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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Members of the SCSYAC stand proud after the swearing in ceremony held in Council Chambers, March 6. The current seated youth council consists of (left to right) Vice Chairman Larenz Wilbourn, Chairman Issac Suina, Secretary Lakota TwoCrow, Councilman Cameron Weaver, Councilman Randy Herrera, Councilman Elijah Weaver and Council Lady Lonicia O'John.

SCSYAC

Youth Council welcomes new members

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council welcomed two new councilmen to their seven-member council

Friday, March 6 in Council Chambers. Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost swore tribal members Lakota TwoCrow and Larenz Wilbourn into the youth council. Also taking the oath of office were Issac

Suina and Elijah Weaver, both were reelected to the youth council.

The youth council is helping the young people realize that they will be in

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SUCAP

Protest fuels controversy

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Last week, protesters gathered outside the steps of the Southern Ute Community Action Program (SUCAP) building to object a matter of issues, which according to the protesters involves unfair treatment to employees, lack of responsibility by management, and violation of civil rights.

Fingers were pointed, and accusations were fueled, all resulting in white placards with the words, "Drop the SU in SUCAP" and "Tribal traditions and culture disregarded" sketched across.

The protest first started after a number of employees criticized the establishment for wrongful termination. Southern Ute tribal elder, Judy Lansing, who has worked at SUCAP for 30 years, is one of those



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Judy Lansing, Linda Mahlum, and Tamera Reynolds protest outside the steps of the Southern Ute Career Action Program (SUCAP) on Thursday, March 5 after criticizing the organization for wrongful termination and civil rights violations. SUCAP responded by stating their decisions were rational and met company policies.

who claim she was wrongfully terminated as well as not being allowed to file a grievance when the decision was made. She stated that these actions were unfair, incompetent, and abused her civil rights as an employee.

"There have been many

violations with civil rights here," Lansing said. "They don't even follow their own grievance policy ... we are fighting to get our jobs back."

Lansing claims that her termination dates back to

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Council calls special meeting with Ignacio School Board

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Ignacio School Board got together to address any concerns between the tribe and the district, in regards to the tribal students.

The two parties have held regular meetings for the past five years and the Tuesday, March 17 meeting marks the first of this year.

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Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Vice Chairman Melvin J. Baker expresses concerns with the Ute language not transitioning from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to the Ignacio School District during a meeting with the Ignacio School Board Tuesday, March 17.

GROWTH FUND

Employees awarded for safety

Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Operations Engineer, Jenn Miller of Red Willow took home the top prize at the Southern Ute Growth Fund's Safety and Environmental Achievement Award Banquet Thursday, March 5.

Red Willow's Vice President of Operations, John Larkin nominated Miller for the award.

According to Larkin, Miller helped identify gaps in processes and helped put in place a lot of policies and procedures to ensure that the company stayed in compliance.

"Jenn has been able to help us get to where we wanted to go," he said. "With Jenn's guidance and engineering skills we developed a process of, do it right and do it once. She has done a great job."

Second place went to Katie Wohlust of Red Willow and third place to Kyle Hunderman, also of Red Willow. Other nominees included, Harley Everhart of Aka Energy, James Gustine and Trent Reeder of Growth Fund



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Growth Fund's Safety and Environmental Achievement Awards were given out Thursday, March 5 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The top three awarded individuals were employees with the Red Willow Production Company. Pictured are nominees: James Gustine and Trent Reeder of the Growth Fund IT Department.

IT, Darrin Hayhurst of Red Cedar, Chris Musgrave of Utilities Division, Kurts Prinslow of Growth Fund Real Estate, Elvis Ream of Red Willow and Chuck Thomson of Red Willow.

"There were ten nominees this year ... the most ever since we started providing the awards in 2005," Lynn Woomer regulatory compliance manager with the Growth Fund's Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group said. "At the end of the day every-

one nominated is a winner." Southern Ute Tribal Councilman James M. Olguin said that Tribal Council values safety in the workplace.

"[Council] looks at job safety seriously, we want all of the tribe's employees going home safe ... and you all are doing that, and we appreciate it."

Councilman Alex S. Cloud couldn't attend the meeting but he sent Councilman Olguin with a message, "Safety is important and should never be overlooked."

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Re-three Kings: Bobcats places at State playoffs



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With seniors Adison Jones and Xavier Reynolds propping up the trophy, the Ignacio Bobcats pose for fans following a 2 up, 1 down third-place showing at the Class 2A State Basketball Championships inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena.

Again denied by Sanford, 'Cats again save third

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

If there was one thing Ignacio would have loathed more than yet another loss to non-league nemesis Sanford – spoiling IHS' shot at facing top-ranked, top-seeded Loveland Resurrection Christian for all the season's marbles – it would have been leaving the 2015 Class 2A State Basketball Championships empty-handed.

That simply wasn't an option, and with a 69-52 defeat of Simla on Saturday, March 14, the 23-3 Bobcat boys made sure some sort of trophy would join them in making the return trip to La Plata County and the heart of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

"It felt good just to get back to what we know, what we're doing," said senior forward Adison Jones, who accepted the third-place trophy from Colorado High School Activities Association Assistant Commissioner Jenn Roberts-Uhlig

upon the ThunderWolves emblem adorning midcourt inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena.

"To get one last win felt good."

"Amazing," senior guard Xavier Reynolds said. "It just shows we're a team, one of the best in Colorado."

"It feels great," agreed junior guard Anthony Manzanara. "Even though it's third place we feel like we just won a first-place championship. We're just playing for our seniors, our team, and playing for our community."

Which, as always, will be expectant come this November when the 2015-16 campaign gets underway.

"Yeah it looks good," freshman guard Kruz Parado predicted. "I mean, we have freshmen on the varsity team, we have sophomores, and we're going to be a good team when we get older! And if we come back here I think we have a good chance to win it all."

DAY ONE: #6 RYE 38, #3 IGNACIO 45. Staving off disaster on day one in the Steel City, the Cats got nine fourth-quarter points from a foul-plagued Jones, and collective 9-of-10 free-throw shooting in the frame to hold

off the game Thunderbolts by seven in the tournament's initial 'Great Eight' stage.

"It was going pretty bad, but I just had to keep my head. Support the team – that's all I could pretty much do!" Jones said. "And just come out in the second half and play my heart out for those guys."

Struggling to bang with RHS' sizable backcourt players, IHS' talented guards were held to 14 first-half points, with junior Wyatt Hayes netting 11 to help Ignacio overcome a forgettable first eight minutes – after which they trailed 5 to 2 – and take a slim 16-15 lead into halftime.

"We knew they were strong – knew they were a big football team," said junior Tucker Ward, who had the guards' other three first-half points. "So that's how we prepared for them!"

"Yeah," concurred Hayes, who finished with a game-high 16 points. "I was just trying to get us a little confidence," he continued. "Our first half was pretty rough, and I thought getting us the lead at halftime would get us pumped up."

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SUPD hire Harrison and Pahe



courtesy Chris Naranjo/SU Police Dept.

Jason Harrison and Rylan Pahe were sworn in on Wednesday, March 4, by honorable Tribal Judge Scott Moore. On Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015, the two graduated from the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM. The new officers successfully completed a grueling 16-week, semi-military style police academy. Jason Harrison previously worked at the Southern Ute Detention Center for many years as a detention officer. Rylan Pahe previously worked security at the Sky Ute Casino. The men were only two of several candidates who applied for a police trainee position. Jason Harrison was recognized on graduation day for being a squad leader. The Southern Ute Police Department is very proud of both Jason and Rylan.

MANY MOONS AGO



10 years ago



Senior Maria "Hot Sauce" Rivera drives to the hoop in an attempt to score for Ignacio against the number one team in the state at the Regional playoffs in Buena Vista, Colorado. Friday, March 4. The Ladycats lost in the first round of the Regional playoffs to the Buena Vista Lady Demons.

This photo first appeared in the March 18, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

Veterans speak at BGC



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran, Rod Grove, held a discussion with the Boys & Girls Club on Thursday, March 12, where he talked about his military experience and time served during the Vietnam War. He brought in newspaper articles that highlighted important moments from the war, and enticed the kids with his personal stories. The students responded by asking questions, as well as commenting on the war experience from their own family.

Lola Osawe, director of the Tribal Health Department and an Air Force Veteran, visits with the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Tuesday, March 10. Osawe describes to the kids how big the plane was she used to ride on while she was a medical officer in the military. Osawe showed slides of her tenure in the Air Force to the kids. The slides consisted of pictures of training exercises she participated in.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The time for the Veteran's Association monthly meeting has been changed from 6:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will still be held the first Wednesday of every month at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Ignacio Intermediate School students attended the afternoon session of the Southern Ute Community Nutrition Fair held at the Head Start gym. Several of the So. Ute Health, SUCAP, and IHS departments had booths to demonstrate good health habits. The tables had everything from handouts to nutritional snacks to eat. This fair was open to the public and the daylong event attracted interested people from the tribal campus and the greater Ignacio community.

This photo first appeared in the March 31, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Part of the Hozhoni Days Celebration, Ms. Cynthia Kent, was one of the speakers who spoke to the Native American students. Ms. Kent's main topics were titles "Living in Two Worlds," or "Is the Grass Really Greener on the Other Side," or "There is No Place Like Home." Cynthia encouraged the students to keep their "Indian" pride and not to expect jobs, scholarships, etc., just because you're an INDIAN, but to go out and compete just like everybody else.

This photo first appeared in the March 22, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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LOCAL UPDATE

Call for artists "Perception of women" art show

Call for artists for the "Perception of Women" art show. Show to run April to May. Call the Dancing Spirit Gallery for more information at 970-563-4600.

Tribal Council Spring Break

Tribal Council will be on break from March 30 to April 3. No Council Meetings will be held that week. Please plan accordingly regarding electronic packet submittal for any action items needing approval.

SUCCM UPDATE

Attention local artisans

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art

in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

Become A Friend of the museum

A Friend of the Museum is a rewards program that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be implementing at the beginning of September. This is a free program where we will reward you for coming in to visit us. Ask any of our visitor service employees or call 970-563-9583 for more information on this program.



SUCCM

Meet the intern: Greg Bison

Staff report
SU CULTURAL CENTER
& MUSEUM



Hello my name is Gregory Bison. I am a Southern Ute tribal member and I'm one of the new employees here at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, I was hired as an education intern last October.

My duties here at the museum are helping museum visitors by directing them to the exhibits, taking admissions, giving tours to various groups, helping the education department of the museum create and plan educational activities for the local schools and tribal youth.

In my time working here I have expanded my knowledge about the Southern Ute culture and how a museum is operated. Working with the museum staff has been so wonderful as they have shown me the behind the scenes of the museum world, and I can tell you it is not one of the easiest jobs. Everyone here always has something to do from handling collec-

tions, working with visitors, to the maintenance of the building. I have also seen and been a part of the process of how a museum plans its events.

One thing I've learned from the events here is it takes a tremendous amount of planning and hard work in order to have an event run as smooth as it can.

I have also learned that there are a lot of opportunities here for our tribal membership including myself to get involved and help maintain our tribes' heritage and culture.

These opportunities include donating time or funds to help put on class-

es for the community and youth, or even going to college to get a certificate in Museum Studies to handle and maintain the artifacts that are kept in the archives because not just anybody can do these types of jobs.

There are also opportunities here to meet people from the United States and even around the world! So far I have met people from the U.K., Germany, Mexico and even the Great Shakopee Tribe located in Minnesota.

My internship is going to end in August of this summer and I plan on attending college at Adams State in Alamosa. Because of my work at the museum I may consider adding Museum Studies to my major.

My time here at the museum has been wonderful! I am so glad to have had the opportunity to work here with the staff and learn more about my culture and hope that the future generations also take interest their heritage, culture and possibly a career in museum studies.

SUCCM

Learn to make a Bear Dance growler

Staff report
SU CULTURAL CENTER
& MUSEUM



SU Drum archives

The sound of thunder has signaled the time for spring and the awakening of our relatives, the bears. In celebration of this new season, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be holding a Beardance Growler Making workshop on April 9 and 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the museum's large classroom.

The workshop on April 9 will feature a Beardance presentation by Beardance Chief, Matthew Box, who will share important cultural information about the Beardance and growler.

On April 10, youth participants will work with Matthew in constructing their own growler. We are asking for Ute Elders to come join us, share your knowledge, and help mentor our youth as we start our journey into the spring sea-

son of Tamanat. If interested please call the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum at 970-563-9583, Tallas Cantsee, Education Manager at ext. 3608 or Pamela King, Education Coordinator at ext. 3609.

Elders gather at luncheon



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum hosted an elder's lunch on Friday, March 13. Elders gathered in the museum classroom and were served baked pork chops, corn, mashed potatoes, tortillas, and applesauce, while being treated with a movie. Tribal elder, Evelyn Russell (right), enjoys her afternoon meal and a conversation at the lunch held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

The beauty of making a quilt



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Jalisa Paul works on crafting a Star Quilt from scratch, during the Culture Department's craft class at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum Thursday, March 5



The Southern Ute Culture Department's early March craft classes were dedicated to designing and crafting Star Quilts.

Southern Ute tribal elder Connie Baker lays out her strips of fabric that will form the star on her quilt.

Elder Services – March Activities

- **March 26:** Farmington Shopping Trip, van leaving at 9 a.m. All trips are subject to change without prior notice. There will need to be four or more tribal elders and tribal members with disabilities. Questions, call 970-563-0156.



Monthly Beadwork Challenge

CULTURE DEPARTMENT

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, with a start and finish date. The challenge may be easy or hard. At the end of the challenge send us a picture of your completed project, we will display pictures at the next month's elder lunch. This is a fun way to challenge yourself, improve your beading skills and see how creative you and others can be.

Here is the challenge for March you may begin after March 1st, ending date is March 31st, pictures of completed projects will be accepted April 1-3, 2015. e-mail picture to twhite@southernute-nsn.gov, or bring your project by and we will take the picture for you.

Call 563-0100 ext. 2306 for more information.



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 classes: Roach Headdresses and Peyote Stich. If you are interested, please call Mareg Barry at 970-563-4802 or 970-563-0100, ext. 2306.

95th Annual Southern Ute 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.

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Cold & flu: Clinic offers tips to keep you healthy

By Paige Kapp, PharmD, BCPS
SU HEALTH CENTER

The Southern Ute Health Center strives to provide excellent healthcare and service to the community.

As you may have noticed, we have had an especially harsh influenza, stomach flu, and cold season. Many people who were vaccinated for influenza still contracted the virus this year, due to the changing of the virus since the vaccine was made last summer.

The CDC is reporting lower numbers of influenza cases reported in Colorado than in many other parts of the country, but the best advice is to see your healthcare provider as soon as you have symptoms.

As always, children under 2 years old, pregnant women, and adults over 65 years old are at the highest risk of severe problems from influenza.

There is medication available to treat influenza if the virus is caught early.

With the increase in illness this season, please remember that the clinic has a lot of work to do to keep up.

You can help us by remembering to request your prescription refills at least 48 hours before you run out

Symptoms of influenza infection:

- fever
- chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- fatigue (tiredness)
- sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults)

of medication. This gives your healthcare provider time to review your record and be sure the medication is still the best thing for your medical condition, and

allows the pharmacy time to order medications that may not be in stock.

We also ask that you keep scheduled appointments, or cancel at least 24 hours ahead of time, so that your appointment time can be given to another person.

We ask that you schedule routine follow-up as soon as you know that you are due, in order to be sure you get the date and time you want, and to avoid delays in getting your prescriptions renewed.

We are here to serve this community, and we welcome feedback and suggestions to make your healthcare experience a good one.

Please fill out a survey at the clinic if you have any suggestions or comments.

Prevention is the key to slowing the spread of influenza, stomach flu and colds, so remember to:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing, after using the bathroom, and before eating.
- Always use disposable tissues when you have a cold.
- Get rid of tissues as soon as you've used them.
- Do not go to work or school if you are feeling sick or have a fever.
- Make sure you are up to date on immunizations, including a yearly flu shot.

Veterans seek better services



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Health Center and members from the Southern Ute Veterans Association are coming together in providing better and updated services for Tribal veterans. Due to the ongoing workload, the Tribe is currently absent of a veteran service officer. The Health Center and veterans are now looking to change that. Southern Ute Veterans, Rod Grove and Howard D. Richards Sr. met with Lola Osawe on Thursday, March 12 to discuss solutions on how to provide these services. They met with Richard Schleeeter, La Plata County veterans service officer, who will be aiding in these services after being mandated to take care of the veterans in the tribal county. He will be extending his services to the tribe in order to serve the veterans in need. The service is expected to commence in April with full intent of meeting the needs of tribal veterans. Southern Ute Veterans Rod Grove (far left) and Howard D. Richards Sr. (for right) pose with Lola Osawe (second from right), Martha Johnson and Richard Schleeeter, from La Plata County's Department of Human Services.

'The Animal' gives back



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tuesday, March 10 we caught up with Professional Boxer Elco Garcia working out in the SunUte Community Center. Garcia was training one of his clients Trent Russell Bonds. Garcia has been working out with Bonds a couple times a week for the last year and a half. "I'm trying to stay busy, my career is almost done, but I'm still training and I enjoy helping Trent stay active and healthy, he said. On the boxing side of things, Garcia said he does have a fight set up Saturday, May 9 as part of the boxing event, "Boxing is back in the Rockies." It's going to be a good one," he said. "I'm looking forward to bringing Boxing back to Ignacio.

Elco Garcia's manager, Brian Frost pose with Trent Russell Bonds and "The Animal" Garcia.



POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING CLASSES

8 Weeks session

Date: March 17, 2015

Time: 2:00 – 4:00

PLACE: Mouache-Capote Conference Room

Positive Indian Parenting class topics include:

- Welcome and Orientation/Traditional Parenting
 - Lessons of the Storyteller
 - Lessons of the Cradleboard
 - Harmony is Child Rearing
- Traditional Behavior management
 - Lessons of Mother Nature
- Praise in Traditional Parenting
- Choices in Parenting Graduation

Positive Indian Parenting is designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for Native parents. We will explore the values and attitudes of traditional native child parenting practices and apply those values to modern parenting.

Class is limited

Early registration or information you may contact Southern Division of Social Services: Kathryn Jacket (970) 563-4735 or (970)442-1635

ATTENTION TRIBAL ELDER AND SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY!

ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THE GATHERING OF NATIONS APRIL 23RD-25TH IN ALBUQUERQUE, NM?

Don't be left behind! Please make any travel arrangements through the Tribe by Wednesday April 15th.

The Tribal accounting offices will not be able to process your travel during the week of April 20th, due to a major conversion of financial software.



SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES Foster Care/Kinship Home Recruitment, Training and Licensing

The Southern Ute Social Services Division is seeking Foster Care within the Southern Ute Tribe and other Native American families who are interested in providing a home for a youth that is in need of placement.

A foster care parent is not a lifetime commitment to a child, but a commitment to be meaningful to a child's life. Be the one to make a difference in a child's life by providing a positive environment and safe place for our Tribal children when they are faced with life challenges.

Being a foster family means helping families overcome their challenges and move toward reunification for family.

Remember our children are our future generation, if we as foster parents can support children and their families we have made a difference in their lives.

Contact: Kathryn Jacket, Foster Care Coordinator: 970-563-0209, ext. 2328



EDUCATION

How the ACCUPLACER test can benefit our students

Staff report
SU EDUCATION DEPT.

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.

The test is being con-

ducted by Southwest Colorado Community College though the Education Department in Ignacio.

- **Education Building – Computer Lab**
- **Thurs., April 30, 1 p.m.**
- **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.

SCIENCE FAIR

Tribal students make Regional Science Fair

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

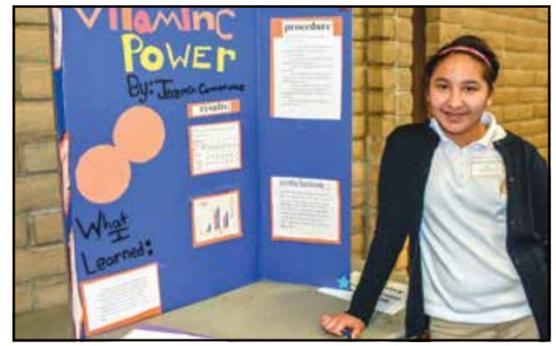
The 57th San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair took place Thursday, March 5 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango, CO. The Drum was able to talk with three tribal members that made the regional science fair this year: Jazmin Carmenoros, Shyanne Vigil and Lakota TwoCrow.

These students were among hundreds who made it to the regional gathering including, Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.

Carmenoros, a sixth grader at St. Columba School, did her project on ‘Vitamin C Power’. The big question was: Will fresh squeezed orange juice have more Vitamin C than purchased or pasteurized orange juice? Carmenoros used a chemical called indophenol solution and would drop it into the orange juice to change the color and see just how much vitamin C it contained.

Clear meant a lot of vitamin C, reddish-purple meant a little and dark blue meant no vitamin C at all, she said. According to Carmenoros, after testing 3 different orange juices Carmenoros concluded that her hypothesis was wrong.

It turned out the Minute Maid Orange Juice is the best and lasts longer when it is not refrigerated. Tropicana came in 2nd place when it came to leaving it out and not refrigerated. Lastly, never leave your fresh squeezed out for a long period of time, she said.



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum
Jazmin Carmenoros



Shyanne Vigil

“I learned that vitamin C is important and is an essential nutrient for the human body, providing our immune system and preventing us from diseases like the flu,” Carmenoros said.

Vigil, an eighth grader at Ignacio Middle School, focused her project on ‘Hair Chemicals’ this year. She examined which of the following worked better at lightening hair, Hydrogen Peroxide or Bleach. Vigil tested different volumes of each to see which lightened hair the quickest, she said.

Vigil came to the conclusion; that with some heat, 30 percent volume Hydrogen Peroxide lightened hair 30 minutes faster than the others.



Lakota TwoCrow

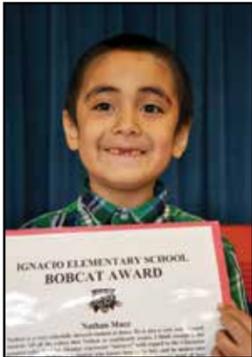
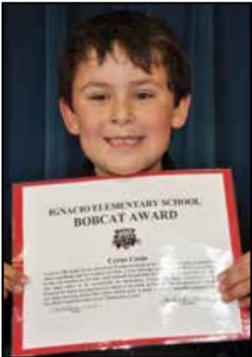
‘The Percentage of Genetically Modified Foods’ was the name of TwoCrows’ project.

TwoCrow, an eighth grader at Ignacio Middle School, recorded his meals for 3 straight days, he wrote down all the ingredients and calculated that 54.5 percent of all the food he ate was genetically modified, he said

“I chose GMO’s because I love genic engineering and just doing this project helped me learn that not all foods you eat are organic,” TwoCrow said.

At the end of the day, Carmenoros won \$25 as a special reward and TwoCrow got Regional Science Fair Honorable Mention.

Bobcats of the month



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

Cyrus Cosio, Peyton Pierre-Louis, Nathan Maes, Aniah Cuthair, Angelo Frost, Brianna Silva, Andreas Gomez, Kaylee Balatchu.

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Lil' Bobcats receive awards



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School students (above) were recognized for their achievements in academics, athletics and attendance for the second trimester at the Ignacio Middle School on Thursday, March 5. Receiving “Sporty Cat” awards were (left to right) Salisha Chavez, Amarante Pardo, Zane Olguin and Julian White.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

KAYA BISON

My name is Kaya Bison. I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am a 1st grader. My favorite subjects in school are art and playing in the snow. My parents are Sarah and Charging Bear Bison.

I like participating in math. In addition, I want to become a teacher when I grow up. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of March because I am a good student and I follow the teacher's rules.

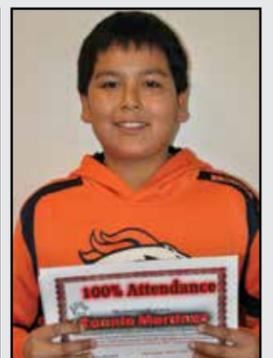
Comments: I want to thank Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Vogel for being awesome teachers.

YLLANA HOWE

My name is Yllana Howe. I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am 5th grader. My favorite subject in school is science. My parents are Walter Howe and Marquetta Howe.

I like participating in all my classes. In addition, I want to learn more science when I grow up. I want to go to college and become an artist.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of March because I'm doing good in all my classes and I represent the six pillars of character counts.



Ignacio Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade “Students of Character” are, Salisha Chavez, Amanda Henderson, C.J. Francis, Alric Hudson, Angela Baker and Ronnie Martinez, were recognized during the 2nd Trimester. Ronnie Martinez was also awarded for “Perfect Attendance” on Thursday, March 5.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Valerie Jack, MIS Senior Technical Support Specialist for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (center) gives a helping hand at one of the Durango Film Festival information booths inside the Gaslight Twin Cinema in downtown Durango. The festival ran from March 4 to March 8.

DURANGO FILM FESTIVAL

Native films premiere with wide acclaim

By Damon Toledo THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Another year is in the bag for the Durango Independent Film Festival, which returned to La Plata County for its tenth straight year. The festival took place from March 4 through March 8, and featured films from all over the world, ranging in genres of comedy, science fiction, documentary, and drama. The festival is held in honor of independent filmmaking, recognizing productions that utilize the use of smaller and down-scaled budgets compared to larger Hollywood films. A number of actors and artists made an appearance, including Smoke Signals director, Chris Eyre, and actor, Gary Farmer.

Among the list of programs, the Native American Film Program returned for its fifth year, showcasing a number of films that tell stories involving native themes, including spirituality and self-discovery. The program was met with positive reviews from audiences and wants to use the inspiration to grab the attention of native artists in regards of considering filmmaking as a visionary outlet.

"We have had many crowd pleasers that people have been talking about," said Crystal Delgai, director of the Native American Film Program. "Each of the

native films has an importance. There are films that the communities need to see, and there are films that open up people's eyes to another way of life."

The native program allowed storytellers to share their tales of pride, responsibility, and adventures. "Daughters of Emmonak" is a 2013 film directed by Samantha Andre, and tells the inspiring of Lynn, a caring woman who opened the Emmonak Women's Shelter in 1982 with the intent of providing a safe place for women and children from the surrounding villages. The film was met with acclaim and won the audience award along with "Indian Relay", a documentary film by Charles Dye that follows several teams from three different American Indian communities as they prepare for and compete across a grueling Indian Relay season.

"These people are remarkable and are working so hard to pass on the generation," said director George Giglio as he commented on his film, "Listening for a New Day." The film was recently screened at Ignacio Middle School prior to the festival showing. It tells the story of the Arapaho Tribes in Wyoming coming together to build a buffalo hide tipi after learning of only five known to exist still intact.

"The native program is amazing because every

movie is so good," commented Chris Eyre, director of Smoke Signals. "These stories are real and are about real people."

He attended the festival with Paula Amanda from the Santa Fe University of Art and Design along with sophomore students Alec Brown, Zach Tiongson, Lia Gotz, Omar Hilario, and Alejandra Castro. The students were also presenting a film of their own, each coming from its own inspiration.

"The native culture is traditionally storytelling," Paula Amanda said. "They're embracing the technology to tell these stories, and it reminds you that it's always a traditional element in their culture."

The Native American Film Program is already looking forward to it's next year and is encouraging the inspiring native artists to get behind a camera and see a new vision in storytelling.

"It's great to support these artists and encourage others in the creativity of these projects," said Crystal Delgai. "Our program breaks the barriers of conversation. People might not understand a native film, and that can lead to some opinionated discussions. But history is shared ... and as natives, we have the heritage to understand the themes because we see our mother's, fathers, and elders as heroes, and we understand that."

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Celebrating 34 years of educating native youth

CU Upward Bound reunion July 24 and 25

The University of Colorado at Boulder's Upward Bound Program (CUUB), formerly referred to as the American Indian Upward Bound (AIUB), a federally funded program, started in Boulder in 1981.

CUUB would like to celebrate 34 years working with and impacting Native American youth across generations.

Rick Williams who has served as president and CEO of the American Indian College fund, helped begin the CU Upward Bound program which has served over 500 students since its inception.

CUUB Alumni have gone on to become the movers and shakers within their communities and Indian Country. All former participants, staff, resident advisors, and faculty, are invited to attend this

year's reunion, which will take place on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 to coincide with the final banquet for the program's current students.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Alumni will be invited to a brunch and campus visit/tour. After lunch with the current students Alumni can participate on career and education pipelines panels to share their experiences with our students. The evening will provide multiple networking opportunities for Alumni to share success stories as well as build and collaborate on future efforts.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Alumni will attend a combined Reunion luncheon and CUUB Awards Ceremony BBQ on campus. A free concert will be provided to celebrate the reunion and the current students' success in finish-

ing the six-week academic program.

The Best Western Plus Boulder Inn will serve as the host hotel though alumni are welcome to find alternate accommodations as well.

The program's current grant period allows approximately 103 students from targeted areas located on or near 8 major Native American reservations or communities throughout the United States including the Comanche Nation, Lumbee Indian community, Jemez Pueblo, Navajo reservation, Pine Ridge reservation, Umatilla reservation, Ramah Navajo community, and the Southern Ute reservation, targeting approximately 21 high schools.

For information please visit: www.facebook.com/events/892540467423863 or www.colorado.edu/odece/cuub/ You may contact the Director, Tanaya Winder at 303-492-2887 or Assistant Director, Savannah Boyd at 303-492-2884.

BGC award youth of the month



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe honored two students for the BGC student of the month. The award is awarded for excellence in school and in the BGC Club. BGC Program Coordinator, Cassandra Sanchez (left) and BGC Mentor Coordinator, Lindsay Box (right) stand with Ashley Flores and Wyatt Ezzell, both fourth graders in the 4+ category, at the Ignacio Elementary School on Thursday, March 5. Also recognized for BGC Junior of the Month, was Bayfield Elementary School's - second grader, Austin Wilmer. The club recognizes students of the month who advance to compete for BGC Youth of the Year, in State, Regionals and National competitions. Winners win scholarships, computers and other prizes.

COUNCIL MEETS WITH ISD • FROM PAGE 1

"I'm glad I'm here with Tribal Council, we are always very concerned about our tribal students," Vice Chairman Melvin J. Baker said.

One main concern for the tribe is the transitioning of Southern Ute Indian Montessori students into the public school district, Latitia Taylor Education Department Director, said.

"We have to figure out how we can acclimate the students so it's not such a big shock," she said.

Rocco Fuschetto, Ignacio School District superintendent, said what they see is that some children coming out of SUIMA have trouble with test taking.

Fuschetto suggested that the Ignacio School District supply some practice tests for the transitioning students so they become familiar with the testing in the school district.

Another concern was the transferring of student's information, from SUIMA to ISD.

Taylor mentioned the ISD sometimes does needless retesting on students when SUIMA has already identified learning disabilities. "SUIMA and the Igna-

cio School District need to work together better, some of these issues have already been identified," Taylor said.

Eagle mentioned that the transition is concern not only for SUIMA students, but also for other tribal members and natives transferring from out of the area.

"Hopefully we get some results with the school district, we want to make sure our tribal members and all natives get their education," Council lady Ramona Y. Eagle said.

Tribal Council also brought up the concern of the Ute language not transitioning with the SUIMA students.

"We need to figure how to incorporate the language in the younger curriculum," Baker said. "There is that gap between sixth grade and high school that the language is not being taught, and if you don't keep practicing, you forget it."

Ignacio High School started offering a Ute Language class this semester and currently has six students enrolled in the class.

"I think it would be good for all students to learn it," Fuschetto said. "It would be beneficial in our tri-ethnic

community ... I would like to learn to speak some common respectful phrases."

Parent involvement was also a topic of discussion in Tuesday night's board meeting. Fuschetto said parental involvement seems to be the same recurring problem.

"We really see the participation dwindle as students enter middle-and high school," Fuschetto said.

Taylor offered some advice to the school board suggesting they get more face-to-face interaction with parents.

"Mail-home surveys to parents have proven to be a waste of time and money." She said. "We had a great turnout when we went door-to-door surveying parents."

Lastly, Baker raised concerns with the agricultural classes. Baker said he wants to see the youth more involved in farming.

"Farming to me is like the language, if no one learns to do it, we'll lose it." Baker said. "There are a lot of our elders retiring from farming and they have good fields," he said. "It would be nice to see the younger people learn how to plow and till those fields."

Advertisement for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe BEAR DANCE. It features a photograph of dancers in traditional regalia. The text includes the dates May 22-25, 2015 in Ignacio, Colorado, and details for the Bear Dance Corral Blessing and Bear Dance Feast. It also lists the Bear Dance Chief and Chiefs, and provides contact information for more details.



IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cats stopped at regionals

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Asked earlier in the season about key improvements upon the previous year that he'd seen in his Lady Bobcats, following a win inside his team's temporary SunUte Community Center home, Shane Seibel replied:

"What I know is they're willing to play so hard for each other. They will not get on each other; they will challenge each other but they will also just encourage. And play, play hard!"

Unfortunately the Ignacio girls finally met an equal in that regard, which ended their spectacular winter.

Forward Hilda Garcia registered 15 points in what would be the last game of an outstanding freshman campaign, and junior forward Ellie Seibel scored nine, but behind senior Sydney Hughes' 21-point, eight-rebound, seven-assist performance Meeker prevailed 63-47 in the 2A-Region III Tourna-

ment semifinals on Friday, March 6.

In strong, needed support of MHS' marquee attraction (12 of Hughes' points came from 14 free-throw attempts), sophomore Reese Pertile netted 15 points and grabbed 12 boards, and classmate Hallie Ahrens chipped in 11 points as the Western Slope League representatives forced those from the San Juan Basin League to attempt a climb out of a 19-point halftime hole.

The Lady Cats also got nine points from sophomore forward/center Alejandra Lujan, five from freshman guard Avionne Gomez, four from junior guard Chrystianne Valdez and three from junior guard Cortney Baker.

After going 8-14 overall during Seibel's first season in charge, IHS finished 17-5 in 2014-15 but will unfortunately lose fiery point guard Sky Cotton and reserve low-post player Amya Bison to graduation.

"Sky had an amazing

year with all the obstacles she overcame her growth was pretty cool to see," Seibel said via e-mail. Fighting through foul trouble Cotton finished with two points, five rebounds and four assists.

"Amya was most improved, very coachable, and provided a great attitude in practice everyday," he continued, noting that Bison did not attend the game due to a knee injury suffered during practice the week of IHS' upset of defending Class 1A State Champions Norwood.

Hughes also would end her weekend in Grand Junction denied – along with her teammates – one last trip to Pueblo to show her skills before fans inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena.

Finishing 17-6, Meeker took a 60-34 smacking from Cedaredge in the next day's Region III finale, denying them a return to the 2A State Championships, as the Lady Bruins entered the season-ending weekend 21-2 overall.



TRIBAL MEMBERS Receive FREE Whitewater raft guide training

Are you a Southern Ute Tribal Member interested in training to become a whitewater rafting guide? If so, this is a great opportunity for you! Trainings are made available on a first-come, first-served basis, and are held each May and June. For more information, please contact Lovvis Downs-Glass at the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130, or email to ldglass@southernute-nsn.gov. The deadline to apply is April 24.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

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Registration Deadline Monday July 20th @ 5pm
Donate \$5 after your first 5 homerun hits!

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

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

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SunUte Solar Flares Youth Swim Team 2015

First Session	Second Session	Third Session
January 5th - February 28th	April 6th - June 25th	August 3rd - September 24th



Where: SunUte pool

TIME: Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:00pm during a session. Except on holidays.

COST: \$30 registration fee per session. Free for SUIT Tribal Members.

SUNUTE MEMBERSHIP - All swimmers will be required to have a SunUte membership. Student rates are available. Free for SUIT Tribal Members.

AGE: For ages 8-18.

SWIM MEETS: There will be at least one meet at or near the end of each session.

There is an annual USA Swim registration fee required before swimmers can enter a sanctioned swim meet. See coach Lin for that registration form. A \$5 USA Swim fee is available to swimmers who qualify for the free lunch program.



For more information contact:
Lisa Allen/Aquatics Coordinator
(970)563-0214 ext. 2653



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



Southern Ute BEAR DANCE POWWOW

May 22 & 23
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, Colo.

GOULD DANCE
• Friday, May 22 - 5 p.m.
• Saturday, May 23 - 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

GRAND ENTRY
• Friday, May 22 - 7 p.m.
• Saturday, May 23 - 1 & 7 p.m.

HEAD STAFF
• Emcee - Alex Shepherd
• Arena Director - Francis Sherwood
• Northern Host Drum - Sun Eagle
• Southern Host Drum - Southern Rockies
• Drum Judge - Bart Stevens
• Head Man - Adrian Stevens
• Head Woman - Ellie Seibel, Miss Southern Ute
• Head Guard Dancer - Andy Casad
• Color Guard - Southern Ute Veterans

CONTEST CATEGORIES
• Golden Age: 55 & older
• Men and Women
• Men's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
• Fancy Grass, Ho. & So. Traditional
• Women's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
• Fancy Show, Jingle, Ho. & So. Traditional
• Fancy Grass, Combined Traditional
• Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs. & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs.
• Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs. & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs.
• Fancy, Ho. Ho., Combined Traditional
• Men's Grass Dance Special:
• Sponsored by Head Man and family
• Tiny Tot: 6 yrs. & younger exhibition dance each session
• Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

REGISTRATION
• Opens: Fri., May 22, 5 p.m. • Closes: Sat., May 23, 2 p.m.

POWOW CONTACTS
• Cordis Taylor: 970-789-3188
• Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255
• Cindy Winde: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301

POWOW INFO
• Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 985-402-8946
• Food Vendors: Nendra Alexander, 970-563-5541
• \$50 each day (10'x10') inside booth rates.
• Powwow will be inside fairgrounds area. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

MISC. INFO
• Admission is free.
• The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
• No Drugs or Alcohol allowed.



RE-THREE KINGS: BOBCATS PLACE AT STATE PLAYOFFS • FROM PAGE 1



Ignacio's Wyatt Hayes (2) and Adison Jones (30) exhale, relieved at having held off Rye on Thursday, March 13 at the 2015 Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo.

And indeed his marksmanship did, but also had an awakening effect on the Santa Fe League's champions, who fought tooth and nail to re-take a 30-26 lead – preserved by blocking a Ward shot and having Jones' subsequent three-pointer rattle out at the buzzer – entering the fourth quarter.

Hayes' third trey of the game briefly put the 3-seed Cats back in front, 31-30, but 6-seed Rye responded with one by senior forward Ty Zupancic. Having seen enough of that resilience, Jones immediately drained a three.

But the Bolts still weren't done, and put the proverbial screws to Ignacio when sophomore forward Kevin Bailey barged inside on Jones and also drew a foul, resulting in a three-point play and 36-35 lead with 2:35 left.

IHS, though, was able to answer one last, decisive time and Ward sank two FT's with 0:55 left for a 39-36 advantage, which grew to the final score via FT's, two at a time, by Manzanares, Jones and Hayes.

– would lead 20-13 when the quarter was completed.

SHS senior guard Adam Romero started the second with a triple in response to a Manzanares deuce, but after Herrera sent an errant pass into the seats, Caldon (16 points) sank one FT and missed a second, but junior forward Griffen Peterson snatched the rebound and the ball quickly found its way into junior reserve forward Jay Smith's hands and he was awarded three FT's after being fouled.

All three went in, Sanford went up 27-15, and soon were up 29-15 after a Caldon take to the hole. Pardo drilled a three to interrupt the run, but a three from each Peterson had the Indians taking a 33-21 lead into the break.

Three Jones third-quarter threes had IHS back to 41-34, but the final frame began with SHS still up 45-36.

Salting their victory away at the charity stripe, the Indians were 12-of-19 in fourth-quarter FT's – making them 24-of-35 for the game – while the Bobcats again were dead-on, hitting 8-of-8 for a final 13-of-20 figure.

Pardo finished with eight points, but Ward was held to four and Herrera just two. Romero (13 pts., 5-10 FT) and Griffen Peterson (11) also dropped double digits for SHS, Smith had three points, as did senior guard Dustin Faucette.

DAY 3: #4 SIMLA 52, #3 IGNACIO 69

With it seeming like decades since a victory over Sanford, let alone a state title, Ignacio fans and players

were ready to re-generate optimism for next winter against 4-seed Simla.

Manzanares began the game with a bucket, but the slow-developing contest would enter its second quarter with the Cats only leading 7-6 after senior Wyatt Rector first got the designated 'visitors' on the scoreboard. Hayes began the second with a steal and score, and though Ward picked up his third foul with 5:36 before intermission, the Cubs would get only as close as 14-12 before Hayes ignited and burned SHS for three threes, putting Ignacio ahead 28-16 after 16 regulation minutes.

"I thought we could extend the lead in that second quarter, but then we got some kids in foul trouble and we had to rotate some younger kids in. And it messed with our chemistry out there a little bit," said Valdez.

"The first two games up here, we were in deficits both first quarters, so we were fighting from behind. It was a lot easier to keep our confidence up with a slightly even game."

Ward, Herrera and Manzanares all found themselves with three or more fouls with 4:14 left in the third, and senior guard Kyler Hamacher's three-pointer got Simla back to 33-28, but seven Manzanares points during the last 1:45 helped fuel a clinching 11-5 spree.

"Our defense wasn't there last night, you know," said Manzanares. "They were a lot quicker on the ball and we just wanted to come out and play good defense. Our offense would come."

Leading 44-33 when the 2014-15 season's last 480 seconds began expiring, the Cats withstood an 11-point eruption by Cub senior guard/forward Cody Norris and six more from Hamacher and put the game away Sanford-style – sinking 18-of-25 at the foul line for a 26-of-37 total.

"They bring longevity, kids who stick it out for four years. And there are a lot of kids who don't nowadays; they'll play a few years – 'I'll just come out when I'm a junior or senior.' They were in the program the whole time," Valdez said. "They understood what we did and they're what holds our program together."

Hayes finished with a



Ignacio seniors Xavier Reynolds (11) and Adison Jones (30) (following behind) receive an appreciative shout from head coach Chris Valdez (rear, right) as they accept congratulations on their completed careers from their fellow Bobcats on day three at the Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo.

game-best 23 points and was 7-of-12 at the stripe in the fourth, and Manzanares finished with an impressive 18, including a Hayes-like trio of triples. Herrera (7-11 FT) notched seven fourth-quarter points and totaled nine, and Ward and Pardo each ended with three.

"Well I was nervous at first, you know; it's the State tournament and I'm a freshman," said Pardo. "I was a little surprised, but I just went out and tried to play relaxed had a couple opportunities to score and I took 'em!"

Norris finished with 17 points for Simla (final record of 23-4), Hamacher had 11 and junior forward Jason George, one of four Cubs listed at 6 feet, 4 inches tall, scraped together ten

points. He, with 2:16 left in the game, Ward (1:15 left) and Rector (0:51 left) all fouled out.

Extending their win streak to 46 – tied for fourth-best in CHSAA annals – Sanford (27-0) ended tops in 2A for another season, via a 47-44 overtime victory over RCS (25-1), despite lacking injured standout Chance Canty.

Winning the consolation side of the bracket, 7-seed Holyoke ended up fifth after edging No. 5 Meeker 48-47.

RHS (21-5) and 8-seed Burlington (18-7) were both tough outs on Day 2, but were eliminated – the Thunderbolts 66-61 by HHS, and the Cougars 39-37 by MHS – and did not see action on the season's final day.



The Ignacio Bobcat backers roar to life during a timeout Saturday, March 14 (Day 3) against Simla at the Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo.



Ignacio's Kruz Pardo (33) takes the ball nearer the basket after evading Simla's Matt Thieman (50) on Friday, March 14 at the 2015 Class 2A State Basketball Championships in Pueblo.

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DNR informative open house



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Department of Natural Resources hosted an open house event inside the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Tuesday, March 17, inviting everyone in the community to meet with department staff and ask questions related to the different divisions. The open house meetings are open to all tribal members and provide the opportunity to learn about the various divisions serving the community. Aran Johnson (center) from Wildlife Resource Management operates the department's information booth, answering questions regarding the work included in the division.

PROTEST FUELS CONTROVERSY • FROM PAGE 1

May 2014 when a superior informed her that she failed to work on required Saturdays.

According to Lansing, she was told previously that she didn't have to work on those days. Linda Mahlum, who worked for SUCAP for eight years, stated she too was terminated under the same actions as Lansing for not working on appropriate days.

"The business has always had unfair treatment of employees," Mahlum claimed. "It's not right for them to do this."

In the midst of the blame and criticism, SUCAP in return spoke on their behalf, stating their decisions were rational and remained in the boundaries of standard policy procedures.

Eileen Wasserbach, executive director of SUCAP, commented that the board of directors made a thorough investigation with the issue, and that the evidence doesn't support what the protesters are saying.

"There were two employees who were going to be terminated but were given the opportunity to resign. They felt like it was unjust. They used SUCAP's grievance policy and got a hearing from [SUCAP's board of directors]. It was there that the board made a determination that SUCAP's policies were appropriate followed. The employees hoped for a different outcome, but it's been thoroughly investigated by the board of directors. The two employees said that they have been fired for not working Saturday

when their absence for Saturdays was approved, and there's just no evidence of that"

Wasserbach added that this isn't the first time employees have run into problems with the procedures.

"We've had employees file grievance procedures before. There's a series of steps that must be taken, and it seems like very few go all the way to the board," she said. "Usually they are filed when the employee is no longer working."

According to Wasserbach, SUCAP is known to be one of the largest nonprofit organizations in Southwest Colorado. It has an annual budget of \$7 million, and gets a majority of its funding from government grants.

Joe Poynter, former SUCAP employee and now advocate, wasn't so lenient on SUCAP's policy procedures.

"They basically hijacked the programs," he said. "When I first came here, I took up the offer because of the area, and I wanted to work with the native people ... I've been here for thirteen years, and things were going good for the first seven, until the original director, Rick Jefferson, left," he said.

Poynter said that the issues were taken to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, but since SUCAP is a separate entity, there was not much Tribal Council could do.

"They stated that SUCAP is separate entity from them that they have no jurisdiction over them. So my question is: who is

accountable to these individuals? No one is ... it hurts the community ultimately," Poynter said. "If you're not being held accountable by the state, then you should be held accountable by the sovereign people on their sovereign land."

Workplace controversies are one of the more difficult things to form an opinion on, due to the separate stories from both parties. Eileen Wasserbach stated that she understands the outcry SUCAP is receiving, but they are always open-minded for any of those who have questions regarding the protest or their policies.

"I understand that they're angry," she said. "My own thought is that if our goal is to provide really high quality services to the community, then that has to remain our goal," she said. "It's not really a matter of being inflexible regarding the needs of our employees, it's a matter of making a choice to contribute to high quality services. I just encourage anyone to ask questions if they find something that doesn't make sense."

Poynter concluded that the fight for civil rights is still strong, and that the community needs to be aware of the happenings going around the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

"Civil rights have been violated," Poynter said. "Judy Lansing is representing her culture and her people. She's been there for thirty years. There's a lot of shady stuff going on. I'd like to know who is really responsible."

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Lakota TwoCrow

We just wanted to let you know how proud we are of you for getting elected to be on the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, doing good in school and making it to Regional Science Fair. Keep up the good work! We wish you well in all you aspire to do in your life and hope you reach for the stars!!! And know that no matter what we will always be right here to support you KOKO!!!!!!

Love,
Your MOMS



YOUTH COUNCIL NEW MEMBERS • FROM PAGE 1



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Autumn Medicine Blanket accepts her Pendleton blanket as a gift from tribal council and shakes Chairman Frost's hand.

David Boyd, former Chairman of the SCSYAC shakes hands with Chairman Frost as he sets out to explore other options.

charge of the tribe's future, and what direction the tribe goes in, Frost said.

"You have to lay the road, you have to be strong and have a vision so the young people will have a good future," he said.

Departing youth council members include, David Boyd and Autumn Medicine Blanket. Boyd served as the youth council's first-ever chairman from 2014-2015.

"I was so nervous at first being selected chairman, but now that I have had that experience I have more strength to move on and be something more," Boyd said.

Frost reassured Boyd and Medicine Blanket that just because they're not on council anymore, doesn't mean they aren't leaders.

"We thank you for your services, but you still need to help guide your membership," he said. "You both have shown the strength to be good leaders in the future."

Newcomers, TwoCrow and Wilbourn thanked everyone for the support and expressed their excitement for the future.

Newly selected Chairman, Suina, was able to

fight off some nervous jitters and formally introduce himself in Ute, before making his opening statement.

"I'm honored and blessed to serve again, I will do my best to support the tribal youth and my tribe," Suina said.

Sunshine Cloud Smith's granddaughters were in attendance and offered some encouraging words to the youth.

"I'm very proud of you all and I'm looking forward to working with you professionally," Chantel Cloud said. "Very proud that my grandmother's life continues through this youth council."

"I really look forward to what you all become in the future. You each have your own power and I want you to stand in your power," Lorelei Cloud said.

The youth council is in its second year and is will continue to grow, Vice Chairman Melvin J. Baker said. "In the future we will give it to the youth to select their council, and give them the opportunity to go out and campaign amongst their peers," he said.

Last year, some council members got to travel with

Tribal Council to National Congress of American Indians Conference in Atlanta, GA. Council members also attended and spoke at several tribal functions throughout the year.

Having the youth council travel attend meetings with Tribal council was always a main goal. They bring a new perspective to the table, Councilman James M. Olguin said.

"They have a voice, we just have to listen," he said.

These young leaders are not slowing down. Three youth council members will be making the trip to Denver to attend the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting March 18-March 20.

Also on the agenda for the youth council is the Jimmy R. Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference that will be held Saturday, May 16. The youth council came up with the idea to honor the late Chairman Newton who passed away last spring. Newton was known as a big supporter of the youth, and swore in the first youth council members into office last year.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2014-PR-097

Marian Kay Frost, Deceased

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

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Dated this 2nd of March, 2015

Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

Correction

In the March 6 issue of the Drum, the wrong phone number for Tribal Credit was listed in the article titled, "Managing your money". The correct phone number for Tribal Credit is 970-563-4744.

Drum Deadline

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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Professional Civil Engineering Design Services for the Motor Pool Parking Area. 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 10, 2015. Proposals received after that time will not

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).
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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. 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

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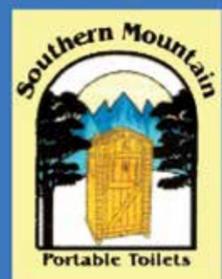
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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
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Chief Financial Officer – Red Cedar Gathering Company (Durango, CO)

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Close date 3/24/15
Leads the management of land processes and land staff, leasehold and legal instruments necessary for Red Willow business operations, including both operated and non-operated oil and gas assets.

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Close date 3/25/15
Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures, managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements, bank reconciliations and cash management, calculation and payment of taxes, establishing and maintaining credit records, assisting in the preparation and

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Close date 3/25/15
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Closing date 3/20/15
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Banquet Staff (On-call)

Closing date 3/23/15
Assists in serving, set-up and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old, preference will be given to those over 21 years of age for alcohol laws. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food service experience. Work experience in all areas of banquet events and catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures and bartending preferred.

Bell Person (Full-time)

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Assists our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include; luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our

guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport and assisting with phones as needed. 21 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency. Must have at least 3 months of prior customer service experience. 6 months of prior hotel/motel (front of house) operations preferred. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Line Cook-Banquet (On-call)

Closing date 3/20/15
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.

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SUCAP – Job announcements

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

Senior Center Handy Man (Full-time)

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Bus Driver

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Substitute Teacher (Part-time)

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Substitute bus drivers

Open until filled
Road Runner Transportation at SUCAP is now hiring sub drivers. Current CDL with passenger endorsement and medical card is preferred or will train. Must submit a current Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Must be able to pass drug/alcohol test and background check.

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.

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Human Resources Director

Closing date 3/20/15
Under general direction of the Executive Officer, management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

AP/AR Technician

Closing date 3/20/15
Processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Processing accounts receivable transactions including invoicing, cash receipts, account adjustments, and printing invoices and statements. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

Recording Secretary

Closing date 3/27/15
Takes minutes and transcribes both regular and special council sessions, which also includes Council work session notes and provides support to the Office Manager of the Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Tribal Council. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

Grant Writer/Specialist

Closing date 3/27/15
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.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Closing date 3/27/15
Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a

professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade 14; \$13/hr.

Clinic Registered Nurse (RN)

Closing date 3/27/15
RN position providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 21; \$25.66/hour.

Payroll Manager

Closing date 3/27/15
Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade 22; \$60,320/annual.

Advanced Practice Nurse

Closing date 3/31/15
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Academic Advisor

Closing date 3/31/15
Professional education position under general supervision of the Education Department Director, providing academic advisement to scholarship applicants and recipients. Pay grade 18; \$39,060/annual.

Distance Learning Coordinator

Closing date 3/31/15
Works in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications educational resource information and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and assist the Academic Advisor in supporting associates degree students. Pay grade 17; \$35,820/annual.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Only

Loan Specialist

Closing date 3/18/15
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Shining Mountain Diabetes Program Director Apprentice

Closing date 3/25/15
The apprentice program is designed to provide a Southern Ute Tribal member with education and training in health care management

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Construction Services Division Head

Closing date 3/27/15
Management of personnel, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Construction Services Division. Position is for an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/annual.

MAYNES, BRADFORD, SHIPPS AND SHEFTEL, LLP Associate Attorney

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Ute Indian Tribal Council as an in-house attorney with the Tribe's Legal Department. Requires an Indian law background and membership in the Colorado Bar or ability to become licensed within eight months. Native American preference will be given for this unique employment opportunity. Salary and benefits are competitive relative to the Four Corners region. The deadline for applications is April 15; however, applications will be considered and interviews conducted on a rolling basis. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample to the following address, fax number, or e-mail address:
Maynes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel, LLP
Southern Ute Indian Tribe In-House Lawyer Training Program. P.O. Box 2717, Durango, Colo., 81302-2717
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LAND FOR SALE

Attention tribal members/employees

Tribal members & employees! Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16 irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio off CR 514, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been significantly reduced to sell at \$150K. Financing may be available with 35% down payment at 5% APR to a qualified buyer. If interested please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

FARMER'S FRESH Looking for motivated people

The much anticipated Farmer's Fresh Grocery Store is preparing to bring a whole new way of shopping to Ignacio. Are you ready to join us in that venture? We are looking for friendly and motivated people to join our team! If you are up for the challenge, pick up an application at 535 Goddard, next to KD's caffe in Ignacio.



TRIBAL LANDS

Prairie dog problems

Staff report

SU AGRICULTURAL DIVISION

In the past few years there has been a dramatic increase in the prairie dog population in the area and as a result their colonies have expanded closer to where people live and work.

The damage and danger of close contact with these rodents is well known and a big concern for most landowners. Prairie dogs are a native species that is found in much of the western United State including this part of Colorado.

Even though they play an important role in the ecosystem, extremely high populations cause an imbalance to that system. Control and management of prairie dogs becomes necessary when they begin to dig burrows close to homes and other structures, creates a hazardous environment, or causes a negative impact.

There are many control methods available to us, and choosing the best option depends on several factors, such as location, size, distant from houses, and the amount of labor available to do the work.

Generally speaking, nearly all methods are about 60 to 65 percent effective and usually require more than one treatment per site. The earlier in the year you begin your management program the more effective it will be. Late February early March is best, stating when prairie dogs first begin to emerge after spending the winter



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underground. This eliminates adults before they are able to have pups and disrupts their breeding season.

In every case our first concern must be safety, not only our own, but other people and property around us, and also other animals in the area, be it wildlife, pets, or livestock. When prairie dogs encroach close to homes there are fewer management options available to us.

Some common prairie dog control methods are: shooting, poisoning with toxic bait or fumigant, trapping, placing smoke bombs in borrows, and setting off explosions in their borrow systems. Other home and folk remedies exists, however their effectiveness is unknown and may cause unintended results. The above-mentioned methods require caution when used.

Toxic baits and fumigants, which are restricted use products regulated by the state of Colorado, and individuals must become licensed in order to purchase and apply them. The process is fairly easy, requiring the applicant to pass a written test to show

their understanding of the basic knowledge needed to safely handle and use these products.

Also there are certain limitations on what type of control methods can be used in subdivisions.

The task of eliminating or reducing prairie dog numbers to an acceptable level is a difficult, but can be achieved. With planning, proper timing, and the right control method (or more likely a combination of a several control methods) significant progress can be made.

More information can be found on the Colorado Department of Agriculture's website <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agplants/pesticides>, or at 305 Interlocken Parkway, Broomfield, CO., 80021, 303-869-9050.

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division is available to provide technical information on prairie dog management issues, and assist with the licensing process to be able to use restricted baits and fumigants. Please feel free to give us a call at 970-563-0220 or come by our office.

FLY-FISHING

Taxes are good for tART

Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Before I start this column I am compelled to issue a disclaimer. Aliens have not replaced my Fox News loving, redneck, right-wing brain, with a CNN News loving, liberal, left-wing brain. The reason for this disclaimer is I know my friends are going to think I have a new brain as I make the following statement. I am for renewing the half-cent sales tax approved in 1999. There, I said it, and I just heard my friends gasp for a breath. Actually, it sounded more like a loud clap of thunder.

The reason I support the renewal of this tax is that part of it was used to build, and now maintain, the Animas River Trail (tArt). I was reminded of that when I read Marjorie Brinton's column of Feb. 13, 2015. After reading it, I asked her if I could dovetail my column to her's. She graciously said yes, and I suddenly thought I saw an easy way to earn my columnist fee. I would just take her column, change a few words, submit it to my editor, and then get paid. It didn't work out that way.

In her column Marjorie did a great job describing what the sales tax paid for.

However, she did not mention how tART benefits those of us that fly fish. I visited with Cathy Mets, director of parks and recreation in Durango, and obtained some specific data on tART. The trail is seven and a half miles of a continuous and improved walkway that parallels the Animas River. Going from north to south



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it begins at 32nd. Street and ends at Dallabetta Park. For us old and out of touch folks that is the purple cliffs. Cathy told me there are plans to extend tArt north to Oxbow.

Now, I am sure when all the discussion was going on about the bond issue to fund the recreation center, all the ball parks, and tART, not much was said about the fly-fishing opportunities that would be created. But the opportunities are huge.

Having tArt allows a fly-fisherman to park in numerous places and have

easy access to the river. It helps us old guys, too. tART also allows fly-fishermen to give the appearance of getting lots of exercise. I can park, briskly walk along the trail, and access my favorite spot, fish upstream all day, and then walk briskly back to the truck.

In that scenario I have exercised my arms and shoulders by casting all day. I have also worked on biceps landing big fish. The brisk walk back to my truck created the cardiovascular work I needed. tART is a win-win for fly-fishers.

I also have to say when compared to other river trails I have been on, tART is the best. For instance, have any of you ever fly-fished the Blue River in Silverthorne, Colorado? There are great sidewalks along the river. The sidewalks also wind around and through a huge discount shopping area.

So, instead of the beautiful view enjoyed by fly-fishermen on the Animas, fishing beside the walkway in Silverthorne will get you views of restaurants and stores. Of course while fishing beside the Art you do see some retail stores, but the only people on the trail are those out getting exercise. Plus, during the summer the participants of the rubber hatch (rafters) ooh-and-awe while watching you land a big fish.

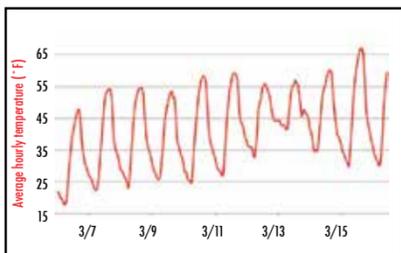
By voting to renew the sales tax that helped pay for, and now continues to keep tArt in good condition, you will have helped those wanting to stay fit while fly fishing. It's also one of the reasons Durango is a great place to live.

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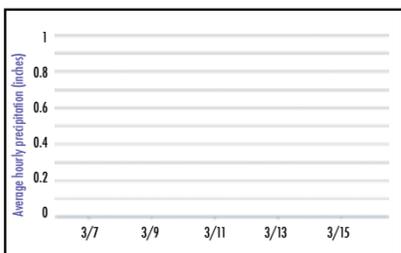
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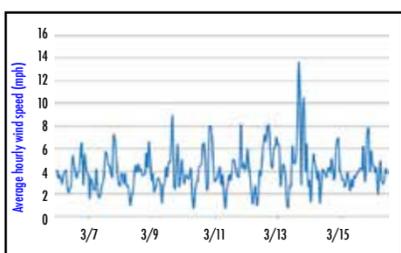
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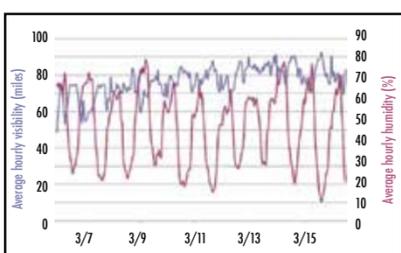
Temperature	
High	66.9°
Low	17.8°
Average	41.4°
Average last year	37.3°



Precipitation	
Total	0.000"
Total last year	0.020"



Wind speed	
Average	4.1
Minimum	0.7
Maximum	13.6



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	76.2
Average humidity	46.4%

Air quality
 Good
 Air quality descriptor: 47

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

2015 NORTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE
 MAY 8-11, 2015
 FORT DUCHESNE, UT

Northern Ute Bear Dance Chiefs:
 Antonio Kanip (Golden Boy), Ruffel Kanip, Seranus Kanip, Honorary Chief: Albert Compeadi, Moosuch (Cat Man), Henry Howell

Head Start Bear Dance May 8, 2015 at 10:00 am.

CONTEST POW-WOW
 Ft. Duchesne Gym, May 8, 9, 2015
 MC: Bart Powaukee
 AD: Jamon Pashemin, Joseph Kanip
 Host Drum: White Bull, Wyoming
 Grand Entry at 7:00 PM.
 Friday and Saturday Evening Session only!
 For more information call:
 Dan Cesspooch 435-724-2451
 Darren Cuch 435-724-3986

Fun Walk/Run
 Sat. May 09, 2015 at 9:00 am.
 Starting at Bear Dance Grounds.
 For more information:
 Cassandra Manning 435-790-5228
 Jennifer Cesspooch 435-401-5747

COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - May 8, 9, 2015
 Located at the Soft Ball Fields - Ft. Duchesne, Utah - Entry Fee \$300
 6 Men & 6 Women
 Men's Softball (12 Players)
 Deadline: May 1, 2015
 Contact Info:
 Auggie Sontio 435-724-3629

Handgame Tournaments:
 Located at Bear Dance Grounds
 Friday, May 8, 2015
 3-MAN SCRAMBLE
 Register by 6:00 PM. \$20 per person
 Saturday, May 9, 2015
 POTLUCK Starting at 1:00 PM.
 Bring your favorite dish
 MAIN TOURNAMENT
 Registration at 12:00 - 3:00 PM.
 \$150 Entry Fee (3-5 Players)
 Sunday, May 10, 2015
 5's CARD TOURNEY
 \$10 per person + \$100 added
 Register by 12:30 PM.
 Starting at 1:30 PM.
 KID'S TOURNEY
 2-4 Players \$10 per person (Ages 12 & Under)
 Register by 12:30 PM.
 Starting at 1:30 PM.
 Traditional Game Starting at 3:00 PM.
 Bring material items to Wager
 4-Man Tourney \$100.00 per team-Register by 3:00 PM.
 For more information call
 Angie Lucero (435) 722-7957
 Lionel Takreep (435) 401-8271

Spring is a season that brings back the warm weather with the promise of another year filled with abundant opportunities. Let's gather from far and near and dance together on Mother's Day weekend. Thank you! Antonio Kanip Jr. (Golden Boy)

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