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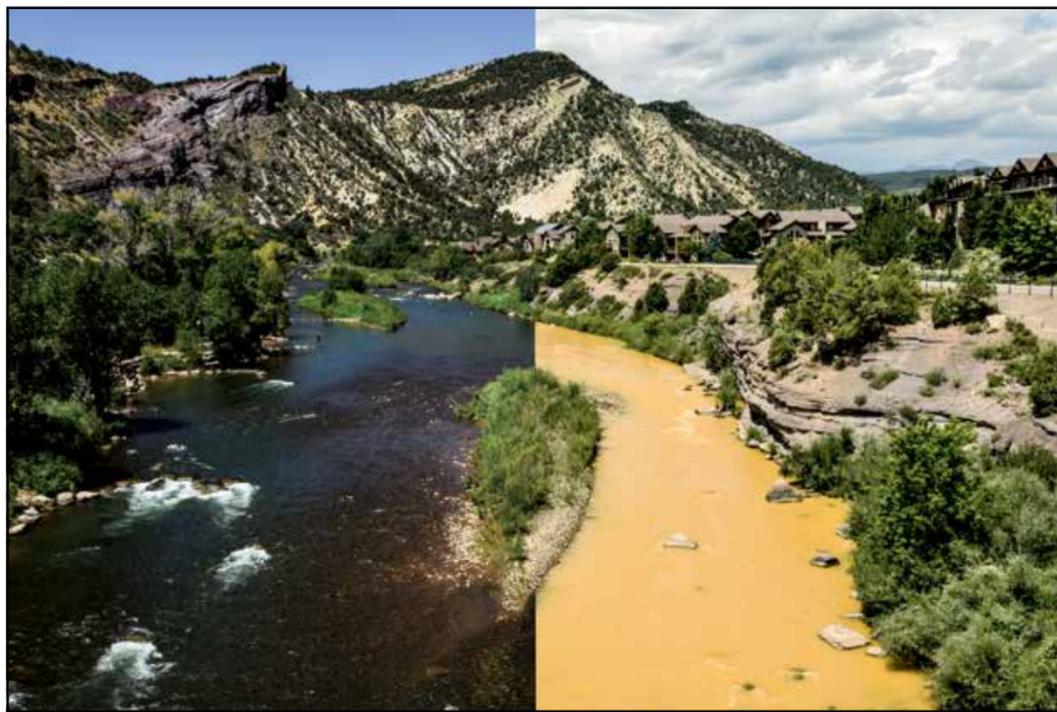
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## ANIMAS DISASTER



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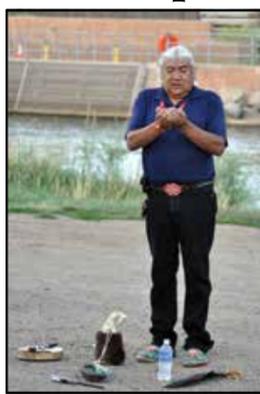
Before and after results of the Animas River show heavy discoloration. Photo was taken twenty-four hours apart at Animas Park Bridge looking west.

### ... but there is hope



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Kenny Frost, Southern Ute spiritual leader (left) and Southern Ute elder, Roy (center) and his wife, Vera O'John (right) pour clean water in the Animas River in hopes of cleansing the river, thus healing it from the harmful effects of the Gold King Mine spill. A Sunrise Ceremony was given by Southern Ute Kenny Frost and Ute Mountain Ute Lyndreth Wall on Sunday, Aug. 6 in Santa Rita Park in Durango.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute spiritual leader, Kenny Frost speaks of how sacred the waters that flow from the mountains to the oceans is to native people.

"There is no discrimination when it comes to the needs of the water. Without water there is no life." Frost said.

### ANIMAS RIVER

## Time will tell the extent of the spill

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As the initial shock of the Animas disaster dissipates, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe now enters the first steps to the long phase of recovery. The tribe is, and will be continually monitoring the long-term

impacts of the spill for years to come.

"We have to deal with it," Councilman Tyson Thompson said during a meeting with the membership, Tuesday, Aug. 11. "We need to take steps for the future."

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, while the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) was conducting an investigation of the Gold King Mine, 3 million gallons of mine waste spilled into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas River. The orange-tinged waste reached the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Friday, Aug. 7.

Initial reports show the river never dipped below pH 7.4 on the reservation; there was no massive fish die off reported; and the river was reopened for recreational use nine days after the spill. At this point, the unknowns of

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### US NAVY

## Baker retires after 30 years in Navy



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Southern Ute tribal member and Chief Warrant Officer, Raymond A. Baker served in the United States Navy from 1985 to 2015.

Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrated a special retirement ceremony in honor of Raymond A. Baker, Chief Warrant Officer 14 at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Washington. This concludes his thirty-year service in the Navy from 1985 to 2015. Baker was joined by his family and fellow Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium to celebrate his service.

"Ray's a remarkable man. He has a remarkable career and he has a remarkable family," Louis O. Deflice, Command Master Chief of the Naval Experimental Diving Unit said. "Whenever someone needed anything, they always went to him for help. He also commands and demands a lot of respect ... He's a character of fictional novels, and I am blessed to tell stories of him today".

Baker is born to parents Archie Baker and Diana Cambridge Baker. His grandparents are Cassime-

ro "Casey" Baker and Edna Russell Baker. He is the fifth of six children.

In 1985, Baker joined the Navy from Durango, Colo. and attended Recruit Training in Illinois. He then transferred to the USS Brewton Four (CWO4) of the United States Navy on Friday, Aug. 14 at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Washington. This concludes his thirty-year service in the Navy from 1985 to 2015.

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Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the SunUte Community Center and Southern Ute Indian Academy on Monday, October 25, 1999. The ceremonial groundbreaking included Southern Ute Tribal Council, educators, and Southern Ute elders. This year marks SUIMA's 15-year anniversary.

### TRIBAL EDUCATION

## SUIMA celebrates 15 years

By Fabian Martinez  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

September 5, 2015 will mark 15-years since the grand opening of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). A total

of 83 students ranging from infants to Lower Elementary, occupied the campus eager to learn through the Montessori method.

Initial planning for the Academy began in the late 90's with a group of elders

voicing their concerns to Tribal Council. These concerns ranged from the quality of education that was being received by tribal members in public schools,

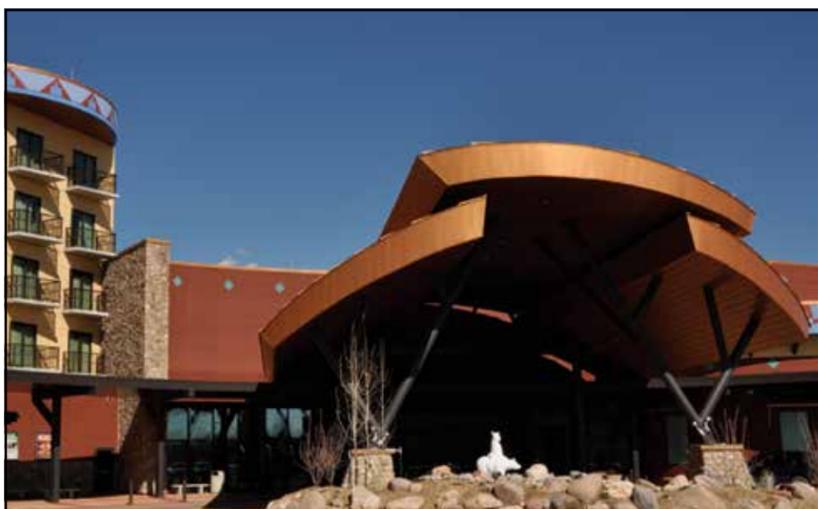
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## Ignacio cuts the ribbon



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

School Board President, Toby Roderick cuts the ribbon officially opening the high school to the public on Saturday, Aug. 15. The new school boasted many compliments from Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto, Tribal Council, past and present school board members, and the public.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

# Hotels.com awards Casino

By Robert L. Ortiz

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Booking a stay at any hotel can be a daunting task, even for the most seasoned traveler, but booking with Hotels.com can make the choices less confusing, especially when a hotel is given a top award for customer services and top ratings in dining.

The online booking website Hotels.com awarded the Sky Ute Casino Resort honors in, "outstanding service and offers a memorable guest experience," as stated on the award acknowledging the accomplishment with a Certificate of Recognition.

Hotels.com awarded the resort a 4.5 (4 out of 5) "Excellent" rating, as rated by 851 guests, giving the resort and outstanding 4.9/5 rating.

The casino's Seven Rivers Steaks Seafood and Spirits was also honored by the OpenTable Diner's Choice Awards for recognition by its "seasoned diners" for excellence, "from cocktails to dessert, they were impressed," as worded on the award from OpenTable, declaring Seven Rivers' this month's winner of the Diner's Choice 2015.

General Manager of Sky Ute Casino Resort, Charley Flagg said that he extremely proud of the recognition. "I am extremely proud of the way the Sky Ute Casino Resort presents itself on behalf of the tribal membership, and this award shows that."

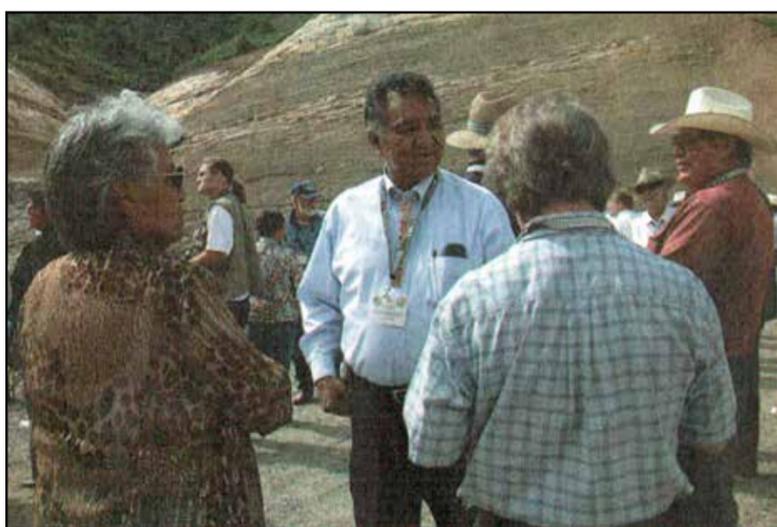
Director of Operations, Travis Garlick added, "The last two years within the hotel industry and hotel management, we are pleased

across the board."

Hotels.com provides reviews of hotels and their amenities, stating on their website, "Hotels.com has over 257,000 hotels in more than 60 countries. Our 14 million hotel reviews will help you find cheap hotels or the best deal in the right location."

Online travel agencies (OTA) provide stellar reviews of how travelers perceive the resort. They look at factors such as cleanliness, room size and comfort, and staff treatment.

"The resort provides catering services, hold conferences, these are key factors for meeting planners, based on the reputation on these management sites and based on reviews of travelers. These services provide additional revenue for the casino (resort)," Garlick said.

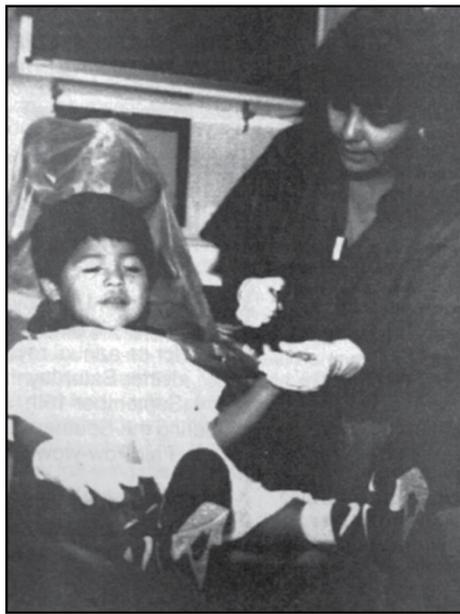


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

The Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost and Tribal Councilwoman Vida B. Peabody take in the view from the overlook at the Ridges Basin Dam site on Friday, Aug. 12. Both officials were attending the Bureau of Reclamation' Celebration to mark the initial placement of impervious core materials in the dam, which eventually will hold back the water for Nighthorse Lake in the Animas-La Plata Project.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 19, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Eyes partly closed. Deon Hudson receives special attention from dental assistant Isabeel Hewey. Starting off with a good hygienic habits will ensure bright white smiles from Mr. Deon.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 18, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Southern Ute Election Board 2015 General Election Schedule

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

### GENERAL ELECTION

Friday, November 6, 2015 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Constitution; Article IV, Section 1: There shall be annual elections on the first Friday in November.

### GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Constitution; Article IV, Section 5: A candidate shall physically reside within the present exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation for at least ninety-days (90) preceding the election.

### STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE

Monday, September 7, 2015, by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-3-101 (3): A Statement of Intention shall be filed with the Election Board not less than sixty-days (60) preceding the date of the General Election.

### ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Election Code 11-3-102 (2): Any decision of the Election Board regarding eligibility shall be made at least forty-five (45) days before the election.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

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

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 by 5 p.m.

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

### ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 by 5 p.m.

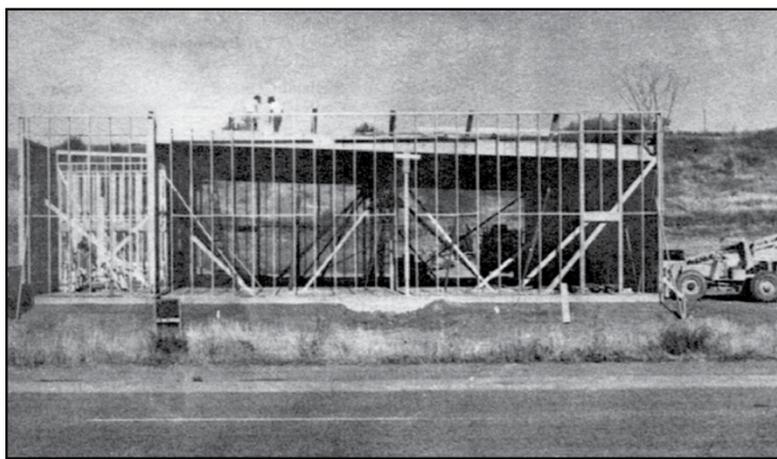
Election Code 11-5-102 (2): The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

### EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Thursday, November 5, 2015 by 5 p.m.

Election Code 11-5-107 (1), (2), (3): A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests. The written request shall contain the following: (a) the voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and (c) The voter's signature. The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305 or you can use our direct line 970-563-4789. Off-Reservation Tribal members use phone number 1-800-772-1236, ext. 2303.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Southern Ute General Store is now in the framing stage. According to Susan Thomas of EDD, the estimated date of completion is October 25, 1985. For tribal members living miles away, the construction site of the general store is west of the Sky Ute Lodge.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 23, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Powwow Trails

- Aug. 21-23 Ute Mountain Ute Casino Powwow • Towaoc, CO
- Sept. 4-5 White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow • White Mesa, UT
- Sept. 11-13 Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow • Ignacio, CO

## LOCAL UPDATE

### Grocery Vouchers

The Emergency Family Services Division is now working with the new grocery in Ignacio, Farmers Fresh and is accepting the grocery vouchers.

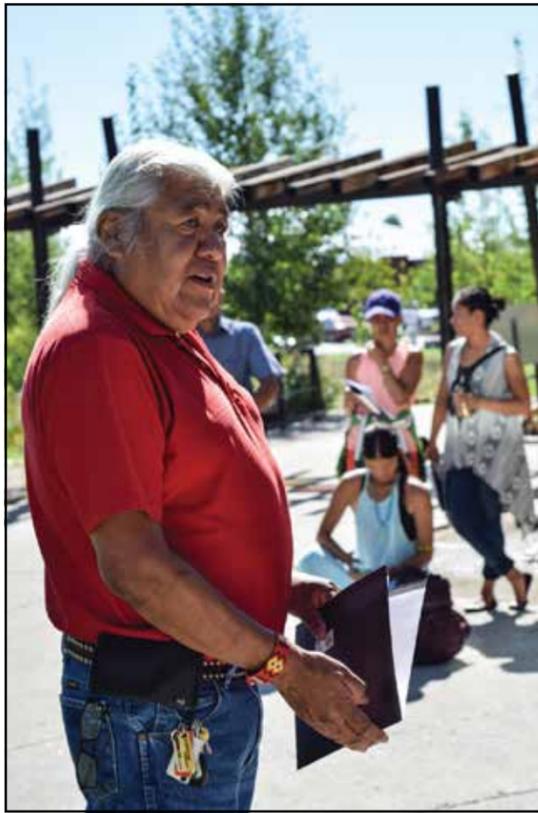
### What's bugging you?

"The Community Health Action Coalition (CHAC) invites the public to its free event, "What's Bugging You? Infectious Diseases: Real Risks, Real Treatments, Real Prevention." Topics of discussion will include: Diseases of the Southwest (Carl (Chuck) Salka, MD), Emerging

Infections (Robert (Bob) Cox, MD), Immunizations (Keri McDuffie, RN, BSN), and Global Health with emphasis on Malaria (Kevin Griffith, MD, MPH). The event will be hosted at the Durango Public Library on Aug. 28, from 8:30-11:30am. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration at www.chaclaplata.org by Aug. 24 is preferred. Registration also available at the door. For more information please visit CHAC's website, www.chaclaplata.org, or contact Pattie Adler, Executive Director at pattie@chaclaplata.org or 970-799-0218.



# Intertribal gathering meet for change



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Kenny Frost gives the visiting tribes a brief lecture about Southern Ute history and traditions. "We appreciate you taking the time to visit our reservation," Frost said. "As native people, we are always connected."

**The Colorado Plateau Intertribal Conversations Group held a Intertribal Gathering, to bring Gathering Members from across the Colorado Plateau Region to present updates on past initiatives and to decide more ways to address the challenges facing Tribal communities in this region. For this gathering, the focus was on ways to mitigate the effects of Climate Change, especially in Tribal Communities. Discussions included improving the way tribes do things by supporting traditional dry-land farming practices, educating people on the effects of GMO's or GM Foods, spring restoration projects, etc.**



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Shirley Cloud-Lane from the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum welcomes the visiting Tribes.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

James Uqualla (above) gave a blessing before the BBQ prepared by Fort Lewis College students and Kenny Frost, who manned the grill. Deon Ben helped organize the three-day event in Ignacio.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Gathering members were able to ask the SUIMA staff about education and how tribal involvement can make a successful school system. Many members wanted to take the knowledge they received from SUIMA and develop schools or language systems for their people.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

A Bear Dance presentation was held during a BBQ during the Intertribal Gathering organized by the Colorado Plateau Intertribal Conversations Group. The group members from across the Colorado Plateau Region, presented updates on past initiatives, and addressed challenges facing tribal communities, focusing on Climate Change.

## Three vie for royalty titles



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Current royalty joined royalty candidates for one song Monday evening during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant Monday, Aug. 17. (Left to right), Dewayne Hendren Southern Ute Brave candidate, Current Jr. Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia Krystyn Arilyn-Elizabeth Weaver - Little Miss Southern Ute candidate, and Odyssey Baker-Silva - Jr. Miss Southern Ute candidate.



Southern Ute Brave candidate, eight-year-old Dewayne Hendren, answers questions with the help of MC Russell Blackbird.

Tawnie Knight, Ute Mountain Ute (left), speaks about her time as Miss Hizhoni (2011-2012) and her experience representing all Ute people running for Miss Indian World in 2014. "Always be true to yourself," she told the young contestants competing in Monday's pageant.

## MUSEUM UPDATE

### Attention local artisans

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

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

**SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM**

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29  
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

## Dye-versity through color



At the end of the DYE-versity, Powder to the People run on August 15, all the participants gathered together to show their support for diversity in our community.



There's no escaping the color. Charise Hunter gets engulfed in red powder during last Saturday's Dye-versity Dash.



Ellie Seibel and friend run through the color cloud as they finish colored from head to toe.



Nakai Lovato gets pummeled with dye after he runs past the finish line at the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's DYE-versity Dash.



Winners, Laurie Monte (left), Marisa Olguin, and Elijah Weaver (right) pose after winning donated Osprey backpacks, as an incentive for getting the most color.

**The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe had their 2nd Annual Powder to the People, DYE-versity Dash at SunUte Park on Saturday, Aug. 15. At the finish line participants were treated to healthy snacks from the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.**

**Photos by Trennie Collins**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Participants run through the finish line getting blue coloring thrown at them as they complete the two-mile Dye-versity walk/run.

## We're Going Back To School



### School is now in session!

It is now that time, once again, where summer is nearing a close and youth around the nation are making their preparations to go back to school. As the month of August draws to a close more schools will begin opening for the 2015-2016 academic year. The first day of classes for the schools in the surrounding area will be:

- Bayfield School District: Aug. 18
- Ignacio School District: Aug. 24
- Durango School District: Aug. 25
- Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy: Aug. 31
- Southern Ute Montessori Headstart: Sept. 1

## ATTENTION: Southern Ute Tribal Members

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### Monthly Drawings

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## Southwest Colorado Blood Drives Sept. 1 – 30, 2015

United Blood Services' NEW Community Location!  
1970 E 3rd Ave. – Suite 107, Durango

Tuesdays: September 1, 8, 29 and Thursdays: Sept. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m.  
Saturdays, Sept. 12 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please call 877-UBS-HERO to schedule an appointment, or go to [www.BloodHero.com](http://www.BloodHero.com). You may also call 888-804-9913. If the office is closed, your call will be returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions about any of these blood drives, please contact Nancy Cumming at [ncumming@bloodsystems.org](mailto:ncumming@bloodsystems.org) or 970-701-9112.

**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
Cortez First Methodist Church  
2 to 5 p.m.  
515 N Park, Cortez

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**  
BP Durango, Bloodmobile  
8 to 11 a.m.  
380 CR 309, Durango

**Tuesday, Sept. 8**  
Colo. Dept. of Transportation, Bloodmobile  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
3803 N Main Ave., Durango

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**  
Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary, Cafeteria  
2:30 to 5:30pm  
11274 HWY 140, Hesperus

**Thursday, Sept. 10**  
Pagosa Springs Cross Road Church  
2:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
1044 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**  
Pleasantview Fire Dept., Conference Room  
3 to 6 p.m.  
15529 CR CC, Pleasant View

**Friday, Sept. 11**  
Animas Surgical Hospital, Bloodmobile  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
575 Rivergate Dr., Durango

**Saturday, Sept. 19**  
Celebration of Life for Phil Brevik,  
Florida Mesa Presbyterian Church  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
1024 CR 230, Durango

**Monday, Sept. 14**  
Mancos Community Center  
2:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
130 E Grand, Mancos

If you have any questions about any of these blood drives, please contact Nancy Cumming at [ncumming@bloodsystems.org](mailto:ncumming@bloodsystems.org) or 970-701-9112.



## Opening the doors to education



**M**any gathered to witness the opening of the Bobcat's new stomping grounds Saturday, Aug. 15. Community members were given the chance to tour the facility before school starts Monday, Sept. 24. During the year and a half construction phase, high school students were relocated to the old Ignacio Elementary School. The new school features old pieces from the previous high school and junior high.

Photos by Fabian Martinez  
The Southern Ute Drum

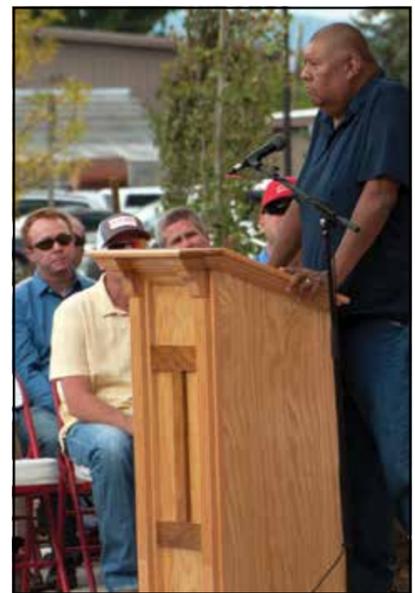
One new facility is the Performing Arts Center, which includes a new band facility and an auditorium with one of the highest quality acoustics in the area.



Southern Ute Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Ramona Y. Eagle gave a speech directed towards the students whom will be using the new facility and encouraged the youth to do their best in school.



Community members get a glimpse of what the new school has to offer.



Councilman Alex S. Cloud speaks on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Cloud gave thanks to the Ignacio School District and those involved in the development and construction of the new school.

### Supplies for local youth



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund employees donated supplies to students for the upcoming school year. Over 30 students from communities all around La Plata County received supplies. Thank you to all the Permanent Fund employees whom have donated supplies to this very important cause. Also, a special 'thank you' to the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and the Ignacio High School NAYO Class for donating their time and helping hand out supplies.



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For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger at the Southern Ute Educational Department at **970.563.0237 X2784. / jhunstiger@southern-ute.nsn.us**

### Tribal Housing is offering Lawn Services to Elders and Handicap Tribal Members

The Guidelines are as follows

- Lawn Services will include brush trimming, racking/ bagging of cut grass and branches
- Lawn Services will be provided to Elders and Handicap member's primary residence.
- Mowing will be up to 75 feet from their residence
- If they want more than 75 feet from their residence they must call Tribal Housing to request, an assessment for approval of more lawn to be cut additional feet.
- We will also be offering any help with heavy lifting if needed, if needed please call Tribal Housing
- We will be assisting with Fall/Spring Clean up and Snow Removal

Tribal Housing Department  
Phone-970-563-4710  
MONDAY-FRIDAY



BAKER RETIRES FROM NAVY • FROM PAGE 1



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Raymond A. Baker (left) and his naval comrade, Louis O. Deflice, give an honorable salute to the U.S. flag.

cial Program commands: Naval Research Laboratory as a Department Head/Command Diving Officer, and Specialized Research Diving Detachment as Officer-in-Charge (OIC).

After 30 years of naval service to the United States, retirement was on the horizon. His career accomplishments were recognized Navy wide in leadership, attention to detail, and management.

"I appreciate what everyone did to help me move forward in my career," Baker said. "From my experience, what I have to say is support your kids, support wives, and support your significant others. They are the ones who will be there to the end, so always respect them. And most importantly, never forget where you come from, appreciate the origins."

Southern Ute Council-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson honors Raymond A. Baker at his retirement ceremony with a song of blessing.

man, Tyson Thompson, honored Baker's services with a traditional song. Raymond's sister, Linda Baker, honored Raymond's naval colleagues with a Pendleton blanket blessed by the Ute tribes.

"These men have been close to our brother Ray, and we see them as part of our family," Linda said.

Baker addressed in a

statement prior to his retirement, "Our tribal youths need to have the opportunity to learn these values in order to ensure our continued success for our future. We have always had a sense of duty to value and protect our family, our tribe, and our people. As stated by Sitting Bull, 'I we must die, we die defending our rights and land'".

Ignacio Senior Center Events for August

Ignacio Senior Center Serving congregate meals every Tuesday and Thursdays for a donation of \$4, and free lunches on Wednesday. Includes a salad bar. The Senior Center also has trips throughout the months.

Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 25: Mark Green\* at Senior Center
• Aug. 27: Dessert Social
• Aug. 31: Cultural Museum Trip
\*Mike Green is an attorney who helps with legal questions free of charge.

Elderly and disabled individuals who are not able to cook meals for themselves are eligible for 'Meals On Wheels,' we provide meals every day of the week to be delivered to your home. Call the Ignacio Senior Center for more information at 970-563-4561.

Senior Center Menu:

- Aug. 25: Beef stroganoff w/mixed veggies, roll, sour cream and mandarin oranges.
• Aug. 26: Roast beef w/mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, roll and pineapple upside down cake.
• Aug. 27: Ham w/scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, roll and fruit salad.

Elderly and the disabled, if you're in need of a transport for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, or errands call the Center for a ride. Transports are only in the afternoon, due to our 'Meals On Wheels' deliveries.

SUCAP IS ALMOST 50!

Southern Ute Community Action Programs turns 50 years old October 10, 2016

To commemorate our turning 50 years 'young' we will be having a theme and artwork contest. We are looking for a "Theme" and a logo/artwork to go with it. The artwork/logo MUST incorporate our current logo as shown at the bottom of this page.

Contest rules:

- Must be on 8 1/2 X 11 paper—no lines
• Maximum of three colors (can be black and white)
• Must enhance or incorporate the current SUCAP logo
• Must include "1966-2016"
• Include on back: Name, phone, mailing address, email
• Deadline: September 15, 2015 @ 4 p.m.

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

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

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## SUIMA CELEBRATES 15 YEARS • FROM PAGE 1



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The entire 29-member staff of the Southern Ute Indian Academy stands facing the audience after being introduced during the ribbon cutting ceremonies on August 31, 2000 in Veterans Park.

to a desire to implement culture and language for young tribal members benefit.

“It was decided [by those in Tribal Council] that the Montessori would be the best method to teach with, along with the culture,” Carol Baker-Olguin, Principal of the Academy said. “When that Tribal Council selected the Montessori method, it was because it had more in tune and very similar to the method that taught in the traditional Ute teaching.”

For those whom are not familiar with the Montessori method of teaching, Maria Montessori first introduced it in the late 1800’s. The method has a more hands on approach to education and learning, with the students being the driving force behind the “specialized” curriculum. The curriculum features more independence for students, classes with a three-year age range, and a child-centered environment.

“Our native people learn from hands on, than from a book,” Ute Language Design Coordinator, Georgia McKinley said. “They learn from the environment which is why we take them on trips for learning.”

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy was not the first Montessori school in the Southern Ute Community. Prior to development in July of 1999, the Head Start was one of the first schools to use the Montessori method.

Blue Sky Montessori school was another program developed around 1997 and helped pave the way for the development and success of the Academy, and included the grades from pre-K to third grade. Blue Sky was housed in the

modular buildings near the Higher Education buildings and was overseen by past Ignacio School District Superintendent, Juvie Jones and financed by the tribe.

“Blue Sky was the model,” Baker-Olguin said. “We were trying it out to see if the parents would be interested in a program like this. Those non-tribal students went to public school and those tribal students went to the Academy [once it opened] or public school.”

Once SUIMA was opened, Blue Sky was closed down but the Montessori philosophy was transferred to the Academy for the benefit of students as well as a language and culture program.

For the past 15 years, SUIMA has held education, culture, and language to the core of their methods and teachings. For most students these values have had many benefits along with helping keep Ute culture and language alive for future generations.

“For older kids, they can grasp the basics of the language and can have an easier time communicating with elders,” McKinley said. “The kids can put things together and may not understand the language but can understand pieces and put two and two together.”

Students also benefit from the Academy by learning the Ute culture and customs, from everything to: Bear Dance, gender roles, and restrictions.

“On of the big differences we had [from public school] was that we were all in one class. We would only move class from P.E. to Language which I liked,” Randy Herrera, council member of the Sunshine

Cloud Smith Youth Council and former SUIMA student said when asked about the differences from private to public school systems.

Herrera is one of many students who went to SUIMA from primary to sixth grade, and transitioned to public school from seventh grade onward. Herrera enjoyed the Ute language aspect and believed it was one of the biggest benefits from attending SUIMA, he said.

For the last 15 years, these core values have remained a dominant factor in the quality of education that is presented, many hope that these values will continue in the next 15 years. For Baker-Olguin, the need for the next generation to begin pursuing the field of education has never been greater to continue on the core values of the Academy. Baker-Olguin has other hopes.

“The number of kids is almost at our limit, but I want more enrolled children to enroll,” Baker-Olguin said. “Although we meet the needs of all kids, there is always the older kids who need ‘more’ for their educational needs.”

With this Baker-Olguin wants to include new facilities such as; a computer lab, science lab, library, and more playground space for the academy in the future.

“It has been very enjoyable to see all the students from the last 15 years grow up and graduate and be successful,” Baker-Olguin said. “Even those students who do not end up graduating have my blessings and hope for success!”

There will be a 15-year Anniversary Celebration for SUIMA on Friday, Sept. 18.

## Academy retires two



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Linda Daniels (right) enjoys cake and ice cream in celebration of her service to SUIMA. Daniels has been with the Academy for 15 years, while Debra Ewing has been with the Academy for 13 years.



Staff members at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy bid farewell to Deb Ewing (Special Education Coordinator) and Linda Daniels (Coordinator of Health, Nutrition and Safety) Friday, Aug. 14.



## The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy



Is in need of donations of mountain bicycles or large bicycles that are no longer being used. We recently had an unfortunate theft of bikes and are looking for any bikes that anyone may want to donate to our children. We use them for the bike rodeo in the fall and spring and as part of our P.E. curriculum. Our older students and staff will be forever grateful for your help and donations. If you would like to donate a bike please contact The SUIMA administration staff at 970-563-0253.



**Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy**

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Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-0253

SUIMA is the only  
Native American  
Accredited Montessori  
School in the United  
States

Our Mission is to provide a strong education foundation in a Montessori environment while preserving and sharing Southern Ute Culture for all students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy as they begin their path through life.

Ute Language classes are taught as part of our curriculum. Infant/Toddlers receive 30 minutes of Ute language every day. Primary students receive 30 minutes Monday-Thursday with Ute Culture on Fridays. Elementary students receive 45 minutes Tuesday –Thursday Ute Language with Ute Culture on Fridays. Guides also speak and give instruction in Ute throughout the School day.

*We provide educational excellence in a culturally rich environment to each family we serve. We serve Southern Ute Indian Tribal member children and first descendants of a Southern Ute Tribal member.*

We serve students from **Birth to 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. Our hours of operation are from 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday.

We provide an after school program for our Primary and Elementary students from 3:30pm-6:00pm for students whose parents/guardians are in school/working.

We also provide an extended day program for the Infant/Toddler students whose parents/guardians are in school/work from 3:30pm-5:30pm

**MEAL and Afterschool Prices**

\$1.25 for Breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch.

Afterschool program prices for Primary and Elementary students are \$4.00 per day.

There is no charge for Infant/Toddler extended child care.

Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis.

**The National Head Start Program is Turning 50**

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THIS IS THE school that **we BUILT**

**Let's Celebrate!**

- Did you attend Southern Ute Head Start in Ignacio, CO?
- Did you work there?

*If so we want to invite you to our Birthday Celebration!*

Please visit our website at [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)  
Follow the 50th celebration link and leave us your contact information.

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A Division of Southern Ute Community Action Programs

TO LEARN MORE call 970-563-4566 or email us at [headstart50@sucap.org](mailto:headstart50@sucap.org)

## 95th Southern Ute Tribal Fair

# CONTEST POWWOW

September 11, 12, 13, 2015 • Sky Ute Fairgrounds • Ignacio, CO

### GRAND ENTRY

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday, 12 p.m.

### POWWOW REGISTRATION

Opens: Friday, 5 p.m.  
Closes: Saturday, 2 p.m.

### GOURD DANCE

Friday, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m.

### WOMEN DANCE CONTESTS

**Women's Elder Age (66+ w/ID)**  
(1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$800, 3rd: \$600)

**Women's Golden Age (50-65 w/ID)**  
(1st: \$1000, 2nd: \$800, 3rd: \$600)

**Women's (18-49)**  
(1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$800, 3rd: \$600)

- Fancy Shawl
- Jingle
- Southern Cloth/Backskin
- Northern Cloth Backskin

**Teen Girl's (12-17)**  
(1st: \$300, 2nd: \$400, 3rd: \$300)

- Fancy
- Jingle
- Southern Traditional
- Northern Traditional

**Junior Girl's (7-11)**  
(1st: \$300, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$100)

- Fancy
- Jingle
- Combined Traditional

### ADDITIONAL CONTESTS/SPECIALS

**Honoring 30 Years of Military Service**  
Chief Warrant Officer 4, Raymond Baker (Diver)  
(Two Contests • Winner-Take-All)  
Men's Northern Traditional & Men's Southern Straight  
Sponsored by Linda Baker and family

**Men's Chicken Dance (18+)**  
In honor of the late Jimmy Newton Jr.  
1st, 2nd and 3rd place  
Sponsored by Elaine & Jimmy Newton Sr. and Family

**Ute Shell Dress (18+)**  
Open to all enrolled Ute tribal members

**Tiny Tots**  
Paid daily

### DRUM CONTEST

Southern	Northern
1st: \$10,000	1st: \$10,000
2nd: \$5,000	2nd: \$5,000
3rd: \$3,000	3rd: \$3,000
4th: \$2,000	4th: \$2,000

### MEN DANCE CONTESTS

**Men's Elder Age (66+ w/ID)**  
(1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$800, 3rd: \$600)

**Men's Golden Age (50-65 w/ID)**  
(1st: \$1000, 2nd: \$800, 3rd: \$600)

**Men's (18-49)**  
(1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$800, 3rd: \$600)

- Fancy
- Grass
- Chicken
- Southern Straight
- Northern Traditional

**Teen Boy's (12-17)**  
(1st: \$500, 2nd: \$400, 3rd: \$300)

- Fancy
- Grass
- Southern Straight
- Northern Traditional

**Junior Boy's (7-11)**  
(1st: \$300, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$100)

- Fancy
- Grass
- Combined Traditional

### POWWOW INFORMATION

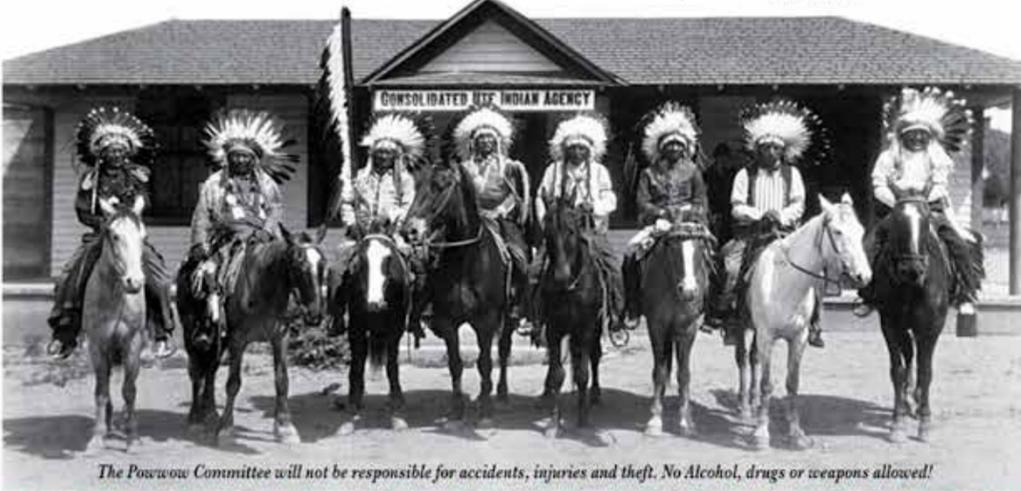
- Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149 corliss@yahoo.com
- Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255 mike@jsut.org
- Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100 ext. 2301 cwinder@southernute-nsn.gov
- W-9 Tax Forms must be signed for all adult dance and drum contest.

### POWWOW HEAD STAFF

**Northern MC:** Jason Goodstriker  
**Southern MC:** Edmond Nevaquaya  
**Arena Director:** Joaquin Hamilton  
**Host Southern Drum:** Southern Boys  
**Host Northern Drum:** Mandaree  
**Drum Judge:** Jay Dusty Bull  
**Gourd Dance MC:** Edmond Nevaquaya  
**Host Gourd Dance Drums:** Thunderhill  
**Head Gourd Dancer:** Lowell Nibbs  
**Color Guard:** So. Ute Veteran's Association

### VENDOR INFORMATION

- Arts & Crafts (Inside)  
Ramada Cloud: 505-402-8846  
10'x10', \$50 per day  
Bring your setup
- Food Concession (Outside)  
Kendra Alexander: 970-563-5541
- No walk-around vending and/or raffles allowed!



The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries and theft. No Alcohol, drugs or weapons allowed!

## Southern Ute Tribal Fair Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, Sept. 9

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. All exhibits turn-in (except Livestock/Baking)  
SUCCM, Large classroom

### Thursday, Sept. 10

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Livestock turn-in  
Livestock: Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Baking turn-in  
Baking: SUCCM, Large classroom  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Exhibits displayed  
SUCCM, Large classroom

### Friday, Sept. 11

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Exhibits displayed  
SUCCM, Large classroom  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Livestock displayed  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
8 – 10 a.m. Annual Softball Challenge  
Patrick Silva Softball Field  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Corn Bag Toss Tournament  
Multi-Purpose Facility Field  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Southern Ute Tribal Fair Picnic  
Multi-Purpose Facility, field  
2:30 – 5 p.m. Disc Golf  
SunUte/Bear Trail  
4 p.m. Youth Games  
Ute Park, Multi-purpose field  
5 p.m. Gourd Dance  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena

### Saturday, Sept. 12

7 a.m. 3rd Annual 3-D Archery Shoot  
SunUte Archery Range  
7 a.m. (registration) Eldred Vigil Memorial Walk/Run  
SunUte, Multi-purpose Field  
7:30 a.m. Eldred Vigil Memorial Walk/Run  
SunUte, Multi-purpose Field  
8 a.m. (registration) Parade registration/line-up  
Ignacio High School  
8 a.m. (registration) Kiddie Parade registration/line-up  
Ignacio High School  
8 a.m. 4v4 Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament  
SunUte Community Center  
10 a.m. Parade & Kiddie Parade  
South on Goddard Ave. (Main St.)  
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Zipline Rides  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield arena  
10 a.m. Gourd Dance  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
1 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
1 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield  
1 p.m. Sam Burch Memorial Trophy  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield  
1 – 3 p.m. Exhibits displayed  
SUCCM, Large classroom  
1 – 3 p.m. Livestock displayed  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
1 – 2:30 p.m. (registration) Stickgame Tournament  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East lawn  
2 p.m. Jalapeño Eating Contest  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield arena  
3 p.m. Stickgame Tournament  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East lawn  
4 p.m. Youth Concert  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield arena  
5 p.m. "All Native Challenge" Tug-O-War  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, outdoor track  
5 p.m. Gourd Dance  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
5 – 7 p.m. Royalty Dinner  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, east lawn  
7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
8:30 p.m. (dusk) Fireworks Display  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield

### Sunday, Sept. 13

8 – 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
9 a.m. Shiny Game  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, north entrance  
9 a.m. Tipi Raising Contest  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Exhibits pick-up/premium payouts  
SUCCM, Large classroom  
10 a.m. Gourd Dance  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Zipline Rides  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield arena  
11 a.m. Red/Green Chili & Salsa Contest  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Exhibits Hall  
11 a.m. Frybread Contest  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, north parking lot  
11 a.m. Greased Pole Climb  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield  
12 p.m. Baby Contest  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, east lawn  
12 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena  
3 p.m. Duck Race  
Bear Dance bridge to HWY 151 bridge  
Afternoon Powwow Drummer Jalapeño Eating  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, indoor arena



Southern Ute Indian Tribe website: [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov)

**95th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow**  
September 11-13, 2015  
Southern Ute Indian Reservation • Ignacio, Colo.

Theme: "Celebrating the Seven Bands" • Logo & theme by: Gabe Peabody  
Tribal Fair Info: Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator 970-563-0100, ext. 3624  
Powwow Info: Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149, Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255  
or Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301.

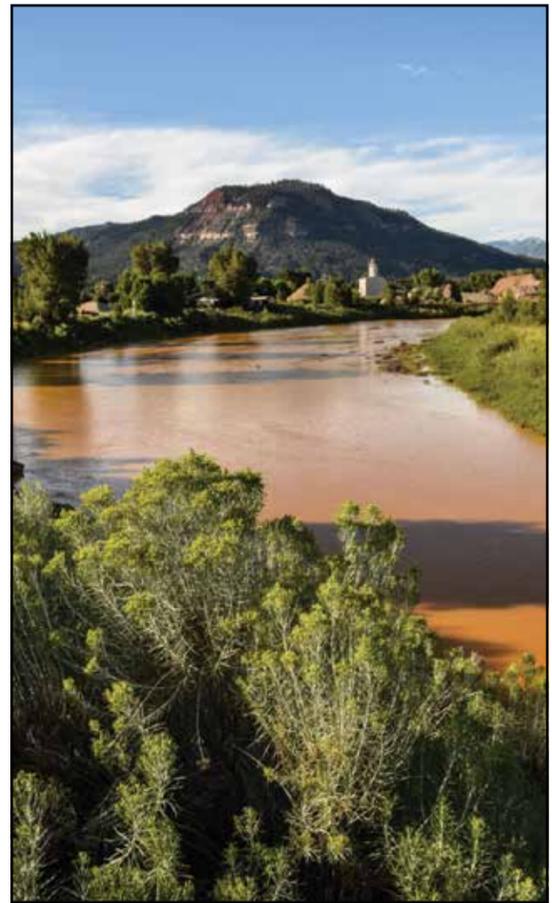


## Gold King Mine spills into Animas River



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Over 3 Million Gallons of orange-tinged mine waste was deposited into the Animas River, Wednesday, Aug. 5. The wastewater reached the Southern Ute Indian Reservation Friday, Aug. 7.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Photo of the contaminated Animas River was taken on Thursday, Aug. 6, approximately fifteen miles north of Durango. The plume carried an estimation of twenty-six different metals from the King Coal Mine in Silverton, Colo.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Patrick Pfaltzgraff, director of Water quality Control Division CDPHE, Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson and Randy Brown, EPA Region Tribal Program manager, discuss the effects of the Gold King Mine spill during a tour of the blowout site, Tuesday, Aug. 11.

### Rivers that flow into the San Juan River



The map above illustrates the path of the Gold King Mine spill (in red) along the Animas River, and the towns affected by the spill. The Animas flows into the San Juan River, eventually flowing into Lake Powell in the Grand Canyon National Recreational Area.

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the future seem to be the biggest concern.

For tribal member Barbara Scott-Rarick the sediment left behind is worrisome for her, especially not knowing what will happen during spring runoff.

"I'm heart broken and devastated," Scott-Rarick said. "We don't know when the sediment will get into watershed, it may take years."

Curtis Hartenstine, Water Quality Program Manager told the membership in Saturday's informational meeting that his staff will be monitoring and testing for the foreseeable future.

"The impact of the wells may not be understood for a longtime, because ground water doesn't move very fast," Hartenstine said. "We are working with the EPA on what the long-term monitoring requirements are to make sure tribal member health is protected."

According to Hartenstine, 13 wells have been tested and results are forthcoming.

In addition to monitoring wells by the Environmental Programs Division, the

Southern Ute Tribal Housing Department has started installing reverse osmosis filters into kitchen sinks of tribal member's living within the affected zone.

Hartenstine said the filters are a precautionary measure to ensure overall health of the membership. "The tribe has really great resources and staff ... the tribe is stepping up, the tribe is taking care of us; my initial concern was with the communication," Scott-Rarick said.

Also being looked at are the effects on plants and animals. Tribal members were told at Saturday's informational meeting that their gardens were safe for consumption, but were advised to wash vegetables before use – just like you would do to produce from the grocery store.

Another concern amongst tribal members is how wildlife was impacted.

"I think from our perspective, our greatest concern now is aquatic life, fish and the ecosystem in the river," Steve Whiteman, Wildlife Division Head said. "We had no massive fish die off, but we need to monitor over

time to see if there is any long term impacts."

As for terrestrial wildlife – mammals and birds – Whiteman said he doesn't anticipate seeing many issues.

"The spill was acute ... there was short-term exposure for terrestrial animals," he said. "But if there are tribal members that are on the river and see dead fish or ill-looking terrestrial animals, they can call the Wildlife Division so we can look into it."

With the full extent of the damage remaining unknown, some are helping the recovery process by offering prayers.

Southern Ute spiritual leader, Kenny Frost, and Ute Mountain Ute tribal member Lyndreth Wall, held a sunrise blessing for the Animas River at Santa Rita Park, Sunday Aug. 16.

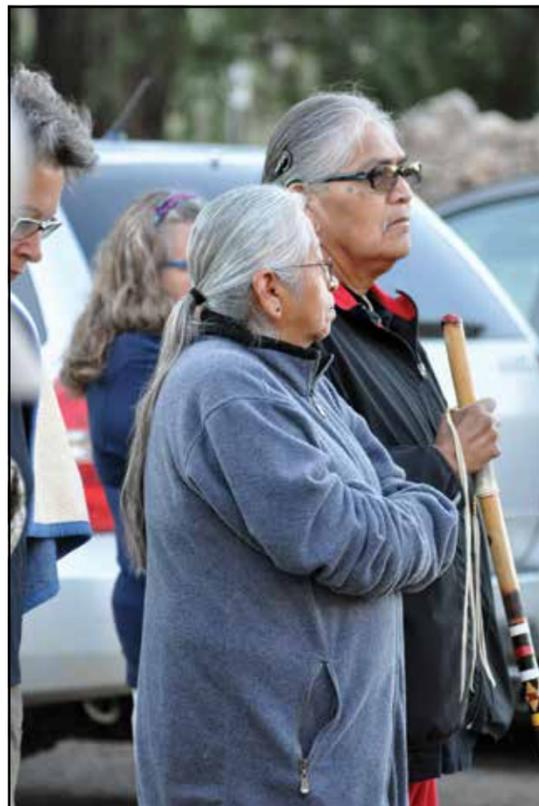
Prayers and songs were offered to the healing of not just the river, but the people affected along the river's path.

"There's no discrimination when it comes to the needs of the water," Frost said. "Without water there's no life."



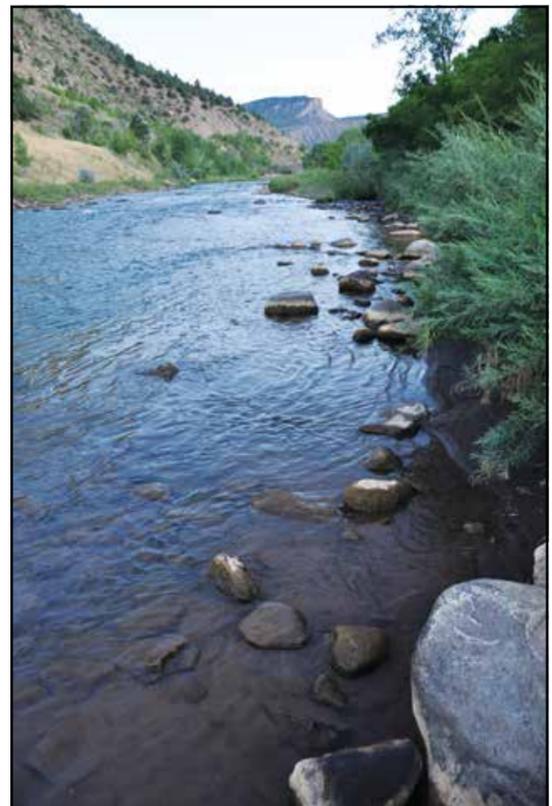
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Spiritual Leaders, Ute Mountain Ute – Lyndreth Wall (left) and Southern Ute – Kenny Frost offer prayers and blessings with songs for the healing of the Animas River during a Sunrise Ceremony, Sunday, Aug. 16 at the Santa Rita Park.



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Southern Ute elder, Roy O'John and his wife Vera are among those that gathered for a Sunrise Ceremony on the banks of the Animas River. Water was offered to the river with prayers.



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A pre-dawn shot of the Animas River from the banks in Santa Rita Park. The orange-tinge color has noticeably faded. Prayers and songs were offered to the healing of not just the river, but the people affected along the river's path.



## TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

# Amy J. Barry: Tribal Council activity report and update

<b>Days Off:</b>	4/7: 8 hrs S/L	4/14: 4 hrs P/L	4/16: 2.5 hrs P/L	4/24: 4 hrs S/L	5/4: 8 hrs P/L
<b>Leave: (P: Personal, S: Sick)</b>					
<b>Personal Hours:</b>	3/25/15 - 8/17/15: 26.5 hours				
<b>Council Breaks:</b>	Spring Break: 3/30-4/3			Summer Break: 7/6-7/10	
<b>Travel: 8 Trips Total</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
	17-20 CCIA	30-2 ITEO	8-19 AAIHB	29 CCIA	11-12 AAIHB
*Consultation				14-18 Tri-Ute	14-15 HHS*
					13-14 AAIHB
<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Regular Tribal Council</b>	3 of 4 travel	4 of 5 sick leave	5 of 5	6 of 7 travel	3 of 3
<b>SCSYAC</b>	0 travel	1 of 1	1 of 1	1 of 1	0
<b>Growth Fund</b>	2	0	1	2	1
<b>Special Meetings</b>	4	2	2	3	1
<b>SUCCM</b>	1	2	1	2	0
<b>Tribal Member Concerns</b>	0	0	0	3	1
<b>Work Sessions</b>	16	21	12	19	16
<b>Powwow Committee</b>	1 of 2	1 of 1	0 scheduling	1 of 3 scheduling	0 scheduling
<b>Tribal member Visits</b>	4	7	6	5	9
<b>Round Table</b>	3	3 of 4 travel	3 of 3	3 of 4	3 of 3
<b>Sky Ute Casino Resort</b>	0	1	0	0	0
<b>CFO Worksession</b>	2 of 2	1 of 1	2 of 2	2 of 2	2 of 2
<b>Exe. Office Worksessions</b>	1 of 1	2 of 2	1 of 1	2 of 2	0
<b>Elder Lunches</b>	0 of 1 missed	General Meeting	0 of 1 Elbert J Floyd	0 of 1 Tri-Ute	0 of 1 missed
<b>Tribal Member Phone Calls</b>	4	10	8	7	12
<b>Director Meetings</b>	1 of 1	1 of 1	0 of 1	0	0

### COMMITTEES

#### Sunshine Cloud Youth Advisory Council

- Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference held in June, 2015
- Formal Introduction of Youth Council to General Membership at General Meeting
- Shadowing Tribal Council with SCSYAC member for the summer
- SCSYAC attended Unity Leadership Conference in Washington DC with report given to Tribal Council
- Skate Park Work Session with SunUte Staff and Site Visits
- Networking with State Officials to address Education Initiatives through CCIA
- Ute Museum Expansion Presentation and Request for Input Completed
- Tribal Health Philosophy discussion for future expansion
- Gardening Initiative with Marge Borst and the Bison Education Program
- Disbursement of School Supplies to Students at Hall of Warriors

#### Powwow Committee

- Planning of Bear Dance Powwow
- Attended Bear Dance Powwow
- Attend meetings as schedule allows due to conflicts with SCSYAC and SUCCM Board Meetings

#### Albq. Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB)

- Attended monthly meetings with the exception of July
- Attended IHS/HHS Consultations regarding Direct Services
- Provided AAIHB w/monthly updates on SUIT Health Dept/Clinic status

#### Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM)

- Audit presentation and approval to the Board
- Marketing Plan Presentation - Lamar Advertising
- Proposed By-Law Edits presented by D. Lorrigan for Review
- Election of Secretary/Treasurer - Phil Price
- Maximizing Fundraising/Philanthropic Activities
- Reviewed Applications for Director and Tabled until MOA is approved
- Work Session with Tribal Council on future of SUCCM

### Lake Capote Notice

The Lake Capote operating schedule will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – sunup to sundown.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

We will resume the 7-day schedule as soon as possible.



## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**SELLS** – Jonathan Dean Sells joined his Creator on August 6, 2015 in Ignacio, Colorado.

Jonathan was born to Carol Baker and the

late Vernon Sells on July 1, 1990. Most of Jonathan's life was spent enjoying Bear Dance, snowboarding and all that Colorado has to offer.

Jonathan had a wonderful sense of humor and brought smiles to everyone he encountered. What set Jonathan apart was his willingness to see good in everyone as he was quick to forgive and gave everyone the benefit of the doubt. Jonathan had an infectious laugh, a giving heart, creativity and energy that touched everyone who surrounded him.

Jonathan is survived by his mother Carol Baker of Red Mesa; sisters: Rochá Rickel of Firestone, Colo., and Demi Sells of Durango, Colo., and the family and friends who have loved and supported him.

A celebration of life was held Mon., August 10, 2015 at The Cowboy Church, 2601 25th and Junction Street, Durango, CO 81301. A graveside will be held on Sat., August 22, at the Ouray Cemetery in Ignacio.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



#### Edna J. Frost

**Job title:** Tribal Information Services Director

**Description of duties:** Responsible for the management and supervision of divisions under the TIS Director, vital statistics, DRUM, records management, front desk/mail room

**Hobbies:** Crafts, sewing, camping, watching grandchildren play sports

**Family:** Raymond Frost Sr., husband. Jeannette Frost, daughter. Heather Pardo, daughter.

**Tribe:** Southern Ute

#### Stacey Oberly

**Job title:** Ute Language Teacher

**Description of duties:** Teach Ute language and culture to Southern Ute Montessori Academy students, teachers, and families.

**Hobbies:** My hobbies include yoga, reading, watching movies, and beadwork.

**Family:** I have three wonderful kids: Akasia, Namichen, and Kuch

**Tribe:** Southern Ute



#### Natalie Kelly Bravo

**Job title:** Education Assistant

**Family:** Granddaughter to late Leonard C. Burch. Mother is Leonora Burch and father is Torivio Bravo.

**Additional comments:** I'm thankful to begin a new journey and can't wait to see all the cute smiling faces at school.

#### Shivon Herrera

**Job title:** Probation Administrative Assistant

**Description of duties:** Administrative Duties, filing.

**Family:** Tyler Young, Amari Young



#### Jordan Miller

**Job title:** Dental Assistant

**Description of duties:** Assist doctors during clinic hours, take dental x-rays, maintain tools and instruments.

**Hobbies:** Horseback riding, camping, hiking

**Family:** Husband, Rusty

#### Matthew A. Gallegos

**Job title:** Detention Officer

**Description of duties:** Safeguard inmates that are in our care and safety of all staff. Provide a safe environment for all inmates, which would include, search for contraband, and enforce rules and regulations of the detention center.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, Fishing, Hiking, Camping, Shooting, Sports: Softball, Football, Baseball, Weight Lifting.

**Family:** Dolores Gallegos (Mother), Greg Gallegos (Father), Michael Gallegos (Brother), Babe Lansing (Girlfriend).



#### Jonathan Schultheiss

**Job title:** Detention Officer

**Description of duties:** Help and protect inmate's safety. As well as enforce rules and regulations of the detention center.

**Hobbies:** Boating, shooting, four-wheeling, traveling, movies, micro-brew tasting, working out.

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## Farewell Rodney



photos Anthony Suina/SU Drum

Rodney Class-Erickson poses with his family during his farewell party thrown by Tribal Planning on Friday, Aug. 7 in the Hall of Warriors. Class-Erickson also received his Ten Year Service Award with the Tribe during the farewell party.



Staff members gave thanks to Class-Erickson for ten years of service as well as a working closely with Tribal Departments and the Executive Office. For the past year, Class-Erickson has been mentoring Edward Box III through the tribe's apprenticeship program. Box will now serve as Tribal Planner for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## TRIBAL SALES TAX

# Southern and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members on-reservation sales tax exemption

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Information Services Department reminds Southern Ute Indian tribal members and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members of their on-Reservation sales tax exemption.

Last year, Colorado Governor Hickenlooper signed HB14-1080 into law. HB14-1080 codified the Colorado

Department of Revenue's long-standing position, consistent with federal law, that on-Reservation sales to Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members are exempt from State sales tax.

"Reservation" means either the Southern Ute Indian Reservation or the Reservation of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

The Tribe has reminded Four Corners Motorcycle

Rally vendors of the exemption. To claim the exemption, tribal members should show their tribal membership card when making a purchase.



## IN NEED OF FREE CHILDCARE?

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start (Ignacio, CO) currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. We serve pre-natal women, as well as children from 6 weeks old to 5 years of age.

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

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## Attention agricultural land managers

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2016 Cost-share program. The Cost-share program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the Tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs, such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing/off-stream watering sources are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 ext 2214 for more information.

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## IHS VOLLEYBALL

## Home heavy slate for spikers

Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Since losing its last match of 2012 to Parker Lutheran – during the process of LHS compiling a 47-match winning streak (presently the 12th-longest in CHSAA annals) – at the State Championships, Loveland Resurrection Christian will enter 2015 atop a 58-match high (fifth-longest all-time) as it seeks a Class 2A three-peat.

Claimed by the Lady Cougars late in last fall's 29-0 effort, San Juan Basin League stronghold [14-2 against the loop in '14] Ridgway, which finished 19-6 after a for-pride best-of-three defeat of Sargent inside the Denver Coliseum should, starting in September, again be a barometer for the widespread 2A/1A circuit.

Certain to again put Ignacio to the test, the Lady Demons will fittingly also be the last, large obstacle between the Lady Bobcats and their hard-earned, home-cooked October stretch drive.

Ready to fully re-inhabit IHS Gymnasium after calling both Ignacio Middle School and SunUte Community Center home during a harsh 2-18 education, the year-wiser Cats will travel to RHS on Sept. 19 for the most key early-season contest (as yet listed) on the team's 2015 itinerary.

Up first, however, will be a long-anticipated 4 p.m. visit Sept. 1st from Kirtland Central, N.M.

Two of the sides' previous three clashes went the full five-game distance, and last year's KCHS sweep could have been chalked up simply to IHS' then-inexperience. Ignacio will be looking to prove that's what it was against a program which went 8-2 in New Mexico's District 1-4A, and 16-6 overall after falling (to eventual rulers Ruidoso) in the NMAA State Tournament's initial Round-of-12.

Non-league Monte Vista then comes to town on the 10th (also a 4 p.m. start), hoping to build upon a 7-16 result in which the Lady Pirates went 0-8 in the 3A Intermountain. SJBL play gets underway next for IHS on the Sept. 12, with Ouray traversing the mountain passes for a noon start in the Pine River Valley.

The Lady Trojans finished at the bottom of the ladder in 14, going 0-13 against league opposition while managing to take just three games – all at home, including one from Ignacio – and finished a reported



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chrystianne Valdez makes sure her pass is precise during warm-ups before last season's opener at Kirtland, N.M., Central. Valdez, now a senior coming off an All-SJBL nod last fall, will be essential in 2015—starting when IHS hosts KCHS.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Thad Cano directs his team's warm-ups prior to hosting Mancos inside Ignacio Middle School Gymnasium last fall. The 'Cats will be finding themselves back inside IHS Gymnasium in 2015, after splitting home dates between IMS and SunUte Community Center.

4-18 overall after downing De Beque and then losing to Nucla in the 1A-District 1 Tournament.

The Cats will travel for the first time on the Sept. 17 to Mancos, where the Lady Jays will be hoping to find the sort of fire which had them almost as scorching – MHS won seven of its first ten SJBL matches (and ended up 9-6 in league) – as RHS early last season, before 2A-Region G Tournament losses to Dolores and Cedaredge

finalized their 2014 record at 13-11 overall.

Well-received on the Eastern Plains at last year's Simla Invitational, Ignacio will again grind through the round-robin endurance event in '15, with action at SHS beginning 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 26.

But upon returning to La Plata County, the Cats will go easy on gas budgets until the postseason.

Starting with a home match versus Telluride on October 1st, eight of Ignacio's remaining eleven slated dates – including visits from RHS (10/10), MHS (10/15), Dolores (10/22) and Class 1A State Tournament qualifiers Norwood (10/24) – will take place on campus, save for a 10/3 triangular at DHS and a 10/17 single at THS.

A visit from 3A State Tournament qualifiers Pagosa Springs on Oct. 27 wraps things up, with both crews hoping that by then they'll have prepared and positioned themselves well enough to then play into November.

The Cats will first get a sneak peek at several of the aforementioned foes at the August 22nd 4 Corners Scrimmages, hosted by PSHS and head coach Connie O'Donnell.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

New Ignacio Football head coach Alfonso "Ponch" Garcia (white shirt) roars encouragement during a tire tug-o-war along with new assistant Bill Gwinn at the Bobcats' first practice of 2015 on Monday, Aug. 17. In addition to more conventional exercises, the head-to-head strength spectacle was one of the Day 1 highlights, as was a version of the rope drill—in which players became a moving set of 'strings' to be high-stepped over by other players, from goal line to goal line and back.

## IHS FOOTBALL

## Bobcat football to travel ... lots

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Last year's football schedule wasn't entirely friendly to Ignacio High School.

Despite the anticipation and long-awaited unveiling of a new, artificial surface and a slate somewhat conducive to capitalize on the upgrade, the Bobcats couldn't put it all together in finishing 1-8 overall and a fifth-place 1-4 in the six-team 1A Southern Peaks Conference.

IHS' 2015 itinerary certainly won't do the Cats any favors while they re-

tool ... especially down the stretch.

A trip out to La Jara on Oct. 16 (kickoff 7:00 p.m.) to face defending SPC champs Centauri precedes a 10/23 return to the San Luis Valley to meet conference dark horse Center, as well as the drive to Dolores Sept. 30 for a regular-season finale against the arch-nemesis Bears – who somehow found 13 points enough to blank the Cats in Ignacio and close the book on a frigid 2014.

Neither DHS (4-5, 2-3 SPC in '14) nor CHS (5-

4, 3-2) made the 1A State Playoffs, but the Falcons (7-4, 5-0) picked up an opening Round-of-16 win at home by holding perennial power Limon to just two points. Loveland Resurrection Christian, however, curbed that enthusiasm in the quarterfinals with a neutral-ground win up at Fort Collins Fossil Ridge H.S.

First up for IHS in helping kick off the 95th year of CHSAA-sanctioned scholastic sports will be an August 28th debut (7 p.m. start) at IHS

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## FLC BASKETBALL

## PRO-gression: Herrera inks hoops deal

## Scandinavians snag IHS alumnus

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fortunately the sport of basketball is a global language all its own.

And former Ignacio High School star Alex Herrera seems to have it mastered. Which is a good thing considering where his hoops odyssey will be taking him next, as announced online Tuesday, Aug. 11.

'206-senttinen Alex Herrera KTP:n haaviin!' read the www.ktpbasket.fi headline, followed by an article which will never read any easier – though excerpts like 'Elokuussa 23-vuotta täyttävä Alex "The Chief" Herrera on kotoisin Colorado osavaltioista, 700 asukkaan Ignacion kaupungista...' make it fairly clear what happened.

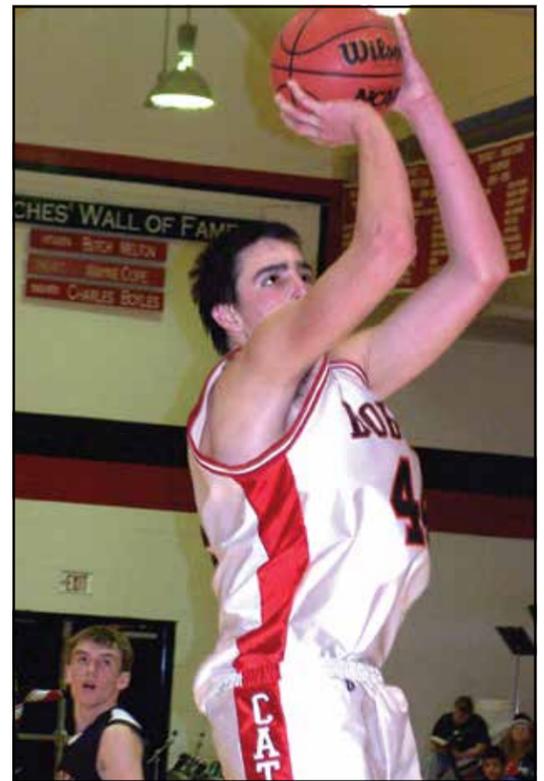
The La Plata County big signed his first professional contract.

Having seen West Coast summer action recently in the Venice Beach, Calif.-centered Venice Basketball League, keeping his skills sharp after going unselected in the 2015 NBA Draft, Herrera committed to take his post-dominating presence to KTP (that is, Kotkan Työväen Palloilijat) Basket in Finland's Korisliiga.

"It couldn't happen to a nicer kid," said longtime IHS head coach Chris Valdez. "A kid like that earns everything he gets. And I'm just so proud of him and wish him the best as he starts his pro career!"

"It's an honor to be his mom," Kathy Herrera said of her son, who will turn a prime 23 tomorrow.

Located in the southwestern coastal city of Kotka – owning a population nearing that of Grand



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Former Ignacio Bobcat Alex Herrera zones in on a medium-range jumper inside IHS Gymnasium versus Ouray during the 2008-09 season. Herrera recently signed his first professional hoops contract after completing a stellar career at NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Junction, Colorado – KTP went a first-place 29-11 in 2014-15, and then began the postseason by eliminating the Helsinki Seagulls three games to none in the circuit's quarterfinals. Bisons Loimaa, however, then pulled a 3-2 upset in the semis and KTP was forced to salvage third via a 92-79 defeat of Kauhajoen Karhu on May 12th.

A title would have been the club's seventh since its 1957 debut, but its first since 1994.

Herrera's acquisition will undoubtedly prove beneficial for the team; former University of Rhode Island forward LaMonte Ulmer, who averaged 17.8

points and 8.6 rebounds per game during the '14-15 grind, agreed last month to play in Germany's Bundesliga this season for Würzburg-based, 2007-founded s.Oliver Baskets.

(The club's previous incarnation, DJK Würzburg, gave rise to a young hopeful named Dirk Nowitzki.)

At NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College in Durango, Herrera finished his Skyhawk days starting all 29 games as a senior in '14-15, averaging a double-double (23.7 points, 11.6 rebounds per) and blocking 94 shots. He shot 56.1% from the floor (230-of-410)

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### ATTENTION HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS

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Our existing policy is that a veteran wanting to travel, needs to attend a meeting and take part in that activity for that event. The next scheduled meeting of the association is Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building in Ignacio.

Those veterans wishing to attend need to be present so a count can be taken, travel request will be processed at that time. On-site registration is also available.

*Thank you,  
Howard D. Richards Sr., Commander  
Southern Ute Veterans Association*

### ADVANTAGE BASKETBALL CAMP

Advantage Basketball camps is a national camp that is rated #2 in the country by Kids Sports Illustrated.

I started taking my Wildcat team to the Advantage camps long ago – back in 2007, I believe. The camps run by Keiko Yoshimimi. The camps are an excellent way for kids and teens to brush up on their dribbling, ball handling, and shooting skills.

I have taken my kids and my team to different camps and this is the one I stand behind because they really do teach minute to minute.

This is the second year we've brought it to Ignacio with the aid and support of the following working together to get this done: Kevin Winkler at SunUte, Gail Pena at the HR Dept/SUIT, the Tribal Council and XO's for the SUIT, Heidi Doscher and Travis Garlick at Sky Ute Casino Resort, and myself, Naomi Russell - coach and volunteer for the Ignacio Wildcats.

We hope to continue this for as long as the public has an interest. Sign ups begin late December through the end of July of each year. We plan to have the camp in Ignacio the first full week of August annually.

*Thank you!  
Naomi Russell  
SUCAP Central Admin.*

### LET US WAKE AND SPEAK UTE APPRECIATION

In appreciation for all involved in the "Let Us All Wake Up and Speak Ute" Conference

On July 31, 2015 members of the three Ute tribes met to share the Ute language at the "Let Us All Wake Up and Speak Ute" Conference. Presenters from the Ute Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Southern Ute Tribe discussed how to keep our language alive for future generations, and demonstrated various methods of teaching the Ute language. The Culture Department would like to acknowledge the following individuals who participated in the conference.

Chairman Clement J. Frost; Yellow Jacket-Ian Thompson and RC Lucero; Terry Knight, Helen Munoz, Betty Howe and Ute Elders, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; May Mountain and Jonas Grant, Presenters, Ute Tribe; Joyce Hughes, Masters of Linguistics Graduate Program, and Gila River Teacher/Trainer; Dr. Stacey Oberly, Arlene Millich, Dedra White, Lorelei Cloud, Amelia Howe, Lillian Seibel, Inez Cloud, Pearl Casias, Ute Speakers 2011; Stella Eyetoo, White Mesa Elder.

Donations: Franklin Thompson-dinner tickets, Linda Eagle-pressure cooker, Culture Department-gift cards, Arlene Millich-water color, Dedra White-Indian blanket, Helen Munoz-Ute bingo packet, Sky Ute Resort - one free night at the motel and dinner at Seven Rivers. Culture Department, for funding, lunch and gifts of appreciation.

It was a pleasure to work with all the presenters and hear their individual ideas for their presentations. The event was recorded and is

available on the Culture website, and Tribal member website. There will be a limited number of recordings available to members of the three Ute tribes, if you would like to receive a copy please contact Henry Whiteskunk, Media Technician 970-563-0100 Ext. 3625 or Marge Barry, Education Coordinator at 970-563-4802, in the Culture Dept..

Special thanks to our Ute people who attended the conference and the presenters who work diligently to keep our language alive.

Southern Ute Culture Department Staff, Elise Redd, Director; Marge Barry, Education Coordinator; Tara Vigil, Special Events, Coordinator; Henry Whiteskunk, Media Technician; Kree Lopez, Media Technician Intern, and Videographer; Darlene Frost Admin. Asst.; Casey Naranjo NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice and Alden Naranjo NAGPRA Coordinator.

*Elise Redd*

### SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS DESIGN

Using Southern Ute Veterans' design without the prior approval is disrespectful to the Southern Ute Veterans. If one looks to the tribal fair premium book in the powwow poster, the border design is and was created by the association and its members. This border was used without permission.

If in the future, please refrain from this type of conduct.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Howard D. Richards Sr., Commander*

### DISRESPECT

Disrespect of Powwow Committee to use Southern Ute Veterans' border design on Powwow poster without asking permission, first.

*Vietnam Veteran 1970-1971  
Rod Grove*

### LET'S PURSUE CHANGE

Let's pursue change Tribal Members, We are currently experiencing a place of political unrest. Some might think that this division among us is because of the recent spill that has caused our water to become contaminated. However, this is not the case. The political unrest began a long time ago with many of us becoming displaced from employment or not being able to get employment at all. The response time of the EPA and Tribal officials served as a catalyst to further the unrest. This catastrophic incident should be taken seriously as any potential harm to life is of concern and therefore, should have been addressed in an emergent way.

We are currently trying to resolve divisions among us through policy change like the division of service provisions initiated for some and not others because of the land we reside on. We are all members of this tribe and should be allowed equal access to all provisions. Council's response to our predicaments is that they never have a solution or resolve for us. They tell us there is nothing they can do, they can't involve themselves in this or in that. Because of their inability to act some of us are now questioning their ability to serve and protect us as a tribe. Therefore, there are some of us who are organizing and banding together to bring forth our concerns to a Council who will not hear our voice. We elect these officials to protect our interests and I for one am not feeling protected. The only way to ensure change and to ensure we are heard, is if we unite as one and come collectively with one voice of the people. Currently, we are petitioning to get Council to stand down if they do not have the power to take back our tribe under their control. If they are letting Department heads and those in prominent positions rule over us as in a dictatorship, then we have no voice and Tribal Council tells us that they have no power when it comes to policy that has been approved by previous Councils. What

they need to hear is that "You are Council, therefore, you have the power to change any and all policies as you deem fit for the membership". However, they pursue your vote, get into place, collect their pay and forget what they are there for and continually tell you they have no power to act. This negligence of their duty to perform and to act on our behalf is where the problem lies. I for one am unwilling to accept this from our Tribal Council. They need to be held accountable for their time in office. As of now, we are organizing and standing together to pursue change. To give HR and other Departments back to our Tribe to run them as was promised by the Federal Government through Self Determination. If HR and other departments are unwilling to hire tribal members that are not helping us toward self-determination but rather are trying to control us as a people and it needs to stop. If you are not for us than you must be against us. At the present time I think we need to diligently look at hiring practices overall throughout our tribal government and our relationship to SUCAP as well. Our biggest concerns are focused on Employment, Division of Social Services, Housing Provisions, Health Care Systems and the like. Another area of great interest and concern is that of the establishment of contractual employees that are to establish apprenticeships among tribal members to take on a particular position once trained but still remain while the tribe continues to renew their contracts without the placement of trained tribal members in these prospective positions. There are many other issues that will be brought to Councils attention. We are asking the membership to please stand with us in our effort to return our tribe to the governing of its members. Please help us to move forward and to not remain stagnant with regard to policy change. We need to do this before we are censored and retaliated against because we insist on a difference in opinion that will ultimately lead to taking back initiatives and our government for productive change for its members. We are already aware that a Council member tried to stop us from publishing what we think and feel from publication, this is not right, we also have the right to "Freedom of Speech" within this country we reside in. We should not be afraid to voice our opinions to those in place to protect us. They are in place to serve as our spokesman and advocate. Who taught us we should fear them? We are seeking signatures for change.

*Respectfully, Yvonne Tree*

### WRONGFUL TERMINATION CONCERN

First, disclose that my wife, Linda Mahlum was wrongfully terminated, within the same hour on May 22, 2014, that her Supervisor, 30 year-long Peaceful Spirit employee and Tribal elder, Judy Lansing was, also wrongfully terminated by the (non-native) SUCAP management. Many of you have heard of and been appalled by this.

Now, it is time for the members of the powerful Southern Ute Tribe, to take a close and critical look at this outdated relic of the 1960's CAP ( Program). SUCAP has dominated Southern Ute services for a half-century. The management has become dominated by highly paid non-Natives. The priority of services for the Southern Utes has been lost. Operations are, in my opinion, secretive. There are no Southern Ute Tribal members serving in these highly paid management positions.

I have had the honor for several years, to know Judy Lansing. I have learned she is an outstanding Tribal member and Elder, who is very dedicated to her family, her People and all community members of Ignacio. The obvious example is her dedication to help those individuals with substance abuse issues. Judy has been both generous and patient while teaching me about so many wonderful Southern Ute

Traditions and Culture. Now, I look forward to the Bear Dance and Sun Dance. Because of Judy Lansing, I am learning to understand and appreciate my Southern Ute neighbors. I regard Judy Lansing as an ambassador for the Southern Ute Tribe!

Since I have learned about the problems of SUCAP and the impeccable qualities of Judy Lansing, I can only implore the Southern Ute Tribe to take over Peaceful Spirit. Peaceful Spirit is the SUCAP department that is closest to the heart of the Tribe, where persons heal and learn about themselves in the Native way. Judy Lansing must be returned to her supervisory position. I am certain, after what I know about SUCAP, that Peaceful Spirit has been a much less effective treatment center without her. Her goal is to help people, not to remain in an overpaid position until a car is paid off as one non-Native supervisor stated. Actually, SUCAP should be defunded so that Southern Utes can decide what programs best serve the people and which are meant to line the pockets of non-Native managers.

The Southern Ute Tribe, a sovereign nation has the authority to make this change. I fully agree with the position articulated so well by Yvonne Tree in recent Drum issue. Pearl Casias in the Durango Herald was exceptional in the voicing of her concerns. My opinion is: Don't just make the attempt to learn and preserved the Ute Language-also, have your own people take positions and responsibilities, through education, mentorships and internships!

So, Tribal members, insist that Judy Lansing be returned to her position at Peaceful Spirit. She deserves that dignity and respect after all she has done for the community as an effective Counselor. Also, insist that Peaceful Spirit go under the wind of the Tribe. This travesty of justice can be corrected. The Southern Ute Indian Nation must not be taken advantage of anymore! Remember this when SUCAP celebrates its 50th birthday this year. More non-Natives will be celebrating it than deserving Natives for whom the program was originally intended. It is time to stand up to the money oriented non-Native culture and its SUCAP masters who now profit more from this outdated organization than Southern Utes. Will you simply sit by while yet another Native is egregiously wronged by the dominant white and their culture?

*Mark Mahlum*

### UTE GET-TOGETHER SUCCESS THANKS

Ute Get-together Success thanks Thanks to all those people who made our first Ute Get-together a success.

Sky Ute Casino's Franklin Thompson for two dinner tickets; Sky Ute Casino: For one-nights day and 2 meals at the 7 rivers; Linda Eagle for the pressure cooker; Growth Fund for the mugs; Gift cards from the Culture Department for Taco Bell, Cracker Barrel, Star Bucks; Arlene Millich for a watercolor painting; Dedra White for an Indian blanket; and Helen Munoz for Native Indian Bingo packet.

To all the presentators and helpers: Clement Frost; Yellow Jacket Drum Group; Jonas Grant; Terry Knight; May lee Mountain; Betty Howe and helpers; Helen Munoz; Joyce Hughes; Ute class members: Arlene Millich, Dedra White, Amelia Howe, Loreli Cloud, Dr. Stacey Oberly, Lillian Seibel and Inez Cloud; Marge Barry and cultural staff for making the delicious food. Henry Whiteskunk and Cree Lopez.

For song and final prayer 90-year old Elder from Towaoc, Stella Eyetoo. To all the brave people who contributed suggestions and ideas to furthering the revitalization of the Ute Language. Tobie Baker, Cortez Journal and to anyone else I may have missed.

*Arlene Millich*

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Ute Indian Museum Expansion

History Colorado is accepting proposals from qualified General Contractors for the construction of the Ute Indian Museum Expansion. A mandatory job walk will take place on Wednesday 9/2/15 at 10:00 AM at 17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose. Bids must be mailed or dropped off prior to the public bid

opening on Thursday 9/17/15 at 2 p.m. at 107 South Cascade, Montrose. For the complete solicitation, visit the State of Colorado Vendor Self Service listing site (<https://codpavss.hostams.com/webapp/PRDVSS1X1/AltSelfService>) or contact Robert.L.Wilson@state.co.us

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Seal Coating and Restriping

**Owner:**  
**Sky Ute Fairgrounds**  
200 E. Hwy. 151, Ignacio, CO 81137  
The Sky Ute Fairgrounds is advertising requests for proposals for Seal Coating and Restriping the parking lot at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park located at 200 East Highway 151, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. A **mandatory** pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sky Ute Fairgrounds indoor arena. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned

Businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive the preference, Native American companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Tribal Contracted Cleaning Services

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe Custodial Services Division**  
**Jess Baidwan, Division Head/Contract Coordinator**  
P.O. Box 737/576 CR 517  
Ignacio, Colo. 81137  
970-563-0100, ext. 2220  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's (SUIT) Custodial Services Division is requesting proposals for contracted cleaning services at select government buildings in the Ignacio area located on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus in Ignacio, Colo. 81137. A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-through will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 11:30 am in the Leonard C. Burch building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colo. Call 970-563-0100, ext. 2220 to confirm your attendance. Please have only a maximum of two (2) representatives for the meeting. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's

Custodial Services Division located at 576 CR 517 in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Tuesday September 1, 2015. Award of bid will be decided by September 10, 2015. Work to commence by winning bid contractor on October 1, 2015. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Jess Baidwan for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0100, ext. 2220 or [jbaidwan@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jbaidwan@southernute-nsn.gov). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Construction of Waterline and Gas Main Project

**Owner:**  
**The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT)**  
**Utilities Division**  
**PO Box 1137**  
**16360 Hwy 172**  
**Ignacio, CO 81137**  
**970-563-5500**

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION CR 318/CR 319 WATERLINE and GAS MAIN PROJECT will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 2:00 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, August 27, 2015. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder.

**Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract.

**Description of Work:** Work includes installation of 1210 lineal feet of 8 inch HDPE water pipe mains and 4 inch MDPE gas along existing county roads. Additional pipe, valves, connections and appurtenances are included. Revegetation of disturbed areas is required. Only contractors qualified in the installation of HDPE water pipe and MDPE gas mains shall be permitted to bid on this project. The selected Contractor shall supply current certifications for the pipe installers showing capabilities for proper welding of the HDPE and MDPE pipe. The Southern

Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division Office, located at 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: GOFF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC. 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colo., 81301. 970-247-1705. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy. 172, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. 970-563-5500 A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to [mgallegos@goffengineering.com](mailto:mgallegos@goffengineering.com) or written request to the above address.

## 2nd Annual Southwest Veterans Regional Conference

**Sept. 20 - 22**  
**Isleta Casino**  
**(South of Albq., NM)**  
**Registration: \$25**

The next scheduled meeting of the Veterans Association is Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building in Ignacio.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES Board and Committee Vacancies

### KSUT BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

KSUT Board of Directors has one vacancy for a Native American Board Member. Interested KSUT Board of Director applicants should send a resume to Robert Franklin at [bob@ksut.org](mailto:bob@ksut.org).

### NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The Board of Education of Ignacio School District in the County of La Plata, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. At this election three (3) directors will be elected for a term of office of four years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child. A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 25 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election. Nomination petitions may be obtained at Ignacio School District Administration Office, 455 Becker Street, Ignacio, CO. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Completed petitions shall be submitted to Ignacio School District Administration Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on August 28, 2015. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Education of Ignacio School District, County of La Plata, State of Colorado has caused this call for nominations to be given this 5 day of August, 2015.

### ETHICS OFFICE "ALT. MEMBER-AT-LARGE"

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill two vacancies for "Alternate Member-At-Large" position on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older, Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality, Have a familiarity with tribal government, Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by September 4, 2015. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY/TITLE VII COMMITTEE

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

### MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

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

### Senior Fund Accountant – GF Private Equity Group, LLC (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 8/28/15  
GF Private Equity Group's financial and managerial reporting functions. This includes overseeing the recording of daily transactions, preparing weekly, monthly, and annual forecasts, as well as preparing for and managing the annual audit process.

the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

### Security and Network Architect – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 8/31/15  
High-level network planning, design and optimization.

### PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 8/31/15  
Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. This position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications with emphasis on

### Facility PSM Coordinator – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, Colo.)

Close date 9/2/15  
Ensuring facility level compliance with OSHA's Process Safety Management (PSM) of highly hazardous chemicals, Standard 29 CFR 1910.119 and EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Rule, 40 CFR Part 68 for Red Cedar Gathering Company (RCGC).

## 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](http://www.sucap.org)

### Driver – SUCAP

Open until filled  
Driver for Road Runner Transit at Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP), in Ignacio, Colo. Current CDL, medical card, and passenger endorsement preferred. Must submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Must be able to pass drug/alcohol test and background check.

### Teacher – SU Head Start

Closing date 8/28/15  
SUCAP/Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio is looking for someone who wants to make a difference! Exceptional health care benefits! High School diploma required; CDA, AA or BA preferred. Must have at least one-year experience in early childcare in a provider setting. Must pass background checks.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-NC-073**  
**Devonne Jordynne Colleen Madril, Civil Subject**

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

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than September 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2015.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-NC-066**  
**Sage Sierra Medicine Blanket, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Lorena S. Cibrian on behalf of: Sage Sierra Medicine Blanket has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Sage Sierra Garcia.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than September 14, 2015 at 2:30 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2015.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

## SOUTHERN UTE SOCIAL SERVICES Companion for Developmentally Disabled Adult

Mature and responsible adult wanted as a companion for developmentally disabled adult. Must have driver's license, insurance, drug free, no previous encounters with the criminal justice system, an understanding of Southern Ute Culture & Traditions and an ability to work with the developmentally disabled clients and the Division of Social Services. 10 - 15 hours a week plus mileage. Must be able to pass a background check and have 3 references. 970-563-4732.

## SUCCM – Job announcements

Obtain a complete job description and application packet  
call 970-563-9583 • [info@succm.org](mailto:info@succm.org)

### Education Coordinator

Open until filled  
Implementation of academic and public education programs. Work to integrate the collections and exhibitions into public and private curriculum while enhancing public educational use of museum. Will help develop the museum's audience and profile. Must demonstrate a proven interest in revitalizing cultural and natural heritage traditions, promoting Ute language preservation and enhancing literacy and critical thinking skills. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Specific knowledge about Southern Ute tribal history and culture. Experience in developing, delivering and evaluating education programs in formal and/or informal education settings with strong demonstrated leadership and organization skills.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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

### Busser-Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 8/24/15  
Clears off and sanitizes tables for the next group of guests, disposes of trash and other waste and keeps the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will assist cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. 14 years old+. Preferably 16 years of age. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able read and write at an 8th grade level.

### Room Attendant (Full-time)

Closing date 8/24/15  
Performs routine duties in cleaning and servicing guest rooms. 18 years old+. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field preferred. 1 year previous experience preferred in motel or hotel operation.

### Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing Date 8/21/15  
Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/ CPR training within the first year of employment.

### Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time, On-call)

Closing date 8/24/15  
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

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

## Hunter Education Classes

**Hunter Education Class**  
**So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum**  
**Sept. 15, 17, 22, 24 (6:30 – 9:15 p.m.)**  
**Sept. 23 (4 – 7 p.m.) Range Day**

**Minimum Age Limit:** 12 years of age  
**Cost:** \$10 (payable to the instructor on first day of class)

**Class Size Limit:** 25 Participants  
**Class Restrictions:** Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class, all items will be provided

**Class Requirements:** Five (5) Classes (must attend all classes), pass written test, and demonstrate safe handling of firearms  
**Pre-registration required:** Register online at <http://register-ed.com/events/view/67109>

**Other Classes in the Area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs):** Visit the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website for times and locations <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>.

Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool.

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

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

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

**Class Size Limit:** 25 students  
**Pre-registration required:** Register online at <http://register-ed.com/events/view/67112>

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



## Are you an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or Over and Registered to Vote?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for  
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This is a Tribal appointment and a paid position. If you are interested, please submit a Letter of Intent with a current phone number on it to the Human Resources Dept. in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building by August 28, 2015 before 5 p.m.

The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, West Wing, of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305.

It's your vote  It's your Tribal Community

Southern Ute Election Board, P.O. Box 737, MS #32 Ignacio, CO 81137-0737



## Friends of the Museum Reward Program

Why not get rewarded twice for visiting the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, with our FREE rewards program Friends of the Museum, you can do just that! All you have to do is ask a visitor service representative to sign you up for the FREE Friends of the Museum Rewards Program. You will receive a gift bag with some FREE goodies, we will fill out a rewards card and put it in our card file for safe keeping. Then when you come back to the Museum tell the visitor service representative that you are a rewards member, he/she will get your card out and punch it for you. Remember to tell the visitor service representative each and every time you pay for a class and or visit the Museum because the more times you come in the more rewards you receive.

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

## 2015 CRACKDOWN



SUPD

### Drive sober or get pulled over

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

The Southern Ute Police Department Will Be Out in Full Force to Catch Drunk Drivers Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

As summer winds down, the Southern Ute Police Department is ramping up its enforcement efforts as part of a national crackdown on drunk driving. The 20-day, high visibility campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, is a partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to curb impaired driving and save lives.

August 21-September 7 (Labor Day), law enforcement partners nationwide will show zero tolerance for drunk driving. Increased state and national messaging about the dangers of driving drunk, coupled with checkpoints and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce the toll of drunk driving.

And what a toll it is. In 2013, there were 10,076 people killed in drunk-driving crashes, almost a third of all traffic fatalities. Thirty-eight percent of crash fatalities on Labor Day weekend that year involved drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] of .08 or higher), amounting to 161 lives lost. And we're not just talking about a lit-

tle bit of alcohol, either. More than a quarter (27%) of the crash fatalities that occurred on Labor Day weekend involved drivers with BACs of .15 or higher-almost twice the illegal per se limit.

"Too many people think their actions don't affect anybody else," Chief Coriz said. "They know it's illegal. They know it's wrong. But they do it anyway-they make decisions as if those statistics just can't happen to them," he added.

The reality is, people aren't invincible. Of the 10,076 people who were killed in impaired driving crashes in 2013, 65 percent were the drunk drivers themselves. Those 6,515 drunk drivers planned on making it to their destinations, but they didn't.

In every state, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. Chief Coriz wants to remind drivers on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation that it's not a recommendation; it's the law.

And during the enforcement period starting August 21 and ending September 07, there will be a special emphasis on drunk-driving enforcement. Due to collaboration and a common zero tolerance stance between the Southern Ute Police Department and the Ignacio Police Department, local drivers should expect to see more patrol vehicles, DUI checkpoints,

and increased messaging about this reckless, preventable crime. "The number of people who are still drinking and driving is unacceptable," added Chief Coriz. "Yes, we want to increase awareness for the campaign, but we want the effects to be permanent."

NHTSA data shows that repeat offenders are an especially dangerous facet of the drunk driving problem. In the month of August from 2009-2013, of the drunk drivers involved in fatal crashes, almost 1 out of 10 (8%) of them had already been convicted of at least one drunk-driving offense.

Chief Coriz emphasized the preventable nature of drunk driving: "All it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive." NHTSA has made it even easier to get home safely when you've been drinking.

The new Safer Ride mobile app (free from the iTunes store and Google Play), can help users call a taxi or a friend for a ride home. The app can even help you identify your location so you can be picked up. So this August and year-round, remember that there's no excuse for drunk driving.

If you choose to break the law, the Southern Ute Police Department will see you before you see them. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

### BOBCAT FOOTBALL TO TRAVEL • FROM PAGE 12

Field versus non-onference Hotchkiss. The Bulldogs went 4-6 overall last fall, but qualified for the Playoffs, where they then fell at Buena Vista in the first round. BVHS went on to reach runner-up status, losing in the State Championship to Paonia, whom Ignacio will face on Sept. 11 at the intimate Paonia Town Park.

Also representing the Western Slope Conference, the Eagles defeated the Demons 21-7 in the grand finale and outscored their Playoffs opponents by an aggregate 137-22 margin to cap a perfect 13-0 campaign.

The Cats then make a much shorter trip to 2A Pagosa Springs on 9/18 for a winnable test against the Pirates, coming off a 3-6 result in which they were held to seven points or fewer in five outings.

IHS' lone victim in 2014, Walsenburg John Mall, comes to town on Oct. 2, but Ignacio will first have to fight through what should be a difficult Sept. 25 non-conference home clash with 2A Montezuma-Cortez. Despite being the So-Peaks' smallest school by enrollment and going 0-5 against the loop during its first time as a member, JMHS managed to finish



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Young Bobcat Lewis Valdez laughs amid a crowd of would-be tacklers in a mock kick-return scenario, knowing there's no real contact allowed on Day 1 practices in Colorado. The 2015 CHSAA football season officially began Monday, Aug. 17, with Ignacio opting for a three-hour afternoon/evening session to get things

2-7 overall in '14.

The Bobcats' Senior Night home finale is currently set to fall on Oct. 9, though the enemy - Monte Vista - has proven since joining the SPC that it will not be a cupcake. MVHS went 6-4 overall, 4-1 in the SPC before finishing Manny Wasinger's second season in charge with a 26-21 loss at Rye in the Playoffs' first round.

Defensively, the Pirates held six of last year's ten foes to single digits - includ-

ing Center, IHS, JMHS, and Dolores - before Centauri upended (via a 42-6 rout) the proverbial table on Monte to cop the SPC crown.

Practice officially began Monday, Aug. 17, with the first date for contact and usage of all equipment being Thursday, Aug. 20 But due to the decision to host HHS during "Zero Week," CHSAA by-laws deny the Cats their two allowable preseason scrimmages between the Aug. 22-27.

### HERRERA INKS DEAL • FROM PAGE 12

and 67.3% (224-of-333) from the free-throw line as FLC went 20-9 overall.

All-time at "Colorado's Campus in the Sky," Herrera ranks No. 1 in blocks and No. 2 in both points and boards.

Represented by Cremona, Italy-headquartered Two Points Basketball Agency - which also represents former CSU-Pueblo All-America forward Damon Williams (a Korisliiga star himself with Tampereen Pyrintö) - details of the 6'10" pivot's agreement with KTP had not been disclosed by press time.

It's a good possibility, however, that the mere opportunity to hoop overseas out-

weighed overseas currency.

"He sets such a good example for his siblings," Kathy Herrera said. "He's very goal-oriented; when he hit college he said 'I want to play pro basketball' and now, after turning pro, I can guarantee you he has another goal. Don't know what it is yet - he hasn't told me - but he's probably already working on it."

"He recruits US to go with him to the gym," she continued, alluding to herself and husband Chris, "recruits his friends to go to the gym and rebound for him ... You dream big and nothing's ever out of reach."

"He comes from a humble background, you know," Valdez said. "You see how they love him up at Fort Lewis? People don't just love him for what he does on the court; they love him because he's approachable, personable ... and a kid like that, you just want to get behind and support him."

Though unable to be reached for comment by press time (as was retiring FLC skipper Bob Hofman), when considering his previous Australian exploits it's safe to say he'll soon have backers on three continents. All of them united by a common, spherical 'tongue.'

### EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS • FROM PAGE 13

#### LETTER TO THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

The protocol and duties of elected officials is written in the Southern Ute Indian Constitution. It states: We, the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Colorado, in order to exercise our inherent rights of self-government as confirmed by the Constitution and bylaws approved November 4, 1936 to administer our tribal affairs, to preserve and increase our tribal resources, do ordain and establish this constitution.

From this understanding each and every elected official should administer Tribal affairs to the best of their ability, and not create any type of misunderstanding, conflict or perform any unethical conduct during their term in office.

What has become very noticeable is how Tribal officials have become transformational passive leaders - they depend on other non-tribal staff to make decisions for them. They do so while earning Tribal dollars

to make adverse decisions; creating policies that work against the membership in many ways. Classic issues in employment, health, housing, credit program, Tribal court to name a few.

Most recent in the Tribal Credit Fund-Secured Housing Loan Program Tribal Council has allowed non-members staff to create and recommend a program that is adversary to our membership. Many members have been turned away under this program, while yet the policy says, "Tribal Credit loans will not be denied based on the applicant's credit score and the criteria defined in this declaration shall govern credit approval". What do you think about the Tribal Council selling us out-now we are confronted with using credit scores to qualify for housing-setting us up like a loan program with Wells Fargo?

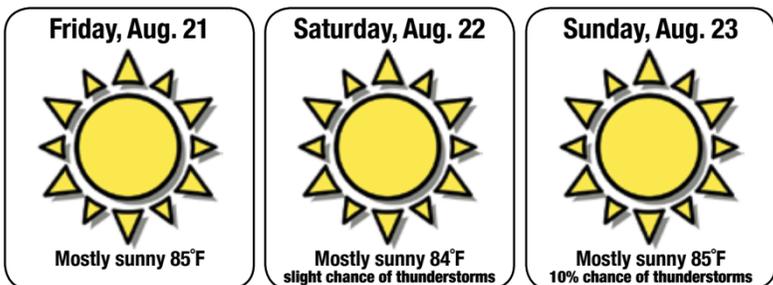
In previous years our per-capita was not taxable and thanks to officials we pay taxes now; plus now they have subjected us to credit checks utilizing our own tribal funds. What do you think about that and so what is next?

When we discuss housing many members need housing young and old and there is absolutely no help for them. Our elders need home repairs of some sort that goes unnoticed; plus there are so many other issues on our reservation we have to contend with ourselves with no help from officials. Most of the time we live in silence and say nothing and it continues. Don't you think it is time to take a stand for the sake of our tribal children and their future? Become involved.

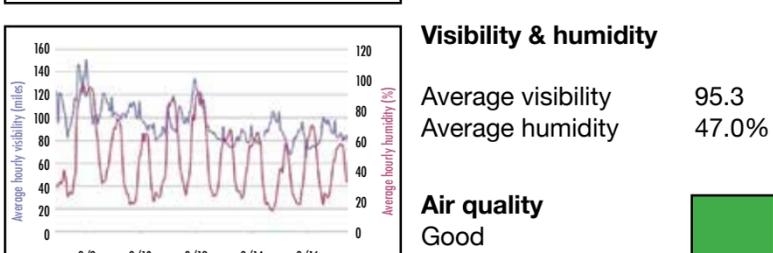
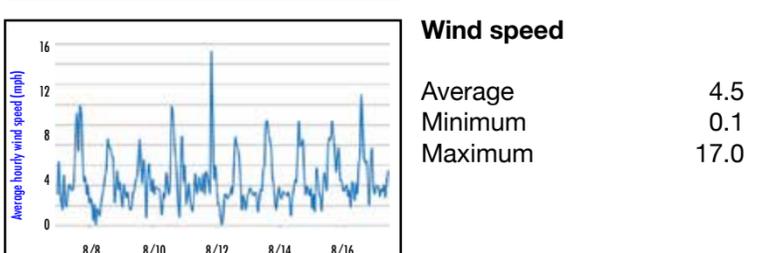
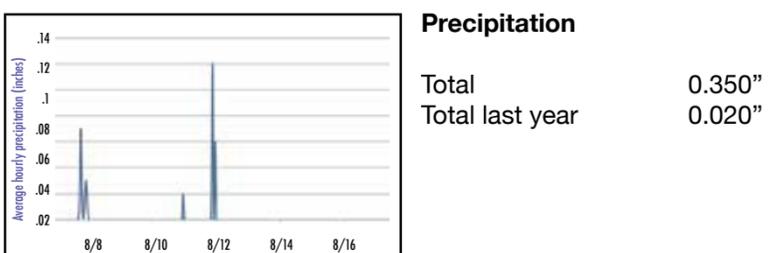
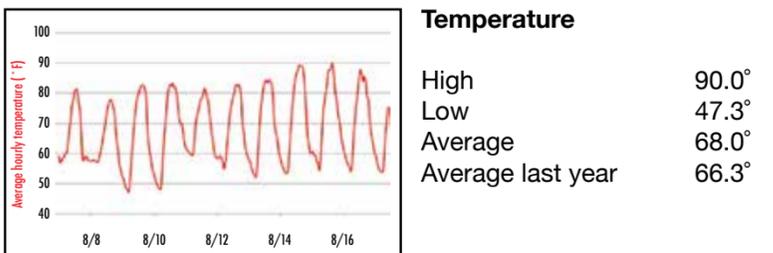
For your information I have chosen to take a stand to assist in a re-call effort along with other elders. There are posters available for your information and our effort has been acknowledged in the Durango Herald dated August 11, 2015. I would like to see an impact to take a stand sign up and help make a difference we all need and during election time support people whom truly support Tribal member's needs. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Renee Cloud,  
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## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER



### Weather data for August 6 - August 18



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