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CONGRATULATIONS & SALUTATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2016 GRADUATES!

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### FOSTER CARE

## State recognizes Armijo for foster parenting

By Sacha Smith

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Colorado Department of Health Services (CDHS) recently recognized five foster families in honor of National Foster Care Month. Out of 50 nominees statewide Velma Armijo, a Southern Ute Social Services employee and foster parent, was among the five who were recognized by the state.

At a luncheon celebration held at the Governor's Mansion on Saturday, May 14 First Lady of Colorado Robin Hickenlooper and Regie Bicha, executive director of CDHS recognized Armijo and the other four families for the care they provide Colorado's foster children

Armijo has always wanted to be a foster parent or

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Christine Zenel, AmeriCorps VISTA/CCIA

### SUMACC

## Museum and Cultural Center presents: Mountain Lion!

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center (SUMACC) presents Mountain Lion!, an engaging, family exhibit. The exhibit was developed by the Center of Southwest Studies, in partnership and with support from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the San Juan Mountains Association, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Sorrell Sky Gallery, and Durango Nature Studies.

The exhibit opened last Saturday, May 21 at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center (SUMACC), 77 CR 517, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

The exhibit was developed to address the pressing need for greater public awareness on the growing issue of human encounters

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Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Jazmin and Jade Carmenoros with their cousin Tauri Raines were one of the first lucky people to venture into the Mountain Lion! exhibit at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center.

### IHS BASEBALL

## Manzanares named SJBL's best

Six Cats earn First Team All-League

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

In baseball, a regulation batting order has nine slots.

Recently, Ignacio head coach Bert Miller received confirmation on something he, his staff, and basically every opponent on the Bobcats' 2016 schedule already knew: IHS' order was out of the ordinary, with an awesome six regulars named First Team All-San Juan Basin League.

Heading the list was senior infielder Anthony Manzanares, who also shared Player-of-the-Year honors with Dove Creek senior Jordan Ernst – voted last season's Class 1A POY after the Bulldogs' late-season sprint to a State Cham-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Anthony Manzanares (3) prepares to throw a knuckleball during an early-season pitching appearance at IHS Field. The senior's all-around ability helped earn him a share of the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's Player-of-the-Year award for 2016.

pionship they were unable to defend this spring.

Whether placed at third base, shortstop or second, Manzanares – who also

saw action on the pitching mound very early in the season – was also a game-

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### TRIBAL AFFAIRS

## Growth Fund entity seeks dismissal of complaint

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Recently, you may have read an article in The Durango Herald about a lawsuit filed by an individual named Christopher Chavez. In September 2015, Mr. Chavez filed a complaint in federal district court against the defendants, GRVP, LLC, Patrick Morrissey, Senior Vice President of the Growth Fund Real Estate Group, and Tom Shipps, attorney for GRVP, LLC. GRVP, LLC is an entity managed by the Southern Ute Growth Fund that has developed Three Springs, a community outside the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Contrary to the headlines in The Durango Herald, the Growth Fund has not been named in that

lawsuit and neither has the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

In response to Mr. Chavez's first complaint, GRVP, LLC, Mr. Morrissey, and Mr. Shipps asked for clarification of Mr. Chavez's claims. The Court agreed that his complaint did not explain what the defendants had allegedly done wrong, when they did it, or how they had injured Mr. Chavez. Unless the lawsuit papers describe those basic items, there is no opportunity for a fair defense or "due process." Since then, Mr. Chavez has been given several opportunities to comply with these minimal requirements.

Mr. Chavez appears to seek compensation for issues relating to his contractor's termination of his subcontract for construction work in Three Springs.

He has requested \$15 million to remedy the harm he allegedly suffered. Mr. Chavez has cited several federal and tribal laws to support his claims. Arguing that there is no connection between Mr. Chavez's factual allegations, the cited legal authority, and the parties named as defendants, in December 2015, GRVP, LLC, Mr. Morrissey, and Mr. Shipps filed a motion asking the presiding judge to dismiss Mr. Chavez's complaint. The judge has yet to rule on this motion.

Because it is not a party to the case, the Tribe has had little involvement in Chavez v. GRVP, LLC, but the Growth Fund's attorneys and the Tribe's Legal Department will monitor the case closely while they wait for the judge's decision on the motion to dismiss.

## Bear Dance preps underway



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute crews work in preparation for the 2016 Southern Ute Bear Dance, Wednesday, May 25. The crew cut and hauled brush to the Bear Dance grounds; the brush provides shade for the corral and surrounding shade houses.

## SUIMA transitions students



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Avaleena Nanaeto, Reynelda Martinez, Marcus Archuleta, Mark Archuleta are all transitioning out of the Academy and are headed to 7th grade at the Ignacio Middle School. The Transition Ceremony took place, Thursday, May 26 in the SunUte gym.



## TAX EXEMPTION

### Farmer's Fresh honors tribal member tax exemption

**Staff report** Ute Mountain Ute tribal members' state and local sales tax exemption on purchases made at Farmer's Fresh Market in Ignacio, Colo.

To receive the exemption, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain tribal members need to show their tribal member ID at the time of every purchase.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Pete Nylander (left), EPD senior water quality specialist, and Francis Cloud (center) speak with Joanna Lemly from the Colorado National Heritage Program about locating wetlands Thursday, May 12.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### EPD gets assessment training

**Damon Toledo**  
SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Colorado National Heritage Program and Army Corps of Engineers paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Thursday, May 12 – providing training to associates from the Environmental Protection Department in regards to identifying proper wetlands across the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Kara Hellidge (Us Army Corps of Engineers) and Joanna Lemly (Colorado National Heritage Program) met with the Fish & Wildlife Department, Lands and Range Division, Water Quality Program, La Plata County, and Colorado Department of Transportation outside Scott's Pond where they tested plant life and soil colors – which determines the quality of a wetland.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently developing a protection plan that will safeguard wetlands across the reservation by providing assessments with proposed activities. These activities include wetland assessment, wetland prioritization, and mapping. These will rank the proposed wetlands in line of cultural use, ecological use, and wildlife use.

"The understanding of

Joanna Lemly (left) shows Lindsay Sandoval, EPD intern and Audrey Harvey, water quality technician a map of possible wetland locations.

soil types and how they're used to determine a wetland was probably the most least understanding subject for us, because some of us know about plants already, but some of us don't know about the [varieties] of soils," said Curtis Hartenstine, Water Quality Program Manager. "We've determined that a gray color in the soil is a big indicator that determines a wetland."

There are three assessments that define the quality of a wetland – plant life, soils, and hydrology (presence of water). If an investigated area matches two thirds of the assessments, then the wetland is considered to be in good quality. Wetlands are found using a GIS (geographic information system) that takes aeri-

al photos of possible areas. The investigation continues with fieldwork to determine if the wetland is official.

Hartenstine expressed gratitude to Kara Hellidge and Joanna Lemly for taking the time to visit the reservation and provide the assessment training. Respectively, the Army Corps of Engineers and Colorado National Heritage Program play a major role in defining wetlands as well as determining the healthiness of them.

"Normally we go off the reservations for training, so we brought these two programs to us we can understand tribal wetlands in focus," Hartenstine commented. "We thought it was specifically important to bring them here and work on tribal lands with us."

### Asbestos removal from Annex



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Asbestos material has been extracted from the Southern Ute Annex building. Approximately 30 cubic yards has been removed from the Annex crawlspace by the Acumen Environmental Services. The process has been in motion since 2014 and has since passed all air monitoring qualifications for being asbestos free. Jay Morgan helps Isaac Rodriguez from Acumen Environmental Services load a bag of extracted asbestos from the Southern Ute Annex Building.



## Many Moons Ago

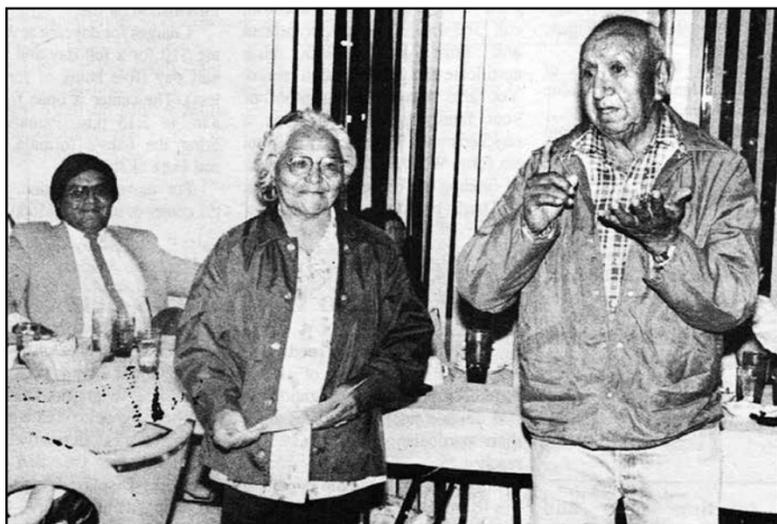


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

The graduating students of the class of 2006 chose Mr. Burt Baldwin for the second consecutive year to receive the Teacher Appreciation Award! Congrats Mr. B and graduates.

This photo first appeared in the May 26, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Jack and Annette Frost are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They received a card from President Reagan and also one from Mrs. Reagan sending their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frost.

This photo first appeared in the May 30, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

### Allison and Ignacio Community Churches invite Children to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at ELHI Community Center from Monday, June 6 to Friday, June 10. At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Cave Quest is for kids preschool age through incoming fifth graders and will run from 8:30 a.m. to Noon each day. For more information, call Sara at 970-769-6145.

### Veterans offer outreach

The first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome. The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.

### Cedar Point Housing Initiative

The Cedar Point Housing Initiative team wishes to provide the Southern Ute Tribal Membership with an update on our Tribal Member focused housing project. Please join us June 2nd at the Multi-Purpose Facility for more information!

• Thursday, June 2nd 3:00pm to 4:30pm & 5:30pm to 7:00pm

• The Multi-Purpose Facility 248 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 81122

• An update from the CPHI team on new housing at the Cedar Point Subdivision

When?



Where?



What?



Refreshments Will Be Served!



## Elders enjoy spring lunch



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tribal elders Kathleen Hatch (left) and San Jean Burch enjoy one another's company at the Elders Luncheon provided by the Southern Ute Culture Department Friday, May 20.

## Box talks Bear Dance



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Thursday, May 12, Southern Ute tribal elder Russell Box Sr. spoke to guests at the Ignacio Community Library about the history of the Bear Dance. He discussed the proper guidelines and etiquette when attending the dance while answering questions about the dance's importance to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## Knight honored at powwow



courtesy Rod Grove

Every year the Tesoro's Indian Market & Powwow honors Native American Veterans, in observance of Armed Forces Day. This year Ute Mountain Ute Vietnam veteran Terry Knight was honored for his service. Knight served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-1976. Southern Ute Veterans Rudley Weaver (left) Austin Box, and Rod Grove (right) stand alongside Knight at the 16th Annual Tesoro's Indian Market and Powwow.

## MOUNTAIN LION! • FROM PAGE 1



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

SUIMA students pose for a photo in front of the mountain lion mural they created for the museum. Students who participated in making the mural are: Haiden Valdez, Demarre Ketchum, Lillion Valdez, Davian Herrera, Jeremy Reynolds, Derek Sage, Walter Reynolds, John Oberly, Kylan Velasco, Kean Cantsee, Tallis Cantsee, Tarah Baker, Cherish Price, Leandra Litz, Sassy Reynolds, Henry Whiteskunk, Chad Benally.

with mountain lions. Over the last two decades, there has been a dramatic rise in cougar sightings and dangerous encounters on the urban fringes of numerous Western cities. In a few rare cases, there have been fatalities.

The goal of the exhibit is to create an understanding of the nature of these predators and their long, historic relationship with people. The exhibit blends science, history, and art to provide a comprehensive look at this mysterious predator. The exhibit will feature dioramas, fossil representation of extinct mountain lion relatives, pop art, and the history of fierce cats like the North American Lion and the Smilodon, popularly known as saber-tooth tigers. In addition to the re-opening of the museum, the name of the museum has been modified to Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center (SUMACc). The new museum acronym, SUMACc, reflects Ute heritage by honoring a plant that Ute basket makers harvest annually. Sumac, along with willow, are raw materials gathered in the fall, winter, or early spring by Ute basket makers.

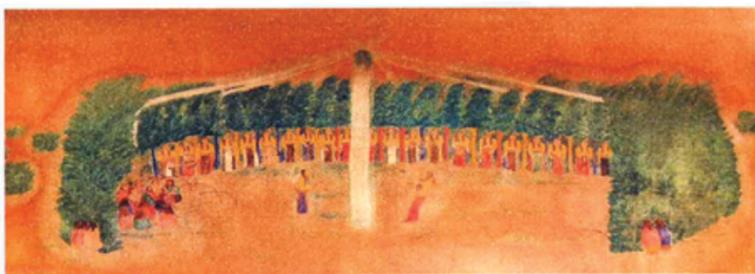
SUMACc opened Saturday, May 21. Summer hours are Sunday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The museum is located just south of the Sky Ute Casino and Resort in Ignacio, Colorado.

## Southern Ute Tagu Wuni – Sun Dance

July 7 – 11, 2016  
Ignacio, Colorado

Chief: Hanley Frost Sr.



### All DANCER, SINGERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance the rules of good manners and decorum must be observed by all, at all Times.

1. The entrance to the Medicine Lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
2. Children should not be allowed to play around the Medicine Lodge.
3. Women on their menstrual cycle, or pregnant are not permitted near the Medicine Lodge.
4. Drugs and Alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance ground.
5. Cameras, Tape/Video recorders, Food and Water are not allowed in are Near the Medicine Lodge.
6. No Metal Chairs are allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.
7. NO CELL PHONES!

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For more information contact: Hanley Frost Sr. 970-442-0500

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### Powwow dancers needed

- **Event #1:** Employee Appreciation Day – June 3 starting at 9 a.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.
- **Event #2:** Indian Motorcycle Riders Group – June 10 starting at 8 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. For more information on these events Please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

### 96th Annual SU Tribal Fair Theme And Art Work Contest

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2016 Logo and Theme Contest for the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until May 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no

bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Dept. OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2016 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept. PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 OR Contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

# Mountain Lion!

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## Archers support seniors



Self-taught Southern Ute archer, Muz Pinnecoose – pointing out the general layout of the target trail, donated his time and his land for the 3D Archery Shoot on Sunday, May 22.



Richard Esquibel from Farmington, N.M. gauges the distance before taking aim at the 3D standing bear target.



Debra Herrera Director at the Ignacio Senior Center stands with Muz Pinnecoose and the winner in the compound men's division, Clayson Smith who shot a 90 for the day.

**A great day for some archery and a little hiking, as 38 shooters took to the hills to compete in a 3D archery shoot on Sunday, May 22. The shoot raised over \$900 to help support the Southern Ute Senior Center. Archers came from all over the Four Corners region; even from South Fork, Colo.**

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

## STATE RECOGNIZES ARMIJO • FROM PAGE 1

to adopt, but it wasn't until she came to work for Social Services at the tribe that she really seen the need and decided to go through with the process, she said.

"It was easier for me to be a foster parent, because I'm not a case worker," Armijo said.

Armijo has been providing emergency foster care for the last eight years. All of the foster children she has taken in throughout the years have been Southern Ute tribal members.

Emergency foster care is care that is needed at that moment in time, usually for a few days or few weeks, and once a more permanent placement is found the child is moved to that home or facility, Shelly Thompson, Social Services Division Head said.

However, in some instances

Armijo has been turned into long-term foster parent, because she didn't want to see children go to a facility.

"I don't believe in shelters ... I couldn't let them go to a shelter," Armijo said about an emergency placement that turned long term.

Thompson agreed with Armijo, shelters are always a last resort.

"I don't like to send children to facilities," Thompson said. "If a kid is moved to the shelter that means they leave the community they leave the school, and leave pretty much everyone they know ... and that's not good for their mental or emotional well being."

Social Services is always looking for new foster parents, which would help keep children in the community and away from shelters. Right now South-

ern Ute Social Services has more foster children than they do foster families: the division has five foster families, Thompson said.

When asked about the struggles she faces as a foster parent, Armijo said she doesn't focus on herself; she's in it to help the kids.

"This is not about me; this is about them. For whatever reason they were sent my way ... I'm here to help them," Armijo said. "It's about taking care of the kids and their needs."

Armijo is the first foster parent from Social Ute Social Services to be recognized by the state. The state has been recognizing foster families for the past six years.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent you can call the Southern Ute Social Services Division at 970-563-0209.

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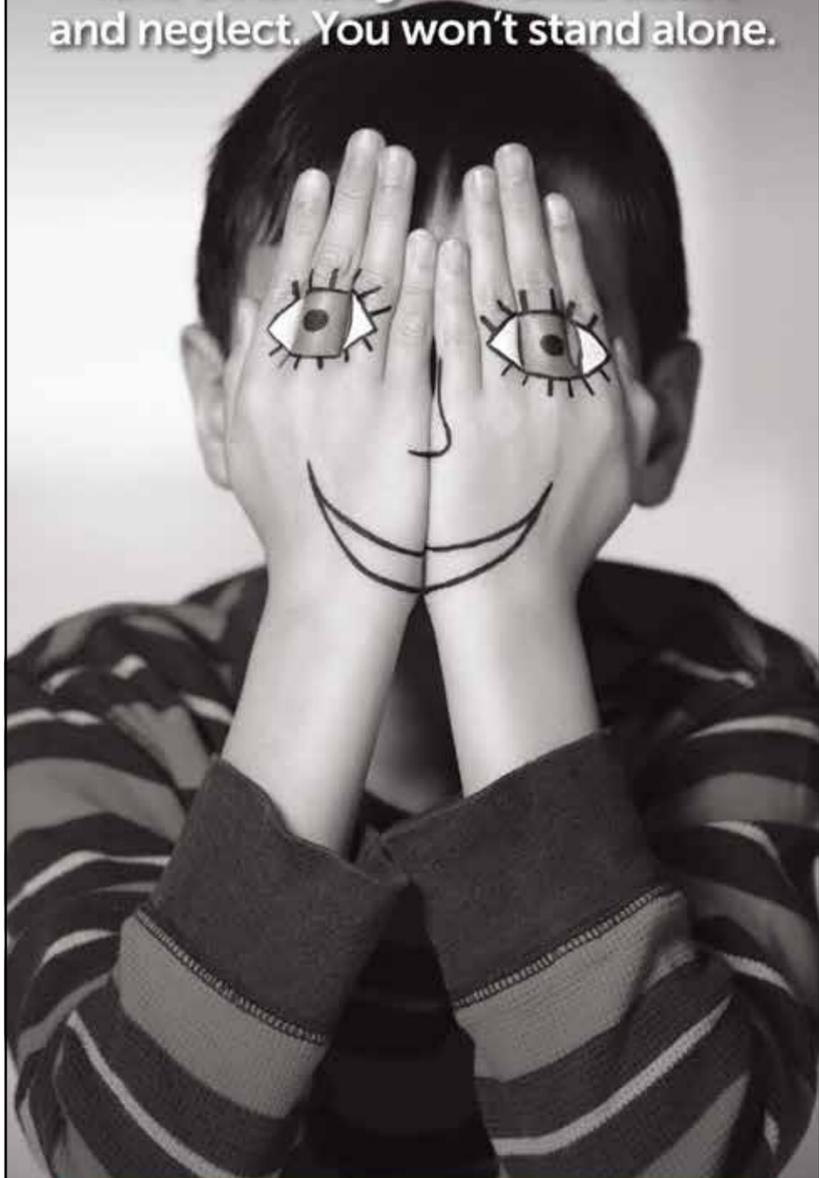
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For more information and an application form, please contact:  
Cathy Cullicott, Southern Ute Education Department High School Teacher  
ccullicott@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-0237 x2795

### Important Notes

- There are 10 spaces available for the Institute – First Come First Served!
- In order to participate, you must have current CPR/First Aid Certification. If you are not current, please plan to attend the course we will be providing on June 1 starting at 8:00 am.
- Registration is due on **Tuesday, May 31**





For the Colorado walkers the 2016 Walking Together for Healthier Nations began at the Towaoc Visitor's Center at the junction of HWY 160 and HWY 491. The flag carriers and walkers followed Southern Ute Royalty, Little Brave Dewayne Hendren and Little Miss Southern Ute Krystyn Weaver.



The Ute Mountain Ute Color Guard raised the flags at the Towaoc Visitor's Center and stand with Southern Ute Brave Dewayne Hendren and Little Miss Southern Ute Krystyn Weaver.

# Together for Healthier Nations



Flag carriers, Gordon Hammond (Ute Mountain Ute) and Dewitte Baker (Southern Ute) stand with Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart after the first rest stop.



The Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness crew were on hand to lend support and provide their expertise during the 18-mile walk.

**The 2016 Walking Together For Healthier Nations brought people from Four States together to raise awareness on the health of our people. Participants from the two Colorado tribes, the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute met the walkers from Aneth, Utah for lunch before meeting the walkers from New Mexico and Arizona at the Four Corners Monument.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
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White Mesa elder, Stella Eyetoo said the prayer and gave the blessing during lunch as walkers from Utah and Colorado rested and ate lunch before heading to the Four Corners Monument.



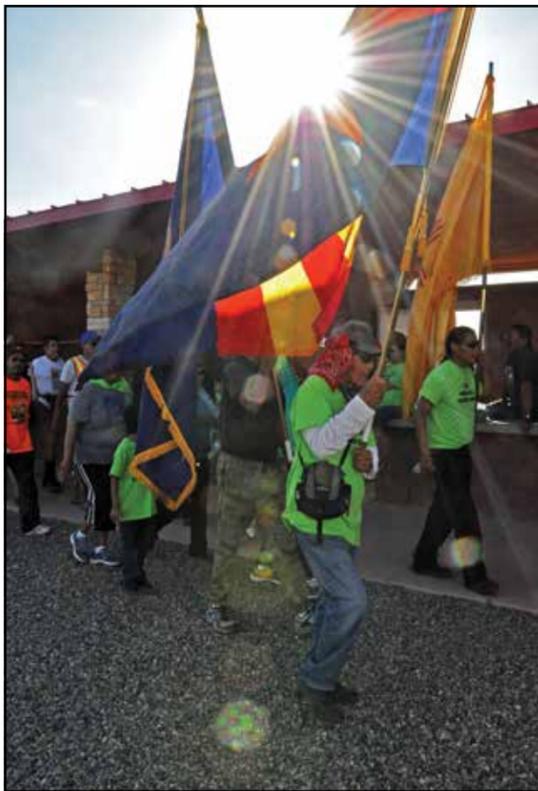
The group from Aneth, Utah were all smiles and the first to arrive at the lunch stop at the junction of CR 41 and HWY 160.



The walkers from Arizona had met the walkers from New Mexico and approached the Arizona border before entering the Four Corners Monument.



Thomas Nick from Shiprock awaited the walkers from Arizona and New Mexico at the Arizona border.



Arizona and New Mexico walkers finished their walk by walking around the Four Corners monument.



As part of the closing ceremonies, "The Martin Sisters" from Fruitland, NM sing traditional songs, and told a few jokes.



# Remembering Leah Violet Tsosie



Walkers sport lime green – Leah Tsosie's favorite color.

**A** special memorial walk was held on Saturday, May 21 in honor of Leah Violet Tsosie, former Ignacio resident and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start employee who lost her life in 2013 due to a drunk driving related accident. She was born to Randy Tsosie and Shawmarie Tso, diabetes patient coordinator of the Shining Mountain and Wellness Program. The memorial walk additionally honored those who perished through drug and alcohol related addictions. Attendees gathered at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Three Springs and sported lime green attire – Leah Tsosie's favorite color.

Photos by Damon Toledo  
The Southern Ute Drum



Davian and Jayceon Richards keep up the pace during the Leah Violet Tsosie Memorial Walk.



Tallas Cantsee stays ahead of the main group of walkers.



Delvin Bennett sings a song in remembrance of Leah.



Shawmarie Tso, mother of Leah Tsosie, thanks everyone in attendance for their support.

## Keep it moving



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Just Move It runners line up and are ready for take off on Saturday, May 14 from the SunUte Park.

## Mental Health awareness



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Mental Health Awareness Walk hosted by the Behavioral Health Division, SunUte Community Center and Public Relations on Friday, May 20. Employees carry balloons with words and phrases that represent mental health.



Deja Herrera (right) and parents Sharon and Michael Herrera take in the sunny weather during the Just Move It Walk on Saturday, May 14.

New Mexico runners came out in full force and were ready to represent.



Tribal Council Lady Amy J. Barry welcomes employees to the Mental Health Awareness Walk.

Employees were encouraged to wear green to show support for May being Mental Health Awareness Month.



## Ed. Commissioner visits ISD



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary students dance Mexican-style dances during a presentation Tuesday, May 17.

The former Colorado Education Commissioner Rich Crandall visited the Ignacio School District on Tuesday, May 17. Crandall resigned unexpectedly Friday, May 20.



## 'Character Counts' carnival



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students lined up to play games at the TRRFCC (Character Counts) Carnival on May 16 at Ignacio High School.

Elliott Hendren pushes his partner as they play Hungry, Hungry Hippos at the TRRFCC Carnival.

## Attention all Southern Ute Higher Ed graduates!

The Southern Ute Drum will feature 2016 Southern Ute tribal member, military, technical school and college graduates in the June 10 issue of the DRUM. Graduate submissions should include graduate's full name and the school the student is graduating from. A recent digital photo should also be included. Please submit graduate information and photo via email no later than Monday, June 6 at 5 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please send submissions to Public Relations Coordinator, Trennie Collins at: [tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov). For more information please call 970-563-0118.

## Southern Ute Education Dept. College Scholarships for 2016-2017 academic year

Deadline for completed applications for full-time scholarships is July 1, 2016. Part-time scholarships are also available. Applications are available on-line or you can pick up applications at the Education Dept. Scholarships for Certificates, Associates, and Bachelors through Doctorate. Mandatory orientations will be held June 2, and June 9 at 5 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Center, 330 Burns Ave., Ignacio, Colo. For more information contact the Southern Ute Education Dept. Academic Advisor, Michael Kirsch at 970-563-0237, ext. 2783 or via email at [mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov)

### POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

If you have not received a high school diploma, but would like to, then you may consider working toward your High School Equivalency credentials.

Ashley wanted to earn her GED® credential not just for herself, but to show her daughter the importance of education. Currently a medical assistant, she loves working in the medical field and wanted to further her career. She depended on the online resources and study books she purchased to help her pass the test. Now that she's earned her GED® credential, she plans to go to college and realize her dream of becoming a physician's assistant. Ashley encourages others to go for their dreams, too.



**"Anybody can succeed if they put their mind to it!"**

If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at 970-563-0237.

## Bobcats of the month

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for demonstrating the six pillars of 'Character Counts' at IES: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congrats Lil' Cats!



Kindergarten  
**Craig Hight Jr.**



Kindergarten  
**Jade Howell**



Kindergarten  
**Keelyn Reynolds**



Kindergarten  
**Ely Rubio**



Kindergarten  
**Ruby Tallbird**



Kindergarten  
**Myla GoodTracks**



1st grade  
**Kenya Abaroa**



1st grade  
**Shannon Howell**



1st grade  
**Keevin Reynolds**



1st grade  
**Cayden Ryder**



2nd Grade  
**Marcos Brown**



2nd Grade  
**Nataya Lovato**



2nd Grade  
**Andres Richards**



3rd Grade  
**T'liela Tallbird**



4th Grade  
**Mami-Ruth Burch**



4th Grade  
**Andrea Herrera**

## Southern Ute Education/Powerhouse Science Center Ignacio Camps – Summer 2016

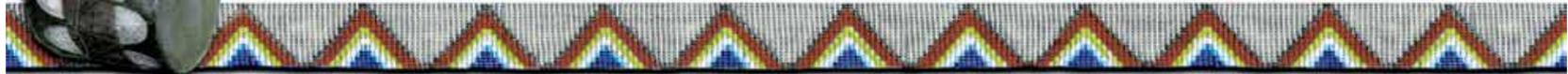
Eligible students are Southern Ute Tribal members or Johnson-O'Malley enrolled. Call for information 970-563-0237 or email Carrie Vogel, [cvogel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:cvogel@southernute-nsn.gov); Dorian Romero-Morris, [doromero@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:doromero@southernute-nsn.gov) or Julie Stone, [jstone@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jstone@southernute-nsn.gov).

**Girl Power Science!**  
June 27-30, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 9-12 years (girls only), SU Education Dept.

**Superhero Training Camp**  
July 11-14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 9-12 years (boys only), SU Education Dept.

**Inventor's Camp**  
June 20-23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mon. – Thu., 6-8 years (boys + girls), SU Education Dept.

**Mini Inventor's Camp**  
Contact Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), July 25-29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Mon. – Fri., 3-5 years (boys + girls).



## Musical talents on display



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

The 2016 Ignacio High Choir students sang songs picked out by the students from Sounds to Logic on Friday, May 13 inside the IHS Auditorium during the Spring Concert.

Layla Cuthair, Kalynn Weaver and Elisia Cruz show off their dance moves to a song called "Panda" during the Ignacio Schools' concert.



## The power of air bags



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Department Community Resource Officers, Don Folsom and Xavier Watts deploy an air bag during to demonstration for SUIMA students showing the students how powerful airbags are on Monday, May 23.



Community Resource Officer Don Folsom shows the students the airbag moments after it was deployed. Talcum powder is still lingering on the bag; the powder is commonly used to lubricate air bag fabrics and aid in deployment.

Don Folsom warned students of the dangers air bags could pose to small children reiterating to them that the safest place for them to sit is in the back seat.

## Inspiring the youth



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ignacio High School graduates suited up in their caps and gowns to visit Ignacio Elementary students Tuesday, May 24. Elementary students cheered on the graduates as they make their ways through the halls.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

### RANDY HERRERA

My name is Randy Herrera. I attend Ignacio Middle School, where I am in the 8th grade. My favorite subject in school is math. My grandmother is Vonestine William. I like participating in sports, wrestling and football. I want to be an engineer after high school. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal student of the month of May because I have been nominated by teachers as a good role model for other kids.

**Additional comments:** Several IMS teachers nominated Randy for this award because he is a very pleasant and respectful person. Teachers also believe he is an excellent role model for other students. Many kids love to watch him "yo-yo". We will miss Randy at the middle school, but are eager to see him through high school.

## Looking for a Summer Job?

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Ignacio, CO



Boys & Girls Club is looking for summer staff.

Experience working with youth preferred, but not required.

Boys & Girls Club Summer positions begin May 23, 2016. Summer Program runs June 13-August 05.

For more information please contact the Boys & Girls Club staff at 970.563.4753.

If interested please go to the Southern Ute Tribal website, look under the "jobs" tab for application.

<http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>

Must pass pre-employment drug test. Must pass a background check.

Native American Applicants please call TERO-Tribal Employee Rights Office (970) 563.0100 ext. 3100



## NEED A JOB FOR THE SUMMER?

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**CONTACT:**

Mary Guenther or Natelle Thompson for more information at the Education Dept.

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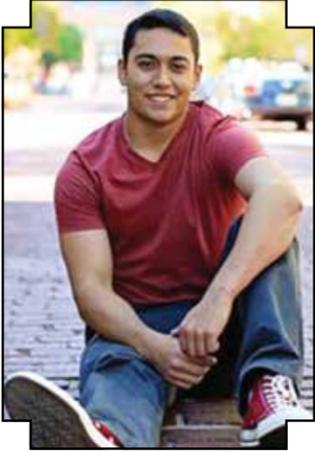
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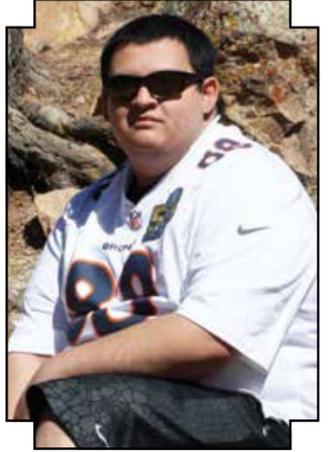
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# Congrats High School Graduates of 2016



**Cameron Bean\***  
*Aledo High School  
Aledo, TX*



**Eric Bean\***  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Leon Burch\***  
*Del Norte High School  
Albuquerque, NM*



**Selena Cook\***  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*

**Photos unavailable**

**Quinton Cloud\***  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*

**Sergio Howe\***  
*Westminster High School  
Denver, CO*

*\*Indicates Southern Ute  
Tribal member graduates.*

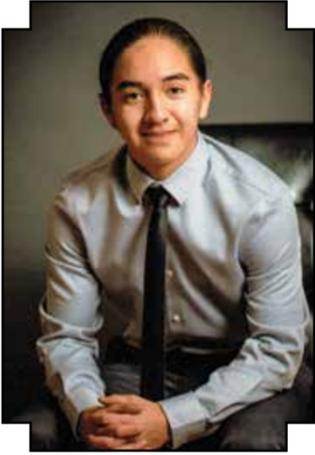
Look for Higher Education  
graduates in the June 10  
issue of the Drum.



**Cameron Francis**  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Juliette Garlick\***  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Keifer GoodTracks-Alires\***  
*Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, CO*



**Kalea Havens\***  
*Noble High School  
Noble, OK*



**Kinzie Havens\***  
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**Adelle Hight\***  
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Ignacio, CO*



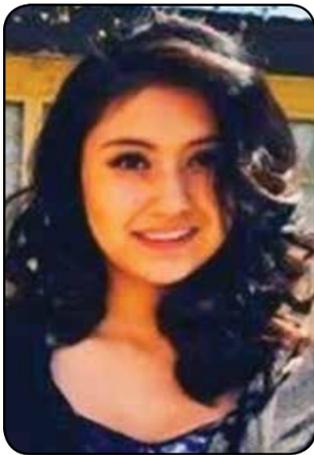
**Raelena Kuebler\***  
*Montezuma-Cortez High School  
Cortez, CO*



**Chassity James**  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Shayna Johnson**  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Sage Medicine Blanket\***  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Harley Monte\***  
*Colebrook High School  
Acton, MA*



**Rebekah Powell**  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Albert Redd III\***  
*Native American Community  
Academy, Albuquerque, NM*



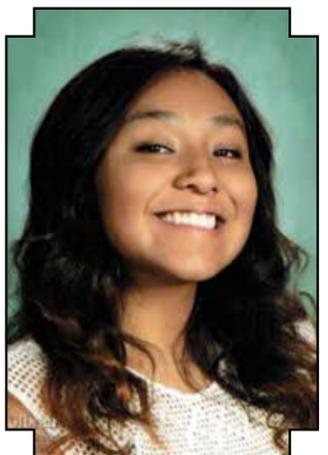
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**Daniel Santistevan\***  
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Durango, CO*



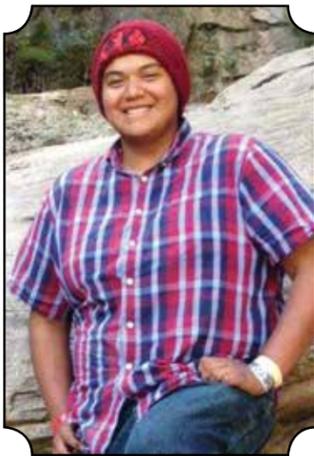
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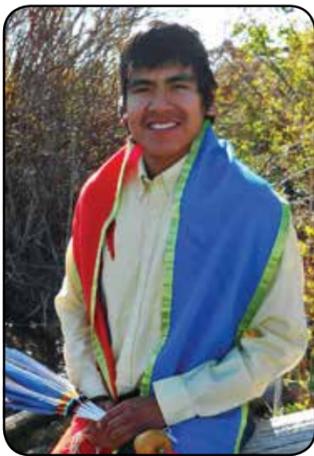
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**Aspen Smith**  
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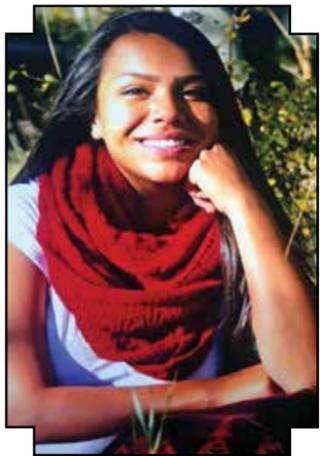
**Anthony Suina\***  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*



**Alfred Taylor\***  
*American Falls High School  
American Falls, ID*



**Taylor Weber\***  
*Cibola High School  
Albuquerque, NM*



**Courtney Wilson-Baker**  
*Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, CO*

## Students transition



Ute Language Design Coordinator, Georgia McKinley embraces her daughter, Samantha Pinnecoose, after her retirement speech at this year's transition ceremony. McKinley worked for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for 15 years and received a standing ovation from all in attendance at the transition ceremony.

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



Cassidy Tahlo holds her dad's hand as she receives her certificate of achievement at the SUIMA Transition.



Destiny Hayes is all smiles as she receives her certificate of achievement from Carol Olguin Baker, SUIMA Director.



Holding the flags at this year's SUIMA Transition Ceremony were Ethan Rock, holding the United States Flag and Tamarius Roland holding the Southern Ute Flag.



Head Start Graduates and teachers hold hands for the Round Dance to close out this year's Head Start graduation.



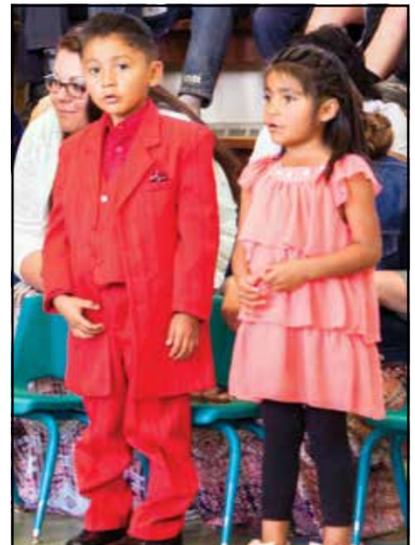
Head Start Education Coordinator (right), Melanie Brunson thanks departing tribal member teacher Brandi Raines for her work and dedication to the Head Start over the years.

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The Southern Ute Drum

## Kindergarten bound



Classroom Two Head Start grads Shyla Cloud and Babie Maloid take a seat after performing "ABC" by the Jackson 5.



Graduates Faustino Ramas and Nevaeh Sandoval sing along with classmates to "We Must Say Goodbye".

## Kinders advance to first



photos Robert L. Ortix/SU Drum

Students of the Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten class each spoke of spelling out K-I-N-D-E-R-G-A-R-T-E-N, during the Kindergarten graduation ceremonies, Wednesday, May 18 in the Ignacio Elementary's Cafe' Lupe.

Ignacio Elementary Art Teacher, Ms. Lisa Brown gave the Commencement Address with the help from Kinder students, painter Leroy Blauert, and assistants Kieley White Thunder (center) and Selia Montoya.



## So long, elementary!



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

All the 5th graders turn and acknowledge their parents and families at the 5th grade Continuation Ceremony during the 5th grade ceremony Tuesday, May 24 inside the Ignacio High School Auditorium.



Ignacio Elementary recognized 5th graders who completed all 100 levels in a typing course.

Ignacio Elementary 5th graders perform a dance to begin the 5th grade Continuation Ceremony Tuesday, May 24.



## Law Enforcement Week



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members (left to right) Tyson Thompson, Mike Olguin, Alex Cloud, Lorelei Cloud, Clement J. Frost, and Chris Mimmack from Justice & Regulatory thank all law enforcement officers for representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Law Enforcement Officers stand at attention after lowering the flags in memory of all past Law Enforcement Officers at the Opening Ceremony of Law Enforcement Week.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Lt. Chris Naranjo honors Eric Naber, Deputy U.S. Marshall. Naber retired from his position. Naber worked with the Tribe for 10 years. He has worked in law enforcement for 25 years.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Babe Lansing, Tribal Ranger, leads the Honor Guard at the Law Enforcement Opening Ceremony on Monday, May 16.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Lt. Juan Martinez from SUPD is ready to enjoy his lunch. Law enforcement and tribal officials are treated with grilled hamburgers, bratwurst, chili, and cake.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Nick Ezzell, detention sergeant, grills up a round of burgers and bratwurst for his fellow law enforcement officers.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ray Coriz shows Lakota TwoCrow the types of tools used to break down sealed doors.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

AJ Beck, tribal ranger, talks to the Youth Advisory Council about hunting laws across tribal lands.

### *SUPD officers pay respects*



courtesy Chris Mimmack/J&R Dept.

Southern Ute Police Department Officers Richard Herrera and Jesse Vigil bow their heads alongside fellow officers at the Law Enforcement Memorial Walk May 17 in Durango. All area law enforcement were represented at the walk to honor those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ciara Jones, SUPD patrol officer trainee, takes a swing on the Sky Ute Casino Resort mini-golf course.

## PEACE RUN

# Team embarks on 10,000-mile relay

Staff report

SRI CHINMOY ONENESS-HOME PEACE RUN

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, an international torch relay, will be coming to your area soon. Traveling the world to encourage goodwill, harmony and friendship at the local level relay runs have occurred in over 140 nations throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

An estimated 50,000 children in over 1,000 cities and towns on the North American route are expected to participate when the Peace Run (www.peace-run.org) visits schools and youth organizations.

Runners will offer educational presentations that promote self-esteem and friendship.

The team will leave from New York City mid-April passing the Torch along the over 10,000-mile route. The continuous relay will link Mexico, Canada and the US during its 4-month journey covering over 10,000 miles before arriving back in New York mid-August.

The European relay started in Portugal in February and will end in Rome in October after running some 16,000 miles. Runners will visit the South Pacific in May.

Since the inaugural Run in 1987, more than 5-million people have participated. Endorsements have come from many world figures including Pope Francis, President Nelson Mandela, Pres-



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students got to meet the Peace Runners while they were stopped in Ignacio for a couple of hours. They gave them a presentation on peace. The runners run through the United States promoting peace.

ident Mikhail Gorbachev, Mother Teresa, state governors and city mayors.

Carl Lewis, 9-time Olympic Gold-medalist, said, "By carrying the Torch, you will be bridging cultural and social barriers, and all the boundaries that separate nation from nation. You will be the living proof of the ancient vision of having a beautiful and harmonious world."

The Peace Run was inspired by the visionary Sri Chinmoy as a way to give citizens a dynamic way to express their own hopes and dreams for a more harmonious world.

An athlete, philosopher, artist, musician and poet, Sri Chinmoy dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world harmony and said, "If we have perseverance, then that is our first step towards world harmony."



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kean Cantsee holds the Peace Runners torch as he takes a jog with some of the Peace Runners promoting peace.

## ELKS

# What is E.L.K.S.?

Staff Report

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP & KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR

ELKS stands for Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar. ELKS is a program created by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD).

It is dedicated to creating a pathway to environmental awareness by educating tribal membership youth of environmental issues and processes through hands-on demonstrations and field trips.

ELKS will educate the young tribal members of the community so that they

will know how important the environment is, and how the tribe's EPD is protecting the environment.

Educating the youth on the importance of the environment is crucial to the longevity and sustainability of the tribe's natural resources just as Leonard C. Burch advocated for the tribe's water rights with the Animas-La Plata Project.

"I invite anyone who believes that one man can't make a difference to take a drive southeast of Durango and witness what Leonard Burch helped create."

— Former Colorado U.S. Senator, Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

**E.L.K.S.**

**JOIN US FOR ELKS**  
**JULY 25-27, 2016**

Environmental awareness through hands-on demonstrations & field trips  
Featuring demonstrations of Gold King Mine, Emissions Hunt using an infrared FLIR camera, and Glowing Bubbles.

**We will have games & prizes.  
Food will be provided.**

**ELKS= ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP & KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR**

FOR LOCAL TRIBAL YOUTH IN 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade

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LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

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July 25-26: 8am-4pm  
July 27: 8am-12pm

**Ignacio Senior Center**

ADDRESS: 15345 HWY 172, Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
PHONE: (970) 563-4561 FAX: (970) 563-3166

**CENTER CLOSED MONDAY**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Upcoming Event**  
Cholesterol Checks 5

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Drawings on Saturdays every hour 5PM-9PM!

RED HOT WINS EVERY SATURDAY!

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Earn entries all month long. Drawings every hour 5PM-9PM. Winners will draw an envelope that contains

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Promotional period May 1-28, 2016. Drawings every hour on Saturdays only 5PM-9PM. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.

Healing Spirits Aftercare Program presents

## "Responsible Fatherhood Day Walk"

in conjunction with Fatherhood is Sacred

Save the Date

Sat. June 18, 2016

10 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day  
June 18, 2016

FATHERS  
SOUND THE  
WAR CRY

KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER

Celebrate this day in your community!

## BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management will be **ACCEPTING BRUNOT RARE GAME APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY.**

Applications must be picked up and returned to the SUIT Wildlife office by **TUESDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 2016.** The drawing will be held in June.

AVAILABLE PERMITS

**2 Bighorn Sheep**

**2 Mountain Goat**

**1 Moose**

PLEASE CONTACT SUIT WILDLIFE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO APPLY  
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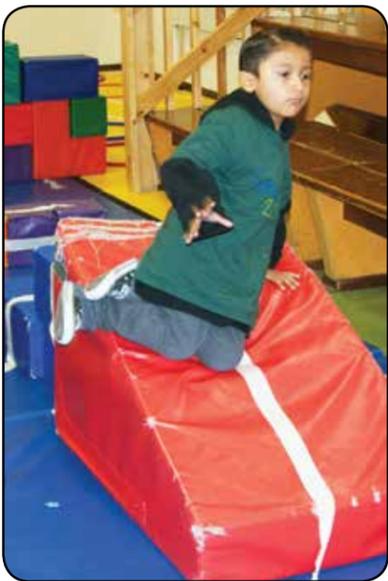


# Students enjoy fields of fun, sun!

## HEAD START



Starsun Canuto and Isabella Adius take a breather inside the chaotic bouncy house at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start field day on Wednesday, May 18.



Faustino Ramas slides down a tumbling mat during an obstacle course at the Head Start Field Day.



Celimar Vasquez takes her turn at the inflatable basketball-goal station at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start.

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## SUIMA



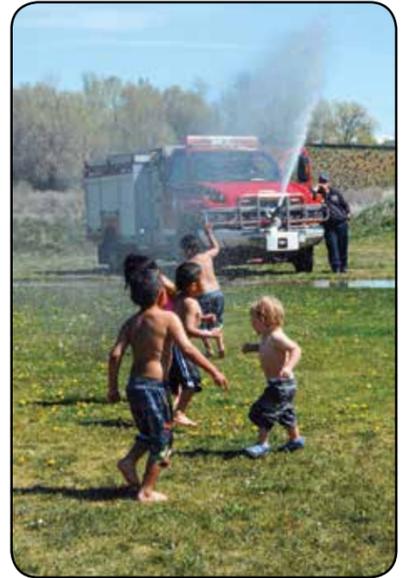
Trennie Collins/SU Drum

On Friday, May 13 the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) had their field day at SunUte Park. Autumn Sage gives it her all as he lifts a huge tire with Ian Thompson, SunUte's Director Apprentice giving her tons of encouragement.



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Students from Primary 2 class compete in tug-o-war at SUIMA's field day Friday, May 13.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Los Pinos Fire Department obliged SUIMA's need for fun and water. Lower Elementary students played in the water.

## KINDERGARTEN



The Ignacio Kindergarten class enjoyed of a day of friendly class competition. The event had students navigating an obstacle course, running three-legged, sack and relay races, long jump and ball toss as well as a 50-yard races and a hip-hop race. The finale was the traditional class versus class tug-o-war. Mrs. Richmond's class won this years tug-o-war.



Ely Rubio takes his turn at the ball toss to see how far he can launch the baseball with his classmates during field day.



Mirra Bourriague and Malique Rodriguez test their sack skills as they race towards their relay partners to make the switch.

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum

## ELEMENTARY



Ignacio Elementary first through fifth grade students take a lap around the track before they start field day events, Friday, May 20 at the Ignacio High School field. Students competed in various events including, three-legged race, long jumps, obstacle course, egg-relay race, sack races and ended with lunch and a tug-of-war at the Ignacio Town Park.



First graders, Zoe Velasquez (right) and classmate try not to fall while running the three-legged race.



Richard Joseph swiftly runs around the cones as he tries to bring his team into first place.

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## Wildcats and Stars place 2nd



courtesy Naomi Russell

Coached by Travis Nanaeto, the 8th Grade Ignacio Wildcats place 2nd in the Rio Rancho Shootout in Rio Rancho, N.M. May 20-22. (Back row, left to right): Jonas Nanaeto, Jawadin Corona, Bryce Finn, Dylan LaBarthe, Ocean Hunter, Elco Garcia, and Coach Travis Nanaeto. (Front row): Nakai Lovato, Larenz Wilbourn, Triston Thompson, Keegan Schurman, and Bird Red.



courtesy Erika Atencio

The Shooting Stars traveling team took 2nd place in the 7th/8th grade girls division of the Aztec MAYB tournament held May 13-14. (Back row, left to right): Coach Travis Nanaeto, Elizabeth Valdez, Larissa Gallegos, Makayla Howell, Avaleena Nanaeto, Shelcie Gosney and Coach Chris Valdez. Front row: Monika Lucero, Kourtney Schurman, Ebonee Gomez, Charlyze Valdez, Laci Brunson and Jayden Brunson.

## IHS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

### Valdez leads ladies in Lakewood

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Capping her senior season and decorated multi-sport high-school career with a fourth trip to the Class 2A State Track-and-Field Championships in the pole vault, Ignacio's Chrystianne Valdez made sure to go out standing as close to the podium's peak as possible.

Able to clear the bar set eight feet, two inches high on day two of the May 19-21 gathering inside Lakewood's Jeffco Stadium, Valdez ended up taking sixth place and scoring all four of the Lady Bobcats' team points as IHS ultimately shared 30th place with Rangely and Denver Christian.

Paonia easily won the

title with 139 points, with Wray (76) settling for second and Cedaredge (62) third.

Also qualifying for the pole vault competition, Ignacio junior Lea Monroe was unfortunately unable to record a successful attempt, and finished behind Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County junior Kelly Ingersoll and freshman Paige Graham, who both cleared 7'2" and tied for 16th.

First place in the specialty went to Edwards Vail Christian senior Taylor Alexander, whose 11'9" maximum authoritatively erased the Championships' record of 11'1", set by Akron's Kathy Hall in 2004 (when she blew away her 2003 meet-winning 10'0"), from the book.

Additionally, IHS junior Azala Perez finished 17th out of 18 qualifiers in the 100-meter dash with a preliminary-round time of 13.69 seconds, but wasn't far from cracking the top-15; Oak Creek Soroco junior Morgan George was 16th with her second-heat 13.56, and Iliff Caliche freshman Cristen Houghton 15th with a 13.55 achieved in the same race. Junior teammate Kayla Zink paced all with a 12.51, recorded in Heat #1 against Perez and others.

She went on to lay down a slower 12.74 in the finals, but it was still fast enough to better Ault Highland junior Isabelle Himmel's 12.986 and Calhan sophomore Britany Fuchs' 12.987.

## IHS BOYS TRACK & FIELD

### Gram goes big in State sprints

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There's no better time than the State Championships to be at your best.

And Ignacio junior Bryan Gram was exactly that, as the boys' lone qualifier to the season's biggest Class 2A track-and-field assembly, held May 19-21 at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood. Setting personal records in the events in which he was entered, Gram placed in both the 400- and 200-meter dashes to gain IHS four team points and a share – along with Calhan, Akron, Kiowa and Hotchkiss – of 32nd place.

On Day 1 Gram, like everyone else in the longer of the two sprints, ended up chasing Loveland Resurrection Christian senior Evan Anderson's preliminary-best time of 49.76 seconds,

but ended up a strong fifth with a 50.86 – blowing away his seeding time of 51.24 – guaranteeing him a spot in day three's final.

Which Anderson again dominated, but with an improved 49.59 effort. Wiggins junior Shane Finegan came in second, his 49.61 slicing an impressive 1.24 seconds off his preliminary-round work. Cedaredge senior Bryce Klaseen took third in 50.52, and Gram finished seventh (earning three points in the process) in 51.68.

RCS junior Michael Stevenson trailed the Bobcat with his eighth-place 52.29, and CHS junior Brendon Klaseen's 53.54 rounded out the field.

In the 200, Gram took eighth in the day one prelims, clocking 23.25 and again bettering his seeding time (23.59) in earning the second of three last-

chance spots – illustrating how competitive that was, Ault Highland junior Cole Rouse nabbed the third with his 23.34 – in the final.

But during the Saturday session, Gram slowed to a ninth-place 24.60 (still earning a team point, however) while RCS senior Cooper Ward was only one hundredth of a second slower than his heat-race 22.55 in earning first – and helping the Cougars ultimately amass 85 team points, trailing only the Cedaredge Bruins' victorious 98.

Paonia senior Jeremiah Hillman finished second in 22.79 – bettering his prelim effort by 0.19 – and Ellicott senior Kevin Vargas crossed the line third in 22.90 (0.26 off his prelim pace). Slowing by 0.43 from the Championships' opening day, RCS' Anderson ended up fifth with a 23.32.

## IHS BASEBALL

### JV baseball goes unbeaten

Cats close out campaign at 13-0

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Already aboard a derailed train destroying everything in its path, there was nothing the conductor could do.

"Tried to stop the bleeding!" exclaimed Trent Taylor, to assistants Drake Rhodes and Clay Miller. "But they just keep on hitting! I mean, as a coach... what do you do?"

Substitute players? Check.

Halt the practice of taking extra bases on long knocks? Check.

Try changing to a bunt-based attack, and work on small-ball tactics? Check... sort of.

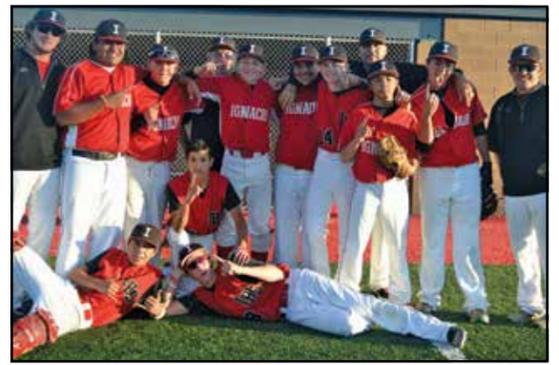
Freshman Joseph Atencio apparently didn't see the sign or hear the command as he stepped in to bat after Cesar Corona led off the bottom of the fourth with a sharp single. And just as Taylor feared – if not expected, given that the May 3 game versus 3A Pagosa Springs at IHS Field was shaping up to be Ignacio's junior-varsity season finale – the rampage resumed after the Pirates, helplessly adrift on a red/green sea of GreenFields XP Blade+ synthetic turf, went scoreless in the visitors' half of the frame with the Bobcats already in control, 14 to 2.

Varsity/JV swing junior Juanito Medina then tripled in the pair, senior 'DT' Meshew then crashed a double off the left-field fence, Nick Sanchez singled him to third, and Marcus Chapman then emptied the sacks with a drive to center... and wheeled around at full speed to also score on the same play.

Helpless look to the dugout from Taylor in the third-base coach's box? Check.

Raucous cheering from players in said dugout? Check.

Starting pitcher Cole McCaw and reliever Lawrence Valdez really couldn't



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio junior-varsity baseball team and coaches mug for posterity late in an undefeated 2016 season, following a 25-2 rout of 3A Pagosa Springs.

have dreamed of having any more run support in the contest, but six more runs – the last on an inside-the-park homer by Medina – would still cross the plate before the 25-2 destruction was done. And afterwards, a helpless Taylor couldn't outrun pursuing players poised to empty upon him the water cooler's remaining contents.

"I've seen these kids grow up. I played baseball here back in the 70's, and I thought, 'You know? We can turn this around,'" a drenched Taylor said. "We've struggled the last five, six years, but I think Ignacio Baseball is back. So I'm excited."

As it turned out, the celebration commemorating an undefeated season – which started March 19 with an unplanned 18-4 devastation of 2A/1A San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores' varsity at the IHS Invitational (after 3A Salida pulled out, having gone 1-1 on the event's first day) – was slightly premature, as the squad picked up three previously-unscheduled home games before all was officially finalized.

But the Cats couldn't be caught off-guard, and completed a 13-0 run with a 14-2, 12-2 whipping of DHS – making Ignacio 5-0 against SIBL JV opposition – on the 7th, and a 5-1 win over 3A Bayfield's JV on the 9th. The Wolverines could have

patted their collective back for surrendering only five runs, too; according to results reported to maxpreps.com, IHS averaged an imposing 12.6 per game in 2016 while allowing only 3.1 per.

"Well you know, Coach [Bert] Miller's really helped us out getting started with this younger bunch of kids, and he's given us all the rein to teach these kids the sport," Taylor said, tipping his cap to the varsity skipper. "And I'm very proud of them; they've come with good attitudes and their work ethic's been phenomenal. And that makes a big difference when they work as hard as they have."

"I think it's this field that's really turned things around, to be honest with you," he continued, looking out over the revitalized facility. "This field has made it easy to take fielding we need to take. Our pitching is really coming on, and can't take a backseat to our hitting. It's just everything we've done...the kids aren't afraid to play ball anymore!"

"Good things come when good things happen like that, and that's what I'm proud of," Taylor stated. "Discipline for our community, respect for our kids, and a good, hard work ethic – that's all I really wanted; I didn't care if we won a single game! My dreams were accomplished, and the kids' dreams were too."

## IHS BASEBALL

### Bobcats denied State berth

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

No matter how impressive a second go-round with Western Slope League force Hotchkiss was – a 4-3, extra-innings loss in the 2A-District 2 semifinals on May 14, as compared to a 12-2 drubbing back in mid-March – for upstart Ignacio, it somehow wasn't enough to sway the selectors in far-off Aurora to include the Bobcats in the 16-team Class 2A State Tournament bracket.

Which was supposed to have been seeded with not only the eight district winners, but eight wild-card crews determined by the Colorado High School Activities Association's first-year RPI points system – a strength-of-schedule formula something similar in conception to the NCAA's postseason basketball methodology.

But like in 'March Madness,' in which teams undeserving of higher seeding (or seeding at all) sometimes get the gold mine, others – borrowing words from the 1982 Jerry Reed song – get the shaft. And to those teams, 'RPI' isn't an



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Kai Roubideaux is congratulated by his fellow teammates after a successful run.

abbreviation for Rating Percentage Index; it stands for Really. Poor. Idea.

IHS has a legitimate claim to being one of those spurned squads.

"It was kind of a different year, with the system they're using," said La Jara Centauri head coach Devin Smith, whose Falcons fell 13-11 at IHS Field on April 21, but were still chosen to compete in the Class 3A State Tournament's initial Round-of-32 (as the No. 29 seed) despite a sub-par 8-10 regular-season record. "Not really happy with the way that went, you know."

After a 5-4 loss to top-ranked Paonia in the D-2 finale, HHS (then 17-2)

was granted wild-card status, re-seeded No. 5 in the Round-of-16, and faced 12-seed Peyton (16-3) on Andenuccio Field at the Runyon Complex in Pueblo. Still owning the 1-seed, Paonia (then 20-1) squared off with No. 16 Sargent on Hobbs Field.

By seed numbers not yet mentioned, with records at time of selection in parentheses, also included were:

Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County (20-1), Swink (15-5), Wiley-McClave County Line (14-5), Rocky Ford (13-5), Loveland Resurrection Christian (12-7), Akron (17-5), Ordway Crowley County (13-



## Learning about the dance



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box hosted the annual Bear Dance orkshop for the community on Wednesday, May 25 inside the Sky Ute Casino Events Center. Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students helped Box demonstrate the dance to the public. Box also discussed proper Bear Dance etiquette and allowed attendees to join for the final line dance. Academy student Ethan Rock smiles as he dances with Terena Hight and Krystyn Weaver.



SUIMA Ute Language Design Coordinator, Georgia McKinley dances in her last Bear Dance workshop – the 2015-2016 school year is McKinley's last year with the Academy as she is set to retire.

Academy students Dominique Rael and Autumn Sage demonstrate the Bear Dance with their fellow classmates.

## BGC: Bear Dance 101



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Club members listen as Box talks about how to line up and at what part of the song you begin dancing at a Bear Dance workshop hosted by Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wednesday, May 18.



Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box gave a presentation on the Bear Dance to the Club members. Box discusses the layout of the corral.

Club members were taught the basic steps of the dance and practiced synchronizing their lines.

## 2016 CULTURE CAMP JUNE 6 - 9

The Southern Ute Culture Department will be offering a FREE camp to Southern Ute Tribal Members. There will be activities which will include many fun projects, field trips and presentations.

Day camp will be offered to ages 6-10 years, limited space is 15 kids. Camp will be June 6th to the 8th. Children will need to be dropped off at the Southern Ute Museum at 8:30AM and bused to the Culture Camp site and bused back to the Museum for pick up at 5PM by the legal guardian.

Over night campers will be offered to ages 11-17 years, limited space is 20 kids. Camp will be June 6th returning on June 9th at 12PM.

The deadline to register will be Tuesday, May 31st at 5PM. Registration Packets can be picked up at the Culture Department which is located on the 2nd floor in the Southern Ute Museum.

There will be a Parent/Participant meeting on Thursday June 2nd at 5:30PM in the large classroom located on the first floor at the Southern Ute Museum.

For more information please contact Tara Vigil or Darlene Frost at the Culture Department, 563-0100.



## Getting ready to dance!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Modern machinery helps get the job done a little easier, as the Southern Ute crews work together to get the Bear Dance corral ready for the Southern Ute Bear Dance. The crews gather brush to line the corral and provide shade, Wednesday, May 25.

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# Bear Dance

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May 27, 2016



## 2016 Southern Ute Bear Dance Memorial weekend schedule Ignacio, CO



### FRIDAY, MAY 27

- **Blessing of the Bear Dance Grounds:** 10 a.m., Bear Dance Grounds
- **Bear Dance Kick-Off Meal:** 12 – 1 p.m., Sky Ute Casino Resort, Events Center
- **Bear Dance:** All day, Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- **Bear Dance Powwow (Gourd Dance):** 5 p.m., Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- **Bear Dance Powwow (Grand Entry):** 7 p.m., Sky Ute Fairgrounds

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

- **Bear Dance:** All day, Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- **Ignacio High School Graduation:** 10 a.m., Ignacio High School
- **Bear Dance Powwow (Gourd Dance):** 11 a.m. & 5 p.m., Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- **Bear Dance Powwow (Grand Entry):** 1 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sky Ute Fairgrounds

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

- **Bear Dance:** All day, Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- **Veterans Honor Breakfast:** 9:30 – 11 a.m., Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

### MONDAY, MAY 30

- **Bear Dance:** All day, Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- **Day of Remembrance:** 10 a.m., Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park
- **Bear Dance Feast:** 12 p.m., Southern Ute Bear Dance Grounds
- **NOTE:** Southern Ute Tribal Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

## Veterans Honor Breakfast

Open to ALL Veterans  
**Sunday, May 29, 2016**  
9:30-11:00 am  
**Multi-purpose Building**  
*(Located at Ute Park)*  
**Ignacio, CO**

**Food Donations Accepted**  
Please drop off between 8-9 am at Multi-purpose kitchen on May 29, 2016

*Sponsored by Veteran Mothers, Fathers, Daughters, Sons, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers, Sisters, etc.*

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE BEAR DANCE POWWOW

MAY 27 & 28, 2016  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, CO

**BEAR DANCE POWWOW HEAD STAFF**

Bart Powaukee - MC Fort Duchesne, Utah	Daniel Cesspooch - Drum Judge Fort Duchesne, Utah
Randy Medicine Bear - AD Loveland, CO	Andrew Frost - Head Gourd Dancer Ignacio, CO
Michael Grant Sr. - Head Man Bloomfield, NM	Mile High - Host Northern Drum Lakewood, CO
Snow Wing Arrow Top Knot Wagner - Head Lady Cortez, CO	Bad Company - Host Southern/Gourd Drum Fort Collins, CO

**GOURD DANCE**  
- Friday, May 27 • 5 p.m.  
- Saturday, May 28 • 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**GRAND ENTRY**  
- Friday, May 27 • 7 p.m.  
- Saturday, May 28 • 1 & 7 p.m.

**REGISTRATION**  
- Opens: Friday, May 27, 5 p.m.  
- Closes: Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m.

**CONTEST CATEGORIES**

- Golden Age: 55 & older  
*Men and Women*
- Men's Categories: 18-54 yrs.  
*Fancy, Grass, No & So, Traditional*
- Women's Categories: 18-54 yrs.  
*Fancy Shawl, Jingle, No & So Traditional*
- Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs  
*Fancy, Grass, Combined Traditional*
- Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs  
*Fancy, Jingle, Combined Traditional*
- Tiny Tots: 6 yrs & younger Exhibition, each session
- Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

**POWOW CONTACTS**  
- Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149  
- Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255  
- Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301

**POWOW INFO**  
- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846  
- Food Vendors: Kendra Alexander, 970-563-5541  
- \$50 each day (10'x10') inside booth rates.  
- Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

**MISC. INFO**  
- Admission is free  
- Camping is free  
- The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.  
- No drugs or alcohol allowed

**96TH SOUTHERN UTE FAIR POWWOW SEPT. 9-11, 2016**

Info: Mike Santistevan 970-563-0255

## Southern Ute Bear Dance HANDGAME Tournament

**Saturday, May 28, 2016**  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall  
Ignacio, CO

**PAYOUTS**  
1st place: \$2500  
2nd place: \$1500  
3rd place: \$1000  
4th place: TBA

**Registration: 1-3 pm**  
**Games: 3:30 pm**  
**Double elimination**  
**2-5 players**  
**Entry fee \$100**

Info: Mike Santistevan 970-563-0255

## Southern Ute Bear Dance

• May 27th - 30th 2016 •

**BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING**  
10:30 am Friday, May 27th

**BEAR DANCE FEAST 12 pm Monday, May 30th**  
• BEAR DANCE CHIEF - Matthew Box •

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- PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED; EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF THE UTE TRIBES.
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- THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED.

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## Memorial Day 2016

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in cooperation with  
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**May 30, 2016**  
**Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park**  
**10am**



**OBITUARIES**



**ESPARZA** – Shirley Marie Washington Esparza passed away on May 17, 2016 from a lengthy illness where she was surrounded by family.

She was a long-time resident of Ignacio, CO and a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Shirley was born in Towaoc, Colorado on September 16, 1937 to Pearl Posey and Walter Washington. While living there, she spent time with her Grandmother.

She attended the Southern Ute Vocational School where she was a cheerleader and played for the school band. During her senior year, she was voted Indian Princess.

Throughout her life, Shirley worked several jobs including: Dorm Matron at the Girl's Dormitory, Secretary at Health Services, EMT, and Front Desk Clerk at

the Sky Ute Casino. She later moved to El Paso, TX, then to Bayfield, CO and back to Ignacio where she spent the remainder of her life.

Shirley enjoyed participating in the Bear Dance and powwows. She supported her sons and other relatives who Sundanced. Shirley was especially proud of her sons who Sundanced by making their beadwork and traditional regalia.

Her hobbies included bingo & slots, beadwork, making shawls, crocheting, quilting, sewing, needlework and other crafts. She made each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren a handmade quilt. Shirley enjoyed spending time with her family who she loved very much. She especially enjoyed taking her grandchildren bowling and miniature golfing.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and numerous siblings.

Shirley is survived by her sister Joyce (Vernon) Frost and brother Stafford (Donna) Washington; her children Veni (Tyner), Carole, Tina (Amelia) Valdez and Dayna Esparza, Sylvian (Trish), Sherman and Bruce Valdez; grandchildren Claressa, Juliya, Sherisa, Hailey, Angela Rose, Miracle, Raymond, Isiah, Tony and Kobe; Great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A Rosary took place at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Friday, May 20, 2016. A Funeral Service was held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Saturday, May 21, 2016, followed by interment at the Ouray Cemetery.

**COMMUNITY GREETINGS**

**Natelle Thompson**

I came into your life when you were ten years old. As I watched you grow I could tell there was something special about you. First, you've been very responsible. Second, when you say you're going to do something, you do it! Third, you made your family proud. Congratulations Natelle you did it! Keep on striving you'll get there I know you will.

*I love you very much!*  
Valerie



**Heart awarded Husky Howler**

Christen Heart has received a Husky award for respect from her 4th grade teacher at Animas Valley Elementary. We are proud of her achievements and we love her tremendously.

*Grandma Willette,  
Mama Katie,  
Uncle Henry and Aunt Carol*



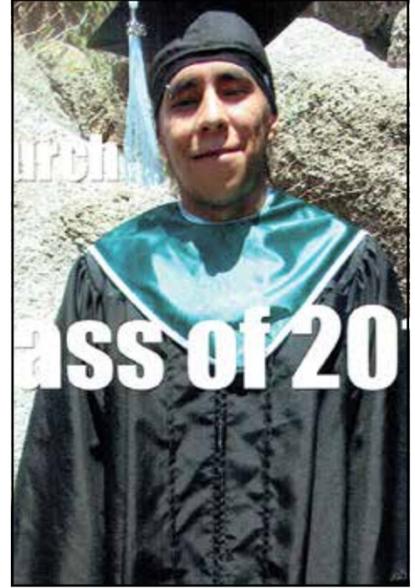
**Leon Burch**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Leon Burch. I have had the pleasure of knowing Leon for the past three years and I can state with confidence that he is a motivated and responsible young man with a high degree of integrity. As such, I expect that he will be a very positive addition to the internship program.

For the past year, Leon was my student aide at Del Norte High School. In this role, he had a considerable amount of responsibilities, and he handled them effortlessly. He was always willing to help with whatever I needed. I honestly do not think that I could have made it through the year without Leon's help.

Initially, Leon's focus was to get through the transition from mid school to high school and he did not give full focus on his academics. Over the years, Leon has demonstrated tenacity and perseverance and reached his goal of graduating. I feel that Leon has developed good skills and is ready for vocational training and any opportunities that are available. I sincerely hope that you give his application



favorable consideration. If you need any further information about Leon Burch, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,  
Kim Nichols  
Transition Specialist  
Del Norte High School*

**SWCO EXPO hits Ignacio**



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

A number of outdoor enthusiasts came out to look at the newest equipment during the Southwest Colorado Outdoor Expo, May 21-22 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The Creepers Jeepers Gang, a 4-Wheel Drive club, did some Jeep crawling for spectators.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

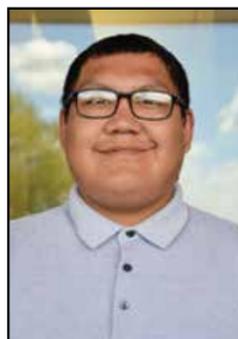


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The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe set a booth selling Coca Cola drinks to help raise money for their club.

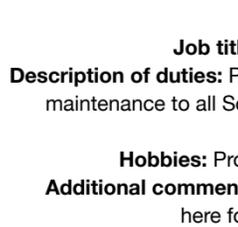
Dwight, Leandro Jr, and Leandra Litz are all smiles and laughs as they enjoy riding the ladybug at the Carnival on May 21.

**NEW EMPLOYEES**



**Xavier Watts**

**Job title:** Community Resource Officer  
**Description of duties:** help with the community and schools.  
**Hobbies:** Basketball, hunting, fishing, softball  
**Family:** Wife and two kids  
**Tribe:** Southern Ute



**Justin T. Ohl**

**Job title:** Systems Support Specialist  
**Description of duties:** Provide support assistance and maintenance to all Southern Ute Tribal and external customers.  
**Hobbies:** Professional nerd, hiking, reading  
**Additional comments:** Thanks to everyone around here for making me feel so welcome!



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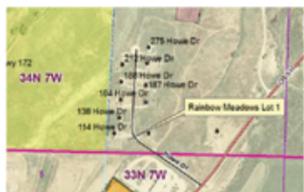
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Notice is hereby given that applications for Tribal lands are being taken for eligible\*\* enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members (who do not currently have a homesite assignment) for a Tribal Land Assignment. The land includes two sheds currently on it and is described as:

### Lot 1 Rainbow Meadows Subdivision a/k/a 114 Howe Dr. Ignacio CO

Posting Date:  
May 23, 2016



Expiration Date:  
June 23, 2016

The selectee's for the above-described lots on Southern Ute Indian Tribal land will be determined by a random drawing. \*\*Per the Land Code, only enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal members eighteen (18) years of age or older are eligible to obtain a Tribal Land Assignment.

A drawing for the land provides all eligible applicants: 1) equal opportunity to apply; and 2) equal opportunity for selection. Neither Tribal staff nor Tribal Council will determine the selectee. Rather, the "Luck of the Draw" will decide which applicant will be chosen to occupy the land and become the assignee.

After the 30-Day Posting Period has expired, a drawing date will be scheduled as soon as possible. Two names will be drawn: a Primary Name and a Secondary Name for each lot (as a back-up in case the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any time after the drawing. The Primary's documents formalizing the assignment or lease (whichever is applicable) will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will be given two years to develop the lot.

Each interested applicant is asked to submit a Land Assignment Application or Lease Request; a card with the name, address and contact information/numbers/email of the Tribal member. The cards and applications will be reviewed by the Lands Division to ensure that the Tribal members requesting an assignment meet the eligibility requirements.

Tribal members wishing to submit a card confirming their interest and an application for assignment or lease (whichever is applicable), or wishing to submit comments or an objection over the assignment may do so by mail or by contacting the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at 970-563-0126 or PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

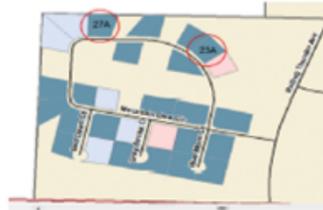
Tribal members requesting financing assistance to purchase a home for this lot may contact Southern Ute Tribal Credit or an independent financial institution to review their options. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the lot. Please call the Lands Division at 563-0126 to schedule an appointment.

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### Lot 23A or 27A CEDAR POINT WEST SUBDIVISION

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May 23, 2016



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June 23, 2016

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After the 30-Day Posting Period has expired, a drawing date will be scheduled as soon as possible. Two names will be drawn: a Primary Name and a Secondary Name for each lot (as a back-up in case the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any time after the drawing. The Primary's documents formalizing the assignment or lease (whichever is applicable) will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will be given two years to develop the lot.

Each interested applicant is asked to submit a Land Assignment Application or Lease Request; a card with the name, address and contact information/numbers/email of the Tribal member. The cards and applications will be reviewed by the Lands Division to ensure that the Tribal members requesting an assignment meet the eligibility requirements.

Tribal members wishing to submit a card confirming their interest and an application for assignment or lease (whichever is applicable), or wishing to submit comments or an objection over the assignment may do so by mail or by contacting the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at 970-563-0126 or PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Tribal members requesting financing assistance to purchase a home for this lot may contact Southern Ute Tribal Credit or an independent financial institution to review their options. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the lot. Please call the Lands Division at 563-0126 to schedule an appointment.

## Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member? 18 or older and registered to VOTE?

**The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for  
ONE (1) Alternate Board Member!  
Tribal appointed and paid position**

If you are interested, please submit a Letter of Intent with a phone number to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building by **5 P.M., MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016.**

The Election Board is located on the second floor (east wing), in the Leonard C. Burch Building. If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305 or our direct line 970-563-4789.

**IT'S YOUR VOTE • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY**  
Southern Ute Election Board • P.O. Box 737, #32 • Ignacio, CO 81137-0737

## Notice – Southern Ute Utility Customers

The Southern Ute Utilities Division personnel will begin their yearly gas meter maintenance for Southern Ute Utility customers. The process will begin in May and end in September, 2016. This will include inspection of the gas meter and painting of the meter if necessary. When you see Southern Ute Utility personnel in your residential area and you have canines, restraining them would be appreciated until the work is completed. If you have any questions, call the Utilities office at 970-563-5500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Notice – Utilities Division

Southern Ute Utilities Water Department will begin conducting their annual water system hydrant flushing on Tuesday May 31st and expect to be completed by Friday June 10th. During this important maintenance, customers may experience some discolored water at your tap, due to the dislodging of debris inside the water main. Please open/flush all plumbing fixtures (bath tub/sinks etc.) for a period of not less than 30 minutes or until clean water returns. If the problem persists, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Main Office at 970-563-5500. We apologize for any inconvenience as we strive to provide customers with the highest quality water.

## Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5 Mbps for \$9.95\* per month for the first 12 months of service. Further details are available at [centurylink.com/internetbasics](http://centurylink.com/internetbasics).

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1.855.954.6546 or visit [centurylink.com/lifeline](http://centurylink.com/lifeline) with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

**\*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program** – Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described below. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customers still qualify during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month-term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or independently purchase a modem/router, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. **General** – Services not available everywhere. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply. **Terms and Conditions** – All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at [centurylink.com](http://centurylink.com). **Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges** – Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates. © 2016 CenturyLink. All Rights Reserved.



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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. The agenda will include Commission Procedural Business, Tribal Air Quality Program and Commission Updates, Enforcement Procedures Penalty Policy, Long Term Plan Review and Update, Intergovernmental Agreement Periodic Review Update, CDPHE Update, Public Comment, Schedule Next Meeting. For more information please contact Mr. Mark A. Hutson, Air Quality Program Manager at 970-563-4705 ext. 2206 or visit the Commission website at: [www.southemutensn.gov/environmental-commission/](http://www.southemutensn.gov/environmental-commission/)

## 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.: 2016-NC-0061**

**Marietta Ann Watts, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marietta Watts-Soto.

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 June 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 13th day of May, 2016.**

**By The Court, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk**

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2016-0053-CV-NC**

**Lloyd James Lucero Jr., Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Lloyd James Lucero Jr. has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Yesenia Nataliya Briceno.

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 June 10th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M..If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 28th day of April, 2016**

**By The Court, Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk**

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### TERO VACANCY

Southern Ute Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2016. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE VACANCY

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



## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

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

### PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 6/1/16  
Development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain (F&SC) Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Focus on the technical view of the F&SC applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

### Environmental Compliance Specialist – Air Quality – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing date 6/3/16  
Ensuring compliance with applicable U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tribal and State air quality regulations for all Red Cedar Gathering Company facilities.

### Land Assistant – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 6/3/16  
Assisting with office and clerical duties for staff of the Energy Land Dept. as well as the entire department from time to time. Maintains a positive and effective working relationship with coworkers, supervisors and the general public.

### Land Manager – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 6/3/16  
Providing accurate and current land information and analysis for all aspects of Southern Ute Growth Fund Energy operations. Provides administrative and supervisory oversight for land staff within the Department of Energy. Coordinates with Manager of Energy Department and E&P Manager new and/or updated energy projects within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

## 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.

### Banquet Staff (On-call)

Closing date 6/3/16  
Assists in serving, set-up and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old preference will be given to those over 21 years of age for alcohol laws. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food service experience. Work experience in all areas of Banquet Events and Catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures and bartending preferred.

### Barista-Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 5/27/16  
Prepares specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. The Willows Barista is accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service. Must a High School diploma/ equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Previous coffee Barista experience required. Must have at least 6 months experience in the food service industry or related experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

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

Closing date 5/27/16  
Prepares beverages prior to serving and will

be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly, including the responsibility of all cash and complimentary transactions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Related work experience and/or training preferred. Must have great guest service skills.

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

Closing date 6/3/16  
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 6/3/16  
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

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

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### After School Guide (Part-time)

Closing date 6/9/16  
Regular part-time position, provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Agriculture Field Technician

Closing date 5/31/16  
Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for Tribal lands currently served by Custom Farm. Evaluates agricultural noxious weed management needs and completes Tribal agricultural lands management plans. Provides technical assistance and irrigation information to Tribal agriculture producers regarding farm irrigation water delivery criteria. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

### Animal Control Officer

Closing date 5/31/16  
Under the general supervision of the Animal Control Senior officer, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Assistant Project Manager Apprentice

Closing date 6/3/16  
The overall program goal is to give the Apprentice experience and guidance in developing and utilizing various skills necessary to assist in management of construction projects for the Construction & Project Management department, as well as develop or enhance skills.

### Dental Assistant

Open until filled  
Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Dentist

Open until filled  
Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

### Education Department Director Apprentice

Closing date 6/3/16  
The overall program goal is to give the Apprentice experience and guidance in developing and utilizing various skills necessary to manage the Education Department, a multiple resource and education management program, as well as develop or enhance skills.

### Family Practice Physician

Open until filled  
Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

### MIS Director

Closing date 6/3/16  
Under administrative direction of Executive Officer, provides overall supervision of the Management Information Systems and its programs for the Southern Ute Tribe.

### Nurse Practitioner (2 positions)

Open until filled  
Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

### Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled  
Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91 hour.

### Public Health Nurse

Open until filled  
Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Closing date 6/1/16  
Operates the scoreboard keeping up with balls, strikes, outs, runs scored, innings and alike. Keeps accurate written records of games. Turns in paperwork and game results to designated supervisor. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

### Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled  
Southern Ute Tribal Members only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2016, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

### TERO Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Aid (Temporary)

Open until filled  
Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Temporary positions (76 days) are for members of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Tribal Health Department Director

Open until filled  
Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Responsible leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. Provides information and support on health services and the health status of the Tribal members to the Tribal Council.

### Tribal Planner

Closing date 6/1/16  
Direct, oversee, and coordinate planning activities and transportation related to the development of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, tribal community, and tribal government. Supports intergovernmental liaison with various local and regional planning entities to establish effective communication. Provides support to the Executive Office in coordination of transportation, planning-related and development activities and works with the Tribal Council and other Tribal departments and committees to achieve planning goals and objectives.

### Tribal Ranger Sergeant

Closing date 5/31/16  
Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. In the absence of the Tribal Captain will supervise all subordinate Tribal Rangers and Animal Control Officers. Pay grade 21; \$26.45 hour.

### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Closing date 6/1/16  
Officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte Recreation Dept. Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay grade 20; \$21.32/hour.

## 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)

### Lead Cook

Closing date 5/31/16  
Full-time with great benefits. Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio is looking for a dependable person. Must have a High School diploma or GED. Must have at least two years' of experience as a cook for large groups of 50 or more people at one setting, and one year supervisory experience. Able to plan nutritious meals, lift heavy pans or supplies up to 40 lbs. Must have or be able to obtain a food handlers

permit, CPR and First Aid Card. Must pass background checks.

### Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition Coordinator

Closing date 5/27/16  
Competitive pay, benefits, 32 hours/week. Need dynamic self-starter, problem-solver, tech-savvy person. BA and related experience required. Full description at [ourhealthycommunities.org/employment](http://ourhealthycommunities.org/employment) or [sucap.org](http://sucap.org).

## Fort Lewis College Academic Advisor – Office Manager

The federally funded TRIO program helps 7th-12th grade first-generation, low-income students advance to college by offering assistance with college, financial aid and scholarship applications, career and college exploration, college exam preparation, and financial literacy. The program serves 660 students in eleven area high schools in Cortez, Durango, Ignacio, Pagosa Springs, and Mancos. A Bachelor's degree, experience managing an office and advising diverse populations, a valid driver's license, and reliable transportation are required. 40-hour work week/11 months with benefits. Please visit [www.fortlewis.edu/jobs](http://www.fortlewis.edu/jobs) and click on "Exempt Positions" to be directed to detailed job information including minimum qualifications and the application process. Applications received by June 6, 2016 will be given full consideration. Fort Lewis College is an AA/EO Employer.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

Director of Health Services; Custodian; Secondary Social Studies and Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor.

## Quichas Apartments for Rent

One 3BR/2.5 BA, \$578/mo + utilities  
Two 2BR/2.5BA, \$473/mo +utilities

One of the 2BR units is ready now; the other will be available at a later date. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. No Pets. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at [shey@sugf.com](mailto:shey@sugf.com). Use the subject line Quichas Application. They are also available at our Three Springs office, 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours – Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF 2BR OR 3BR ON THE APPLICATION. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 P.M. Friday, June 10, 2016. You must submit a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

## KSUT PUBLIC RADIO Executive Director

KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in SW Colorado, seeks an Executive Director with strong leadership, management and fundraising skills. The ED is responsible for managing and motivating a dynamic professional staff and developing a strong partnership with KSUT's Board of Directors. Other responsibilities include fundraising, leading a capital campaign, financial management, budgeting, and forging a powerful strategic vision for KSUT. Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree in Communications or a related field. Equivalent work experience may be substituted for education requirements;
- 5 years or more of executive management experience;
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills;
- Proven development and fundraising skills with capital campaign experience;
- Experience developing and implementing budgets;
- Experience with financial management and expense control;
- Experience developing and implementing a strategic plan;
- Experience working in a culturally diverse environment.

A full job description can be found online at [ksut.org](http://ksut.org). Preference given to qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members and other Native American applicants. All applicants welcome. Send a cover letter and resume to [edsearch@ksut.org](mailto:edsearch@ksut.org) by 5pm, October 15, 2014, or mail materials to KSUT Public Radio, Attn: ED Search, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

## FLY-FISHING

# Southwest Florida provides recuperation and fly-fishing

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



I've been to Southwest Florida (SWF) before, so when she who must be obeyed suggested we spend the month of April there for some RR and FF I jumped at the opportunity. I knew the fly fishing part was true and not something made up to get me to travel. However, I'd forgotten some of the differences between Durango and SWF. For instance, all the cars in SWF are perpetually clean, and not one of them has a cracked windshield. The vehicles are also different. One dealership is a combination Jaguar, Maserati, Bentley, and Land Rover. All the dogs are also small; it must be so they'll fit into the small cars.

The one similarity SWF has with Durango is the number of really great places to fly fish. There is the Gulf of Mexico, canals, which are similar to irrigation ditches only with alligators and water moccasins, mangroves, and fresh water lakes and ponds.

To fly fish these different areas, several rod weights are needed. I think the Gulf is best fished with an 8 or 9-weight rod. The mangroves and canals are easily fished with a 7-weight; the ponds and lakes can be fished with a 6-weight. For lines and leaders there are numerous options. Since I rarely fish deeper than five feet I always use a floating line. There are lines de-

signed for salt water and they work great. Leaders need to be nothing less than 10-pound test. When in doubt always go to a heavier leader. There are a multitude of flies for salt water. However, Crazy Charley's, Clousers in a variety of colors, and some poppers seem to work best. If you're going to take only one rod, make it the 8-weight.

With the four options of types of areas to fly fish next time I'm in SWF I would concentrate on one or two areas instead of trying to cover all four. I think it would be more productive.

The Gulf is limitless. From our abode the nearest land mass was the country of Mexico. Trying to figure out that much water, without a boat, was a challenge. I found walking along the beach and water line to be the best. (You can blind cast for only so long.) Once you spot a fish try and get in front of it before making a cast. Fish in the ocean can be lined like anywhere else. When walking the beach you'll see trout,

snook, and ladyfish.

I really enjoyed the canals. As I said, "be aware of the alligators and snakes." There are even signs that say, "Don't feed or harass the alligators", well duh. The canals are clear so a 9-foot leader is needed. For flies I used poppers and Clousers. I caught perch that had sharp teeth and bent my 7-weight in half. I've also been told the canals around Miami are home to peacock bass.

Some of the mangroves can be wade fished, others require a boat, canoe or kayak. Snook really like to hide out in the mangroves. You need to move with stealth in the mangroves as it is easy to see fish, and if you can see them they can see you. I caught a really large snook, on a popper, that was feeding in about 12 inches of water.

Fresh water lakes and ponds are everywhere. And, many are open to the public. The lakes and ponds are home to bass, and many of them are sizable. Use whatever rod and flies you use to fish for bass around Durango. However, with the constant presence of wind, a 6 or 7-weight would be great.

It was great fun to be away from the spring snow and mud. But it's good to be home to dirty pickups with cracked windshields and big dogs in the beds. Next spring when I get to feeling really old, and tired of paying state income taxes, I think I'll head back to SWF.

## BOBCATS DENIED STATE • FROM PAGE 14

7), Haxtun (15-6), Lafayette Dawson School (14-4), Limon (16-4), Greeley Day-spring Christian (13-4), Rye (16-3).

But therein lie the system's flaws, with Ignacio not the only team victimized.

In CHSAA's updated RPI rankings, released the day after district-tournament play, IHS (14-5) was on pins and needles as the on-the-bubble No. 17 with a 0.528795 figure. Granted, that alone wouldn't have been high enough to grant the Cats inclusion in a 16-team mix. But when the mathematics weren't actually the prime-determining factor as intimidated by the Association, it could have been.

Littleton Front Range Christian was the No. 16 at 0.547827 and also was not awarded a wild-card berth. Neither was No. 15 Yuma (0.551077). By comparison, Rye was a weaker 19th (0.501988) and Sargent a much weaker 26th (0.480690). Based solely on RPI, Fowler's 23rd-best 0.487158 mark would have even made the 4-13 Grizzlies a more appropriate choice than the [then] 17-2 Farmers.

Surviving into the May 28 'Final Four,' still seeking the State Championship – to be contested later that day – are Paonia (now 22-1), Limon (18-4), Dawson School (16-4) and Sedgwick County (22-1). Both Rye – the defending State Champions – and Sargent were eliminated on Day 1 (5/20) by their higher-seeded opponents, while County Line's Rivals, Swink's Lions and Rocky Ford's Meloneers were all Round-of-16 upset casualties.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Kruz Pardo steps up at bat against Hotchkiss High School as Tucker Ward warms up on deck.

And on neutral ground in Cortez, Ignacio's incredible one-year improvement continued with a 7-3 victory. Senior Anthony Manzanares and sophomore Kruz Pardo led the way offensively, with each going 2-for-4. Senior Austin McCaw was 2-3, and classmates Tucker Ward, Chance Hine, Joe Herrera and Andrew Martinez were each 1-3 and each also scored one run.

Throwing only 82 pitches, Ward earned a seven-inning, complete-game win on the mound for the San Juan Basin League champs, allowing only three hits and one earned run while posting a solid 7:1 strikeout-to-walk ratio against CHS (12-8) – which had reached the quarters by ousting Rangely (0-17) by an identical four-run margin.

Having faced Hotchkiss sophomore Jonathan Gonzales at season's start, IHS didn't see senior ace Cesar Gonzales in the semis, but instead got junior Eli Kirk and managed a Manzanares (7) run in the top of the first – a lead which held until Bulldogs Parker Katzdorn and Cesar Gonzales (playing shortstop) scored in the third.

HHS put across one more in the sixth, but Pardo and Ward came in for the Cats and the inning ended with the teams unexpectedly deadlocked at 3-3. Hotchkiss threatened in the seventh against an inspired Zach Weinreich, with sophomore Chase Hiatt smacking a two-out double, but

Ignacio held and the clash went into 'overtime.'

Pardo led off the Bobcats' eighth with a single but Ward (2-4), who'd doubled each of his previous two at-bats, flew out to center, and McCaw and Weinreich both went down on strikes. Knowing they might not be as fortunate should Ignacio bat again, the Dogs unfortunately capitalized.

With one out, freshman Presley Pene singled off McCaw – put on the hill after Weinreich lasted seven strong innings. Katzdorn went down swinging, but after Gonzales (2-3, R, 2 BB) drew a walk, senior Cole Carvill (1-5, 2 RBI) singled in the winning run, giving Jonathan Gonzales – who'd taken over for Kirk (ND; 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 5 K) after the starter went six – the 'W' in relief.

Manzanares went 0-3 with a walk and run in defeat, and junior Timmy Plehinger was 1-3.

McCaw (0.2 IP, 2 H, ER, BB, 2 K) took the 'L' for IHS, and Weinreich (7 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, BB, 7 K) joined Kirk in taking a no-decision. But as fate would have it, the Bobcats – with eight more wins than in 2015 – would soon receive a ND much, much more cruel ... the worst of the sort.

## FINAL SJBL STANDINGS (LEAGUE, OVERALL)

1. IGNACIO (8-1, 14-5),
2. Nucla (7-2, 10-12),
3. Dove Creek (3-6, 9-14),
4. Dolores (0-9, 0-17).

## AT DISTRICTS

Though it's not wise to look past an opponent, the Bobcats had to like their chances against Cedaredge in the District 2 Tournament's opening quarterfinals, having belted the Bruins 19-9 earlier this season.

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in, game-out anchor atop the lineup, capable of merely setting the table for the potency which followed, or displaying it himself with a .530 batting average (66 AB, 35 H, 10 2B), 34 runs scored and 19 batted in.

Most often following him in Miller's order was sophomore Kruz Pardo (.500, 37-74, 29 R, 28 RBI), named First Team All-SJBL Outfield along with senior Austin McCaw (.458, 27-59, 3 HR, 17 R, 27 RBI).

Pardo was Ignacio's rock in center with McCaw patrolling left, and both also saw extensive action in the pitching rotation – bolstered by workhorse senior Tucker Ward (6-0 in 9 appearances, 55 K's in 33 IP; also .536, 37-69, 30 R, 27 RBI, 11 2B), named First Team at the position with Ernst and Nucla junior Trenton Armitrout.

NHS junior Devyn Rummel and DCHS senior Case Baughman were also named First Team Outfield, while Bobcat senior Chance Hine (.390, 16-41, 6 2B, 15 R) – IHS' primary second baseman – joined Manzanares, Dove Creek senior Colin Hobbs and Nucla senior Caden Colson in receiving First Team Infield.

Finally, in addition to being another innings-chewer on the hill, Bobcat ju-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Kruz Pardo looks back in surprise, having slid into second base against Center without a throw from the catcher during non-league play at IHS Field. Pardo was named First Team All-San Juan Basin League for 2016.

er Ryan Delano-Martinez (Dove Creek) and senior DH Beau Hemphill (Dove Creek). With the Class 2A State Championship still up for grabs this weekend, the 1A half of the SJBL's campaign was concluded in its entirety May 19 at All-Star Park in Lakewood, with Arkansas Valley Leaguers Holly (12-6 overall) blanking North Central representatives Fleming (16-5) 5-0 for the 1A State Championship.

FHS had eliminated DCHS 4-1 in one semifinal on the 14th, denying the 'Dogs a chance to repeat as rulers, while HHS bageled NHS 10-0 in the eight-team bracket's initial quarterfinals earlier that day.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

<p><b>Friday, May 27</b></p> <p>Partly sunny 68°F 20% chance rain/t-storms</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 28</b></p> <p>Mostly sunny 69°F</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 29</b></p> <p>Mostly sunny 72°F</p>
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### Weather data for May 9 – May 21

	<p><b>Temperatures</b></p> <p>High 76.2° Low 29.6° Average 52.8° Average last year 48.6°</p> <hr/> <p>High (4/30 – 5/9) 66.7° Low (4/30 – 5/9) 26.0°</p>
	<p><b>Precipitation</b></p> <p>Total 0.190" Total last year 0.770"</p> <hr/> <p>Total (4/30 – 5/9) 0.550"</p>
	<p><b>Wind speed</b></p> <p>Average 5.7 Minimum 0.5 Maximum 18.5</p> <hr/> <p>Avg. (4/30 – 5/9) 5.5 Min. (4/30 – 5/9) 0.4 Max. (4/30 – 5/9) 20.0</p>
	<p><b>Visibility &amp; humidity</b></p> <p>Average visibility 116.5 Average humidity 50.2%</p> <hr/> <p><b>Air quality</b> Moderate Air quality descriptor: 85</p>

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