbook. According to tribal elder, Lynda Grove D'Wolf, the Ute language class is aiming high in keeping the cultural preservation of the Southern Utes alive, except there is one problem: lack of interest.

The class was introduced in 2014 under the guidance of Tribal Council and has since offered a composed learning experience for high school students. Tribal elder, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf, has been teaching the class since its formation and has noticed a decrease in attendance throughout the year. So far, bringing new faces has been the most challenging thing for the class, she said.

"The class started when Chairman Frost first came on board with the idea of implementing language

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YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth leadership conference quickly approaching

Registration ends May 1

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Jimmy R. Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference is right around the corner, have you signed your child up yet?

The conference is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at the Ignacio Middle School. The free event is open to all 12-18-year-old students in the surrounding areas and registration is set to end Friday, May 1.

The one-day event will include cultural presentations, leadership workshops, motivational speakers and discussion panels. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for students. Also, all students registered will receive a t-shirt and athletic bag.

For this year's youth leadership conference, the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is hosting the conference in honor of the late Chairman Newton, Mary Guenther SCSYAC coordinator said.

"The conference is meant to inspire and motivate the youth ... that's what [Newton] would have wanted," Guenther said. "Incorporating Newton's ideals and values into the leadership conference was important."

In preparation for the conference, the SCSYAC has been busy collaborating with community members and tribal departments to make it a memorable event, she said.

Registration packets are being distributed throughout the Ignacio School District or you can visit the Southern Ute Education Department website.

If you have any questions, or wish to request a registration packet you can call Mary Guenther at the Education Department, 970-563-0237.

IHS TRACK

Perez' pace IHS at Velasquez Invitational

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Azala Perez accelerates into the home stretch during the 200-meter dash at the Bayfield Quadrangular on April 4, at which the IHS girls placed fourth and the Bobcat boys third.

Approached during practice earlier in the week, Ignacio senior Mike Perez noted a pride in being highly rated, based on race times so far this season, amongst Class 2A sprinters in the 400-meter dash.

Saturday, April 11, he walked the walk to bolster the talk, clocking a winning 52.89 seconds in the discipline to help the Bobcat boys amass 45 points and place fourth at the 2015 Abel Velasquez Invitational, held at IHS' own facilities with IHS' own equipment for the first time in over a decade.

At one-fourth the distance, Azala Perez also prevailed. Helping the Lady Bobcats to a fifth-place (also with 45 points) finish in the team standings, the sophomore won the 100 in a time of 13.90, and both she and her older brother each contributed to a top-five relay.

Azala Perez teamed with senior Sky Cotton and sophomores Isis Gonzales and Jaylynn Herrera to post a 55.05 in the 4x100 and take third, while in the boys' version Mike Perez helped seniors Keith Joosten and Tyler Riepel and sophomore Woody Pena bring the baton across the finish line in a fourth-place 48.94.

Individually, sophomores Alana Watts and Bryan Gram each contributed second-place points to the cause, in the girls' shot put (30'1.25") and boys' 400 (54.30) respectively.

Joosten and senior Kyle Bailey each bagged third-place points for the Bobcat boys, with a 10'7" pole vault and 5'9" high jump respectively, and Mike Perez placed third in the 200 (25.03 seconds).

For the girls, junior Lillianna Romero followed Watts in the shot with a third-place 25-foot, three-quarter-inch heave, and Gonzales captured third in the 400 (1:12.11).

Cotton took fourth in the long jump with a 14'9.5" best, junior Chrystianne Valdez was fifth in the pole vault (6'7"), and Azala Perez placed fifth in the 200 after clocking a 29.79. On the boys' side, Joosten placed likewise in the triple jump with a maximum of 36'3.5", and Riepel took fifth in the pole vault at 10'1".

Romero also scored a point in the discus with a sixth-place throw of 67'7", and Gram nabbed a single digit with a seventh-place long jump of 16'7.75".

Looking at the girls' team scores, 3A Bayfield prevailed with 135 points, 4A Durango followed with 86 and Dolores took third with 78. Fellow 2A/1A San Juan Basin League members Mancos were fourth with 71, and 1A Lake City Community (31) and Dove Creek (25) rounded out the table.

BHS also won the boys'

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Tribal Council considering amendments to constitution

Tribe to remove unnecessary BIA approvals

Staff report
SU Indian Tribe

Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost announced today that the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is developing proposed constitutional amendments and considering whether to submit those amendments for vote by the tribal membership.

The proposed changes focus on a narrow issue within the Constitution, specifically whether the Tribe needs to get approval from the federal government for tribal actions. Currently, there are several provisions in the Tribe's Constitution requiring Bureau of Indian Affairs approval of tribal actions, even though federal law does not require BIA approval, and the amendments developed by the Tribal Council are aimed at removing those requirements.

For example, the Tribe's annual budget must be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval and laws passed by the Tribal Council on a variety of topics require BIA approval.

In discussing these proposed amendments, Chairman Frost stated, "For many years, the Tribal Council has been working to expand its own role and diminish the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies in the management of the Tribe's affairs. Compliance with the BIA approval requirements causes unnecessary delays in implementing tribal decisions and laws.

These amendments are needed to reflect the Tribe's capability of making its own decisions without Bureau of Indian Affairs oversight and to help modernize the Tribe's Constitution."

The Tribal Council will hold a special general meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on May 14, to discuss these potential amendments with the membership and will be sending a copy of the proposed amendments to all tribal members over age 18.

The Tribal Council will also be making copies of the proposed amendments available to tribal members on the Tribe's website and through the Tribe's Tribal Information Services Department at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Affairs Building, 970-563-0100, ext. 2208.

Chairman Frost indicated that the Tribal Council would like for all tribal members of voting age to review the proposed amendments and provide comments or ask questions at the upcoming special general meeting or send comments to constitutioncomments@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-0100.

The location of the special meeting will be announced at a later time.

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Amy J. Barry: Tribal Council activity report and update

Days Off: 5 Days total personal leave		Feb. 17 – 20		March 17
Personal Hours: Personal time off		3 hours, 45 minutes		
Travel: 3 Trips	Jan. 12 – 14	Jan. 30		March 18 – 20
MEETINGS ATTENDED	**Dec. 2014**	**Jan. 2015**	**Feb. 2015**	**March 2015**
Regular Tribal Council Meetings	2	2	4	3
SCSYAC		2	3	
Growth Fund	1	1	1	1
Special Meetings	1	1	6	9
SUCCM			1	1
Tribal Member Concerns		1	1	
Work Sessions	4	21	12	19
Powwow Committee				1
Tribal member Visits		2	5	3
Round Table	2	1	4	4
Sky Ute Casino Resort		1		
CFO Worksession	2	1	2	1
Executive Office Worksessions	1	1	3	1
Elder Lunches	1		1	
Tribal Member Phone Calls		5	6	2
Director Meetings		1		

COMMITTEES:

SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCSYAC)

Focus Group Initiatives for the Summer

- Financial literacy
- Going Green in the Garden
- Skate Park initiatives and site visits
- Shadowing Tribal Council
- Unity Leadership
- Networking with State Officials to address education initiatives
- 7 Guiding Principles and how they impact our Youth
- Attend meetings and travel as scheduled

ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD (AAIHB)

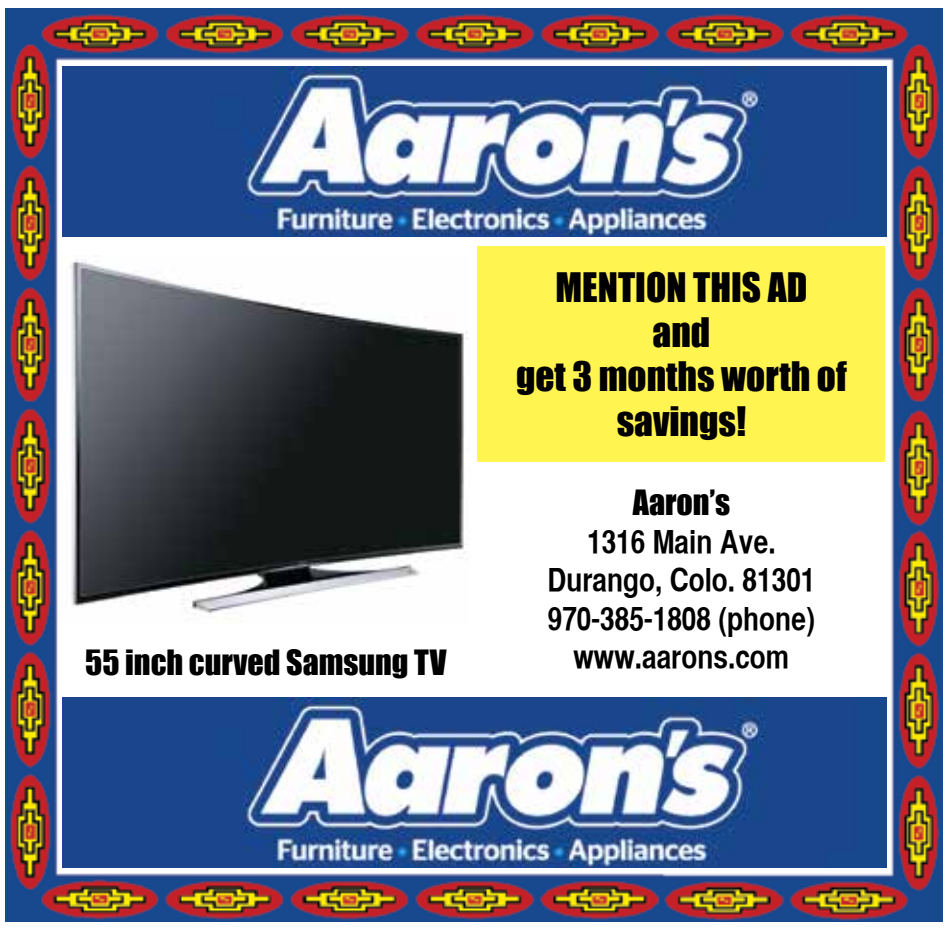
- Back-Up Board Member for Tribal Member Health Department Director
- Attending first meeting in May
- Robert's Rules of Order Training

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM (SUCCM)

- Working on MOA with the board for presentation to Tribal Council
- Revising by-laws and strategic plan that need to be updated for structure of 501-C3 to function
- Advertised for SUCCM Director – reviewing apps with the Board
- Revamping museum store and Museum Membership Program
- Maximizing fundraising and philanthropic activities

POWWOW COMMITTEE

- By-Laws Revised and Approved by TC
- Preparation for Beardance Powwow
- Complete in collaboration with Sky ute Fairgrounds (Southern Ute Growth Fund)
- Attend meetings as scheduled



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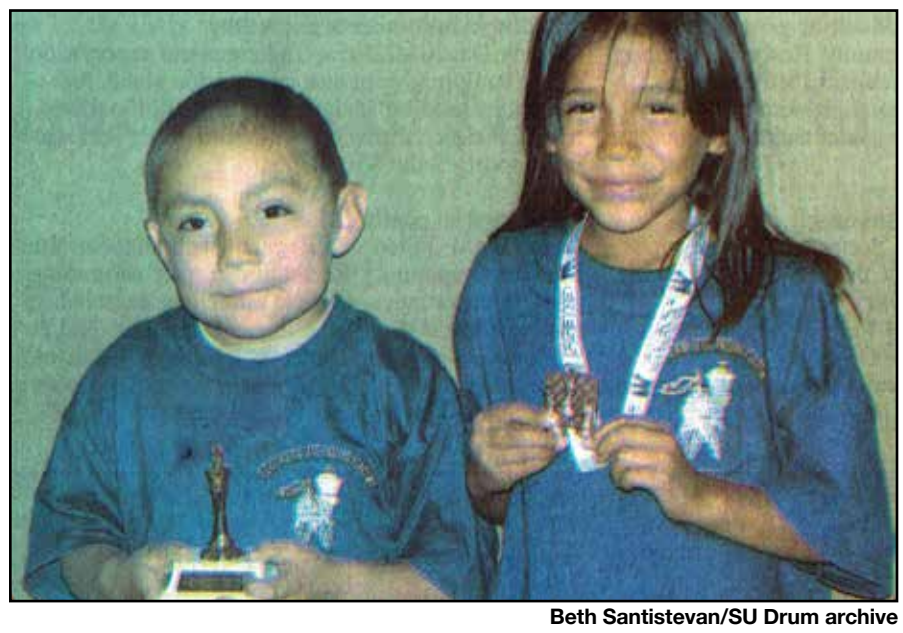

Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Cameron Weaver and Ellie Seibel pose with their awards they won at the SunUte Community Center Chess Tournament. Both are part of the Chess Club at the Southern Ute Academy.

This photo first appeared in the April 15, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Francis Pena, Roger Sage and James Scott man the chute for Mouache-Capote Construction. The tribe's construction company, specializing in excavation and concrete work, recently finished repairs on the Butz Baugh Flume near Oxford. The Flume is owned by the tribe and carries irrigation water across a low piece of land. Repairs included reinforcing the pylons that support the flume and replacing the leaking half pipe with a solid full pipe.

This photo first appeared in the April 14, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

SU Drum archive

30 years ago

One-year-old Elaina Romero, daughter of Luana and Tony Romero, was the other winner who found the most colored eggs at the Easter Party held two weeks ago. Elaina found 42 colored eggs. Jody Carol Dickson, left and Reynalda Herrera looks on as Elaina tries to grab for her eggs.

This photo first appeared in the April 19, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Local graduations and transtitions

- **Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten:** May 13, 10 a.m., Lupe's Cafeteria
- **Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy:** May 21, 10 a.m., SunUte
- **Bayfield High School:** Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m., Bayfield High School field
- **Ignacio High School:** Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m., Ignacio High School field
- **Southern Ute Head Start:** Friday, May 29, 10 a.m., Head Start gym
- **Durango High School:** Friday, May 29, 6 p.m., Durango High School stadium

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vegetable and side dishes, and six bread and dessert recipes.

"We didn't only eat bison," she said. "We ate other meats like deer and elk as well."

Borst said that she has held multiple interviews with tribal members, including elders, which gave her a better insight on food and its importance to the culture.

"Food is sacred to us, food is everything," she said.

For those who are health conscious, the cookbook will include nutritional values and serving sizes for each recipe – bison has considerably less fat and calories than beef.

She hopes the cookbook will motivate tribal members to try bison and hopefully get some members to start implementing bison into their diets.

"Once the cookbook is released the herd may need to be increased," Borst joked.

The cookbook and distribution of bison meat is all made possible by the collaboration between the Culture Department and the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

The Division of Wildlife maintains the tribe's herd – that currently consists of one mature bull, 15 mature cows, three two-year-old heifers, and ten yearlings for a total of 29 bison. No calves to date, but there are hopes for 13 calves this year.

The Bison Program currently has 370 people signed up in the program. Each tribal member household is entitled to 10 pounds of bison meat per month. The 10 pounds of meat consists of different cuts of meats to keep it fair for everyone in the program, and it is all on a first come first serve basis.

"We try to have new meat every five to six weeks," Lovvis Downs-Glass said. "We only have enough freezer space to keep two animals."

Right now, tribal members are welcomed to call the Culture Department to fill out a request for specific parts of the buffalo, but there are no guarantees.

"It all depends on what is available," Elise Redd Culture Department Director said.

Tribal members wanting to sign up to receive bison meat can visit Lovvis Downs-Glass in the Division of Wildlife located inside the Annex building, room 128.

Elders craft shawls

photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal elder Effie Monte (right) works on sewing her shawl as Willette Thompson (back) threads her needle, during a tribal elder shawl making class last Thursday, April 9 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.

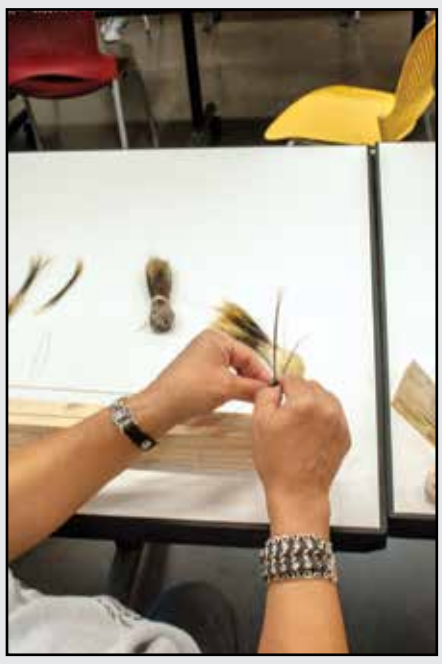
Tribal elder Ella Louise Weaver enjoys good conversation while she finishes up hemming her shawl.

Cultural Education Coordinator, Marge Barry lends her expertise to Sherry Salazar.

Creating roach headdresses

photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Reggie Lopez, center, demonstrates how to correctly wrap and fasten the porcupine hair to the string as DeRoy Watts and Jeannette Frost watch, during the Southern Ute Culture Department's Roach Headdress making class Tuesday, April 7 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.



Edward Box III separates his porcupine hairs from shortest to longest before he begins the wrapping the hairs around the string.

The Culture Department hosted a part one of a two-part workshop dedicated to teaching tribal members how to properly craft Roach Headdresses, Tuesday, April 7.

Beadwork challenge winners

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The winners of the Southern Ute Culture Department's March Beadwork Challenge, Edward Box III (left) and April Toledo (right) hold their winning masterpieces. Toledo said she was inspired by the beauty of Colorado and feels lucky to live in such a place. Box said he wanted a unique design that represented the Ute culture, the coming of spring and the Bear Dance.

CULTURAL UPDATE

Bread makers wanted

The Bear Dance Chief is looking for fry bread makers for the Bear Dance Feast, which will be held on Monday, May 25. If you are interested please contact Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624. All ingredients will be provided as well as a facility to cook.

Seeking culture class instructors

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. is seeking instructors for various culture classes we sponsor throughout the coming year. We are especially interested in instructors for the following class: Peyote Stich. If you are interested, please call Marge Barry at 970-563-4802 or 970-563-0100, ext. 2306.

Seeking Fair Volunteers

The 95th Annual Southern Ute Fair is not too far away and the Southern Ute Culture Department is seeking volunteers to run the following events:

- Duck Race
- Pancake breakfast (non-profit organization)
- Exhibit Volunteers – volunteers needed to register pieces when they arrive

Categories include:

- Art
- Crafts
- Indian Crafts
- Antique/Rare Arts
- Photography
- Clothing
- Indian Clothing
- Needlework
- Baking

Tribal Fair theme/artwork contest

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2015 Logo and Theme Contest for the 95th Annual Southern Ute Tribal 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 Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the 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 Tribal Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept., PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

Southern Ute Culture Department

Email your picture to hwhite@southernute-nsn.gov, or bring your project by the Culture Dept. we'll take the photo.

Each month the Culture Department will offer a monthly beadwork challenge. The challenge is open to all bead workers, we will post the challenge in The Drum. Here is the challenge for April.

BGC receives seal of approval

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Members of San Juan Basin Health (SJBH) and the Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition (CHCC) recognized the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for their continued dedication to creating healthy community events, awarding the BGC the "Healthy Event Seal of Approval Award." The award encourages community event planners and recognizes these organizers who put on that events that establish healthy norms, and give young people the opportunity to build assets. The award was developed to recognize events that are alcohol-free, appropriate for children, youth, and families, and are affordable. Boys & Girls Club Chairman of the Board, Edward Box III accepted the award from SJBH Community Organizer and Evaluator Sloan Skinner at the SunUte Community Center on Wednesday, April 15.

Cooking does matter

photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Introducing themselves and each discussing the different components of the 5-week Cooking Matters class are (left to right) SunUte Fitness Trainer, Abel Velasquez; Cooking Matters Colorado Program Coordinator and Nutrition Educator, Marissa Kleinsmith; Southern Ute Diabetes Educator, Kimberly Heintzman; Sky Ute Casino Resort Sous Chef, Brett Martinez; Sky Ute Casino Resort Executive Chef, Bill Barbone; Diabetes Program Coordinator, Deanna Frost; and SunUte Fitness Director Robin Duffy-Wirth. The class shows healthy ways of preparing food and cooking, while providing nutritional education. The class is hosted by the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes Program in collaboration with Cooking Matters Colorado, the Sky Ute Casino Resort's cooking staff and SunUte Community Center. A bag of groceries containing the class' ingredients is sent with the participants allowing them to practice and cook the meals from class at home.

Class participants, Katherine Piel watches as Kathy Pannell carefully measures honey for a sauce that will be used in the dish being prepared.

Bill Barbone of the Sky Ute Casino Resort demonstrates proper technique of knife use and safe slicing of vegetables.

Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Health Services Dietician Kimberly Heintzman and Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson talk about the importance of maintaining a healthy diet at the Food Tasting event Wednesday, April 15 at the SunUte Community Center.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Try it! It's healthy and delicious

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Who doesn't like free samples?

Through collaboration between the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program, Southern Ute Food Distribution and SunUte Community Center the Ignacio community can now look forward to free healthy food tastings every month.

This last Wednesday's Food Tasting event provided healthy samples, recipes and groceries to over 30 people – the first 30 people to show up received a free bag of groceries.

On Wednesday's menu was a recipe right out of the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Cookbook, Citrus Chicken/Tuna Melts. Participants were able to taste test both the tuna and chicken alternatives and decide which they like better.

"We are doing these tastings to promote community wellness," Kimberly Heintzman, Health Services Dietician, said. "It's also a good way to promote Food Distribution as well, by demonstrating the types of foods they offer and letting people know they can be used in a healthy way."

The recipes also provide gluten-free, diabetes and renal friendly substitutes, she said.

Jeremy Cuthair, Southern Ute Food Distribution Program Manager, said he joined in on the collaboration because all the programs share a common goal for the community, promoting healthy lifestyles.

According to Cuthair, he thinks Food Distribution has a negative stigma attached to it and he wants to change that. Ingredients for Wednesday's recipe included food from Food Distribution. Southern Ute Food Distribution services are available to all Ignacio community members, not just tribal members, he said.

"We are here for the community, we just want to help create a healthier community," he said. "Don't be embarrassed to come see us, we are here to help."

Tribal Services Director, Loren Sekayumptewa spoke to those in attendance and really hammered home the importance of making healthy changes now, before it's too late.

"Too many of us look back and think we should've made different choices earlier in life," he said. "It's what we eat that impacts us and make us who we are."

Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson also showed up to the event to show his support for healthy eating in the community.

"I think this is awesome what you are all doing," he said. "Staying healthy is all about good nutrition and exercise."

The community can look forward to these free tastings every month. No date has been set for next month's tasting, but the menu will feature Garden Pasta Salad.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Dental Clinic welcomes two new dentists to our staff

Staff report
SU TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

Dr. Andrea Talley is a welcome addition a second full time general dentist who along with Dr. Richard Wilson will be seeing patients for all general dental needs. Dr. Brian Talley is pediatric dentist who will be specializing in children and their dental needs. Dr. Andrea Talley is the sister-in-law to Dr. Brian Talley. Both have worked at the SUIT Dental Clinic previously.

Dr. Brian Talley was the general dentist here several years ago before going for specialized training in children's' dentistry. Dr. Andrea Talley was here as an intern while going to dental school to get her training and become a dentist.

The SUIT Dental Clinic also welcomes back Yvonne Brunson as a dental assistant. Yvonne has over 25 years of experience in the dental field and was previously here at the dental clinic. Our staff is rounded out with Susan Couch, Deb Herrera and Monteal Martinez.

With the addition of our new staff members, patients' dental needs can be met more timely. Patient's appointments will now be made sooner and their dental treatment can be finished in a more timely manner.

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classes in our schools," Grove-D'Wolf said. "These students are the future of our culture, and if we don't push it hard enough, then our language is going to die. We'd like see involvement from the [higher ups]. If our [community] wants our language to survive, then they have to give us support."

High school student, Rylen Herrera, gave his opinions on why he finds language preservation to be important.

"I see tribal members who just live off the reservation and don't work," he stated. "We are the last generation for our tribe. We also have the least cultural background and it's sad."

"I believe it's important for us to engage like this because it's up to our generation to bring back our culture," Autumn Medicine-Blanket stated. "I think the next generation is going to catch on. People are taking action, even though it's taking awhile in getting there."

Language classes are held every day at the Southern Ute Education Department and are open for all tribal members. Participating students who attend will receive a foreign language credit as well as an elective credit.

Additionally, qualified language speakers are allowed to teach these courses without a teaching certificate; all that's needed is an approval from the school.

"It's been difficult trying to get funds from the government," Grove-D'Wolf addressed. "It's kind of like pulling teeth. Everything I've done for my students has come from my own pocket. My students here could be teachers for the little ones. These students have a good grasp on the vocabulary, but still don't see any support."

The challenges of the class have presented itself, but many students see it as an opportunity to reach out the public and engage with non-Ute speakers.

"We've had difficulty trying to get the message out," David Boyd said. "In the end, we do what we can for our community. The youth is where to start, because they are going to be the future leaders. Everything has a meaning."

"Language is the most important thing to us because when you lose the language, you lose everything else," Hunter Frost said. "People look at us as a 'paper tribe', a tribe of wealth. I want to represent myself more than that by being called equal. We must see it as an art in the same way how our elders taught us."

Understanding Ute

photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted a cultural workshop on Thursday, April 9. Ute language teacher, Georgia McKinley and academy teachers came together to discuss visual projects that would help the students understand the Ute language. The workshop has been happening since 2000, and involves field trips, guest speakers, and other cultural activities. McKinley teaches the class daily and has stated that it's important to teach the language to youth at a young age. Georgia McKinley (left) and Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle (center) have a discussion with teacher, Mari Jo Owens about her language project.

Academy teachers assemble visual projects for the students to interact with. Each project involves education of the Ute language.

Academy teacher, Bernadine Tso, shares ideas with MicKinley on how her project will help students learn about the Ute language.

Schultz BGC youth of the month

Damon Toledo/SU Drum

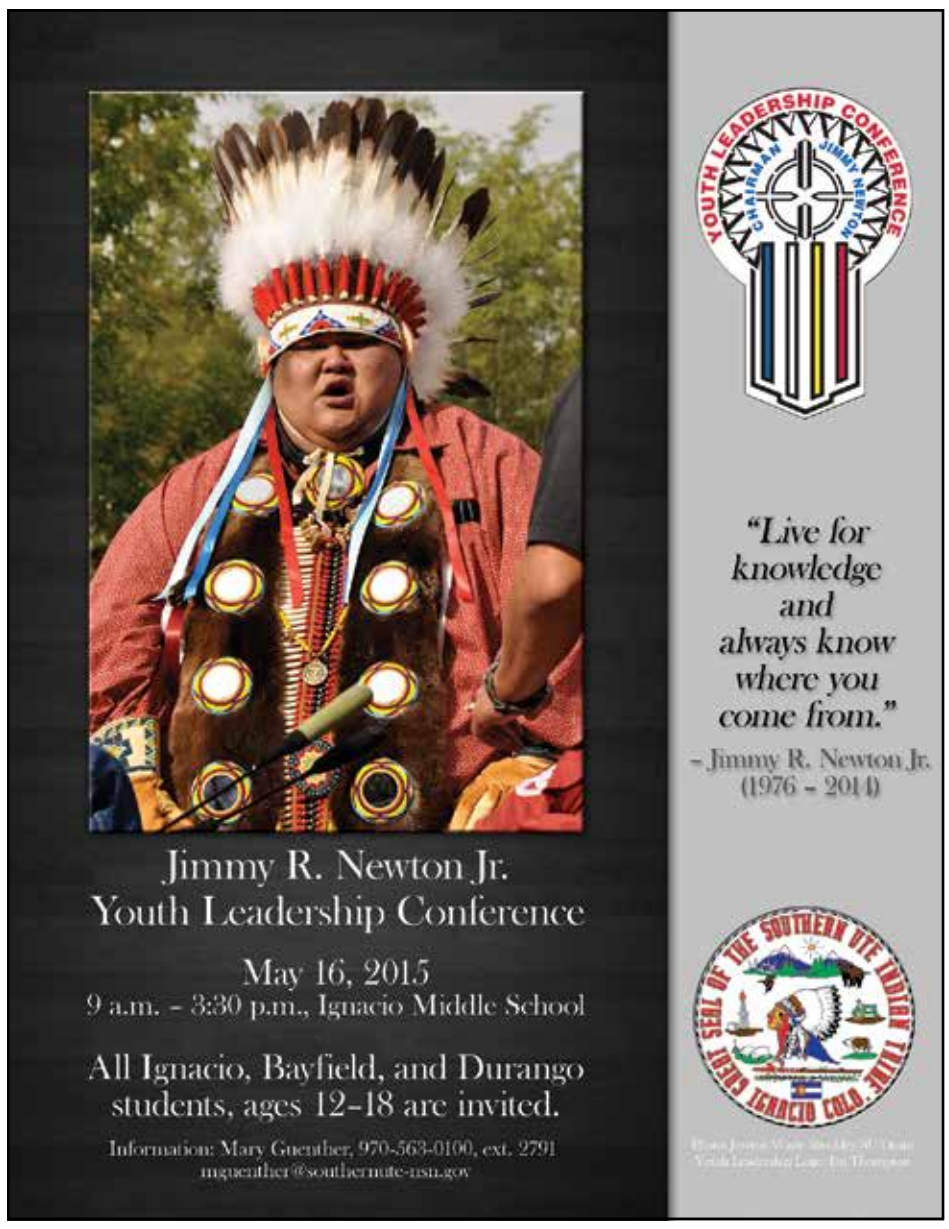
The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has named Willow Schultz as March's Jr. Youth of the Month. Schultz was awarded for the accomplishment on Friday, April 10 at Ignacio Elementary School. The Boys & Girls Club recognized her demonstration of academic growth, leadership, character, citizenship, healthy lifestyles, and service learning.

Bobcats of the month

photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

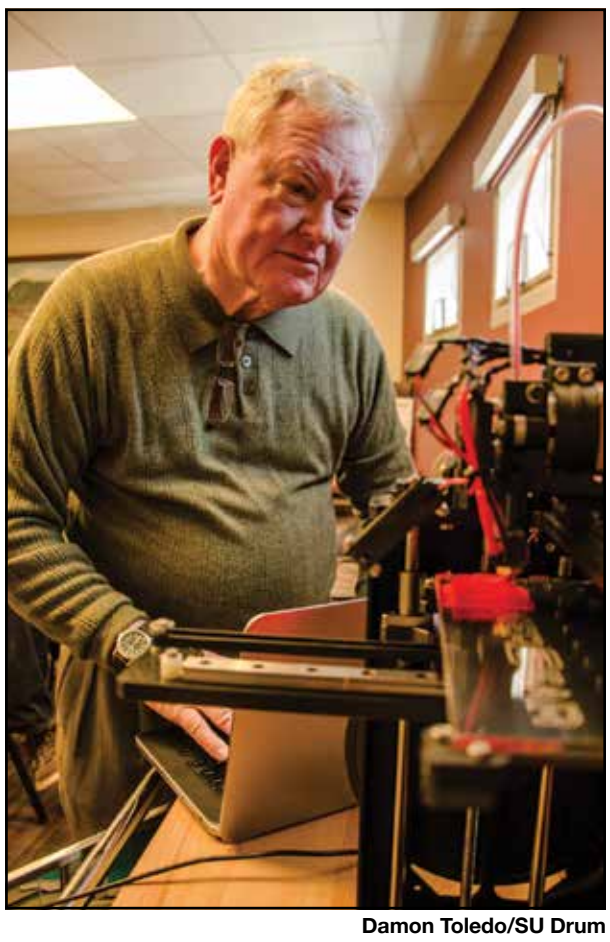
Darius Aguilar, Santiana Atencio, Arecio Baker Hayes, Ayden Barry, Micah Chee, Solmar Cosio, Sequio-Rose Cunningham, Elliott Hendren, Kayden Hernandez, Jania Jackson, Cruzito Lucero, T'liela Tallbird, Andre Thompson, Gracelynn Thompson, Ambrose Valdez and Zoe Velasquez.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library boosts technology with 3D printer

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bruce Clark demonstrates the 3D printing process. The printer is installed in the Ignacio Community Library and utilizes revolutionary technology in modern printing.

3D printing is on the verge of becoming one of the most marketable and innovative technologies of this generation. Not only has it revolutionized printing as a personal commodity, but also gained momentum in the medical industry for its accurate printing procedures.

The Ignacio Community Library recently set up a 3D printer thanks to the help of Bruce Clark, Ron Schermacher, and Lucas Gass. For a while, the trio was in the market for a unit that would demonstrate the basics of 3D printing. It wasn't until November when the group found a quality printer at a reduced price.

"The [printing] market is still continuing to grow 30% of the year," Bruce Clark said. "This machine is a lower edge model, but the ideas of what to make with it keep coming together."

The printer works by encoding a scanned image into the system's memory. The schematics of practically any object can be scanned into the printer, which allows it to print the appropriate dimensions of the object. The printer then etches the prototype from memory using polyactic acid (PLA); biodegradable thermoplastic aliphatic polyester derived from renewable resources, and has the second highest consumption volume of any bioplastic in the world. The printing process can take a matter of minutes to even hours, depending on the object dimensions.

"When we were looking to purchase a printer, we found a group that was giving away a number of them," Ron Schermacher said. "We applied to be apart of that group, but then we ended up making a decision on the exact unit we wanted. We decided to get a kit because it was cheaper, and we were able to understand it more by putting it together ourselves."

"The industries that use these machines are huge, it's amazing what they are capable of doing," added Clark.

For the past couple of years, 3D printing has taken over the reigns in providing life-saving practices in medicine. Medical experts have shown a great deal of support for 3D printing as the technology allows specialists to reconstruct prototypes of patients' limbs, cells, and even body organs.

According to Clark, this is only scratching the surface of true 3D printing technology.

"All of these printers have entered the world of creating things," he said. "Automotive manufacturers are even finding ways to prototype things and actually build what they need, sometimes even full cars. You can integrate metal parts to where the plastic is strong enough and still use it accordingly. Even in the medical world, researchers are growing stem cells. Presto, we just built a section of an artery. The technology is amazing."

Clark, Schermacher, and Gass have stated they are still learning the ropes of the printer and for now want to hold off on unveiling it to the community until the time is right. Once ready, the printer will be available for the public to learn about the basics of 3D printing.

"We learn more as we print," said Schrmacher. "The idea for it is mostly for education purposes, but it may get to the point of having the community come in and use it as a valuable resource ... we want to get comfortable with it ourselves before we start educating with it. This is another tool that will get people interested in the resources that we have."

IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Empty Bowls to help end empty stomachs

Staff report
IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

The third, fourth and fifth graders at Ignacio Elementary School, along with help the community, are busy creating custom-made clay bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser taking place Thursday, April 30, from 5 to 7 pm at the elementary school. Empty Bowls is an event to help raise awareness and funds for families who are experiencing food insecurities.

Led by art teacher, Lisa Brown, the students have made over 200 unique and beautiful bowls that will be available for purchase at the event. The event will include a variety of homemade soups, as well as a silent auction featuring many different items from local businesses.

The students have done their part by crafting all the wonderful bowls and now they need help from the community to fill those bowls.

Tickets for the event are $10 per person or $35 for 4. Each ticket includes a purchase of one of our handcrafted bowls, a soup dinner, and invitation to the silent auction. If you are unable to attend, purchased tickets can be given to a local family to attend the event. All proceeds will benefit both local and international families struggling with hunger. The students are also looking for volunteers to make some soup for the event, as well as items for the silent auction.

For ticket information, contact Lisa Brown at 970-563-0675, ext. 362. For silent auction item donation and soup donations, contact Vicki Sutton at 970-563-0675, ext. 343.

Please join Ignacio Elementary on April 30 from 5 to 7 p.m., as we work together to turn empty bowls and stomachs into full ones!

Bashing for bucks

photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) of the Ignacio High School held a Car Bash, Thursday, April 9 in an empty lot in downtown Ignacio. The event was held to raise funds so the NAYO class could make a trip to this year's Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, NM.

Bird Red was the first to take a swing at the car, which took many hits from bats, and sledgehammers. The NAYO club raised over $400 to help fund the club to travel to Gathering of Nations this year.

Safety first, Andre Thompson, sporting safety glasses, uses a bat to dismantle a rear taillight of the car.

Ready for Elementary

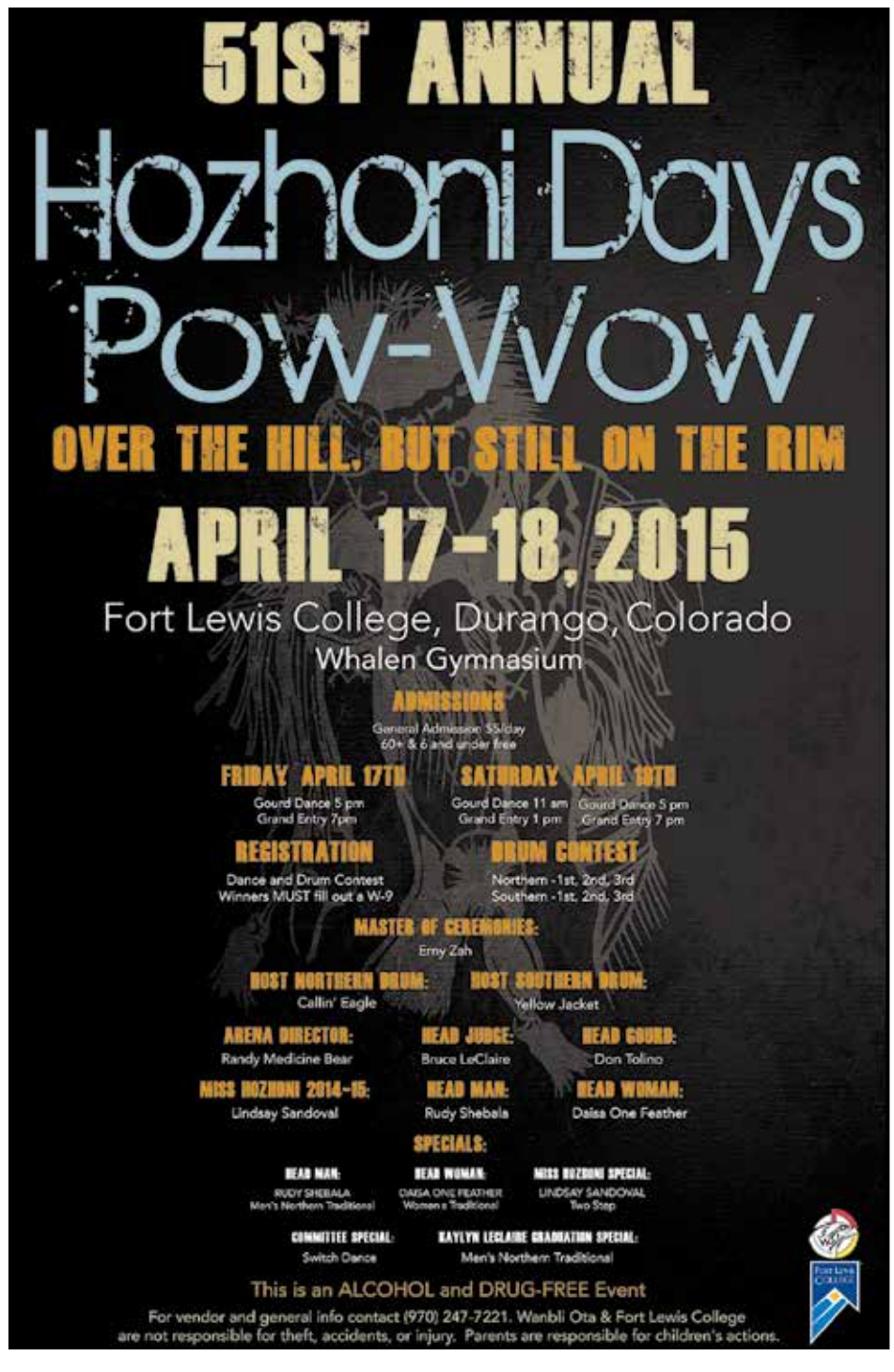
photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Head Start held it's annual Transition Dinner, Wednesday, April 15 in their gym. Southern Ute Head Start Director, Char Schank introduced the Ignacio and Bayfield teachers and Principals in attendance. The Head Start also provided a Frito-pie dinner for the parents, guardians and family members of the students who will be transitioning into the Ignacio or Bayfield Public School system next school year.

A couple important dates for Head Start: Transition ceremony will be on Friday, May 29, and the Head Start Field Day will be May 14.

Mr. Karl Herr, the Ignacio Elementary School Principal invited all the parents and family members of the transitioning Head Start students to visit the school on Wednesday, April 22.

The Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten will also be graduating into first grade on Wednesday, May 13.



A very 'Golden' visit

Senior students of Golden High School from Golden, Colo., paid the Southern Ute Indian Tribe a visit, March 31 through April 3, making Ignacio their first stop on a two-week southwest cultural studies trip as part of their Senior Seminar. The 26 students and four sponsors are self-sufficient, camping and preparing their own food along the way. This is the fifth year the Senior Seminar paid a visit to the tribe.

Southern Ute Royalty members, Miss Southern Ute Ellie Seibel and Little Miss Southern Ute Tauri Raines took time to speak with the students and pose for a group photo during their visit with the Southern Ute Culture Department. They watched "The Original Coloradoans" a video about the Utes of Colorado and a presentation from NAGPRA Coordinator Alden Naranjo.

The Golden High School students shake hands after they visited Tribal Council members, Chairman Clement J. Frost, Council lady Amy Barry and Councilman Alex Cloud in Council Chambers, Thursday, April 2.

KSUT was a favorite stop during their tour; a few were lucky enough to be on the air with Lorena Ricjards during her afternoon show. Coincidentally, Elephant Revival made an appearance in the KSUT studio and obliged to take a photo with the students.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

The students enjoyed The Southern Ute Drum archives of past issues and listened as the Drum staff spoke of their various job duties at the Drum. The Public Relations Department provided lunch.

The students enjoyed the varying levels of education and furniture sizes during their tour of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Superintendent Carol Baker Olguin spoke to the students in the Culture Room of the Academy. She spoke of the language department as well as the culture and traditions the academy instills into the students from a very young age.

SunUte Fitness Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth gave a guided tour of the SunUte Community Center. She spoke of the center as a gathering place for Ignacio and surrounding communities and the positive impact it has had here.

Ann McGaw of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Human Resources Department gave the students a tour of the casino. The tour showcased the hotel, pool, events center, the gaming floor and bingo hall.

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- **Duranglers (fly-fishing guides):** 970-385-4081
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WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS

Free drinking well water assessments for tribal members

Staff report
SU Water Quality Programs

courtesy SU Water Quality Programs

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Water Quality Program provides a free assessment of Southern Ute tribal member's water wells. The purpose of this evaluation is to ensure that tribal members ingest water that is fit for human consumption. This service is offered to Southern Ute tribal members only and is limited to wells occurring within the exterior Reservation boundaries.

Although free, the assessment is done only after a well test request form is completed and accepted by the tribe's Water Quality Program.

Testing involves collecting several samples of the well water that is assessed by contract laboratories for the presence of bacteria and numerous other analytes that can be hazardous to human health.

The most common contaminant found in well water within the reservation is bacteria, although occasionally other contaminants, such as; selenium, fluoride and arsenic, have been assessed from wells at concentrations exceeding recommendations for human consumption.

The presence of any concentration of bacteria is considered potentially dangerous. High levels of selenium are also a significant concern, especially in the Oxford area, where a Southern Ute family was severely poisoned by it in the 1960's.

When laboratory results are received the tribal member requesting the assessment is advised in writing of the results including any exceedances of human health thresholds.

The Water Quality Program does not attempt to rectify identified water quality issues nor does it specifically recommend remediation options. It does, however, in instances where the water quality issue involves new construction, it is referred to Indian Health Services for their disposition.

It is not recommended that water well owners attempt to mitigate an identified water quality problem themselves. It is, however, highly recommended a trained professional be contacted to safely remediate the issue.

Any Southern Ute tribal member having a drinking water well on their property within the reservation boundaries that they wish to be assessed should contact Kirk Lashmett, Senior Water Quality Specialist, with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to request an evaluation. He can be reached at 970-563-0135 ext. 2218.

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Little Miss Southern Ute

Mique Nuchu: My name is Tauri Raines Little Miss Southern Ute 2014-15, I have been very busy since September of last year up to now. These are the following places I have been to representing my Tribe:

1. September 12-14 "So. Ute Fair/Powwow 2014".
2. September 20 "5th Annual Garden of the Gods Rock Ledge Ranch Traditional Powwow" 2014 .
3. Oren Dam Powwow & Festivities in Phoenix, AZ, 2014.
4. November 8 "So. Ute Veterans Powwow 2014".
5. September 22 "Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner".
6. November 25 School Celebration: Native American Month Ignacio Schools 2014.
7. November 26 "Northern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Powwow" 2014.
8. December "Tribal Christmas Dinner and Program" 2014.
9. February 14 "Sweetheart Powwow" 2015.
10. March "Denver March Powwow" and attended the functions going on at the Governor's Mansion and the Capital where the Royalty was introduced to all the important people in attendance. Toured the Justice Department and got to see a student sworn in as a judge, 2015.
11. March attended a gathering at the "Southern Ute Museum" 2015.

On my trips I got to know and meet new people who were very nice to me. At Thanksgiving in Utah I ate with my cousins and my Grandpa Bob Chapoose, I always like going up there, because I have lots of fun playing with my cousins. I also ate at my Aunt Lori's place and she is going to teach me how to play hand game like she does and travels a lot playing at different places. The other thing about my Grandpa Bob he knows a lot of "Ute Stories" that are teaching stories like how to respect your elders etc.

I would like to thank Tribal Council and the Chairman for their support as well as others who have made my trips possible, as well as my grandmother Dixie for taking me to the many places when my parents are unable to take me, because of work. Thanks to others that have given me courage and have said nice things to me and also my grandparents Zach Rock and Deborah Brown for all the encouragement they have given me! Many thanks goes out to Mr. D for all the pictures you take and for the great job you do.

Thank you,
Tauri Raines
Little Miss Southern Ute 2014-15

Veterans Services Office Hours in Ignacio

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO), Richard S. Schleeter, will hold office hours for veterans to meet with him and learn more about their veterans benefits on the second Tuesday of each month beginning April 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ignacio Community Library, 470 Goddard Ave, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, and walk-ins are welcome.

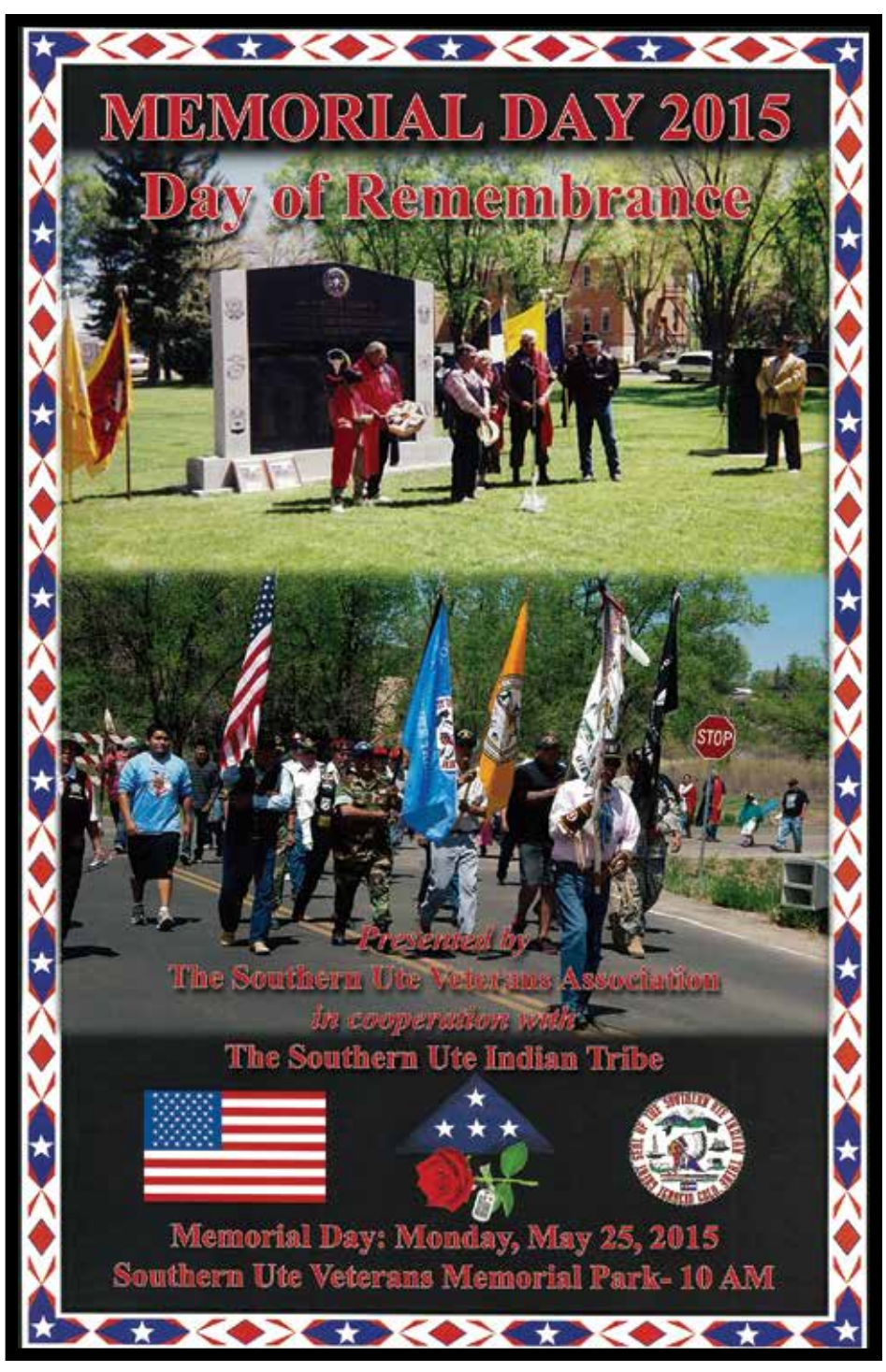
The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer is looking forward to meeting with Ignacio area veterans monthly at this new outreach location.

Schleetar reports for duty

Damon Toledo/SU Drum

La Plata County Veteran's Service Officer, Richard Schleetar has officially come on board to serve tribal veterans across the reservation. Schleetar will be aiding veterans with services that focus on VA benefits. Additionally, he will conduct home visits to veterans who are incapable of traveling for an appointment. Veterans can now apply for VA benefits based off of income rather than net worth, making a big convenience for veterans of all ages. Tribal veterans, Howard D. Richards and Rod Grove met with Schleetar on Tuesday, April 14 at the Ignacio Community Library and welcomed him. Schleetar expressed his gratitude, quoting, "I'm glad to be here and serve this community. I started a services office in Marvel as well as Bayfield, so having one here will make it easer for [tribal members]. I also want to get the younger veterans involved with our program now so it can be easier for them to receive benefits thirty years from now." Anyone who wishes to schedule an appointment may call Schleetar at 970-759-0117.



2015 TRI-UTE GAMES

June 15 – 18 2015

Looking for Athletes, Coaches and Volunteers for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games

That will be held in Fort Duchesne, UT this summer!

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Archery, Bowling, Hand Game, Swimming, Cross Country, Ute Warrior Challenge, Skateboarding

Who: **Enrolled Tribal Members and Tribal Descendants**

***Descendants check with your Tribal Recreation Department for eligibility*

Age Groups: 9-18

The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better, to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes.

For more information please contact the

Ute Tribe Recreation 435-722-2249

SunUte Recreation 970-563-0214

Ute Mountain Ute Recreation 970-564-5360

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The always popular egg toss was sponsored by the Sunshine Smith Youth Advisory Council.

Let the hunt begin. The youth of Ignacio and surrounding communities showed up in full force for the annual Community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4 at the SunUte Fields. Different areas of the fields were reserved for specific age groups and games were played between hunts. Emcee was Oscar Cosio of Big O Productions, providing songs and info. Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost gave the invocation to begin the day's event. This year the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Police Department and the Sky Ute Casino Resort all collaborated to make this year Easter Egg Hunt a huge success.

EGGstravaganza!

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The five-through eight-year-old egg hunters make a mad dash out from the starting line during the Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4. Hundreds of kids participated in this year's hunt.

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Chairman Clement J. Frost said a welcome and gave an invocation.

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Syre Sanchez hugs the Easter Bunny at the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, April 4 at SunUte Park.

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The sixth grade Shooting Stars traveling basketball team (left to right) Avaleena Nanaeto, Monica Lucero, Jayden and Lacey Brunson, from Ignacio held a fund raiser, selling breakfast burritos, to raise money to raise money to compete in different tournaments throughout the year. The homemade burritos sold out in 20 minutes.

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Montgomery James Green III "The Third" son of Shereena Baker proudly shows the eggs he found.

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Parents and family members alike helped their young children hunt eggs. Heather Whitethunder (above) helps her daughter Shayne Roubideaux gather eggs.

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Keelyn Reynolds intently focuses on keeping her egg on her spoon. She was one out of around 50 kids who participated in the egg spoon race game.

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council member, Larenz Wilbourn was the grand prizewinner for the 9-14 year-old age group. Wilbourn won a new bike and helmet donated by the Public Relations Department of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

5 to 8-year-olds race to fill their baskets with the numerous eggs scattered all over the SunUte baseball field.

History of the Bear Dance • from page 1

tory and the current role of the Department that organizes it.

Present day, the Culture Department and various tribal departments have played an active role in the organization of the Bear Dance, working closely with Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box to ensure a good turnaround.

"The dance enhances a bigger picture for our people ... it provides in many ways for the Utes, especially healing, and that's why it's still here," Box said.

Box has been the Bear Dance Chief since 2004. His family has had an association with the Dance for many generations, beginning with his grandfather Edward Box Sr. who was Bear Dance and Sundance Chief in 1952.

"My grandfather was one of the Elders responsible for bringing back the Bear Dance," Box added. "In the recent past, Indian ceremonies weren't permitted. In Indian Country, a lot of natives were massacred because people saw ceremonial dances to be dangerous. [My grandfather] taught me the importance of it. I would follow him around and acted like his right-hand-man. I still remember the songs from him. He told me that if there's ever a day when things are lost, then knowing one song allows it to go on."

The Bear Dance originally was held around the middle of March, usually after the first thunder in the spring was heard and when the Bear came out of hibernation. All the various Ute bands would come together and prepare for the dances, which were held throughout Ute territories. For the Southern Utes, the hosting date would eventually be changed to Memorial Day weekend to cater to the youth who would be out of school for the summer.

Gender plays an important role with preparation, as it is the men who prepare the Bear Dance corral to its full advantage while the women would prepare the clothing that was to be worn. The women are highly regarded and respected and have been recognized throughout stories. The Bear Dance stories were told over winter by an elder storyteller whose role was to express the ways of life.

Present day, the Culture Department host's classes involving shawl, dress and ribbon shirt making. These classes are offered more frequently and focus on teaching tribal members of all ages the proper ways to craft their own attire for the dance. The Culture Department also hosts workshops for the public to learn proper etiquette of the dance.

Recently, the Southern Ute Culture Department was created by Tribal Council and has since provided additional help in organizing the event. Without the Tribe's assistance, the dance's necessary resources would fall solely on the Chief and the community members to gather, create, and see the dance to the end.

"The Cultural Department has helped with the Bear Dance for a few years now," said events coordinator Tara Vigil. "We have to get all the departments together, coordinate with the casino, and make sure everything is on time. I learned how to organize the event through my aunt, Dona Frost. She taught me a lot about preparation. She showed me how to cook the food, knew what to order, and knew how many people were present."

"Nowadays, we all coordinate with each other," Box stated. "The [Culture Department] provides massive contribution now. Those involved deserve the needed credit."

The last day of Bear Dance features a feast for all in attendance. Traditionally, a stew is prepared with meat and vegetables mixed in a large, round pot atop an open fire.

In past times, tribal members had to carry the responsibility of providing their own food for the people. That included buying the ingredients and cutting every single piece of meat and vegetable that was to be served. Nowadays, the feast is easier for organizers to manage as the food is ordered by the Culture Department and delivered pre-cut, ready to cook.

Vigil described the lessons she learned from her aunt and hopes the same can be applied for future generations.

"To me, the preparation gives that respect for the tribe, the people, and what we do. Every year has been getting better since it started. We never had Ute Nations Day before, and we were able to bring that to the community so anyone can be apart of the open dance. I don't turn anyone away. I want everyone to put a hand in it."

Great thanks has been given to the various departments and entities that are involved with the Bear Dance: Southern Ute Cultural Department, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Boys & Girls Club, Multi-Purpose Building, Natural Resources Department, Property & Facilities Management, Construction Services, Justice & Regulatory, Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and the Los Pinos Fire District.

"The Cultural Department has helped me out fully," Box added. "They help organize the workshops, the food, I can't say enough how grateful I am for all the tribal departments. It's important for the tribe to archive these events so the information can be housed for our kids and their kids. My grandfather always told me it wasn't my braids that makes you Ute, it is how you live your life by greeting the sun, giving back when taking from the Earth, being a warrior against our enemies; anger, hate, greed, lust. He instilled me with that information, and those ways of life can still be said for each generation ... It's paramount to keep and make more songs, because if you don't have any songs then you don't have a dance. Thanks to the Culture Department, the Dance's future shall continue perpetuity just like the tribe."

Getting ready for Bear Dance

Sarah Cuch/SU Indian Montessori Academy

Ute Language Teacher Crystal Ivey, of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) and Museum Education Coordinator Tallas Cantsee of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum collaborated on a couple small bear dance workshops for the SUIMA lower and upper elementary boys. On Wednesday, April 8, Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box talked to the boys about the history and etiquette of the Bear Dance and on April 10, each of the boys helped make their own growlers with assistance from Cantsee and Box.

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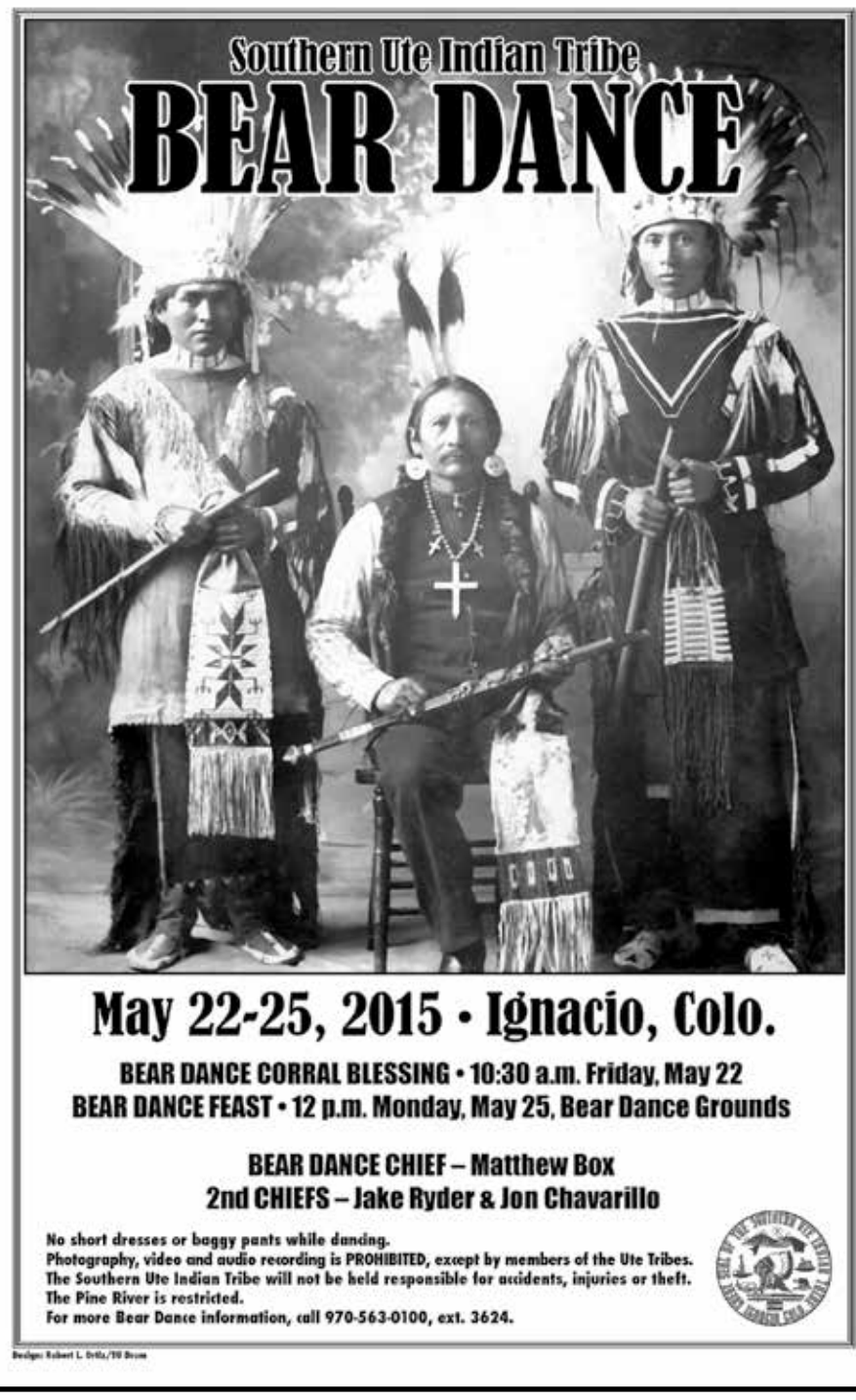
Bear Dance Workshop

By: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box

Wednesday, May 6
Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Questions contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator
970-563-0100, ext. 3624

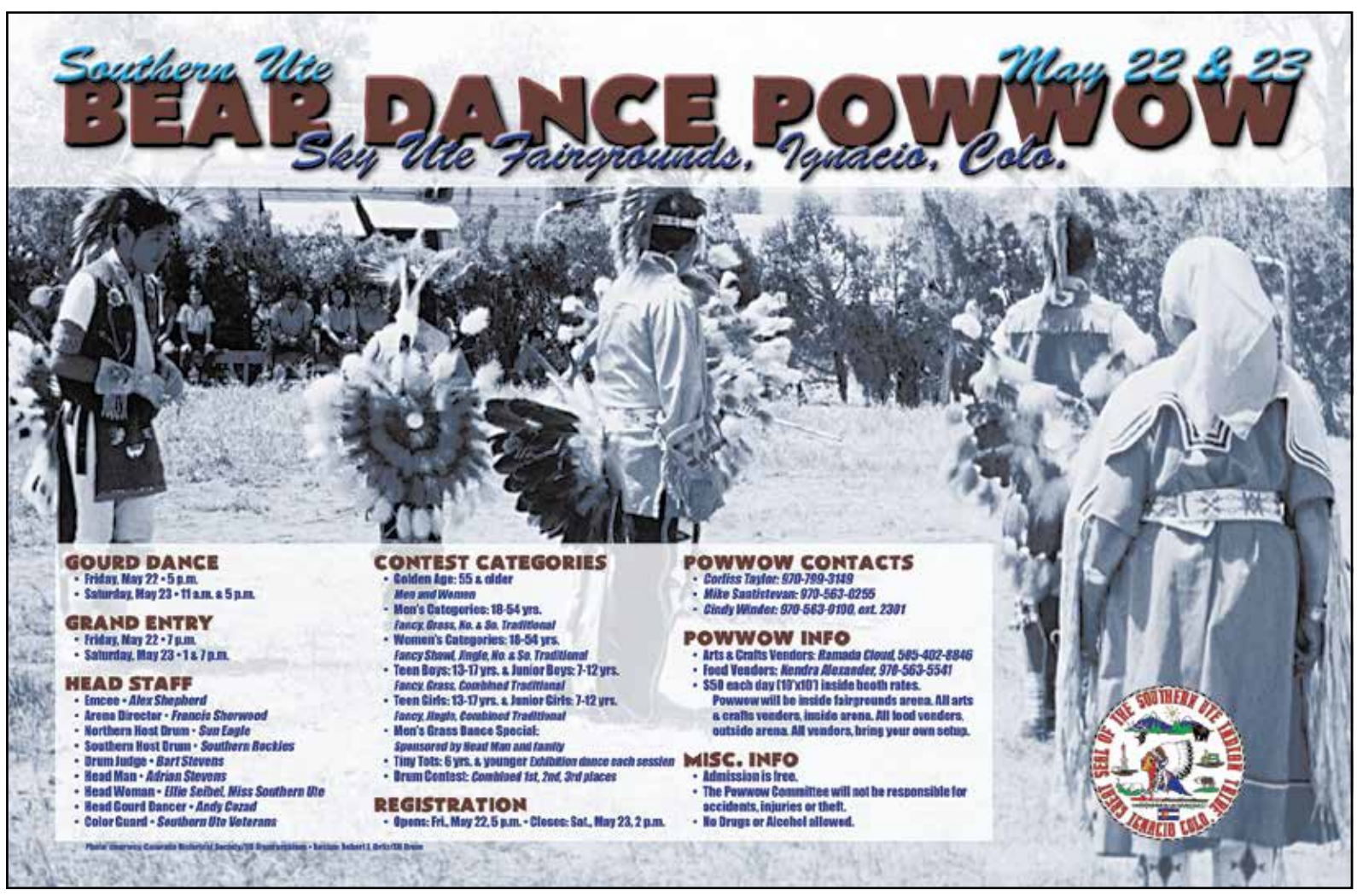


Southern Ute office closures

May 25: Memorial Day
July 3: Independence Day (observed)
July 13: Sun Dance Feast
Sept. 7: Labor Day
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving
Dec. 10-11: Leonard C. Burch Day
Dec. 25: Christmas

Southern Ute tribal office closures are posted on the Tribe's website **www.southernute-nsn.gov**

Also find important info pertaining to the Tribe on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/southernute**



SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Tribe and casino to host money booth

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Fifteen non-profit organizations from La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan Counties will compete for their share of over $20,000 on Thursday, May 14 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in the 15th Annual Non-Profit Money Booth.

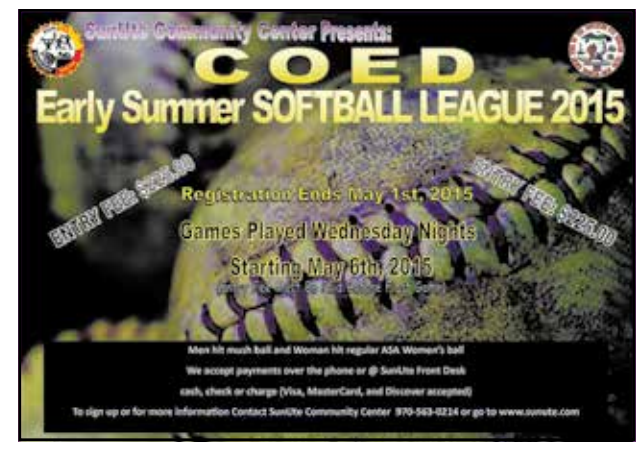
Since 1999, when Sky Ute Casino Resort held the first Non-Profit Money Booth Event, nearly $275,000 has been given to local charities to support a variety of worthy causes. Last year, selected organizations included: Community Connections, Friends of the Pine River Library, The Adult Learning Center, Upper Pine River Fire Auxiliary, Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Partners, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Silver SPRUCE Academy, Heart Safe La Plata, Durango Shin-Budo Kai Aikido, Four Corners Blue Star Mothers NM#1, TARA Historical Society @ Navajo Lake, Durango Food Bank, Ignacio Community Church and SUCAP Wildcats Basketball Program.

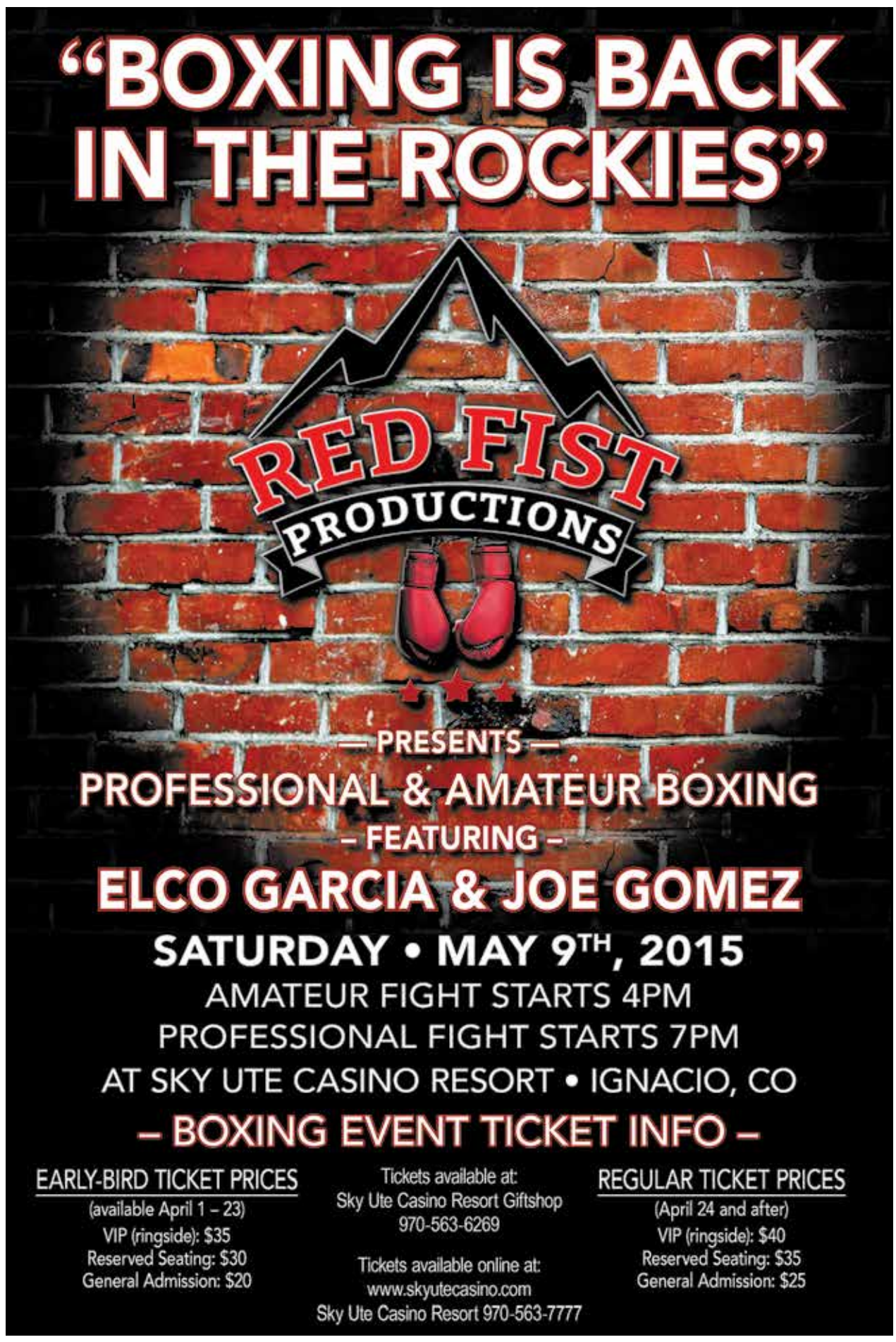
A reception will be held in the Event's Center from 6 to 7 p.m. to honor the selected organizations and present each with a $500 check.

Then, the action will get underway at 7 p.m. when a representative from each organization will enter the money booth for 45 seconds to grab as much cash as they can!

Applications are now available at www.skyutecasino.com. All applications must be turned in no later than Friday, May 1 by 4 p.m. to be considered for admittance into the event.

For further information, or to have an application faxed or emailed, contact Marketing Coordinator, Tracy Leppert, at 970-563-1752 or tracy.leppert@skyutecasino.com.





IHS BASEBALL

Bobcats break into league play

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio catcher Iaasic Pena looks to throw down to first base to attempt a double play after forcing out Dolores' Josh McCoy (5) at home plate during the Bobcats' San Juan Basin League opener, April 11 upon Gonzales Field at Joe Rowell Park.

Proud to still be supporting their younger teammate, IHS' Zach Weinreich, Austin McCaw and Javan Webb were just as happy to be in the bleachers and not in Marcus Chapman's spikes when Dolores' Kayla Davis dug into the right-handed batters' box during junior-varsity action Saturday afternoon, April 11.

The Kitty Wallace Show, highlighting the preceding varsity game, had already impressed the regulars – particularly Webb, watching someone who could equal his own stretching ability around first base – enough.

But in a contest which saw the Bobcat JV simultaneously utilize Leela Rosa at first, Lea Monroe at second base and Abriana Silva in right field, one would be remiss to omit the contribution of the day's fifth girl stepping between the foul lines of Gonzales Field at Joe Rowell Park.

For rarely since – if ever at all – Major League Baseball's Eddie Gaedel has such intimidation in baseball been seen. And Chapman had no choice but to playing the role of Bob Cain, 18 years and three calendar days after the passing of the Detroit Tiger six-footer who walked the 3'7" St. Louis Brown on August 19, 1951.

[In one of the sport's great ironies, Cain, acquired by Detroit just that May in a trade with the Chicago White Sox, would play '52 and '53 – his last full seasons in the bigs – for the same Browns.]

"Yeah I was wondering ... it was confusing," laughed Chapman, who nearly domed DHS' freshman four-foot-something with his first throw to catcher Tyler Beebe. "I was like, 'She's short ... going to be a little difficult!'"

"About a four-inch strike zone!" noted pitching coach, and 2013 MLB Draftee (Kansas City Royals, 35th round) Clay Miller. "Oh man, it's tough! You've just got to throw and hope!"

Varsity-game umpire Mark Maddox had to feel lucky he wasn't peering over Beebe's shoulder and ruling on Chapman's deliveries as Davis – who, unlike Gaedel, also saw action in the field at second – ultimately drew a walk, and nearly came around to score with a feet-first slide but was denied as the Bears' third out was made.

"It didn't go too bad," Chapman said, of his unusual moment on the mound as well as Ignacio's 18-4 romp.

Unfortunately the varsity hadn't fared as well, beaten 11-3 in its 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opener.

Able to strand IHS leadoff man Juanito Medina at third base in the top of the first inning, Dolores countered with three runs – including leadoff man Dalton Madden – in the home half. And also left senior Kellen Gatzke at third and Tel Hamilton, who'd cracked a two-out, two-RBI double, at second – a situation rectified in the bottom of the second when 9-hole hitter Jalen Balderrama and, later, 3-man Justin Purkat scored.

McCaw, who started the game playing third base and ended it up on the hill as Ignacio's third pitcher in the game, brought in the visitors' first run in the top of the third when 4-man Iaasic Pena reached on a

IHS BASKETBALL

Jones is SJBL Player of the Year

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Adison Jones (30) locks up on a Dolores Bear during SJBL action inside SunUte Community Center this past season. Jones, a senior, was named the league's Player-of-the-Year.

There was no doubt that the San Juan Basin League's best baller wore Ignacio red, black and white.

The only possible debate was just which one of the Bobcats it would be.

Well the votes are in, and the answer is senior forward Adison Jones.

Heading up the 2A/1A circuit's First Team All-League selections for the completed 2014-15 season, Jones' best competition came from junior guard Wyatt Hayes – also named First Team All-SJBL, along with Mancos junior forward/center Ro Paschal, Ouray junior guard Nate Fedel and Ridgway junior guard Hasten Beamer.

IHS junior guard Tucker Ward was named to a high-flying Second Team, along with Telluride senior forward John Broadhead, MHS senior guard Jayden Peacock, Norwood sophomore forward Kade Brantingham and Dove Creek junior guard Jordan Ernst.

Dolores senior guard Mikeal Ford and THS senior guard Wilder Hanley received Honorable Mention All-League, while Mancos' Rodney Cox was named Coach-of-the-Year after helping the Blue Jays to a 16-7 overall finish. Under Chris Valdez the Bobcats finished 23-3 and third at the Class 2A State Championships in Pueblo.

IHS GIRLS SOCCER

Soccer downed by loop powers

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Selena Cook (24) shields the ball from Bayfield's Maddy Duran (6) during 3A/2A road action inside Wolverine Country Stadium.

Currently skating by with a skeleton roster after starting the spring with one well populated. Ignacio Soccer struggled most recently against 3A/2A Southwestern League strongholds Alamosa and Bayfield, and likely won't be done any favors in its upcoming April 18 home match against fringe hopefuls Ridgway.

Hosting then No. 10 (No. 7 in the more recent 4/13 CHSAANow.com Class 3A poll) Alamosa at IHS Field on April 7, the league-leading Mean Moose stampeded out to a 3-0 lead just ten minutes in, led 8-nil through the 26th and finished off an inevitable 10-0 mercy-rule shutout in the 52nd.

Three minutes earlier, however, no-quit Lady Bobcat junior Tristan Boone had nearly dirtied the clean sheet with a well-aimed shot towards the rear upper-90 over backpedaling goalie Breanna Broyles' right shoulder.

AHS (8-0, 8-0 SWL as of Monday, April 13) got three-goal hat tricks from senior Tayleur Hillis (3rd minute, 14th, 20th), freshman Gabriella Imre (7th, 10th, 26th) and junior Darby Bolt (18th, 21st, 52nd), and a solitary strike from senior playmaker Taylor Nye in the 46th.

Senior goalkeeper Krissy Velasquez, who'd faced the entire 44-shot onslaught and finished with an unofficial 21 total [shot- and necessity-based] saves, finally got a break from skipper Oscar Cosio and was given a field player's jersey at intermission on April 10 inside Wolverine Country Stadium.

At that point, BHS (4-2, 4-2) had gotten goals in the 12th minute from freshman Lydia Larson, in the 23rd from junior Maddy Duran, in the 30th from senior Emily Popke, and in the 31st from classmate Meaghan Mooney, while Velasquez had collected eleven total stops amidst 23 Lady Wolverine shots (only 13 were on frame).

Between the pipes for the second half went Maya Rock – BHS boss Jennifer Zelinski had already pulled starter Savannah Kaufmann in the 31st for reserve Caitlynn Phillips – and the freshman, after being greeted by Duran in the 42nd, Larson in the 44th and Kaufmann in the 45th, settled in to make ten combined saves.

Juniors Kaylee Gomez (65th minute) and Alyssa Knapp (79th) also netted for BHS before full time.

Out-cornered 19-0 in the two tilts, and held without a shot in Bayfield, Ignacio dipped to 0-6, 0-6.

After hosting RHS, the Lady Bobcats' next fixture was set for Thursday, April 23 at circuit rivals Center, with a date at Alamosa to follow the next afternoon and each to kick off at 4 p.m.

Youth begin spring soccer play

photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Bayfield Parks & Rec Youth Soccer league started play Saturday, April 11 at Joe Stephenson Park in Bayfield, Colo. Players ranging from Pre-K and Kindergarten through eighth grade play every Saturday in Bayfield. The Purple team (above) from Ignacio played against the Red team from Bayfield during first and second grade action.

Everyone has a job to do, and even the younger kids pitch in to help during opening-day play.

Alejandra Porambo-Howe (left) plays good defense during a game between Ignacio and Bayfield's first and second graders. For complete schedules go to www.bayfieldgov.org/services/recreation.

Velasquez invitational • from page 1

title at the event, posting 175 team points, and Durango was again second with 167. MHS 'ran' third with 64, LCCS followed the 'Cats with a fifth-place 42, Dolores was sixth with 33 and DC seventh with one.

Up next for Ignacio will be a return trip to Bayfield's Wolverine Country Stadium for the 2015 Pine River Invitational on Saturday, April 18, with action beginning at 9 a.m. As the season's pace picks up, IHS will then host the San Juan Basin League Championships on the April 21.

Results from the Bobcats' work at the Ron Keller Invitational, held Tuesday, April 14, were unavailable by the Drum's deadline.

Elder lunch at museum

Damon Toledo/SU Drum

An elder lunch was held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Friday, April 10. The lunch featured a menu of macaroni stew, salad, bread, and pie along with a movie. Pictured: Tribal elders Evelyn Russell and Terry Box share a laugh together as lunch is served.

Nominations for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

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

A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235, ext. 2793.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

If you are interested in expanding your education by entering college but are not sure if your academic skills are up to college standards, the ACCUPLACER test provides you information about your Math, English, and Reading skills. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals and interests, are used by academic advisors to determine your course selection. It is an on-line exam and is an untimed test. So, take your time, but you can plan on about an hour and a half to complete!

The ACCUPLACER is a great indicator to 2 and 4 year Institutions for College Readiness. You do not "pass" or "fail" the placement test, but it is very important that you do your best on these tests so that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skill and preparedness for college level courses.

Southwest Colorado Community College is conducting the test thought the Education Department in Ignacio.

PLACE: Education Dept. Bldg. – Computer Lab
TIME & DATE: 1 p.m., April 30
COST: $10

If you would like to take the test please call so we can reserve your spot or if you have any questions and need help, call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, Adult Education Program Manager at the Education Department 970-563- 0237, ext. 2784.

Correction

In a photo published in the April. 3 issue of the Drum, two "Chiefs" basketball players were misidentified. Their correct names are Demarr Harlan and Calvin Lavato.

In the April 3 edition of The Southern Ute Drum Dwayne Hendren was misidentified in a caption for the MAYB basketball tournament.

Call for Vendors

Ute Bear Dance Exhibition

June 13 & 14, 2015
Aspen, Colorado
Presented by the Aspen Historical Society

Registration deadline: May 10
$200 vendor fee
Contact: (970)925-3721 ext. 104
Lodging packages available

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADYBUG

<3 Happy birthday, Ladybug, you'll always be our favorite girl in the whole wide world! <3

JIMMY NEWTON JR. LEADERSHIP AWARDS FUND CREATED

Dear Recipient,

Certain people can have a profound influence on the lives of others. The late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr. was such a person. His willingness to listen to tribal youth and include them to the governance process demonstrated his strong connection with the youth of not only the Southern Ute community but in the local schools. As a way of honoring his memory and continuing Chairman Newton's efforts, family and friends are taking steps to create a tax-exempt organization which can provide broad support to emerging young leaders within the Southern Ute tribal community.

Reflecting the proposed emerging leadership organizational goals, a youth conference will be held on May 16, 2015 at one of the Ignacio schools. The Southern Ute Tribal divisions and the Ignacio Schools have generously agreed to contribute to this one-day conference, which will include all nationalities of youth.

As a tribal elder mother, I am speaking on behalf of Chairman Jimmy Newton's family. We are soliciting funds to recognize several youth who are emerging as young leaders. Chairman Newton always engaged in activities that protected, promoted and enhanced tribal sovereignty, culture and traditions. These goals are consistent with Chairman Newton's desires for the Southern Ute Tribe and all tribal nations. Strong tribal nations need strong leaders with vision, diplomacy, compassion, impeccable ethics and exceptional governance skills. Assisting youth in becoming the strong leaders of tomorrow benefit not only the Southern Ute Indian Tribe but all of Indian country.

The Chairman Newton emerging leadership awards can begin with the generous support from people like you. With your most generous donation, Chairman Newton's vision can extend forward through each generation of youth. Chairman Newton maximized his time leading with strength and compassion from his heart. If you wish to donate to this most exciting endeavor; please send a money order or cashier's check payable to Elaine Newton c/o Jimmy Newton, Jr., emerging leadership awards, PO Box 212, Ignacio, CO 81137. You can also directly deposit funds into the Wells Fargo Bank, PO Box 869, Jimmy Newton, Jr. leadership awards account (102000076 9259157742). If you wish to do direct deposits please send me an email so I can keep track of donated funds. My email address is: (1.goodmojo.newton@gmail.com).

My family and I wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to carry on Chairman Newton's endeavors.

Sincerely,
Elaine Newton
"Live for knowledge and always know where you come from"
Motto of the late Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.

Our Ute Bear Dance…

At the end of winter when the Thunder throws its loud clap,
this signals the bears to come out of their silent winter nap.

The Bear dance celebrates the gentle coming of the Spring,
from the final cracking of frost to the bloom of every living thing.

It is a fun and important traditional dance that happens every year,
you stomp & shuffle your feet to the rhythm of the growling bear.

The flick & snap of the shawl fringe, this is a lady's choice dance,
maybe this could be your chance for some sizzling native romance.

In the end, the lessons to be learned is survival, wisdom and strength,
for making it through this mighty Ute dance of four days length.

By: Keifer GoodTracks-Alires
(submitted by his mother)

NEW EMPLOYEES

Jennifer Seibel
Job title: Active kid care provider
Description of duties: Provide childcare and physical activities for the Active Child Care Program and to meet the needs of children.
Hobbies: Coaching volleyball and track. Spending time with my family.

Lorence Lapow
Job title: Family Court Counselor
Description of duties: Conducts assessments, makes recommendation, to the Court, provides counseling and collects records of juveniles/families with in the Tribal Family Court Systems.
Hobbies: Kayaking, camping.

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
May 1
Deadline:
April 27

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sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov

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NOTICE OF DRAFT
Title V Operating Permit and Request for Comment

Notice is hereby given that an operating permit application has been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colo., 81137, for the following source of air pollution:

Applicant: Samson Resources Company
Facility: Spring Creek Compressor Station
Section 23, T33N, R7W, 3.5 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo.
This source is a natural gas compression facility

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft operating permit based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permit and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Mark Hutson, Acting Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to mhutson@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice. Any interested person may contact Mark Hutson of the AQP at 970-563-4705 to obtain additional information.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Roadway Construction Services For SU 106-End of Trail Road

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Roadway Construction Services for SU 106-End of Trail Road. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on April 27, 2015. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference located at 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137, followed by a site visit on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 2 PM The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. TERO information, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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KSUT Board of Directors vacancies

Native American Member
KSUT Public Radio is seeking one local Native American to serve on the KSUT 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 Bob Franklin at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information visit the KSUT website at www.ksut.org. Deadline April 27, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Community Member
KSUT Public Radio is seeking one Community Member at Large to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors. KSUT is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Bob Franklin at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information visit the KSUT website at www.ksut.org Deadline April 27, 2015 at 5 p.m.

ETHICS OFFICE
Alternate Member-at-Large Vacancy

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill a vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" position on the Ethics Committee. Qualifications are as follows:

- Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality
- Have a familiarity with tribal government
- Be of good character, active, conversant with proven responsibility in tribal community affairs.

The Ethics Committee 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 Center, 71 Mike Frost Way by May 29, 2015. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

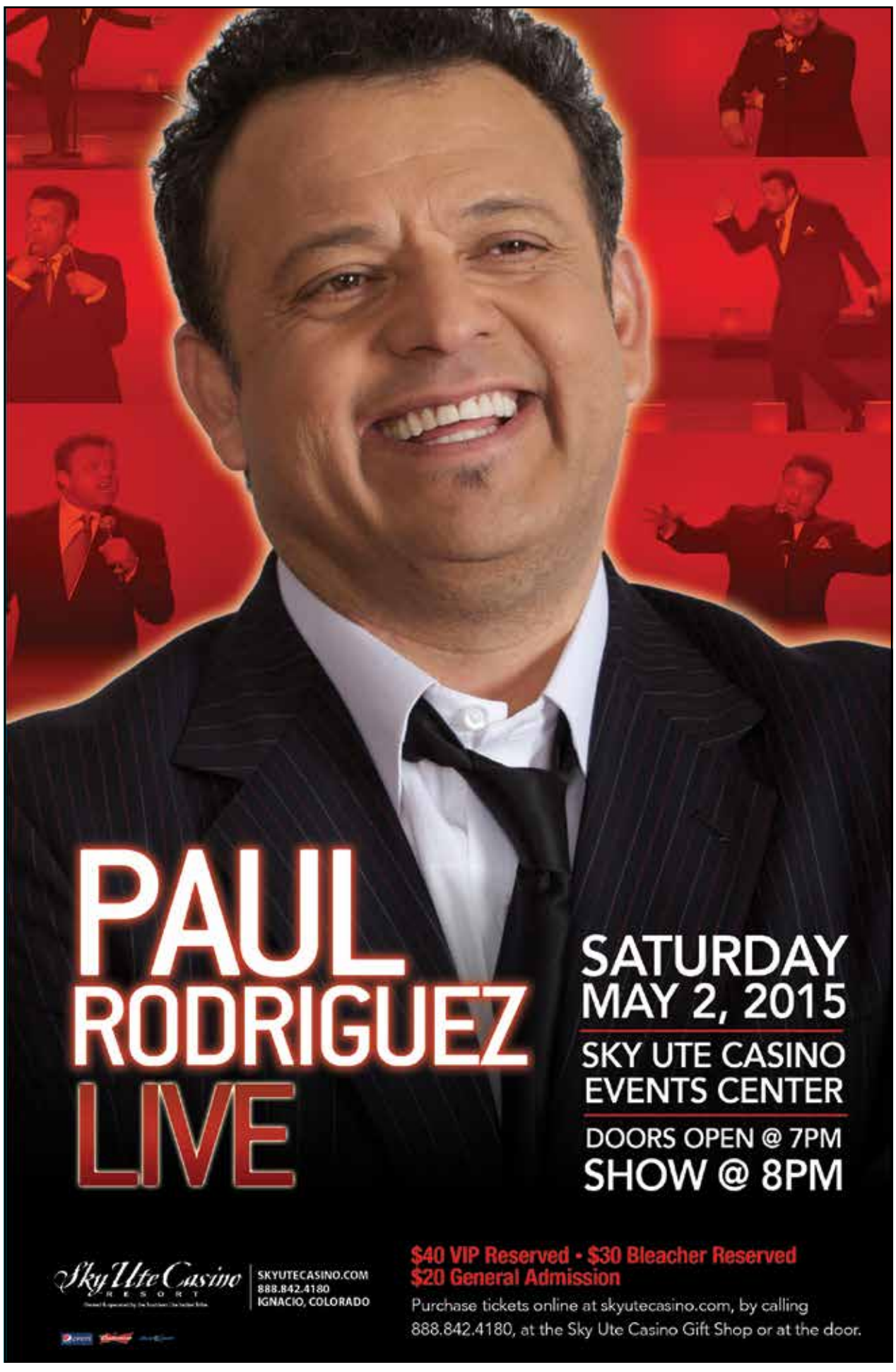
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. 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 urged to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources. Open until filled. Duties of the Credit Committee listed below.

- 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

JOM Meeting scheduled

The Johnson-O'Malley Committee will have their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, May 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Education Department.



JOHNSON O'MALLEY
Committee Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the Johnson-O'Malley committee. If you are interested in becoming a committee member please submit a letter to the Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department. This is a volunteered position and JOM only meets once a month on first Monday at 5:30 p.m. If you need any more information contact Ellen Baker at the Education Department, 970-563-0235, ext. 2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. To be eligible:

1. You must have a student enrolled with Ignacio or Bayfield School District K-12.
2. You student must be eligible for the Johnson-O'Malley program with proper documentation on file with the Education Department (Ellen Baker).
3. Open to Native American parent or legal guardianship of a Native American that is enrolled with the two school districts.

Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or over, and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for **THREE REGULAR** and **TWO ALTERNATE** Board Members!

These are Tribal appointments and paid positions. If you are interested in applying for either the REGULAR or ALTERNATE Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Dept. in the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Administration building) by **Friday, May 1 before 5 p.m.**

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, (east wing) of the Leonard C. Burch building.

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Tribe Conducts satisfaction survey

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is conducting a customer satisfaction survey of Tribal members between April 17 and May 10. It can be accessed on the Internet at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SuitMembership. If you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, please contact the Management Information Systems Department at 970-563-0128 or mis@southernute-nsn.gov.

Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our webiste 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.

Executive Vice President - Onshore – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)
Closing date 4/21/15
Under the general direction of the President, this position is responsible for managing onshore projects including: setting priorities; obtaining data and resources; setting milestones; completing technical evaluations; managing budgets; and communicating with management, partners, legal counsel, and others as required. Supervises staff in supporting both exploration and production projects, as well as land ownership and interest properties, business development, engineering and operations. Provides technical expertise to projects as required.

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.

Bowling Counter Clerk (Part-time, no benefits)
Closing date 4/20/15
Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. Initial point of contact for customers, providing superior and friendly customer service at all times. High School Diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have 1 year of working in a bowling center OR 2 years of customer service is required. Must have 1 year cash handling experience.

Line Cook-Banquet (On-call)
Closing date 4/17/15
Assists in the preparation of Al La Carte, Buffet, and Banquet food items as per established menus and specials designated by F&B management. Maintains the highest levels of cleanliness, professionalism, safety, and teamwork and guest service. High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. 2 to 4 years of banquet food production experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have cooking experience in high volume restaurant and/or hotel establishments.

Room Attendant (Full-time)
Closing date 4/20/15
Perform routine duties in cleaning and servicing guest rooms. Must be at least 18 years old+. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field preferred. 1 year previous experience preferred in motel or hotel operation.

***Security Officer (Full-time)**
Closing date 4/20/15
Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Ere the first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

**Must be at least 21 years old.*

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2015-NC-029
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Trinidad Martinez, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Trinidad Mary Martinez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trinidad Maria Herrera.
Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 5, 2015 at 10 a.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 1st day of April, 2015
By the Court, Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2015-0032-CV-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Danielle Felicita Romero, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Danielle Felicita Romero has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Danielle Felicita Monte.
Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than 5 p.m. on May 15, 2015. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 8th day of April, 2015
By the Court, Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

Please Contact the AG Division 970-563-0220

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Spring Produce Sale April 2015
Est. Delivery Date 5/01/15

Orders Due 4/24/15 5:00 PM

Beans: Adobe Milling

Pinto	Anasazi
2# --- $2.00	1# --- $1.50
4# --- $3.50	4# -- $5.00
10# -- $8.00	10# -- $11.00
20# -- $15.00	20# -- $20.00
50# -- $32.00	50# -- $50.00

Potatoes: Farm Fresh
Sorry - Red & Gold Potatoes Not Available in the Spring!

Russet Potatoes
5# --- $1.00
10# --- $1.75
50# --- $8.00
Bakers 50# Box --- $14.00

Flour: Cortez Milling

Red Rose (Unbleached)	White Rose	Blue Bird
5# --- $2.25	5# --- $2.25	5# --- $2.50
10# -- $4.00	10# -- $4.00	10# -- $4.50
25# -- $9.25	25# -- $9.25	20# -- $7.25
50# -- $18.00	50# -- $18.00	50# -- $18.00

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Blue Corn Meal – Unroasted	Whole Wheat Flour
3# --- $2.25	5# --- $2.25 10# -- $4.00

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Wholegrain Blue Corn Meal	Wholegrain Indian Corn Meal
1.5# --- $2.00	1.5# --- $2.00
Yellow Corn Meal	**White Corn Meal**
1.5# --- $1.25	1.5# --- $1.25

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the HR 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. Applicants and employees, please be sure the Human Resources Department has your current contact information on file.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE.
Human Resources Department: 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.

Clinical Supervisor
Closing date 4/17/15
Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; $60,320/annually

Detention Sergeant
Closing date 4/17/15
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.

Air Quality Program Manager
Closing date 4/20/15
Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Air Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 23; $65,584/annual.

Dispatcher
Closing date 4/22/15
Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; $17.22/hour.

Construction Services Repairman
Closing date 4/23/15
Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15; $14.10/hour.

Multi-Purpose Facility Coordinator
Closing date 4/23/15
Assists Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park Facility Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of the Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park activities and basic office management. Assisting in the oversight/coordination of all regularly scheduled events and special events for the Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park. Pay grade 15; $14.10/hour.

Construction Crew Leader
Closing date 4/24/15
Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients homes. Pay grade 17; 17.22/hour.

Detention Officer
Closing date 4/28/15
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;$17.22/hour.

Grant Writer/Specialist
Closing date 4/30/15
Planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications; conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade 20; $23.01/hour.

Education Assistant
Closing date 5/1/15
Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children.

Fine Arts Guide
Closing date 5/1/15
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. using the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Lower Elementary Guide
Closing date 5/1/15
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. using the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Ute Language Teacher
Closing date 5/1/15
Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by coordinator of Ute Curriculum & Design.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

Technical Support Specialist Trainee
Closing date 4/30/15
Open to Southern Ute Tribal Members and assists in providing PC hardware, software, and basic network support for all tribal departments, tribal entities, and tribal members. Starts at 20% below entry level for a grade 18 at a rate of $15.04/hour.

Painter looking for painting jobs, interior/exterior

Please call Sandy 970-286-4650 or Fred 970-883-5556.

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

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throwing error by Gatzke at shortstop, but plating more individuals quickly became a tough task for IHS to accomplish.

Bear starter Stetson Hamilton (W; 5 IP, 4 K) gave up seven hits and also walked three before being lifted for Gatzke (2 IP, H, 0 R, BB, K), and the duo combined to maroon nine Cats before IHS 2B Nate Atencio struck out looking in the top of the seventh for the engagement's last out.

Wallace, a junior, paired with second baseman Josh McCoy to offer essential defensive aid. She managed to retire Beebe, ending the top of the second inning, with her right toes on the base after a spectacular stretch to receive McCoy's throw after he ranged far to his left – almost short right field, in fact – to smother Beebe's bouncer.

And in the guests' sixth, McCoy somehow managed to zip a near-strike to a fully extended Wallace and complete a 1-4-3 double play off Medina's bat after surviving Raphael Herrera's takeout slide up the middle.

"We all put a part in; it wasn't just one of us, it was all of us together," said Wallace. "Good team effort."

Junior Tucker Ward (L; 4 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 3 ER) joined first baseman Andrew Martinez in singling and scoring during Ignacio's fifth, cutting the deficit down to a more-manageable 6-3, but DHS (4-4, 2-0 SJBL) decisively broke things open with five runs in the bottom of the frame.

Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With shortstop Timmy Plehinger backing him up, Ignacio second baseman Nathan Atencio tries tagging out Dolores' Jalen Balderrama (10) on an attempted steal during the Bobcats' San Juan Basin League opener, April 11 upon Gonzales Field at Joe Rowell Park.

Leftfielder Guy Wallace, Kitty Wallace's cousin, and Tel Hamilton (freshman brother of senior Stetson) started the rally by reaching on consecutive Herrera errors at third, and scored on two-out singles off Timmy Plehinger (IP, 2 H, 5 R, 3 ER, BB, K) by Madden and McCoy (3-3, SAC-FLY, 2 R, 2 RBI).

Plehinger then plunked Purkat to load the bases and Stetson Hamilton (2-3, BB, R, 2 RBI) singled past Herrera to plate McCoy and Purkat (1-2, HBP, BB, 3 R) for what ended up being the game's final runs.

"I believe we're a lot better than our record shows right now," Madden said. "We've played a few tougher teams in some tournaments, but we're ready to show some people what we're made of. Ready to prove ourselves."

Ward, who went 2-for-4 with a run, struck out six Bears while walking just two.

"I was just feeding off their energy," he said. "They were talking bad about us a lot, so I…wanted to make them be quiet."

McCaw finished 1-4 and Martinez 1-3 with a walk and an RBI. Medina and Pena each went 1-4, and Atencio and Beebe (rightfielder in the varsity game) each 1-3 as Ignacio dipped to 2-6 (0-1 SJBL) overall after previous non-league losses at 2A Center (9 to 8 on 4/3, played in Alamosa) and 3A La Jara Centauri (3-2 on 4/9).

"We just didn't play defense like we know we can," Ward said. "It's hard to play when you're missing a lot of balls ... had a lot of errors."

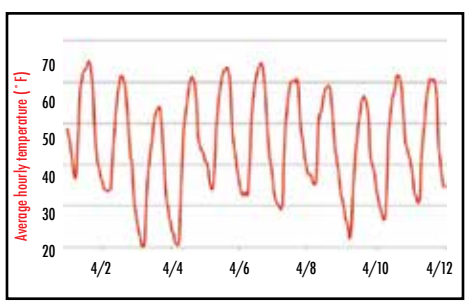
Ignacio will head south to face the 4A Bloomfield, N.M., JV at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 17, then return to welcome Dove Creek to SunUte Field on the 18th for a SJBL doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. IHS will then complete their three-game series with the Bulldogs on April 22 at 3 p.m. out in Dolores County.

Catch all the Bobcat action in the Drum online at www.sudrum.com

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, April 17	Saturday, April 18	Sunday, April 19
Partly sunny 56˚F	Mostly sunny 60˚F	Mostly sunny 64˚F

Weather data for April 1 – April 13



Temperature

High	64.9˚
Low	20.1˚
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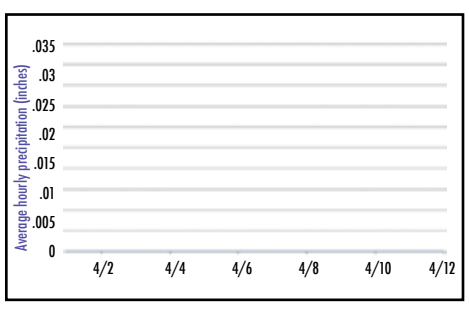
Average last year	43.6˚



Precipitation

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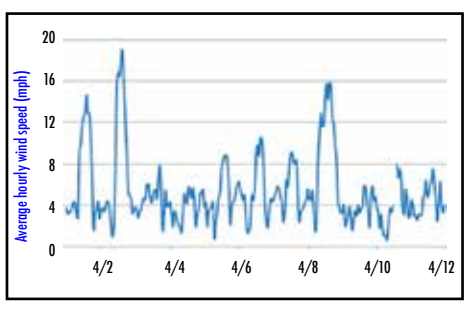
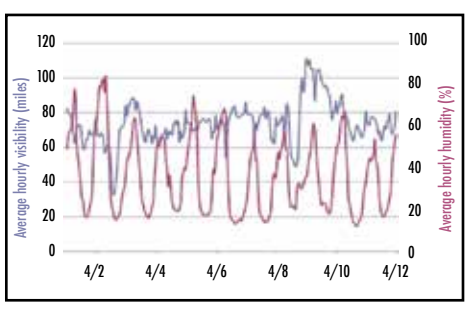
Total last year	0.020"



Wind speed

Average	6.7
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	23.7



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	74.0
Average humidity	25.5%

Air quality
Moderate
Air quality descriptor: 54

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