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The Southern Ute Drum

HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM STAFF



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council Chairman Clement Frost addresses those in attendance at the annual Indian Policies and Procedures meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 28. The meeting focused on issues such as, parent involvement and attendance.

EDUCATION

Attendance, one of many issues at latest IPP meeting

By Robert L. Ortiz

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

"Where are the parents? Why is it that there is a lack of parent participation at these IPP meetings? If you can answer that, you can answer a lot of questions."

A statement made by Robert "Booby" Sherman, Ignacio School District Board member at the annual Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) meeting hosted by the Ignacio School District, Tuesday evening at the Ignacio School District Adminis-

tration Building.

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost stated the Tribal Council needed to become more involved by bringing the lack of parent participation before the Colorado

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Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Chairman Issac Suina welcomes the crowd to the Ignacio School Board Meet the Candidates night, Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the Ignacio High School Auditorium.

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Youth host school board forum

By Sacha Smith

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Ignacio School Board Senate and the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council held a Meet the Candidates Night for the eight candidates vying for a three seats on the Ignacio School District School Board. The forum was held in the Ignacio High School Auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 21 roughly two weeks out

from the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.

"We want to build a better relationship with the adults and students," Issac Suina, SCSYAC Chairman said.

The three-hour forum managed to gather a modest crowd, with most of the audience seeming to be affiliated with the event. The youth asked the first round of questions followed by the public.

All eight candidates

showed up for the event – Jay Dee Brunson, Yvonne Conley-Chapman, Cynthia Dale, Germaine Ewing, Doug Little, Kelly McCaw, Michael Montoya, and Incumbent Agnes Sanchez.

Candidates fielded questions about the school district's challenges, the achievement gap, current policies and procedures and budgetary issues.

The question about the

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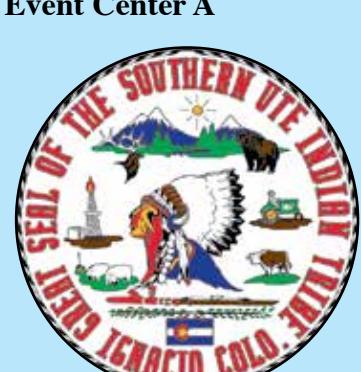
Meet The Candidates Night

October 30, 2015 • 6 – 8 p.m.

Sky Ute Casino – Event Center A

Candidates

Lorelei Cloud
Kevin R. Frost
Renee J. Cloud
Alex S. Cloud



TRIBAL RANGERS

Scott completes training, joins Tribal Rangers

Damon Toledo

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Tribal Rangers Division is adding a new member to the department - tribal member, Jason Scott. Scott recently completed sixteen weeks of rigorous training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, NM, with training ranging from firearms to driving courses. Scott graduated from the training center on Monday, Oct. 26, and was joined by his family and seventeen of the cadets in class 507/155 to celebrate the milestone.

"It's been a long sixteen weeks, but there's so much I learned," Scott said. "I look forward to working with everyone. I enjoy the [reservation] and the people - it brings me pride. Joining the rangers is a good opportunity that I fell into, and I thank my family, department, and everyone else who supported me along the way."

Class Representative, Jessica E. Ramos, gave her cadets personal gratitude for the teamwork they underwent during their intensive training.

"It has been a long journey, but I am happy to share this special moment with my platoon," Ramos said. "This Academy has been a tough one for all of us, but now looking back, we are the people who have been chosen to protect our community. We will continue to do what we've been training to do, and that is to show professionalism in our duty."

Barbara Scott-Rarick, Ja-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal member, Jason Scott proudly holds his graduation seal at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center on Monday, Oct. 26. Scott will be joining the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers Division.

son's mother, showed admiration in her son's successes. "Your ethics," he stated. "The second challenge is to remember your training. You will remain in training for the rest of our years, and it will be a constant to your job. Lastly, never forget about your loved ones at home as well as the departments who put all faith and trust in you ... focus on your future and believe in yourself. Always achieve great things as you move forward."

"I am honored to serve my people and do the very best job for them," Jason Scott concluded.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Spikers showing no SJBL slowing!

Norwood falls in 5 on Senior Day

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As if anyone really needed a reminder:

You watch Ignacio Volleyball, you get your money's worth.

For an incredible seventh time in 18 matches so far – the Oct. 27 regular-season finale versus 3A Pagosa Springs (14-7 overall) still remained, but was completed after the Drum's deadline – in 2015 the Volleycats were either forced into or fought for a tiebreaking fifth game against an opponent.

The latter was the case

inside IHS Gymnasium on Saturday, Oct. 24, and shocked relatively few

with ninth-ranked [CH-SAANow.com Class 1A poll, 10/19] Norwood test-

ing 2A's No. 8, with Ignacio not 48 hours removed

from a 25-21, 25-21, 25-23 sweep of surprisingly diffi-

cult Dolores, minus depart-

ed star Courtney Blackmer.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Shoshone Thompson (14) hopes to punch the ball just high enough over the approaching block of Norwood's Macie Magallon (19), Oct. 24 inside IHS Gymnasium.

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MPF yard sale



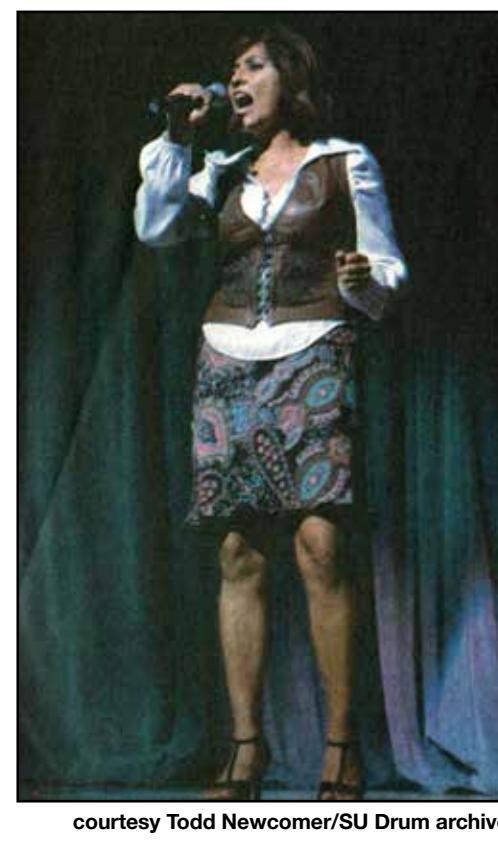
photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal members, Neida Chackee and Sky Dawn Carmenoros look around a booth on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Community Yard Sale held at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

Joycelyn Dutchie and Jontique Velasco were some of the participants who had booths set up for the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 17.



Many Moons Ago



10 years ago

Tribal member Melanie Seibel participated in Fort Lewis College's Spotlight-to-Stardom talent show. The fundraiser was held October 16 at the FLC Community Concert Hall in Durango. This is the first Four Corners Talent Search and was a benefit for the non-for-profit concert hall at FLC. There were a total of eighteen participants and they all competed for recognition from various entertainment industry judges. Melanie's family was in attendance to cheer her on as she sang "Love Will Keep Us Together" by The Captain and Tennille. Melanie said she was extremely nervous about performing in front of so many people but she had a blast doing it anyway. Way to go Mel!

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 28, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Candidates Byron Frost and Roger Phelps take a break during the Ignacio School Board Candidates Forum.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 27, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Meet the Candidates Night was held Monday, Oct. 28 in the Southern Ute Community Center with around 65 people in attendance. Sitting L-R, William Thompson, Guy Pinnecoose Jr., (standing) Annabelle Eagle, sitting, John Baker Jr. and Leonard C. Burch. By the time you read this the election will be over and the selection of two council members will be final. The next event will be the Swearing-in ceremonies which usually takes place on the first Tuesday in December.

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

TRIBAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Saturday November 21, 2015

Sky Ute Casino Events Center 11:30am-3pm

THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL THANKSGIVING DINNER IS OPEN TO SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS & FAMILIES ALONG WITH UTE MOUNTAIN UTE AND NORTHERN UTE MEMBERS

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LOCAL UPDATE

Tribal member wood orders

It is once again the season for tribal members to order wood from the forestry division. Wood orders will be taken Monday thru Friday, please call 970-563-04780 & remember wood pick up days are Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries to elders and approved members are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No pick-ups or deliveries on Fridays so fuels crew can split wood, restock and clean equipment. Thank you, Forestry Division.

4th Annual Cancer Awareness and Fundraising Event

Thursday, Nov. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center C. For information, contact Annie McGraw at 563-1310.

Money Booth Grab

On the casino floor at 4:15 p.m. All funds donated to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. All Casino, Permanent Fund and Growth Fund Employees are invited. For information, contact Annie McGraw at 563-1310.



Litefoot talks economics



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Gary Davis, who is well known under the name Litefoot, paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Thursday, Oct. 29 to give notice of the upcoming Reservation Economic Summit (RES) event in Santa Fe, NM. The event will be held from Nov. 16-19 at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, and will address the advancement of economic development throughout Indian Country. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been invited to participate along with many other tribes across the U.S. Additionally, the Youth Entrepreneurship Summit (YES) event will make its debut – which is designed for Native high school and college-aged students interested in business and entrepreneurship to learn more about what it takes to become successful in business. The event strives to engage and inspire young Native youth toward a bright success.

Early holiday lunch



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal elders were treated with a more festive lunch in honor of the coming autumn season on Friday, Oct. 23. Elders were treated with a filling meal consisting of ham, potatoes, beans, tortillas, and the delicious top-off of apple and pumpkin pie for dessert. Southern Ute tribal elder, Georgia McKinley, helps herself to a plate of food during the elders' lunch on Friday, Oct. 23.



Tara Vigil, Southern Ute Cultural Center events coordinator, shows off the homemade pumpkin pies that are ready to be served.

Acting Culture Department Director, Marge Barry, helps herself to freshly baked apple pie.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2015 CULTURE EVENTS

November 2 & 16, 2015 Conversational Ute Class. Small classroom, noon lunch hr.

November 3 & 5, 2015 Youth Shawl Class, 5:00 to 7:30 PM. 9-17 years, class limit 8.

November 8 & 22, 2015. Family Ute Class. Small classroom, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

November 11 & 12, 2015. Sculpture Class for Adults. Craft room 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Class limit 15.

November 18, 2015. Youth Cooking Class, 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Ages 9-17 years, class limit 10.

Elder Lunch. November 20, 2015. Large & small classroom. Noon – 2:00 PM. Movie TBA.

Ute Language 105 Class, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015. 5:30-7:30 PM

ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER CLASSROOM AREAS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CULTURE DEPARTMENT AT 970-563-0100, OR 970-563-4802. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL MARGE BARRY AT MBARRY@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

YOUTH 9 – 17 YEARS

SHAWL CLASS



CULTURE CENTER

NOVEMBER 3 & 5, 2015

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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November 11 & 12, 2015

Culture Center Craft Room

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for more details or to sign up for the class.

Class Limit (15).

**Southern
Ute
Culture
Department**



Employees make a pledge



SunUte Community Center, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness and the tribes, and the CHR Department, sponsored, "Make A Pledge Day".



Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Community Center Fitness Manager welcomes Kathy Pannell and Abel Velasquez to the "Make A Pledge" booth, where both made pledges to better their health. In honor of the pledge they made, they received a pink towel

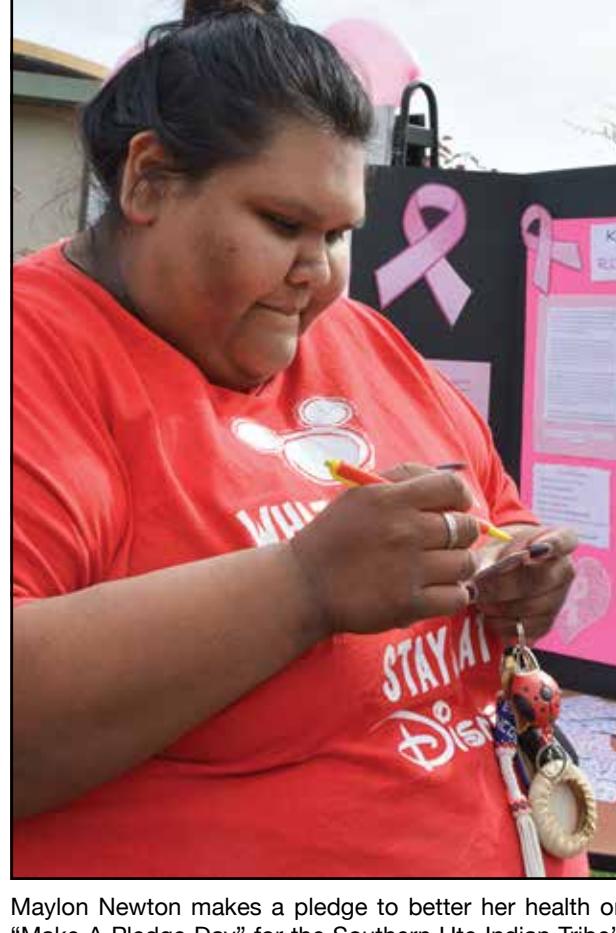
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month employees were able to make a pledge to better their health, take a one-mile walk and eat healthy snacks on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Photos by Trennie Collins

The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund employees get ready for a one-mile walk around the tribal campus in honor of "Make A Pledge Day" held on October 28.



Maylon Newton makes a pledge to better her health on "Make A Pledge Day" for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund employees.

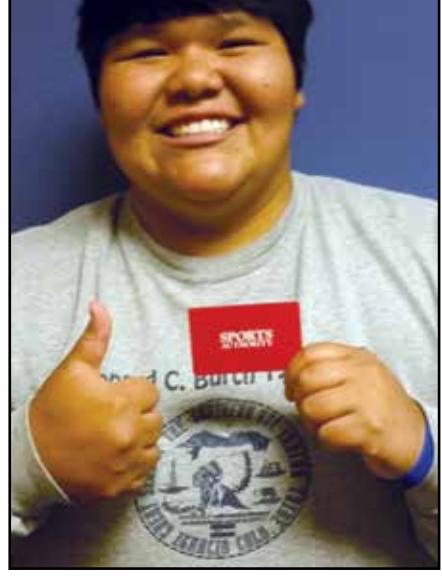
2015 annual Southern Ute Health Services Health Fair
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Where: Sky Ute Casino Event Center

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SOBRIETY MEMORIAL WALK
NOVEMBER 14, 2015
10:00 A.M.

A Special Memorial Walk for our loved ones; friends and family to the community; Ben Velasquez, Randy "Pooh" Baker Jr., Ricky "Ricks" Baker, and Clayton Baker. We would also like to extend our walk in remembrance of others we hold in our hearts who have passed on. We invite everyone to join us in prayer on this special day.

THE HEART OF HEALING...



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

On Monday, Oct. 26 Ignacio High School students gathered in the auditorium for the end of the 1st quarter assembly. Pictured are the Southern Ute students who received awards for making the honor roll; L-R: Avonne Gomez, Adelle Hight, Lakota TwoCrow, Ivy Cuthair, Chasity Bean, Lorenzo Pena and Ellie Seibel.

IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Cats make the grade

First quarter Honor roll

SENIORS

4.4 Savannah Lane, Ellie Seibel
4.3 Lillianna Romero
4.2 Caitlyn Jones
4.0 Tyler Beebe, Miriam Fernandez Lopez, Juliette Garlick, Chassity James, Ronald Kinsey Jr., Austin McCaw, Chrystianne Valdez
3.8 Cassandra Brown, Wyatt Hayes, Tucker Ward
3.7 Javan Webb
3.6 Adelle Hight, Antonia Mejia, Tristan Vickers-Boone
3.5 Alexandra Gearhart, Tyler Lucero, Cortney Wilson-Baker
3.4 Roman Vasquez
3.3 Anthony Manzanares
3.1 Rebekah Powell
3.0 Miel Diaz, Nicholas Herrera, Jerica Jackson, Rueben Velasquez

SOPHOMORE

4.2 Gabriana Creason, Natoni Cundiff, Kendall Raby, Parker Smithson, Johnny Valdez Jr.
4.1 Avonne Gomez
4.0 Dominic Cuthair, Ada Wilmer
3.9 Cole McCaw
3.8 Chamisa Edd
3.7 Nathan Atencio, Chasity Bean, Marcus Chapman
3.6 Gabriella Chiles, Allisiana Marquez-Baker
3.5 Wren Bourriague, Leela Rosa
3.4 Trace Lovelace, Namichen Oberly, Keegan Richmond, Ryan Stollsteimer, Tauno Wilmer Gallegos
3.2 Daniel Weaver
3.1 Darrius Daniels, Da'Shonna Lloyd, Destaney Reynolds
3.0 Hilda Garcia, Caroline Headdy

JUNIORS

4.6 Bryan Gram
4.4 Rachel Cooper, Lea Monroe
4.2 Tori Archuleta, Lainey Espinosa, Jessica Manley, Ryley Webb, Zachary Weinreich
4.0 Sheigh Pollock
3.9 Dalton LaBarthe
3.8 Keli Baker, Elizbeth Galloway, Joaquin King, Lucas Monroe
3.7 Sharmaine Price, Jade Richards, Stocker Robbins
3.6 Kelly Campbell, Lorenzo Pena, Colten Smithson
3.5 Kiana Moreno, Samantha Phillips
3.4 Tyler Jourden, Timothy Plehinger, Cameron Weaver
3.1 Azala Perez, Raylene Richards, Devon Rockwell
3.0 Samuel Abendroth, Zachary James

FRESHMEN

4.0 Elizaveta Gearhart, Lauren Gram, Kiana Valdez
3.9 Quincy Witt
3.8 Armando Bogarin, Marissa Medina, Stephen Taylor
3.7 Briana Duran, Jacob Griffing
3.6 Roger Mestas, Heile Pearson
3.5 Piper Creason, Ivy Cuthair, Lawrence Duffin-Valdez, Payton Lyon
3.4 Amethyst Egger-Morris, Chase Francis
3.3 Rosaleigh Concepcion
3.2 Mikel Archuleta, Lakota TwoCrow;
3.1 Randall Doyebi, Samara O'John
3.0 Heather Kerrigan, Manuel Martinez, Abigail McCafferty, Hunter Robbins

CENTER BASE HONOR ROLL

Senior:	4.0 Cameron Francis
Junior:	4.0 Briana Olguin
Sophomores:	4.0 Hailey Ruybal
Freshman:	3.4 Jesus Salazar

A Head Start on Christmas



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Brandi Naranjo-Raines and son Zachary, work together on Christmas crafts during the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's Family Night, Monday, Oct. 26.



Gabrielle Herrera, left, helps daughter Shyla Cloud on a Christmas craft at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start.



Elliott Hendren cuts ribbon to use as a collar for his Rudolph reindeer he made during the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's Family Night Monday, Oct. 26.

YOUTH HOST FORUM • FROM PAGE 1

school districts biggest issue varied between candidates.

The biggest challenges facing the district is parent involvement, incumbent Sanchez said.

Montoya went a different route, as he said he thinks the biggest issue facing the school district is teacher salaries.

"Teacher pay is lower than the state and national average," he said.

McCaw agreed with Sanchez, that parent involvement is a major concern.

"I'm advocating for parents and students to get involved in school," she said. "Education is a privilege."

Little said he believes truancy is a major issue within the district.

The next question focused on the achievement gap in the school district and how the candidate would fix it.

"The achievement gap applies to all communities, families and school districts," she said. "Achievements start at home."

"Everybody has the same opportunity to learn the same," McCaw said.

Another question asked was how to lower the thousands of dollars of debt coming from unpaid meal charges.

Dale suggested sending the bills to the collection agency to ensure repayment. Additionally, Dale said it is not the staffs' responsibility to collect unpaid bills.

Conley-Chapman said it's a family concern and should be something the parent and student handle.

Ewing said she thinks educating parents on services provided would help the cause.

"I'm no advocate of not feeding a student ... need to educate parents on what aid is available," she said.

Students also asked why the candidates wanted to be on the board and what qual-



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Long time employee of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Germaine Ewing, speaks on why she is running for a seat on the Ignacio School Board.

ifies the candidate.

McCaw said she has been on the District Accountability Committee and is a long-time volunteer of the Ignacio Schools and hopes to keep the district moving forward.

"The public school system is the most important entity in the community," she said.

Montoya is an accountant and feels his accounting expertise would be beneficial to the board during the budgeting process.

"I'm a concerned parent and seek improvement in the school district," he said.

"I want people to get proud of the community."

Incumbent, Sanchez wants to continue to help the community through working on the school board, she said.

"I like to give back to the community and volunteer," she said. "I care about the students, and I work very well with other committees."



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IPP MEETING • FROM PAGE 1

do Commission of Indian Affairs.

The lack of parent involvement wanes as the student gets older, moving up in grade levels. The expectation that the student gets older and gains more responsibility becomes more obvious.

Parent involvement is obviously more prevalent in the younger grade levels.

However the numbers are strikingly clear, the majority of students are Native American in the Ignacio School District.

Numbers from the 2014-2015 IPP Report show Native American students enrolled in the Ignacio School District: 66 students in elementary; 51 in the middle school; and 60 in the high school.

Of these numbers the majority of the students, attendance seems to be the main reason these students are on the "down list". The IPP Report shows a slight increase in total percentage of attendance in the elementary school of 91.70% in 2011 to 91.88% in 2014, and a peak of 94.13% in 2013.

The numbers for attendance in the middle and high Schools are less favorable, according the IPP Report. In the Middle School, Native American students have the lowest percentile of attendance of 86.92%, and 81.23% in the high school of all students.

The "down list" reflects these numbers as the majority of these students are on the list for attendance. Which brings up back to ... who's responsible for the students being on the list?

Ultimately it's the parents/guardians of the students to get the kids to school, if they are not riding the bus, however who's responsible for keeping the students in school?

Discipline and safety were also brought up during the IPP meeting.

Southern Ute tribal member and parent of students in the Ignacio School District, Lucinda Cloud said, "although the new high school is nice, and the entrance has a lot of windows, it seems harder to get into the High School now, it doesn't feel welcoming."

Ignacio Superintendent of Schools, Rocco Fuschetto said, "our point of concern that was brought to our attention last year was security."

Fuschetto continued by saying, "That's why the high school is secured in this way, it's a shame we have to be so secure, I wish we didn't have to, but we need to keep the kids safe."

As far as discipline goes,

Fuschetto stated there is a need of parent support when it comes to discipline.

"We have the kids in our building up to seven hours

a day. We cannot handle every situation. The kids see what happens at home,"

Fuschetto said. "Parents need to take responsibility of their children when it comes to disciplining the students. We are doing our best, we need the support of the parents when disciplining the student, not running to the papers or pressing charges. Parents need to support our teachers."

Mr. Alfonso "Ponch" Garcia is now the Dean of Students, he spends his day in all the schools and classrooms. Supporting both students and teachers. The students also now have a new Student Support Center. These are a few ways the schools are adding more support for the student.

Southern Ute Education Director La Titia Taylor spoke of some things the Tribal Education Department is doing to aid in supporting the students.

"We have continued to offer tutoring to students who need it. We also advocate for the families when working with the Southern Ute Social Services and with "Wellness Court" to improve attendance," Taylor said. "The collaboration between the school district and the tribe continues through conversations with students through counseling, aiding in attendance and with grades."

Attendance is seen as an issue of the Native American students, and only through parent input and involvement can this be alleviated. "How can I [as a parent] help my student?

Ninety-five percent of the attendance issues were lowered by family concentration, by connection with those families.

"We need to take a more pro-active stance by engaging the students at a lower grade level, at the elementary level," Taylor said.

However, parent involvement is crucial when asking for Federal monies for the Native American students with the school district.

Total numbers of returned Impact Aide Surveys sent are very low. Of the 122 sent out in the Primary (K-5) grade levels only six were returned. And of the 161 surveys sent out in the Secondary (6-12) grade levels only 5 were sent back.

These numbers reflect the lack of interest in the education of Native American students within the Ignacio School District when speaking of monies to be used within the school.

Former Johnson O'Malley board member, Tamera Reynolds, stated she does not have any children enrolled in the Ignacio School District, but is very interested in the district as her children may transition into the public school system in the future, and asked if the school's rating has improved.

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) gave the Ignacio School

District a very low rating last year; the rating is based on test scores.

Ignacio School District Administrator, Dr. Kathy Pokorney said the test scores from last year have not even been received yet.

The ratings for this year have been put on hold this year. Roderick added, "The state has put a hold on the ratings this year, not just in Ignacio but a state-wide hold," he said.

Another point of concern was the transition of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students into the Ignacio public schools.

Tests scores are lower for these students as pointed out by Roderick.

"The tests are written sequential, the State regulates Standardized Testing, they are not aware of the cultural differences in learning," he said.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Chairman Issac Suina asked if the school district can bring Ute Language into the middle school so that students transitioning into public schools don't have to skip a year of speaking Ute.

Ute Language is taught and spoken every day in SUIMA. Dr. Stacey Oberly teaches the Ute Language class in the Ignacio schools.

Suina also asked about the addition of orchestra to the schools music curriculum.

"With the budget so tight, we do see the importance of music in the schools, we have added another music teacher, with the two teachers now doing the work of three teachers in the music department," Roderick pointed out.

Chairman Frost closed the evening by stating he does want to see the Ute Language continuing into the middle school, and that the education committee meet with the Tribal Council to become familiar with them and encourage the continued support of the collaboration between the school district and Tribal Council.

He offered this to the parents.

"How often do we tell our children we are proud of what they are doing, and that they are doing the best they can?"

"We have a lack of parent involvement to discuss IPP issues. We as leaders need to encourage our new teachers. Education is never ending, although we have different ways of teaching, we must continue to change. To encourage our students to do the best that they can," Frost said.

EDUCATION UPDATE

JOM Meeting

The next monthly scheduled Johnson-O'Malley committee meeting is Monday, Nov. 2. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. in Ignacio.

Curing Cancer with Crafts

"Curing Cancer with Crafts" is back! The craft fair will be held at Ignacio High School on Nov. 14. If you are interested in reserving a space (\$10/space), to sell your crafts or for more information contact Deb Otten 970-563-0661.



COMMUNITY AFRICAN DANCE/DRUMMING CLASS

AT THE SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

NOVEMBER 6th 5:30PM-6:30PM

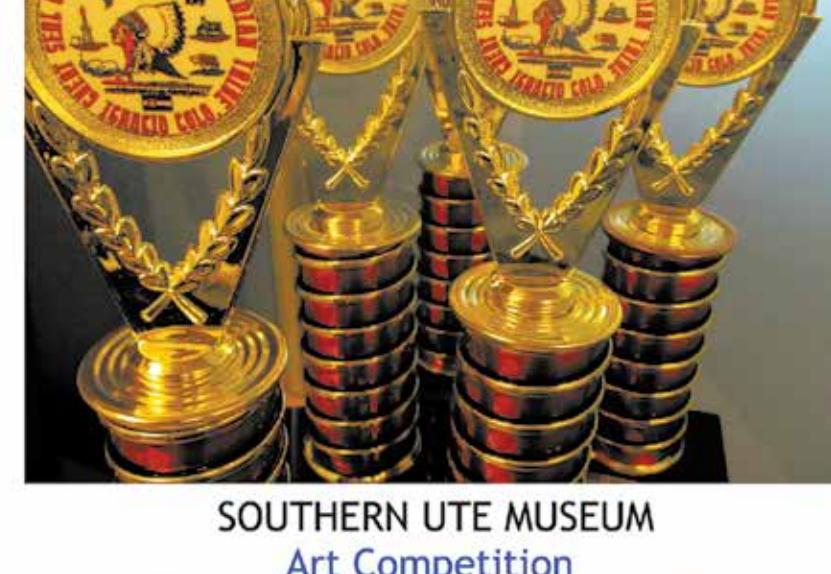
\$5 PER PERSON WEAR WORK-OUT CLOTHES
AND A SMILE!

PLEASE COME EARLY

For info call: 970 563-0100 ex 3609

10:00am-4:00pm

503 Ouray Dr. Ignacio co



SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

Art Competition

November 16th - December 14th

Artist reception November 21th 12:00 pm

First place through fifth place

Five honorable mention prizes

Drop off date Nov. 16 10:00am - 5:00pm

at the Southern Ute Museum

\$5 per entry, all styles, all works on paper

must be framed.

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM 503 OURY DRIVE IGNACIO 81137

FOR INFO: CALL 10 AM - 4:00PM 970 563 9583 EX: 3609

Attention agricultural land managers

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

VOTE 
Lorelei Cloud
Southern Ute Tribal Council
Integrity & Accountability



All aboard!

The SunUte Recreation Staff took tribal member families on the Peanuts "The Great Pumpkin Patch Express" Saturday, Oct. 24. Families board the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge train and take a 30-minute train ride to north Durango. Once at the patch there were a number of family friendly activities, including the chance to meet Charlie Brown and Snoopy.



Courtesy of the SunUte Community Center, tribal member families got to spend a day at the Great Pumpkin Patch in north Durango.



The face-painting station proved to be popular as guests got to choose from a number of spooky designs.



Alric Hudson, Marysa Frost and Kelsey Frost waited in line for a the opportunity to pose with Charlie Brown for a group photo.

Photos by Sacha Smith
The Southern Ute Drum



The numerous activities kept everyone moving during the hour-and-a-half visit to the patch. Pictured (l to r) Marysa Frost, Monique Marquez, Jared Ruybal, Seraya Ruybal, Natelle Thompson, and Gracelynn Thompson.

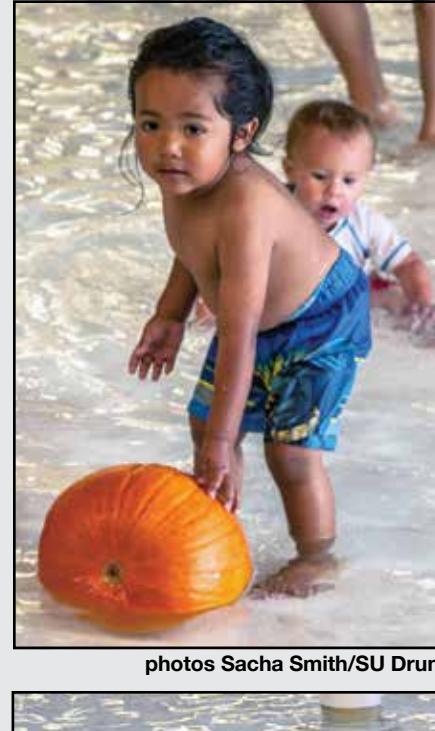


Trennie Collins/SU Drum
Teacher Bernie gives the count-down to jump in the water. Students from Lower Elementary enjoyed splashing and jumping in the pool with friends and pumpkins.



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

On Oct. 16, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, family and friends visited Sutherland Farms in Aztec, NM. The students enjoyed hayrides, a corn maze, the corn pit, and selecting the perfect pumpkin to carve.



Ivan Joseph rolls his pumpkin across the kiddie pool during the annual Pumpkin Splash at SunUte Community Center Friday, Oct. 23.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum
Neeka Ryder enjoys the time she get to swim with her pumpkin at this year's Pumpkin Splash held at SunUte Community Center on Friday, Oct. 23.



Academy children and their families ventured through the corn maze at Sutherland Farms.



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Primary 1 Class and families, enjoy a hayride at Sutherland Farms in Aztec, NM.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum
Buddies, Walter Reynolds, Derek Sage and James Reynolds all hang out at the pool with their pumpkins during SunUte's Pumpkin Splash.

Academy students partake in triathlon



All attendees of the annual triathlon strike a pose. Twenty-nine Academy students participated in the event.



Academy student, Marcus Archuleta, gains speed during the final lap.



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Triathlon started with a heavy paced jog, followed by bicycle laps around SunUte Park, then finished off with a dip in the community center's pool for the final lap.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted their annual triathlon on Friday, Oct. 16, starting from the Academy schoolyard down to SunUte Community Center. Academy students started their course with a mild run, followed by a bike ride around SunUte Park before finishing off in the community center's swimming pool. A total of 29 Academy students participated in the event.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum



Georgia McKinley takes photos of Harmony Reynolds as she continues her laps around SunUte Park.



Dominique Rael gives a smile while taking a dip in the SunUte Community Center swimming pool.



Tallas and Kean Cantsee keep up the pace during the annual Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Triathlon.

Wanbli Ota & SunUte Present
HOZHONI DAYS MEN's & WOMEN's BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 14th & 15th
SunUte Community Center
Ignacio, Colorado

ENTRY FEE \$300 Per Team
Each team MUST consist of ALL Native Americans with the exception of 1 player.
Space is limited.
Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Children, 5 yrs and under free

PRIZES 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Teams
MVP & All-Tourney Players

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SunUte
Community Center



Fort Lewis College
Wanbli Ota

All proceeds go towards the
52nd Annual Hozhoni Days
Powwow at Fort Lewis College

SunUte Recreation & Mid America Youth Basketball Present: Ignacio MAYB Winter Tournament!!

December 19th, 2015

Join in the FUN and enjoy the Competition!

Grade Levels:

Boys: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th-10th, and 11-12th

Girls: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th-10th, & 11-12th

3 game minimum!!

Teams will be participating from all over the Four Corners!!

Great MAYB competition!!!!

Register online at www.mayb.com or call 316-284-0354

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SOUTHERN UTE GENERAL ELECTION

VOTE 2015

November 6, 2015
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
SunUte
Community Center



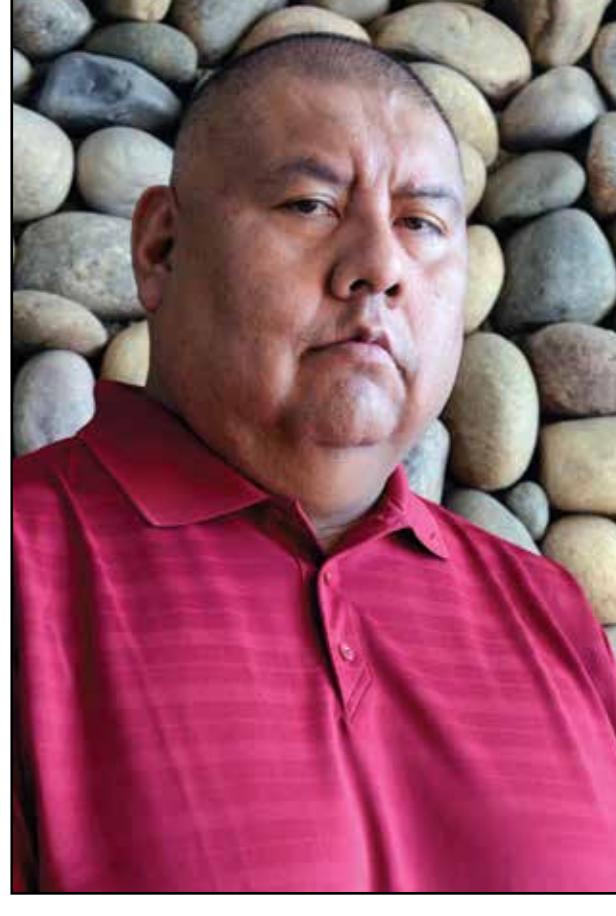
LORELEI CLOUD



RENEE J. CLOUD



KEVIN R. FROST



ALEX S. CLOUD

Southern Ute Election Board 2015 General Election Schedule

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

SOUTHERN UTE GENERAL ELECTION

Friday, November 6, 2015

7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

SunUte Community Center

EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

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

Election Code 11-5-107 (1), (2), (3):

A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if:

- (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests.

The written request shall contain the following:

- (a) the voter's name and address;
- (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and
- (c) The voter's signature.

The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305 or you can use our direct line 970-563-4789.

Off-Reservation Tribal members use phone number 1-800-772-1236, ext. 2303.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

Nov. 6, 2015
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sun Ute Community Center

Candidates for TWO Tribal Council Member Seats are:

Lorelei Cloud
 Kevin R. Frost
 Renee J. Cloud
 Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: The candidates receiving the majority number of votes shall be elected.

- Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Voter Registration Deadline:

Oct. 28, 2015, by 5 p.m.

Absentee Deadline:

Oct. 28, 2015, by 5 p.m.

Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline:

Nov. 5, 2015, by 5 p.m.

Contact: The Election Board at 970-563-0100, ext: 2303 or 2305.

Off-Reservation Toll Free Number 1-800-772-1236, ext: 2303.

E-mail: election@southernuke-nsn.gov



GENERAL ELECTION

Candidate statements



LORELEI CLOUD

Maykh,
My name is Lorelei Cloud, and I am running for Southern Ute Tribal Council in the general election. I am the daughter of Gayla Smith and Celestino Martinez- igyapu. My grandparents were Sunshine Cloud Smith- igyapu, Diamond Smith- igyapu, Virginia Cox- igyapu and Patricio Martinez- igyapu.

All of our decisions should be made with our future in mind. Our children and their children are our future. They are going to keep the Tribe alive. We need to empower them to be the best they can be. Let's instill in our youth the language, the culture, the traditions and the power to be whatever they choose, and we should support them in the process. Our youth need to be confident and stand strong. Recently, two women completed Army Ranger training. In addition, several young people built their own companies and are successful. Our Ute people are capable to reach these same goals and more.

We need to help our people obtain proper work ethics, so that they can get any job anywhere. Investing in our youth is the best thing that we can do for ourselves.

We also need our employees to respect the Ute people that they work for. There are policies and procedures in place in all entities of the Southern Ute Tribe; but things are still taking place where people think that these rules don't apply to them. If we are to obtain the next level of success, we need to stand together and hold all employees of the tribe accountable. No one is exempt. We all work for the Southern Ute people and the people are unsatisfied with the quality of services that we receive. This must be improved, including the areas of employment and getting a land assignment. Our housing situation on the reservation hasn't improved in the past 10+ years. Our people need homes. They need jobs. We need to employ our own people. We need to create more apprenticeship and trainee programs to help employ our people. We must help each other succeed and live up to our potential. United we stand – Divided we fall.

I am respectfully asking to be of service to the Southern Ute People. I want to see unification among our people. I want the Ute people to prosper and to be empowered. Please come out November 6th and vote. Vote for integrity and accountability.

Toghooy-aqh
Lorelei Cloud



RENEE J. CLOUD

"Vote for a Change"
"A voice for Tribal Members"

Hello, Southern Ute Tribe-Members,

First of all, my name is Renee J. Cloud who has been nominated by independent Southern Ute Elders as their candidate for this seat.

My knowledge about the Tribe, the departments and how our Government operates.

I am traditional I speak and understand Ute fluently; I have worked in several Tribal departments; served on several committees i.e. Ute language committee, Enrollment Committee, and Tribal Health Advisory.

I was on Tribal Council, and with other councilors laid the foundation/planning of the Casino; created the Growth Fund, and implemented the Financial Plan.

Besides work experience I also have several business degrees in management and leadership.

PLATFORM

My platform is based on the overall Tribal Government operations, and how elected official's administer

departments and programs.

TRIBAL ISSUES

Currently and on-going there are issues pertaining to Health, Personnel, Hiring, Tribal Court, Ignacio School System, and Federal Funding for SUCAP, etc.

The most important issue for all of us to understand is the Financial Plan which is subject to change for FY 2017.

Within this plan our Per Capita may be cut, and we will receive less funds.

Tribal Council has approved this new plan.

Other issues is; Tribal Council approved a "Flex

work schedule" for Tribal Staff, a four day work week starting on November 1, 2015.

In the Tribal Health program Tribal Council put a cap on how much funds an

individual can use for vision and dental programs without research.

Tribal Council has continuously made on-going changes to the Constitution without our vote or obtaining Secretary of Interior Approval.

IF ELECTED

My plan is to express the need to acknowledge Resolution 99-07 regarding the long-term Financial Plan.

Within this plan it states the per capita distribution is to

be in perpetuity for current and future Tribal member.

This needs to be acknowledged by Tribal Council,

and that it be considered in every Financial Plan discussion and implementation.

• Recommend changes in the Health Care Program & restore the Health Advisory Committee.

• Restore the Elders Committee to assist elders with their needs.

• Promote Work Ethics and Ethic Conduct, and Drug Policies

• Recommend Financial Accountability for all Tribal Departments, Audits as needed.

Recommending that there be no more weekly work sessions with any Tribal operations and departments or entities. All business issues be presented and discussed on the schedule Council Meetings.

CONCLUSION

Tribal members need individuals on Tribal Council who will help resolve issues of concern; Adhere to their administrative duties as elected officials in a professional manner.

I am confident I can be this Councilor. So with that I

am asking for your vote of confidence on November 6, 2015.

Thank you and God Bless You.

Elect Renee J. Cloud for Tribal Council



KEVIN R. FROST

training, or childcare. If you plan on moving back to the reservation there must be adequate housing.

We need to invest more in Tribal Member tailored substance abuse and mental health programs. We have to start grooming and preparing our children to provide a sustainable future for our Tribe. Educational enrichment programs will help our kids begin to decide for themselves what

interests them and if their interest will blossom in to a career. Tribal Members students should be given a second chance to fulfill their educational dreams even if it requires forgiving Tribal student loan debt. Everyone deserves a second chance.

There are three things to consider when voting:

HOW HAS THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FAILED US?

We must work together to meet our basic needs of food, shelter, personal security, financial security as well as health and well being. Employing our members first and allowing our members to develop skills on the job will directly help our members provide for themselves and their families.

If we want a home as well as a land assignment there should be no obstacles in helping us. Foster childcare needs improvement so we need to work together to find a solution that benefits our children first. Issues with Law Enforcement and Tribal Courts need attention.

If there are unrecognized complaints or Civil Rights violations we need to resolve them and if necessary get appropriate Agencies involved.

It's time to stop neglecting the needs of our off reservation members. If they want home ownership we need to find a way to assist them. Finally, we need to deal with our Descendants.

Let's work together and vote on this issue. We can't plan for our future if we don't know our numbers.

WHEN WILL WE BE READY TO RUN OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR ENTERPRISES?

When members decide to change careers we need to provide support at all levels. New jobs will be developed as the needs arise. In today's changing world we have to be able to adapt to existing and emerging markets.

Tribal Members that meet the minimum requirements for their field need guaranteed jobs. The road to self-sufficiency can happen if we trust our members and allow them the chance to perform. This includes our ventures off the reservation.

We need Doctors, Lawyers, Business and Financial Specialists, Teachers, Farmers, Ranchers, as well as Laborers to name a few so we can skillfully prepare for our future.

The days of Tribal Council dictating our direction without our consideration is outdated. We must work together to build a sustainable reservation. The best ideas come from those we often overlook.

Are you ready to answer the call and help our people?

*Respectfully,
Kevin Frost*

Tribal Council candidate withdrawal

Dear Tribal Membership,

At this time, due to health issues, I would like to inform you that I am withdrawing my candidacy for a seat on the Southern Ute Tribal Council this election year.

I thank you for understanding and supporting my decision to withdraw.

*Sincerely,
Marjorie Borst*

Southern Ute Tribal Council candidate (no statement)

Alex S. Cloud

HOW DOES Leonard C. Burch INSPIRE YOU?

HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO CONTEST

Contest ends December 10, 2015

Rules are simple:

1. Take a photo.
2. Write a caption for the photo on how LCB inspires you.
3. Upload to FaceBook, Instagram or Twitter and use the hashtag #LCBInspired.

Photos without captions will not be considered for prizes.

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

Students who do not have access to any social media can print their photo with a caption and bring it to The Southern Ute Drum Office at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO.

Any questions contact Trennie Collins, Public Relations Coordinator at 970-563-0118 or tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov.

***** CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY *****

4TH ANNUAL LEONARD C. BURCH ART AND LITERACY CONTEST

**Starts: Oct. 5, 2015
Ends: Dec. 10, 2015**

THEME:

LEADERSHIP

CATEGORIES:

K-3 GRADE: ART PROJECT

4-5 GRADE: POEM

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 500-700 WORD ESSAY

GRAND PRIZES:

K-BIKE

1ST GRADE- NABI JR.

2ND GRADE- LEAPPAD ULTRA

3RD GRADE- LEAP PAD PLATINUM

4-5 GRADE- RAZOR E200 ELECTRIC SCOOTER

MIDDLE SCHOOL- IPOD TOUCH



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is inviting all students to participate in this awesome contest! It's a celebration of the life of a great leader, youth supporter and overall visionary for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The contest is open to Ignacio School District K-8th grade students, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, Pine River Learning Center students and all enrolled tribal member students K-8th grade outside of the Ignacio School District. All entries must pertain to the theme "LEADERSHIP".

Deadline to submit any and all work is December 10, 2015, at 5 p.m. to The Southern Ute Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch administration building or PO Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information or questions please contact Trennie Collins, Public Relations Coordinator at 970-563-0118 or tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF A SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL LEADER

MUSEUM UPDATE

Attention local artisans

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

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

SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH

Animas River Celebration

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH

We are pleased to invite the community to a Celebration of the Animas River on Sunday, Nov. 1 from Noon - 2 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

The San Juan Basin Health Department invites everyone to join us in a celebration of the Animas River and an open house to answer your questions about the Gold King Mine Spill, your health, and the health of the river.

The event will provide information and an opportunity to ask questions of the organizations in the community who work to support the river. It will also feature fun and informative activities and light refreshments will be provided.

This event is led by San Juan Basin Health and co-sponsored by the following organizations: 4 Corners Riversports, Animas River

Stakeholders Group, Animas Watershed Partnership, Animas La Plata Project, City of Durango, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Five Rivers Trout Unlimited, Fort Lewis College, La Plata County, Mild to Wild Rafting, Mountain Studies Institute, Mountain Waters Rafting, San Juan Basin Health Department, Senator Ellen Roberts, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Quality Program, and Southwest Colorado Community College.

Information, contact Flannery O'Neil at San Juan Basin Health Dept. at 970-335-2087 or Curtis Hartenstine, SUIT Water Quality Program Manager at 970-563-0135; or email: charten@southernute-nsn.gov

HEALING SPIRITS CALENDAR

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7pm All meeting at Powerful Spirit	2	3 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	4	5 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	6 Open Women's Circle at Powerful Spirit	7
8 6pm Afternoon activity at Powerful Spirit	9	10 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	11	12 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	13 Open Culture Circle at Powerful Spirit	14 Open Society Memorial Walk – meet at Sky line parking lot SOUTH parking lot
15 7pm All meeting at Powerful Spirit	16	17 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	18	19 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	20 Open Women's Circle at Powerful Spirit	21
22 7pm All meeting at Powerful Spirit	23	24 Open Walk – meet at Powerful Spirit Circle	25 noon-8pm Vigil at Powerful Spirit	26	27 Open Culture Circle at Powerful Spirit	28
29 7pm All meeting at Powerful Spirit	30	Notes: Nov. 8 Afternoon activity (children welcome): banner making for the Memorial Walk Nov. 14 Nov. 14 Memorial Walk: wear a BLUE shirt				

BOO! THE THRILL IS ON SATURDAYS

NOTHIN' SCARY ABOUT OUR \$50,000 CASH \$POOK-TACULAR

Earn entry tickets when you play the slots with your Bear Club Card all month long. The more you play the better your chances to win during Saturday's drawings.

8PM	Win \$500
8:30PM	Win \$500
8:45PM	Win \$1,000
9PM	Win \$2,500
10PM	Win \$5,000

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Promotional period September 27-October 31, 2015. Drawings Saturdays only 8PM-10PM during promotional period. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.

IHS FOOTBALL

Vikes drop Cats another notch

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Dropped to 0-8 (0-4 SPC) after its 12th consecutive loss dating back to last fall, IHS did avoid a third straight shutout – after near-identical 41-0 setbacks versus Monte Vista on Oct. 9, and 10/16 at Centauri – thanks to freshman Lawrence Valdez's 90-yard kickoff-return touchdown along Ignacio's sideline, but pass defense again proved an agonizing Achilles' heel.

Intriguing enough an enigma to generate a faint blip on the Class 1A radar when the CHSAANow.com preseason rankings came out August 17, and regularly re-gaining that 'Others Receiving Votes' status since, Center still hadn't yet taken the big step towards cracking the poll's top-ten.

But Friday night, Oct. 23, CHS appeared still trying to take that stride.

Welcoming Ignacio to Viking Field at Center Community Park, last year's Southern Peaks Conference surprise improved to 5-3 overall, 2-2 in the SPC – the program finished 5-4, 3-2 in 2014 – with a 36-6 defeat of the rebuilding Bobcats.

Falcon senior Christopher Martin had fired four TD's against the Cats in La Jara, and Viking junior Jorge Venzor managed to precede, then most importantly follow Valdez's runback with aerial TD's covering 49 and 67 yards. Senior Angel Villagomez, on the receiving end of the second strike, then took an interception back for a key

six points and a 20-6 lead after only one wild quarter of action.

A 15-yard carry by junior Nabor Quintana put CHS up by 20 points at halftime, and another returned pick put the game decisively out of reach, even with Ignacio again able to fairly fluster a foe with its 'Polecat' offense.

Only an Oct. 30 trip to Dolores remains on the 2015 schedule, Ponch Garcia's first at IHS' helm. And the nemesis Bears will be just as hungry to go into winter's hibernation as the Bobcats; DHS (2-6, 0-4) fared worse out in the San Luis Valley on the 23rd, losing 48-0 at Monte Vista as the Pirates (7-1, 4-0) primed themselves to visit rivals Centauri (5-3, 4-0) on the 30th with the SoPeaks' championship at stake.

Cats claw Lady Mavs



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio JV player Jade Richards (27) sets amidst a flock of attentive Mancos Lady Jays during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play inside IHS Gymnasium on Oct. 15. The Cats downed MHS 25-23, 25-8, 25-22, then resumed their winning ways on the 24th versus Norwood (25-15, 25-15, 15-7) after falling in three at Telluride on the 17th.

Seen from the viewpoint of teammate Leela Rosa (5), Ignacio JV players Allisiana Baker (12) and Misty Egger (17) prepare to simultaneously pass the same ball during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play inside IHS Gymnasium on Oct. 24. Building upon previous success within the house against Mancos (25-23, 25-8, 25-22) on the 15th, the Cats rebounded from a loss on the 17th at Telluride by clawing through the Lady Mavericks 25-15, 25-15, 15-7.

C-team rallys at Telluride



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio C-team'er Namichen Oberly (16) spots both the ball and an opening in Norwood's defense through which she can attack during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play inside IHS Gymnasium on Oct. 15. Winning their fifth straight match and improving to 14-4 overall – mirroring the varsity's mark, mind you – the Cats rallied past the Lady Mavericks 23-25, 25-15, 15-5. Previously, the squad had defeated Dolores in two (25-17, 25-23) on the 22nd and had won 25-20, 25-15 at Telluride on the 17th in its last regular-season road match of 2015.

For more BOBCAT photos, articles and updates check out the Southern Ute Drum's website

www.sudrum.com

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NHS junior Macie Magallon, however, was unquestionably present and as powerful a middle as expected, and often singlehandedly willed the Lady Mavericks to do their worst towards spoiling Senior Day for IHS regulars Miel Diaz, Chrystianne Valdez, Ellie Seibel, Courtney Wilson-Baker and Spanish foreign-exchange JV/C player Miriam Fernandez (suddenly serenaded later by fans and teammates with 'Happy Birthday to You,' to boot).

"For me it was really emotional, because this is the only sport in high school I play. So knowing that this is my last year really ... hit my heart," Diaz said of the pre-match salute. "But then I figured out how to control that."

"It was really emotional in the beginning," junior middle Kelly Campbell agreed. "And then we finally started to get it together, thinking past our emotions, and it went really well."

Well enough to overcome two disappointing endings after outlasting – via a Seibel kill bringing up game point, then an overpass-kill by junior Sheigh Pollock – Norwood 25-23 in a see-saw game one, with Campbell smashing three straight slides set by sophomore Shoshone Thompson and forcing NHS' Karla Gonzales-Garcia to call a badly-needed timeout with the guests trailing 17-8 in game four.

The last of the three was the most incredible attack – other than a Magallon missile, which Thompson somehow dug, but which still had enough fuel to carry it all the way up into the ceiling – of the afternoon, being that Campbell sliced the shot back inside the antenna, missing it by an inch, from out of bounds and downing it almost completely parallel to the net on the enemy's side.

"I was actually surprised on that one ... because we've been working so hard on down-the-line slides," head coach Thad Cano said. "And for her to make that adjustment when we hadn't practiced that was pretty amazing."

"You know ... I don't know," Campbell said, searching for an explanation. "I just started focusing on what I needed to do: Batter the ball and get a point!"

Norwood managed to regain some momentum for the inevitable game five, but Campbell's stoic solo stuff of Magallon sealing up the fourth for all practical purposes showed which squad would ultimately secure victory.

"Tips that had been falling in the past, they were picking up. They were doing great reading, Shoshone digging



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Miel Diaz stretches out to keep a ball in play during Senior Day action against Norwood, Oct. 24 inside IHS Gymnasium.

hard hits – loving it, and the team rallying behind ... it was one hundred percent a team effort," Cano said.

"Everybody's wanting to win, wanting this victory," Diaz concurred. "And it just took confidence as well ... knowing that you can make a good pass, make a good hit, knowing that you can place the ball well."

"It was all just a mental thing. We figured out we can beat them, decided to play the game that we know how to play ... and to play it well, to the best of our ability!"

Lady Maverick senior Shayla Carver started game five on serve, and NHS (12-5) took an early 4-3 lead on a Magallon smash set by junior Nataly Gonzalez. But when IHS' serving picked up steam, leading to a Thompson ace and 14-11 advantage, the outcome was all but chiseled in stone.

Valdez, the team's libero, became a one-woman cleanup crew with multiple digs during a frenetic last-point exchange, and junior Alex Forsythe eventually downed a left-to-right cross-court spike to lock in a 25-23, 22-25, 23-25, 25-15, 15-11 triumph – boosting the Volleycats up to 14-4 overall, and an impressive 5-2 in full-pulls.

"It took focusing on their arm(s) and how they were swinging, because they were tipping a lot," Campbell said. "We have a big block, so there are teams who've discovered if they tip right we can't really cover that."

"It's really stressful, but it's just really important to keep an even head."

"I think it did take quite a bit of effort, but we've gone through adversity and we've figured out how to control those emotions pretty well," said Diaz. "I think we all did really good."

Diaz notched a team-high seven kills versus DHS (now 9-9) but numbers from the NHS match had not yet been totaled by press time Monday. Still the stats were likely just as strong, if not stronger all around; Seibel contributed six kills versus the Lady Bears, Forsythe four and Campbell three as Thompson totaled 18 assists.

Campbell had eight total blocks (five solo) against DHS and neared that neighborhood against Norwood, while Valdez's eight digs were tops versus DHS with Diaz and Forsythe close at seven apiece and Seibel at six. "The girls played with tons of heart," concluded Cano. "I can't be more proud than I am right now."

"I can say that boldly," he continued. "As long as we stay healthy, no adversity ... we'll see you at State."

The postseason push begins Saturday, Oct. 31, with the 2A-District 3 Tournament in Dolores.

HOLDING PATTERN

Ignacio remained #8 when the 10/26 CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll was released, but was leapfrogged by SJBL power Ridgway which rose from ninth to seventh. State heavyweight Loveland Resurrection Christian remained entrenched at #1 followed by leading challenger Yuma, and the two matched RHS' 18-1 record for best overall within the top ten.

SETTING THE TABLE(S)

Standings as of Oct. 26, 2015

VOLLEYBALL: 2A/1A SAN JUAN BASIN LEAGUE (SJBL)

Team	OVERALL			SJBL		SETS	
	W	L	%	W	L	W	L
Ridgway	18	1	.947	15	1	56	8
IGNACIO	14	4	.778	11	1	47	26
Norwood	12	5	.706	11	3	40	21
Nucla	14	5	.737	9	5	43	18
Dolores	9	9	.500	7	7	32	30
Telluride**	6	13	.316	5	10	23	38
Dove Creek**	2	15	.118	2	10	8	46
Mancos	2	15	.118	1	12	18	46
Ouray**	0	16	.000	0	12	1	48

**head-to-head result not yet reported

FOOTBALL: 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS CONFERENCE (SPC)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		SCORING	
	W	L	%	W	L	US/ THEM	
Monte Vista	7	1	.875	4	0	236	65
Centauri	5	3	.625	4	0	170	174
Center	5	3	.625	2	2	210	142
John Mall	4	4	.500	2	2	210	116
Dolores	2	6	.250	0	4	140	189
IGNACIO	0	8	.000	0	4	26	320

- compiled by Joel Priest



STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Explore your options CAPRICORN. With the SUN and MERCURY in a social area now, Social Media might be one way of participating with groups, friends, or community affairs. Develop your future plans and communicate your thoughts and ideas clearly. There are others who might misinterpret your message. The main goal is to keep confusion at a minimum. The planet of peace (VENUS) is at a high point this month and it may stimulate your ambitions. Keep in mind that your actions should be of the highest order.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

The SUN shines high, and brightly in your chart this month. Look for fresh possibilities on the 5th, and 10th. They might bring rewards that could super-charge your status at work, or with personal objectives. Travel may be in the stars on the 8th, or 12th when VENUS and MARS enter friendly LIBRA. Positive developments regarding finances remain in effect for the whole month, thanks to giant JUPITER'S influence in a money zone. Funds may come from a source outside of your own earnings.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Hey PISCES PEOPLE...did you know that the SUN, MERCURY, AND NEW MOON are presently taking command of your long distance travel section? Just so you know, favorable plans can easily be put together this month. Furthermore a JUPITER/MARS hook up in the partnership area suggests constructive growth with meaningful relationships. Pay attention when making important decisions on the 24th. MERCURY squares off with NEPTUNE, and mistakes, or confusion might rule the day.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

A loving tie between VENUS and MARS on the 2nd launches your month in a positive way. Personal relationships might take a turn toward more serious commitments when the dynamic duo (Venus & Mars) enter the sign of LIBRA, (8th & 12th) respectively. The FULL MOON in GEMINI on the 25th enhances communications with folks at a distance, and lots of conversations with those closer to you. This is a holiday to enjoy with your family, celebrate it with peace, and harmony ARIES.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Lucky planets increase your chances of a small windfall. But that's not the main theme for you TAURUS. Relationships are the focal point as the SUN and MERCURY, aided by the NEW MOON on the 11th vitalize close associations. Make it a point to be cooperative. A stubborn, or fixed attitude won't work. VENUS your sign ruler shifts into LIBRA on the 8th and begins to work its love magic. Make your Turkey Day celebration a day of harmony, balance, and humor, with tasty dishes to share with others.

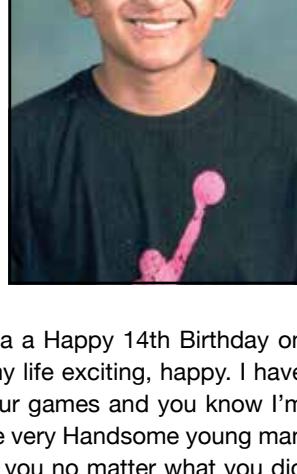
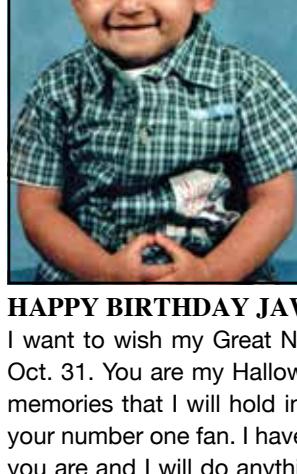
♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Keep your eyes on the prize GEMINI. In your case, it's your work, daily routine, physical condition, and domestic duties. As is typical for you, the days fill up quickly. Maybe more so now that JUPITER is living in the area of your daily practices. The work section being fueled, relates to your performance. A strong, but sensitive, NEW MOON influence on the 11th might have you making a few improvements in your job. SATURN currently in the partnership area, may possibly encourage a relationship commitment.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice.

Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

COMMUNITY WISHES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAWADIN CORONA

I want to wish my Great Nephew Jawadin Anthony Corona a Happy 14th Birthday on Oct. 31. You are my Halloween Pumpkin who has made my life exciting, happy. I have memories that I will hold in my heart forever especially your games and you know I'm your number one fan. I have watched you grow up to be the very Handsome young man you are and I will do anything for you and I have stood by you no matter what you did and will always be here. Uncle, Briana and Staffon loves you very much and hope your Birthday is one to remember cause it will be mine. I also want to wish my other Great Nephew Cesar Corona a Belated Happy 16th.

We love you,
Uncle, Briana, Jawadin and Staffon

CASSIDY THERESA TAHLO, HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY!

It's hard to believe that a year has gone! We love you so much! You melt our hearts with your cute sweetness, everywhere you go. You are a very special gift from heaven above. You have brought much happiness and delight to our lives. We look forward now to seeing how you progress and grow into a fun, loving and sweet little girl. Here's wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day!

Love Always,

Mom, Grandma Cookie, auntie Mavis, Uncle Brandon, Uncle Ryan, Auntie Dee and your little cousins; Romeo, Landyn & Sammy

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

SECURITY AT SCHOOL

Mique,

My fiancée, John has attended Pueblo Community College/SCCC for over 2 years. He says portions of his tuition pay for a nurse and for security. Immediately following the Umpqua Oregon College killings, I asked him what security measures does your school have and how many security personnel patrol? He said, "We don't have much, nothing to speak of anyway." "As well, as if there's a nurse-I've never seen her."

In the weeks that followed, John went forth to speak to Student Council about there not being an armed security presence. He said that Student Council does not have the authority to address his concerns such as these as they must meet with approval of the president of Pueblo and their CEO's.

There are approximately 20 Tribal member students enrolled in this Community College. I am sure our students have to think about their own safety during their time at school.

On Oct 21, 2015, my fiancée John Stein, 3 members of Student Council, 1 Admin person, and 3 representatives of the main Pueblo Colorado campus met to discuss John's concerns.

Basic outcome, a camera might be added here or there, replace light bulbs in the dim lit parking lot, but for the most part, John was told that it was not in the budget for the students and staff to be protected by

armed security. And if, a big if, our school were to get an armed security, it would be for a few hours in the evenings. An what about daytime hours? Not adequate at all.

After a walk through assessment done on Wednesday morning on Oct. 21, 2015, the main spokesman from the main campus in Pueblo, stated something to the effect of, "If you feel more secure and safer carrying a gun, I support it as long as you do it legally."

What?? We don't need a free for all with handguns! What IS needed is for the powers that be, i.e the president and the CEO's of Pueblo Community College/SCCC to take some serious and immediate action!! Responsibly, armed security during school sessions, more lighting in the parking lots, more camera placements, two-way radio's to communicate with security and the office, an intercom system, classrooms equipped with phones direct to 911, lock down drills and fire drills, a known procedure for students and teachers to anonymously report a student that is exhibiting potentially aggressive issues, a security check point with someone checking ID's as they enter the building, that is what is needed.

As parents and family members it is your responsibility to insist upon safety for your loved ones, and if it does not meet your expectations, you have choices. They are other schools out there that provide armed security and also provide a

solid education. At the end of the day, ask yourself, are your loved ones LESS important than Pueblo's?

Durango, Mancos and Fremont Campus do not have armed security, however since the main Pueblo Campus does, it makes one wonder are we all paying for THEIR armed police force? Hmmmm ...

There are other business entities housed in the same building at Pueblo Community College/SCCC, perhaps all entities come together and offset this ever so valuable cost.

Scenario: You saw them off to school this morning. A deranged gunman entered your loved ones school today; You're crying inconsolably and still yet, you are needed to identify what remains of someone that you love more than life itself. Let's be very clear, armed security does NOT ensure it will never happen, however armed security and other common sense safety protocols are deterrents that help to promote a safer and more secure environment for all. Let's do it together. Make calls, write letters, start a petition. It has GOT to happen, someone needs to speak up to protect all of the students, the faculty and administration.

Make calls, start a petition or write letters-Together we can make a "safer" difference!

I have a voice, you have a voice, let's RAISE it! Together we can make a difference!

Geraldine Rael

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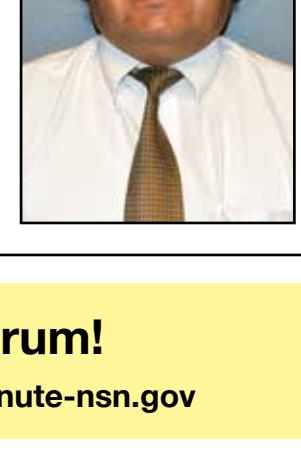
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Description of duties: Administrative duties

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, reading and writing.

Family: 3 sons – Arnulfo Pardo III, Kruz Rey Pardo, Amarante Pardo; and 1 daughter: Eufemia Isabel Pardo.

Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Antonio Arce

Job title: Distance Learning Coordinator

Description of duties: Education programs long distance, providing information, liaison between tribal community and educational institutions, onsite classes and distance learning.

Hobbies: Music/Troba, collection of coins and bills from Latin America and Art.

Family: 6 sisters and 1 brother

Tribe: South America Quechuan Indian

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October 30, 2015

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) Cedar Point Housing Initiative Professional Planning And Engineering Services

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Professional Planning and Engineering Services to include: a drainage study, master utility report, survey, and engineering design for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Housing Departments located at 15168 Hwy 172 in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on Nov. 19, 2015. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Vince Mirabal

for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-4710 or vmirabal@southernuite-nsn.gov. The RFP will be available on Oct. 22, 2015. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015 at 2 PM at 15168 Highway 172, Ignacio, Colo., at Tribal Housing Department. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

PUBLIC NOTICE Short Term Pasture Lease

The Short-Term Pasture Lease Application process will take a minimum of 3 weeks to process. Please plan ahead & apply before you need the pasture.

There are three requirements, if you would

like to short term your pasture:

- Make sure you have adequate pasture.
- Make sure all your fencing is tight.
- Weeds will not be considered adequate feed for livestock.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) SunUte Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Construction Services

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project
Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737

116 Memorial Dr.

Ignacio, CO 81137

970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Construction Services for the SunUte Gymnasium HVAC System. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colo., 81137 until 2 p.m. (MDT), on Nov. 17, 2015. Proposals received after

that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or a.toledo@southernuite-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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

Input sought on Community Development Projects

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9) is in the process of updating the La Plata County Community Development Action Plan (CDAP) and public comment is welcome. The document is a list of projects to be started or completed within the next two years, and the draft documents are available on-line at <http://www.scan.org/> for review until Nov. 13. The document will then be presented to the County Commissioners.

The CDAPs are as follows:

- Projects with completion dates with a timeframe of two years or less.
- Projects are reviewed and prioritized by community groups, governments, citizens and stakeholders and then confirmed or revised by the appropriate county board of commissioners.
- Ranked and signed by each County's Board of Commissioners.
- Being listed in an approved Community

Action Plan is required for many state and federal funding sources.

- CDAP categories include, but are not limited to: public infrastructure, public services (education, healthcare & human services, fire protection & public safety, public lands, historic preservation, childcare, arts & culture, etc.), and economic development (business expansion & retention, development of infrastructure, tourism, agriculture, etc.), and housing.

Region 9 updates and monitors the Community Development Action Plans (CDAPs) for Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties in an ongoing cycle about every two years. Input has been received from numerous community members and organizations, but additional suggestions, edits or comments can be sent to Laura Lewis Marchino at Region 9 Economic Development District laura@scan.org.

Housing Initiative to Administer Apartment Survey

The Planning Department, in coordination with other members of a new SUIT housing initiative, are preparing to administer an apartment survey to better gauge community interest in future housing sites. The survey is being distributed via email to staff members around the Tribe for maximum exposure and hopefully increased participation. The surveys can be returned to Planning through a variety of means, including by completing the survey and emailing back the

results or by dropping a completed survey at one of the drop-boxes planning has set up around Tribal campus. Drop boxes located at several places including:

- Sky Ute Casino and Resort
- SunUte Community Center
- Multi-Purpose Facility
- Red Willow (former Growth Fund bldg.)
- Growth Fund
- Leonard C. Burch Building

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

CREDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY

The Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The committee member must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. Duties of the Credit Committee: Approve loans as required by the Declaration; Monitor compliance with Declaration; Monitor approved loan performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Matthew Morishige in the Tribal Credit Department.

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" position on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by November 30, 2015. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

KSUT BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

KSUT Board of Directors has one vacancy for a Native American Board Member. Interested KSUT Board of Director applicants send a resume to Robert Franklin at bob@ksut.org.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY/TITLE VII COMMITTEE

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

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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 is one position 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.

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Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.
Tribal Member preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Office Assistant – Southern Ute Growth Fund (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 11/4/15

Under the supervision of the Growth Fund Operations Office Manager, this position is responsible for coordination of office duties and job functions, maintaining positive and effective working relationships with Growth Fund employees, coworkers, supervisors and the public. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent is required. One year office experience in a clerical or receptionist capacity is required. Excellent customer service skills and familiarity with office machines is required. Computer experience, as well as experience and proficiency in MS Office, Word and Excel is required. Must have a pleasant personality and the ability to work well with the employees and the public. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

PeopleSoft HCM Senior Analyst – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 11/6/15

Serves as a senior subject matter expert relative to content, processes and procedures associated with PeopleSoft. Responsible for providing requirements specifications to the internal PeopleSoft Human Capital Management developers; coordinating testing and training for user groups; developing systems solutions in the PeopleSoft environment; and, project follow-up and support to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Business, Finance or Computer Science and seven years' experience in PeopleSoft Human Capital Management analysis; OR, a Bachelor's degree in another discipline may be considered with appropriate and relevant PeopleSoft Human Capital Management analysis experience; OR, an Associate's degree and nine years' experience in PeopleSoft Human Capital Management analysis; OR, a high school diploma or equivalent with 11 years PeopleSoft Human Capital Management experience is required. Must have experience with PeopleSoft in a Human Resources functional/technical position supporting Human Resources and some combination of the following applications in a configuration and/or development capacity: Human Resources, Payroll, or Benefits. Must have an understanding of People Code and People Tools. Must have SQL query experience. Must have knowledge of the main application tables and the relationships between tables. Must have knowledge of the main tools tables. Must be able to use/provide examples of using SQL syntax: Outer join, Union, and Having. Must have experience integrating third party systems into PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications. Must have strong computer based data management and analysis skills. Must have general operational knowledge of standard Human Resources best practices. Must possess strong trouble shooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable by the Growth Fund vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Water Plant Operator II – Southern Ute Growth Fund Utilities Division (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 11/13/15

Assists with the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Tribal Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System under the direct supervision of the Water Plant Lead Operator and the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent and two years' experience in water treatment operations is required. Must have one year experience in water distribution systems. Must have one year experience in laboratory or water-related testing. Must have a Class "C" Colorado Water Plant Operators Certificate. Must have, or be able to obtain, a Class I Water Distribution Certification within 18 months of hire. Must have, or be able to obtain, a Class "B" CDL within 18 months of hire. Must be able to perform basic computer operations. Must maintain a telephone for on-call duties. Must be able to work on-call, irregular hours (shift work), holidays, and weekends. Must be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

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

Occupant Safety Coordinator

Closing date 10/30/15

SUCAP/Southern Ute Head Start; an excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Full-time, 25 hours, flexible schedule is required. Occupant Safety Programs experience preferred. High School Diploma/GED required. Able to lift minimum of 30 lbs. and experience with power tools. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

Head Start Teacher

Closing date 10/30/15

SUCAP/Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio is looking for someone who wants

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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. 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: 970-563-4777

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

Payroll Manager

Closing date 11/2/15

Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures.

Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annual.

Bison Herd Manager

Closing date 11/2/15

Under general supervision of the Wildlife Resource Management Division Head, overall management and conservation of the Tribal Bison Herd. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

HVAC Technician

Closing date 11/3/15

Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Environmental Compliance Specialist

Closing date 11/4/15

Under the supervision of the Environmental Compliance Manager, develops and administers EPA Brownfields grant for the Environmental Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Payroll Specialist

Closing date 11/4/15

Processes time cards and Kronos sheets for the Tribe's bi-weekly payroll. Generates and distributes payroll checks. Performs payroll process duties as necessary. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Natural Resources Assistant Trainee

Closing date 11/9/15

Provides an opportunity for a Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member to support role in field work and clerical services for Natural Resources divisions. Position starts at \$11.59/hour, eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to final pay rate of Grade 14; \$13/hour.

Water Resources Division Head

Closing date 11/10/15

The Division Head works under the direction of the Department of Natural Resources' Director, management/oversight of all Water Resource Division operations

including water resource planning, irrigation activities, soil conservation activities, and the Tribe's Weed Management Program. Promotes the appropriate use, development, and conservation of the Tribe's water and soil resources in accordance with all Tribal policies and any applicable State, Federal, or other regulations.

Human Resources Director

Closing date 11/13/15

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

Dentist

Closing date 11/23/15

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.

Reading Teacher

Open until filled

Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses specialized reading strategies and the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Reading Instruction.

Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

Criminal Investigator

Open until filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

***Database Admin/User Support (Full-time)**

Closing date 11/2/15

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 yrs exp in DBMS (Database Management System) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified.

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

Closing date 10/30/15

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

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

Closing date 10/30/15

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have 6

months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

***Security Officer (Full-time)**

Closing date 11/2/15

Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. First identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field.

***Surveillance Agent**

Closing date 10/30/15

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Prior experience in Surveillance, a Casino gaming department, or equivalent. Knowledge of Table Games including Blackjack, Three Card Poker, various Poker Games, Craps and Roulette preferred.

*Must be 21 years of age

Quichas Apartment for rent

2BR/2.5 BA. \$473/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at shey@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at our Three Springs office, 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240, Durango, CO, 81301 during working hours – Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation

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IGNACIO COMMUNITY

Campbell Park and the little known monument

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Do you know where Campbell Park is? Or did you know there's a monument dedicated to those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the town of Ignacio or community, in the park?

It's located at the top of Candelaria Heights, where Candelaria Drive, Romero Avenue and Becker Street intersect. The monument and park is named after former U.S. Senator, Ben Nighthorse Campbell. The monument was erected to honor those in the community who've contributed to the town of Ignacio – a community of 800 or so, a self-proclaimed, "Tri-ethnic" community.

It's to remember people who have done something significant for the town.

Southern Ute tribal member and U.S. Veteran Roderick Grove's name is on the monument as well the names of other tribal members who contributed to the community.

When asked about how he felt about his name being nominated, then selected to be on the monument, Grove said, "I thought it was a joke. I was the Service officer for the tribe at the time, it was a surprise."

In a small ceremony of about 40 people, the monument was dedicated in Campbell Park.

On August 3, 1990 President of the United States George H. W. Bush de-



courtesy Town of Ignacio

Ben Nighthorse Campbell Community Service Park Memorial is located in Campbell park, bearing the names of those who made significant contributions to the town Ignacio or community.

clared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month.

The Bill read in part that "the President has authorized and requested to call upon Federal, State and local Governments, groups and organizations and the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities". This was a landmark Bill honoring America's tribal people.

A number of Southern Ute names are on the monument including Sunshine Cloud Smith, Pearl Casias, Arnold Santistevan, Guy Pinnecoose, Leonard C. Burch, Roderick Grove, and Howard Richards Sr., Smith, Burch, Grove and Richards are veterans as well.

Names can submitted for consideration of those who made a contribution to the

town or community.

As a precursor to Native American month The Southern Ute Drum will feature other articles pertaining to the distinguished month, as well the 2016 Tribal Calendar honoring Southern Ute Veterans as well.

The Drum is asking Southern Ute Veterans and their families for assistance in gathering photos of veterans to be featured in the calendar.

The Drum will work with in collaboration with the Southern Veterans Association in a group photo during the supper break of the upcoming Veterans Powwow, Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. All Southern Ute Veterans are invited to be a part in the photo.

For further information about submitting your photos or of the group photo at the Veterans Powwow, call The Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 30



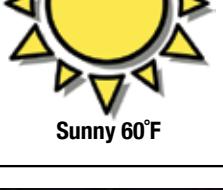
Mostly cloudy 52°F
40% chance of showers/storms

Saturday, Oct. 31

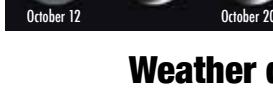


Sunny 54°F

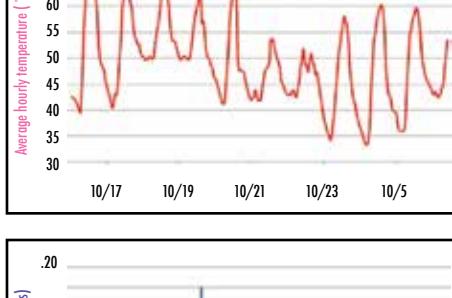
Sunday, Nov. 1



Sunny 60°F

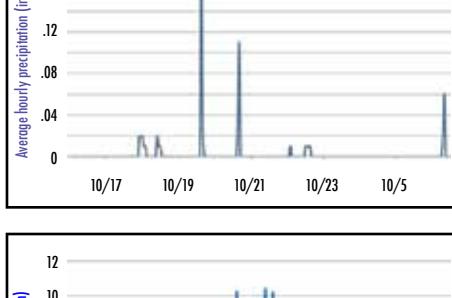


Weather data for October 16 – October 27



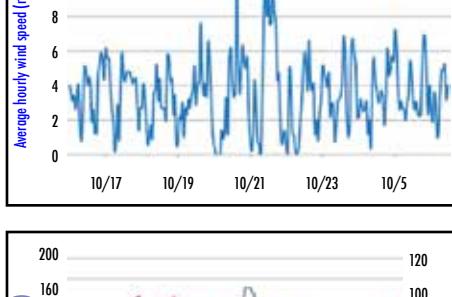
Temperature

High	64.8°
Low	33.3°
Average	48.9°
Average last year	50.5°



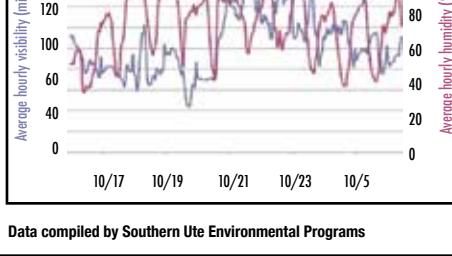
Precipitation

Total	0.580"
Total last year	0.130"



Wind speed

Average	3.5
Minimum	0.0
Maximum	10.4



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	102.7
Average humidity	73.1%

Air quality

Good

Air quality descriptor: 50

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS & FAMILIES!



The Southern Ute Drum is compiling photos of ALL our living and deceased Southern Ute Veterans for the 2016 Southern Ute Tribal Calendar. We would be HONORED to feature a photo of you, or your military loved one. Southern Ute Veterans are invited to be a part of a group photo to be taken during the dinner break of this year's Southern Ute Veterans Powwow, Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For more information contact the Drum at 970-563-0118 or by email at sasmith@southernute-sn.gov.



Southern Ute Veterans Pow Wow

Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, CO

November 07, 2015



Contact: 970-769-3395

Welcome Address 1:00

Gourd Dance 2:00 - 5:00

Supper Break 5:00

Grand Entry 7:00

MC Darrill Hill

AD Herman Begay

Northern Drums

Northern Ute Drum

Stone Creek, Red Mesa, UT

Specials:

Two-Step 1st & 2nd

Hand-Drum 1st & 2nd

Team Dancing 1st & 2nd

Men & Women

Honoring Our Nations Veterans

