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Honolulu Intertribal hosts SU Veterans Association Color Guard



courtesy Kat Wade/Special to the Honolulu Advertiser

The 45th annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow brought Native American groups from the mainland to Ala Moana Beach Park on Oct. 5-6 to dance and perform with fellow tribal members living in Hawaii. The Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard led the Grand Entry for this year's intertribal event.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Oahu Intertribal Council (OIC), a 501c3 non-profit organization incorporated in Honolulu Hawaii, formally invited the Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard to take an active part in this year's powwow.

Every year OIC sponsors the Honolulu Intertribal Powwow, this year's event was hosted in October, and

held on the grounds of scenic Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park. "This will be our 45th Annual Powwow," stated Honolulu Intertribal Powwow Chairman, Lynnae Lawrence, M.D., "It is intended to bring together the Native American community scattered throughout the island as well as tourists and Islanders alike to share in Indigenous dance, food and culture."

Lawrence personally invited the Southern Ute As-

sociation. This year's powwow is anticipated to share Native American culture and dancing at its finest," emphasized Lawrence ahead of the event. "We have been honored to welcome various Native American Veterans Associations from throughout the mainland at past powwows." "This is not only an intertribal event, but an international event," remarked

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Lady 'Cats Valdez, Nanaeto off to State

Junior earns first berth, sophomore a second

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

After placing 73rd overall at the 2018 CHSAA Class 2A Girls' State Cross-Country Championships, Ignacio then-freshman Avaleena Nanaeto was asked to single out one particular section of the Norris-Penrose Event Center course which she felt greatly slowed her pace.

"Probably the back part, where it's just long," she said, having clocked 24 minutes, 22.4 seconds in her first grand finale. "And then you have to go up some more hills – that's where I got tired."

"I was just hoping to have girls that were excited about running!" exclaimed then-head coach Marissa Duffey. "To qualify someone (for State) just makes my day even better, my season even better. The girls were proud



of their teammate; we were just so excited." Under successor Daniel Holley, consider that excitement doubled. Taking charge in 2019 of the second-year-reborn Lady Bobcat program, Holley – who presently teaches third grade at Ignacio Elementary School – expressed similar elation over seeing not only Nanaeto re-qualify for the penultimate race (set to begin at 10:20 a.m. this Satur-

day, Oct. 26), but also first-year harrier Charliz Valdez. "They know each other, go to school together ... they've known each other their whole lives," Holley said earlier this week, "so seeing them come together ... as a 'team' to accomplish a common goal has been incredible." "The girls really bought in on the plan and they came to

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NCAI

National Congress convenes in Albuquerque

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) kicked off the 76th annual convention and marketplace this year in Albuquerque, Oct. 20 – Oct. 25, returning to the Land of Enchantment, the convention was attended by tribal leaders, advocates and members. NCAI is one of the largest and oldest intertribal political organizations of the modern era. Since its founding in 1944, the congress has played a crucial role in giving a voice to tribal entities in political awareness and activism.

Year after year, tribal governments gather to participate in the weeklong convention that draws out participants from across Indian Country. The convention is a time for leaders to share their needs and to gain pertinent information. This year's agenda highlighted the work of the congress' task forces. There were also general assemblies, training workshops and breakout sessions that covered everything from self-governance to helping victims of crime.

The Southern Ute Veterans Association was one of many others present at the convention. Rudley Weaver and Gordon Hammond carried in the association's flag during the first general assembly on Monday, Oct. 21



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Black Eagle Drum Group from Jemez Pueblo, N.M. sang an honor song for the opening and a flag song for the veterans posting the colors at the opening of the 76th annual NCAI Convention on Monday, Oct. 21 in Albuquerque. Black Eagle recently won a Grammy music award for their album Flying Free in the category for Best Native American Album.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran Association members, Rudley Weaver and Gordon Hammond post the colors and carry in the association's flag during the opening of the 76th annual NCAI Convention, in Albuquerque, N.M.

and helped the honor guard post the colors for the event. The veterans were also in attendance of the NCAI subcommittee meeting for Native American Veterans to review and recommend amendments of the Veterans

policy. This policy helps the NCAI Veterans Committee understand the concerns of tribal nations and citizens which helps them leave better impacts.

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Scott-Rarick named Co-XO



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Christine Sage appointed Barbara Scott-Rarick as second Executive Officer. to Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tuesday, Oct. 15. More information will be forthcoming.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

# Pana-qarꞑ ‘urꞑ ‘apagharꞑ “Money Talks” – Part 1 of 2

By Lorelei Cloud, Treasurer  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Your credit score – a three-digit number lenders use to help them decide how likely it is they’ll be repaid on time – is an important factor in your financial health. A good credit score can open doors for you. From helping you qualify for the best interest rates and terms when you borrow money to influencing how much you pay for life insurance, some might be doors you never even knew existed.

### WHY ARE CREDIT SCORES IMPORTANT?

1. Your credit score can help you when you borrow money. If you want to buy a house, you will almost definitely have to take out a mortgage. Many people also borrow in order to buy a car. A good credit score can save you thousands of dollars over the life of a loan.

For example, you may get a better mortgage interest rate with a high credit score than you would with a lower score. On a 30-year mortgage for \$200,000, the savings can be significant. If you can get a rate of 4.29 percent on a \$200,000 mortgage, your total interest paid will be \$155,884. But if you have a lower credit score and only qualify for a rate of 5.5 percent, you will instead pay \$208,808 in interest over the life of the loan, or nearly \$53,000 more. On top of that, you will also have a higher monthly payment.

The better your credit score, the more you can save when you decide to borrow.

2. Your credit score can impact your insurance premiums. With a lower score, you could end up paying more each month for coverage. However, you could pay hundreds of dollars less in insurance premiums over your lifetime by improving your creditworthiness and positively impacting your credit score.



**Lorelei Cloud**  
Treasurer  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

3. You may qualify for better terms when you sign up for rent, utilities, cable, and/or Internet services. Landlords will sometimes consider your credit score when you apply to rent. Wireless communication companies might look at your scores before they lease you your next smartphone. Many Internet and TV providers now check your credit before they set you up with service. In some cases, if your credit is poor enough, you might be denied an account. Even if you aren’t denied service, you might have to pay a security deposit or pay some part of your service up front.

4. Access to better financial deals. When you have good credit, you have access to better financial opportunities. You may be able to refinance your home to a lower interest rate. You might have access to better rewards credit cards with lower interest rates. You might even be offered bank accounts, investment accounts, and credit cards with perks reserved for customers with better credit.

### WHAT’S IN A CREDIT SCORE?

The three major credit reporting agencies are: Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion. Each credit reporting agency has a different scoring model, so your credit score will vary among agencies. Below are the factors that are typically used to calculate your credit

scores, by the level of impact they can have on your scores.

#### High impact

1. Credit card utilization: This refers to how much of your available credit you’re using at any given time. It’s determined by dividing your total credit card balances by your total credit card limits. Most experts recommend keeping your overall credit card utilization below 30 percent, because lower credit utilization rates suggest to creditors that you can use credit responsibly without relying too much on it.
2. Another benefit of keeping your utilization low? Having available credit can help if something unexpected arises which you then must pay for.
3. Payment history: This is represented as a percentage showing how often you’ve made on-time payments. Late or missed payments can significantly harm your credit scores, so it’s important to try to pay all your bills on time.
4. Derogatory marks: As of July 1, 2017, about half of all tax liens and nearly all civil judgments have been removed from consumers’ credit reports. That’s good news, because having those derogatory marks on your reports can lower your credit scores. Other derogatory marks that may affect your credit include accounts in collections, bankruptcies and foreclosures.

#### Medium impact

1. Age of credit history: This factor shows how long you’ve been managing credit. While your average age of accounts isn’t typically the most important factor used to calculate your credit scores, it’s important to think about. Closing your oldest credit card account, for example, could end up negatively impacting your scores.

#### Low impact

1. Total accounts: This re-

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Jeremy Wade ShockleySU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Ronnie Baker of the Southern Ute Veterans Association plays the Taps during honoring ceremonies for U.S. soldiers who lost their lives fighting in Afghanistan. The ceremony was held at the Veterans Park on October 14, 2009.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 23, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Mary Monte/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Tom Morgan, with the Southern Ute Conservation Division, tests a new “flame thrower-like” tool, which will be used for the ignition of controlled burns on tribal lands.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 22, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

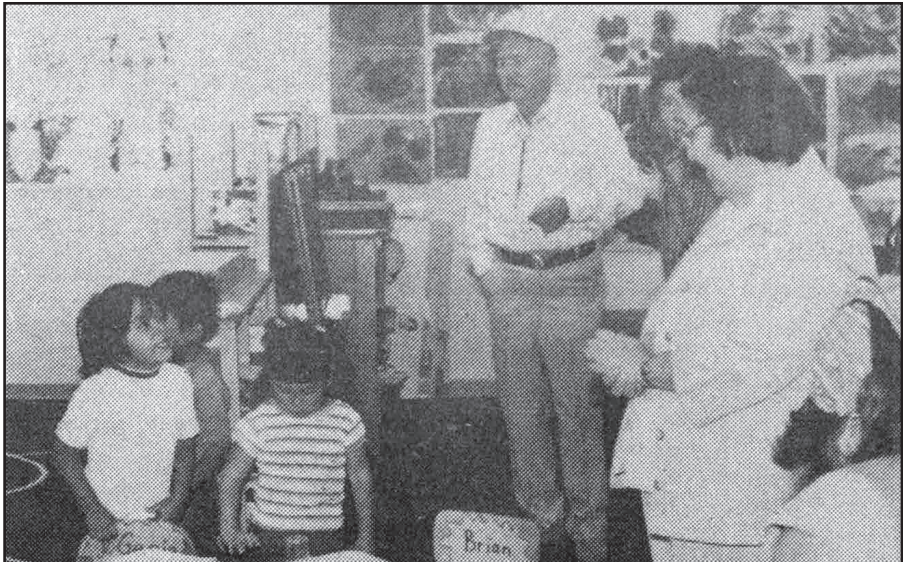


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## 30 years ago

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer is pictured with Robert Buckskin and some members of the Ignacio Youth 2000 Run Against Drugs team. The Governor presented the team with a special award during the Governor’s Summit held on September 30, 1989.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 27, 1989, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

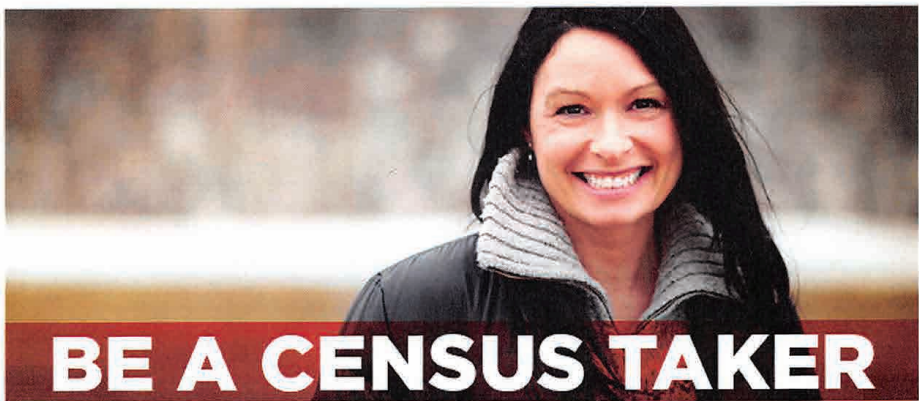


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## 40 years ago

It was Grandparents Day at the Head Start building. A number of grandparents attended classes and had a meal with their grandchildren.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 28, 1979, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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NAGPRA

# Utes repatriate ancestral remains from University of San Diego collections

By Staff report  
NAGPRA OFFICE

The repatriation of indigenous ancestors and culturally significant Native American items identified under the Native American Graves Protection Act (NAGPRA) will undoubtedly continue for generations.

Dr. Chip Colwell, a veteran in this line of work, in *Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits: Inside the Fight to Reclaim Native America’s Culture*, stated, “... the law [NAGPRA] has allowed for more than 50,000 sets of human remains to be reclaimed...” and projected, based on research, that this process would likely take 238 years to accomplish this humanitarian effort.

Acknowledging this overwhelming amount of responsibility, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), like most tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, view the protection and repatriation of ancestors as a top priority.

NAGPRA Coordinator, Cassandra Atencio and NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice, Garrett W. Briggs view NAGPRA repatriations as a paramount responsibility.

“We owe this to our ancestors who came before us. If it wasn’t for their resilience and sacrifice, we would not be here today,” Briggs stated, “It is an opportunity to honor them by returning them to Mother Earth. The NAGPRA office hopes the reburial of ancestors allows them to be at peace and with their loved ones who also walked-on.”

On Sept. 30, Briggs traveled to San Diego, Calif. to repatriate an ancestor from the University of San Diego (USD).

USD prof. Dr. Derrick Cartwright notified the SUIT of the completion of their inventory of the collections on December 12, 2017. NAGPRA mandates federal agencies and institutions who have received direct or indirect federal funds and who have collections consisting of artifacts, historic objects, and or human remains to complete an inventory and identification process. Upon completion, institutions submit a report of their findings, known as a Notice of Inventory Completion (NIC), to be published by the National Register, the National NAGPRA Committee and certain Federally Recognized Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations, based on cultural information gath-



courtesy Dr. Cartwright  
USD Provost, Gail F. Baker (left), Southern Ute Tribe NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice, Garrett W. Briggs, and USD Tribal Liaison and Professor of Ethnic Studies, Perse Lewis.

ered from their inventory.

In January the SUIT NAGPRA office entered into consultation with USD. Upon reviewing the NIC and consulting with Southern Ute elder and mentor, Alden Naranjo, Atencio and Briggs filed an official repatriation request. As a result, NPS published a Notice of Intent to Repatriate in the Federal Register on July 12 for review and comment by other potential Tribal claimants.

The University of San Diego provided money to further consultation and complete the repatriation of the ancestor to the SUIT. USD paid for transportation and all applicable travel costs, per-diem and hotel stay, to fly Briggs to San Diego, Calif. The legal transfer of the ancestor from USD to SUIT occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Briggs met with the several USD representatives during his visit. His first meeting was with Dr. Cartwright, who facilitated the repatriation, as well as Katherine Norlard, Operations Coordinator for University Galleries, prior to preparing the ancestor for transportation in a secure facility. After ensuring the ancestor was secure for transport, Briggs met Dr. Gail F. Baker, USD’s Vice President and Provost, Perse Lewis, USD Tribal Liaison and Professor of Ethnic Studies; and Associate Provost Jennifer Zwolinski, and Joyce Antorietto. The official paperwork was processed on the same day and

the transfer of the ancestor to the Tribe was complete.

The ancestor was cared for by staff at the Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center in Dolores, Colo., On Wednesday, Oct. 2, prior to attending consultation in Denver, Briggs met with Bridget Ambler, Supervisory Museum Curator of Canyons of the Ancients, and signed a Temporary Repository Agreement. The reburial location was identified in coordination with the Colorado Lands Repatriation and Reinternment Workgroup and occurred a week later, on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Terry Knight and Ute Indian Tribe Cultural Rights and Protection Officer, Betsy Chapoose assisted in the reburial.

Dr. Cartwright emphasized the importance of this process, “I can’t imagine anything more important, institutionally or personally, than ensuring the safe return of the ancestor to their home in Colorado. The insensitivity that led others to disturb the original burial site was regrettable and dismaying. On behalf of everyone at the University of San Diego, I wish to express my gratitude to Alden Naranjo, Cassandra Atencio, and especially Garrett Briggs, for their assistance in accomplishing this repatriation which involved many hours and many thoughtful communications. It has been an honor to work with the Southern Ute Tribe’s leadership toward this successful end.”

## LMSU attends Black Hills



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne Morning Star White Thunder, attended the “He Sapa Wacipi,” Black Hills Powwow October 11-13, in Rapid City, S.D.; she represented the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the powwow in her new role as Little Miss Southern Ute.

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Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy, retired), “Our stewardship in culture and representation as veterans was received well by all who participated and observed this event.” In addition to the Southern Ute Association delegates, a number of Southern Ute tribal members traveled to Honolulu for the Intertribal Powwow.

Powwow organizers presented the association members; Rudly Weaver, Bruce LeClaire and Raymond Baker with traditional Hawaiian lays and shell necklaces following the Grand Entry ceremonies on Saturday, Oct. 5.

“Veterans and Native Americans – this was the largest [powwow] they



courtesy SU Veterans Association  
Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard members: Raymond Baker, Bruce LeClaire and Rudley Weaver don their full regalia for a portrait along Honolulu’s waterfront during the 45th annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow, Saturday, Oct. 5.

have held, with dancers and drums. What a phenomenal event,” Baker exclaimed. “Them welcoming us to their powwow, that feeling of being appreciated not just as veterans ... but being part of

their event.”  
The powwow was held in the heart of Honolulu on the island of Oahu’s south shore. Honolulu is the capital of Hawaii and the gateway city to the U.S. island chain.

## Ute Sentence of the Week

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In the morning its chilly.

# Attention

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## HEALTH & FITNESS

# SunUte launches 24/7 Fitness

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The SunUte Community Center is opening their facility to 24/7 Fitness, around the clock access to the weight room and exercise equipment located on the second floor. SunUte conducted a survey at the recent General Meeting, the suggestions that came back from the tribal membership was in favor of expanding the recreation center's hours to accommodate a 24/7 fitness model.

This would allow for members of SunUte to work out on their own schedules, including nights and tribally recognized holidays. Everyone has their own preferences when it comes to working out, for others this frees up valuable time during the weekend or evenings to spend at home with their families.

The facility was already set up for this, explained SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth. The staff is working together to make slight modifications to ensure that safety is a priority and the transition to 24/7 Fitness access is seamless. She emphasized that 24/7 access is a membership privilege, and something that SunUte will strictly enforce for the safety and well-being of others. "It all comes down to trust. If they mess up, they lose their access – it is that simple," Duffy-Wirth stated.

Some of the facilities' modifications include the installation of large security barriers, which will limit access to other parts of the building such as pool area and offices. Additional security cameras are in place to monitor the fitness areas and hallways, in addition to a new



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

SunUte Fitness Director, Abel Velasquez jogs on a treadmill on the SunUte community center. The new 24/7 Fitness program will allow members access to the workout equipment around the clock.

electronic entry system on the North entrance to insure only verified SunUte members gain entry after hours.

"Safety is our number one concern and that extends to our 24/7 Fitness," Duffy-Wirth reiterated. Two 911 call boxes have been added to the community center, one in the fitness area and a second one outside of the main entrance. Panic buttons will also be provided to individuals to provide added safety. "We researched best practices for 24/7 facilities – and we upped it."

Existing SunUte members would be required to sign an addendum, in addition to paying a \$15 charge to cover the access key. This policy, and the upcharge, would apply to any member who wants access, as well as Southern Ute tribal members. Members need to plan ahead – paperwork must also be completed and approved prior to any afterhours access. Those additional funds go towards funding the Nana-Ma Giving Program. The name refers to a program that allows people to donate money and in turn, SunUte gives

memberships out to families in the Ignacio area that are unable to come to SunUte. "This allows us to be inclusive with our community," Duffy-Wirth stated. "We feel really strongly about that here. How do we make sure that SunUte is available to people who want to use it, but can't afford it."

"People are really talking about it," added SunUte Fitness Director Abel Velasquez. "I think it is going to give people so much more access to work out."

November 1 was the original target date for opening the facility to 24/7 access, but security measures must be complete, and specialized barriers are the last item to finalize before the switchover becomes a reality in the weeks to come. "We put a team together to insure this would be successful from the start, Tyson Thompson has been indispensable," Duffy-Wirth said.

"The biggest stakeholders and users are Southern Ute tribal members," Duffy-Wirth emphasized. "So many people are excited about this."

"It is our job to stay relevant in our community," she added.

## FITNESS

# Daily physical activity is crucial

By Eliyah Lucero and  
David Latham Jr.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Engaging in just 30 minutes of physical activity a day, whether it be a brisk walk, strength training, yoga, or even being outside gardening, can increase ones quality of life. Physical activity is an important factor in having good health, staying physically able to do activities of daily living, and reduce the chance of chronic diseases. Some benefits of physical activity include lowering blood pressure, improving blood flow, and preventing bone loss that can lead to osteoporosis.

While it may seem a daunting task to begin a

more active lifestyle, it can be done in moderation. There are simple ways to add in physical activity every day, such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator, or even parking a little further from the entrance of the grocery store. On the surface, these appear to be minor steps, however they add up and lead to larger steps in living an active lifestyle.

After achieving these initial steps, it might be time to start thinking about other ways to increase daily physical activity. One great way is to add an evening walk. While this will become more difficult as winter sets in, there are still days of sunshine to be enjoyed before it gets too cold or it

starts to snow. Often when the weather does not allow for an outdoor walk, people take to the local community center to do their walking on a treadmill before they head home for the evening. Adding variety to physical activity can be a great way to keep things interesting and prevent regressing the amount of daily activity.

Physical activity is a crucial part of a healthy lifestyle and plays an important role in preventing cardiovascular disease, stroke, and diabetes. Making these minor changes in your daily life are important steps to living a healthy and happy life.

If you would like to talk with a SunUte trainer or schedule an appointment, call us at 970-563-2658.

## Striking out cancer!



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Terrance Whyte puts his talents on the boards as he aims for a strike during the Strike Out Cancer Bowling Extravaganza at the Rolling Thunder Lanes of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Tuesday, Oct. 15. The event brought bowlers of all levels together on the bowling lanes for fun during their lunch hour.



Southern Ute Council Receptionist, Candi Johnson, seems to cause the ball to hover above the lane as she bowls during the cancer awareness bowling event, hosted by the Southern Ute Public Relations Dept.

Jessica Attson, walks a tight-rope along the boards on her approach to the lane. Attson was honored with a custom designed Cancer Awareness sweatshirt for bowling the most gutter balls.

## Southern Ute Dental Home Interesting Tooth Fact

If you don't floss, you miss cleaning 40% of your tooth surfaces. Make sure you brush and floss twice a day! Like finger prints, everyone's tongue print is different! Reminder that the Dental Home is open Monday – Friday 7:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for your dental access needs 970-563-4719.

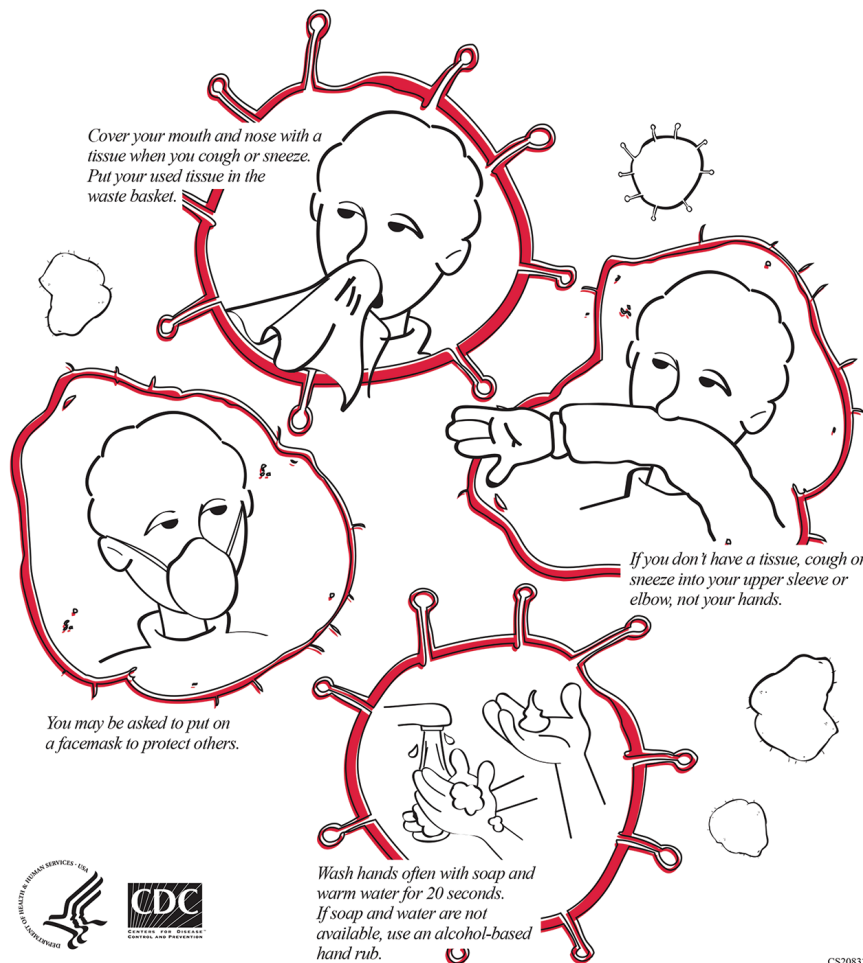
## Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner

**Sky Ute Casino Resort • Oct. 28, 2019 at 6 p.m. • Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.**  
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Shining Mountain Health and Wellness invites everyone that supports breast cancer awareness to gather and have dinner. Special guests from Mercy Breast Care Center will provide a presentation and answer any questions you may have. There will be goodie bags for all guests. Please come and gather with us to create a supportive environment for all women. As space is limited, we ask that you RSVP with Morgann Box by calling Shining Mountain Health & Wellness at 970-563-2349. Email: mobox@southernute-nsn.gov

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2019 GENERAL ELECTION • Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE  
Marjorie Barry

Mike Nuchu,  
My name is Marjorie Barry and I am running for a seat on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. My parents were the late William S. Thompson and Grace Rock. My maternal grandparents were Bryan Rock Sr. and Alice Washington.

I attended school in Bayfield and graduated from the local high school in Ignacio. In 2008, after working for over 36 years I returned to college, returning to employment with the tribe in 2012.

I have worked for the clinic, the BIA Branch of Roads and Irrigation department, the Branch of Forestry and directly for the Administrative Officer and Superintendent. My experience with the Tribe includes working for the Tribal Council as Recording Secretary, Administrative Assistant for the Executive Officer and the Gaming Department. I served on the Education Committee and I was also appointed as Tribal Gaming Commissioner. As a Gaming Commissioner we regulated Gaming at the Tribal Casino, approved slot gaming, table games, and presided over Gaming License hearings.

I received my Associates Degree at Pueblo Community College in 2011 and transferred to Fort Lewis. While at Fort Lewis I began an internship for the Culture Department. I was able to work for the Culture Department fulltime, and later was the Acting Culture Director. In 2013 I began working for the Tribal Health Department as the Executive Office Manager, where I am still employed.

I have seen our tribe double in size overnight from 600-tribal members to over 1,200 members. While our tribe slowly increases in size, so has the organization. We now have 1499 tribal members, and we have almost as many employees working for us (Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and the Casino enterprise). That comes to almost one employee per tribal member. Are we getting the services we should from this huge entity.

As a tribal council candidate, I have been asked if I thought our language was important. My answer is language and tradition are the foundations of our Tribe. Unfortunately, we are losing our language. For every Tribal Elder we lose, we lose another valuable source of history and language. We need to develop programs to prevent us from losing our tribal identity, the very core of what makes our people unique. Language classes could be provided for our people in the schools, provided after work and on weekends. Language applications could be provided to our people for use on computers, tablets and cell phones for easy access. This would allow us to study our language any time, at any location. We need to be proactive and prevent the loss of our language.

Another area that we need to work on is emphasizing the important of the Government's Trust Responsibility. Each year the



O&M fees increase for the Pine River Irrigation System. The fees increase and the services decrease. The Bureau relies on the Tribe and its staff to do the job they are responsible for. We must not let this go on. We cannot continue the status quo. We need to voice our dissatisfaction with the decreasing services the Bureau is providing.

The tribe has a Financial Plan that needs to be updated and revised, and tribal members should be involved in the process. Focus groups comprised of tribal members should be invited to participate in reviewing the Plan. Tribal Members know what our needs are, and recommendations could be made to include those needs in the plan. Tribal members need to be included in the review and updating of the Financial Plan.

The Tribe needs to address the shortfalls in our Tribal Credit Program. This program was established for the Tribal members, and this is not happening. Tribal members are being left out of the Home Ownership program. Tribal members residing off the reservation, and allottees are not allowed to participate in the program. Some Tribal members who have had problems with the law and have paid their debt(s) to society are not allowed to apply for loans from the Credit program. This is not right. All of the membership should be allowed to participate in the Credit loan program. For many years I have brought my concerns up at General Meetings only to be told they can't do this because of the BIA red tape. I have contacted the BIA and was informed they have not had any communication from the Tribe on the Tribal Credit program.

What our leaders have to do is ACT. Leaders must be ACCOUNTABLE, Leaders must COMMUNICATE with the people, and Leaders must support our TRADITIONAL ways before we lose our tribal identity Tribal Council must ACT to prevent further erosion of our sovereignty. Yes, we elect leaders who make decisions on our behalf, however, leaders still need to COMMUNICATE with the people. Leaders must inform the people about what is going on.

Recently our Detention Center was closed, and there will no longer be a facility for our people. Our people will lose the rights they are entitled to when they are shipped off the reservation for detention services. There must be a facility for our people. Why couldn't the Detention Center be down-sized, studies conducted, and meetings

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CANDIDATE  
James "Mike" Olguin

Greetings fellow Tribal Members.

My name is James M. "Mike" Olguin. I am once again humbly asking for your vote of confidence as I'm seeking election to one of the Tribal Council seats.

Over the decades, I have gained knowledge, wisdom and experience, and doing my best in serving the tribe and the membership. I have witnessed and experienced the good, the bad and the ugly of our striving successful tribe. Past leadership has brought us to where we are today. We must continue the progress to move us further into the future in an accountable and responsible manner that will benefit us all. I have always believed in being true to my word as the way to lead. We have many different minds ranging in different age groups, but I can assure you we all want the same thing and that's truthful and open information that is shared, so we can be better informed and knowledgeable in what our tribe is doing.

Council as a collective can accomplish many things. It takes vision driven individuals to see what is affecting our lives and strive to continue to make decisions to better our lives. I envision a Council that is working diligently together, to always work on behalf of the people. Unification within the Council is the key to accomplish more. A Council should be a dedicated group of leaders that work in our best interest using their collective knowledge, wisdom, experience, education and simple understanding of doing what is right. I believe I am that type of person.

We need to develop a vision for future growth that will sustain us to continue to be able to take our own finances further towards our own destiny. There is talk about investments where we need to educate ourselves not only on the financial literacy we already teach, but how to properly invest, for those who want to make their money work for them. We must understand there are risks for any investment you want to make. Entrepreneurship is also being sought by the younger generations, but they will need help in doing so for small business planning, loans and land leases to name a few. Both on and off the reservation.



Our health care system needs constant oversight and direction. We have a system that needs to constantly evolve and I believe we should focus more on healthy foods and plants that we can grow ourselves. This is not a new concept. We take our health for granted, yet we as a tribe, we are capable of doing more to combat illness and disease. We aren't pushed to think long term about our health and don't realize the foods we consume could potentially kill us. It's not just the idea of growing your own but having a local co-op for the ones who don't wish to grow their own or don't have the farming skill.

We have so much potential to better ourselves, but don't be fooled, it will also require some sacrifice. Spending budgets is easily done, but being frugal and mindful of what we spend takes discipline and foresight as to what impacts will be, both positive and negative. This mindset needs to be present in all of us as the benefits we have tomorrow will depend on how we act today.

Our past leaders worked hard delivering us to where we are today. We must ask ourselves, "What is the next step and what will it take to get there?". We should envision empowerment, not only on the reservation but off the reservation, so we develop a more rounded mindset? Our identity must not be eroded, our sovereignty must be protected, our right to know what our tribe is doing, our expectation that our best interests are at the forefront of all decisions and actions, for the future of our people. Things are constantly changing and we must be ready with strategies and plans to make sure our future, for all of us, is always projecting forward, as Native People, as Visionaries.

James M. "Mike" Olguin

CANDIDATE  
Conrad Thompson

Hello my name is Conrad Thompson

The reason I'm running for council is difficult to explain in one single statement, but when I look at our community, I do see definitive potential in the tribal membership. I am hoping to be given a chance to witness you all achieve your full potential in whatever endeavors you might seek.

First and foremost I am striving to ensure the tribal membership, as investors, are getting their worth. We have been blessed in the growth of our businesses but we have also been hindered by the cost of living in our area raising because of legalized marijuana. I'm very thankful for the plans that have been set into place to give us what we do have, but any good plan should change drastically because of situations like the cost of living raising to that of five times the national average. We have also been blessed by having been given a chance to witness our businesses flourish but we have not been paying attention to our worth as investors. We are getting less than 5% of what we are worth. That is appalling and should not be allowed to happen. Our leaders need to remember where they got the start up Capital from and to invest in the membership as well.

There is potential for growth in investing in the membership. When you invest in the membership you invest in the community as well. Investing in the membership would give each tribal member the chance to start their own business. Investing in the membership would also give them a chance to invest into their homes, or give them a chance to buy a home. With the amount of resources we do have as tribal members we should each have A1 credit rating as well as the chance to work directly with financial advisors to ensure a solid portfolio as well as a stable future.

To help the younger generation we need to immerse ourselves in their world to truly understand its potential. What I mean is they have been given a chance to grow with technology we have never had, they have resources we never had as well as the ability to have a single idea become



a multi million dollar business acquisition. Beats by Dre, honest a website by Jessica alba, 50 Cent vitamin water, Amazon, Google, Apple, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook... if our investors had the foresight to see where these fad investments would have led to I don't see how they wouldn't have invested into it.

There is also potential growth in the multibillion dollar video gaming industry as well as sites like SoundCloud that launched Post Malone's music career. Then you look at platforms such as YouTube where each member has their own show just by uploading videos off of their cell phones and other recording devices. There is so much potential to grow and our leaders are not paying attention to that.

There's also a multibillion dollar industry in the Farm to table market. Right now Europe is making billions by providing greener ideas, one of those ideas is the farm to table market. What is happening is, as a grower you are providing fresh food for the community and your family. Each tribal member has the potential to have a greenhouse in their backyard at little cost.

there is also a multibillion dollar industry in the honey market that does two things first it saves bees, then it provides you with honey that can be sold.

We have been given an opportunity that very few have never seen before, we need to make sure our leaders are taking care of our elders first and foremost then us so that we each have the ability to grow on our own as a tribal community.

These are just a few ideas I have.

Thank you for your time,  
Conrad Thompson

Share Your Views

Come join us to share your views on Tribal issues and concerns.

Meeting to be held at the Southern Ute Museum  
Monday, Oct. 28  
from 3-5 p.m.

Concerned elders and other Southern Ute tribal members are invited.

Bring snacks.

Renee Cloud  
970-769-8391

ATTENTION ALL TRIBAL ELDERS:

THE ELDER SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE HAVING A LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 AT THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING REGARDING THE TRAVEL POLICY.





2019 GENERAL ELECTION • Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE

John Washington II

Hello my fellow tribal members this is John J. Washington II, would you please give me a moment of your time.

I am one of your candidates in the November 2019 election asking for your support in selecting me (to serve you) for a seat on the council.

I am willing to ask questions, work with others on tribe's time and serve the tribal membership on my personal time through volunteering and scheduling time with members. I will say we need to be more constructive as members by gaining knowledge of what encompasses the tribes functions from the past to the present (overviews/ information of policies, taxes, sovereign rights, and the Southern Ute Constitution) that will help educate everyone to partake in the future of our tribe (creating new council members) because we all have one thing in common and that is to see the tribe thrive and continue in existence to support our people.

My employment within the tribe has always been service jobs where I have



had personal interaction with tribal members on a daily basis. My latest job was the elder service driver position for the elder services department.

I will want to hear from YOU what you believe is important because this nation belongs to US and if you feel you have been misrepresented like I have at times - it is OUR obligation to work together to change that outcome.

The growth of our people and preserving our land are vital- we need to make sure that we are just as successful on the reservation as we are off the reservation.

John J. Washington II

CANDIDATE

Adam Red



VOTE 2019  
SOUTHERN UTE GENERAL ELECTION  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 • 7 AM – 7 PM  
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MARJORIE BARRY • FROM PAGE 6

held with the membership before a decision was made to close it down. Where is the accountability.

We need to ensure services are provided to ALL of our people. We need to STOP denying certain groups the services others receive. We need to improve our education, recreation and language programs and ensure there are resources for these programs.

CANDIDATE

Ramona Eagle



I would like to thank the Southern Ute People for allowing me the opportunity to take part in our government, to be a representative who works for the tribal membership and talks to the people. I urge you, the tribal membership to come out and vote on November 1, 2019. Thank you.

Marjorie Barry

No. 00000

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 1, 2019

TRIBAL COUNCIL  
NOTICE-VOTE FOR TWO (2)

☐ John J. Washington  
☐ Adam Red  
☐ Marjorie D. Barry  
☐ Ramona Y. Eagle  
☐ James M. Olguin  
☐ Conrad Thompson

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
2019 GENERAL ELECTION  
(2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2019 General Election according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

GENERAL ELECTION- Friday, November 01, 2019 – 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. held at 285 Lakin Street.  
VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 23, 2019 by 5:00 P.M.  
ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 23, 2019 by 5:00 P.M.  
EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE- Thursday, October 31, 2019 by 5:00 P.M.

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305  
Off-Reservation Tribal Member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2729  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

Dedication, acknowledgment



photos Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

The FLC Board of Trustees Chairman, Ernest House, Jr. began the dedication with a welcome, and a land acknowledgement recognizing the traditional lands of the Ute, Navajo, Apache, and Hopi people. At the request of the Busby family, the dedication was short but very special. "My father was an innovator who understood the power of ideas and how they meshed with practicality," shared Judi D'Aleo, the daughter of Joe and Clela Busby.

Fort Lewis College kicked off Homecoming weekend by dedicating the Joe and Clela Busby Amphitheater Friday, Oct. 4, Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage attended the dedication.



Meet your candidates



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

This year's Southern Ute Tribal Council candidates all gathered to introduce themselves and answer questions from the membership on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center.



Tribal Council candidate, John Washington II introduces himself and his platform for running on one of the two tribal council seats during Meet the Candidates Night.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program  
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- Behavioral Impairment
- Or any other physical or mental conditions that limits one's ability to work.



**Southern Ute Indian Tribe –Vocational Rehabilitation Staff**  
PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137  
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**COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE**  
LISTEN TO COUNCIL CONNECT ON KSUT TRIBAL RADIO FROM 02:30-03:00 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

SHOWS WILL COVER SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, COUNCIL BUSINESS TRIP UPDATES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

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## MMIW awareness education



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Kristi Sage expresses her thoughts and ideas during the first planning meeting for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), suicide prevention and domestic violence prevention, which took place on Friday, Oct. 11 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

## Funds for children's powwow



courtesy Daisy Blue Star

Daughters of the Red Road would like to thank Farmers Fresh for their continuous support in Fundraising, Sunday, Oct. 20.

Thank you to our Southern Ute Little Brave, Andre Bluestar-Baker for supporting this fundraiser with handshakes and greetings to our customers.

Daughters of the Red Road will be hosting its fourth annual "For the Children Powwow" in Ignacio, at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Our next fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., for the Masquerade Powwow, which will be held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Come support the "For the Children Powwow" fundraiser and have fun at the "Masquerade Powwow."

Tuvuchi Toghoyah!  
Daughters of the Red Road

For more information please call: Daisy Bluestar at 970-799-7036.



## 2nd Annual Violence Against Native Women Symposium

November 2, 2019 at 9am-4:30pm  
The Lyceum, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College

Speakers: Angela Whitehorse, Social Worker, Southern Ute Social Services Department  
Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Navajo Nation Council Delegate  
Shannon Hoshnic, SASNWNM Advocacy and Education Coordinator  
Rachel Reed, SASNWNM Volunteer  
Diane Millich, Domestic Violence Advocate and Community Organizer

**The Sing Our Rivers Red Earring Exhibit and Reception**  
November 1, 2019 at 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Where: The Delaney Library, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College  
Dress warm and please wear red

RSVP by Oct. 28th at [www.fortlewis.edu/MMIW](http://www.fortlewis.edu/MMIW)

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## SASO Presents the Red Dress Campaign



We are asking for donations from community members and collaborators for the Red Dress Campaign for the Sing Our Rivers Red Earring Reception and future MMIW events. Each dress brings awareness to the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women. For more information please visit, <http://www.redressproject.org/> and <http://www.singourriversred.wordpress.com>.

For more info, contact Kelsey at [kelsey@durangosaso.org](mailto:kelsey@durangosaso.org) or call 970-259-3074

## Sing Our Rivers Red Reception

Where: Center of Southwest Studies, Delaney Library

When: November 1, 2019 at 5:30pm-7:30pm

See [www.singourriversred.wordpress.com](http://www.singourriversred.wordpress.com) for more info about this project. Sponsored by Sexual Assault Services Organization and FLC Title IX

In Honor of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

- SASO's recreation on the SORR earring display will be in the Delaney Library
- Each earring represents a missing or murdered Indigenous woman
- Light snacks and drinks will be provided
- Please wear red and dress warm
- Free and open to the public

For More information Contact:  
Kelsey at [kelsey@durangosaso.org](mailto:kelsey@durangosaso.org) or call 970-259-3074  
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## EAT, DRINK AND BE WITCHY

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Thursday October 31, 2019  
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CULTURE

# Colorado College honors Ute ancestral homelands

By Tara Vigil  
SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE DEPT.

The Colorado College in Colorado Springs honored the Ute ancestral homelands on which the campus sits by inviting: Dignitaries, Ute elders, Ute dancers and a drum group to this historical event, which included a traditional blessing of the Tava Quad by Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost. The Quad was originally named the Armstrong Quad. The name was renamed as an anti-racist initiative. Tava means “Sun” in Ute and is how the Utes identified the mountain known today as Pikes Peak.

Colorado College (CC) believes the naming of Tava Quad is both historic and significant. The Utes, who participated in the weekend of events, shared culture and knowledge with students and faculty. The College is working to become an anti-racist institution. Historically Colorado College has been a predominantly white college, many



Hanley Frost, Southern Ute Education Coordinator, greets everyone at the sunrise blessing of the newly named Tava Quad on Colorado College campus, Saturday, Oct. 12.

policies and procedures have directly and indirectly favored white students, faculty and staff. The College is taking a stand to change policies and procedures that are harmful, as well as change their curriculum, so everyone can walk through the doors and feel that they can call CC home.

The Native and Indigenous community has described the naming of Tava Quad as a form of “healing.” CC would like the Ute tribes to work with them to create an endowed scholar-

ship for Ute students. Right now, the college is engaged in raising \$100 million in scholarships to provide access to more students from diverse backgrounds. The College would like to have more Ute communities be a part of the school’s future.

This event was a blessing, and an honor to be a part of. Colorado College is doing great things from addressing tuition costs to test exams, making sure Colorado students are successful at being a part of the CC Alumni going forward.

Photos by Kree Iopez  
Southern Ute Culture Department



Colorado College invited the Ute cultural dancers to tour the school's Fine Arts Center with Polly Nordstrand; pictured weaving is Junior Miss Ute Mountain Ute, Iyonia Pavisook.



Philman Lopez dances Northern Traditional, during the intertribal at the homecoming performance.



Samantha Maez dances with her daughter, Maria Phillips, during the intertribal at the homecoming performance.



Davidson Lopez and the Battle Rock drum group (Ute Mountain Ute) sing for a class presentation as the rest of the group round dances.



The Ute Dancers along with Battle Rock Drum Group (Ute Mountain Ute) join together for a picture with the Colorado College President, following the homecoming picnic.

## Sip, Chat & Chew



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Evalyn Russell joins Ute elders and families at the monthly Sip, Chat and Chew luncheon at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, Oct. 18.

Georgia McKinley keeps an eye on her card while playing Ute Bingo at the Sip, Chat and Chew event on Friday, Oct. 18.



## NATIONAL CONGRESS IN ALBQ. • FROM PAGE 1



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Former Ute Indian Tribal Chairman and National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Presidential candidate, Shaun Chapoose attends the 76th annual NCAI Convention in Albuquerque. Chapoose is vying for the seat along with three other candidates at the convention.

Violence in Indian Country and development were two of the key themes being addressed during the convention. NCAI’s violence against women task force held a work session that allowed different federal agencies to update their partners and was an opportunity for participants to discuss the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), as well as other important legislative information and experiences related to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW).

According to the Urban Indian Health Institute there are currently 506 MMIW cases that have been identified in 71 different cities. These case findings are likely an undercount of the MMIW in urban areas and has been identified as a nationwide crisis. Stepping into action, congress has reauthorized the VAWA act to help improve criminal justice and community-based responses to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in the United States. VAWA is an effective and cost-efficient act that is saving people’s lives by reducing violence against women.

Across Indian Country, development has presented opportunities for tribes to become less energy dependent and to even participate in the growing markets of energy sectors. Developments in language, renewable energy, housing and sovereignty were all discussed at NCAI this year. At the tribal, state and federal policy levels native nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages which will result in language protection and prosperity. The advancements in renewable energy was showcased during the convention and provided tribal leaders with ideas of how to diversify their economics through tribal government-foundation partnerships.

Ute Indian Tribe’s very own, Shaun Chapoose was present at NCAI and was seen campaigning to be the next National Congress of American Indians President. Chapoose was running against Chairman Harold Frazier of the Cheyenne River Sioux, Chairman Marshall Pierte of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and President Fawn Sharp of the Quinault Nation. “It is time for us to write the history—we know our rights and Indian Country is standing up,” Chapoose stated. “People everywhere are going to hear our voice.”

On Thursday, Oct. 24 NCAI released the election results and Fawn Sharp became the next president-elect; Sharp is only the third woman elected to this position in NCAI history.

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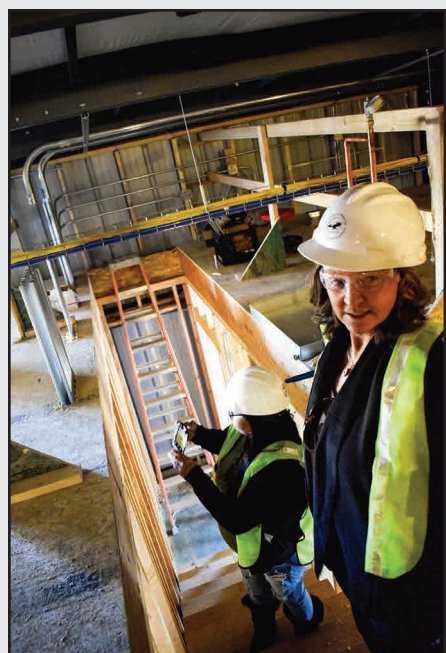


## KSUT studio takes shape



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

KSUT's new Eddie Box Jr. Media Center is expected to be completed by the end of December with KSUT completely moving in by early March of next year. A small tour was led by KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham on Monday, October 21.



Most of the interior wall structures have been put up and are ready for the installation of drywall. For the new studio rooms, a special drywall will be installed to help aid in noise reduction and better acoustics.

KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham gave a small tour of the new KSUT media center to highlight the progress that is being made on the building.

## CULTURE

# Native Voices makes FLC home

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The "Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness" traveling exhibit has found a new home for six weeks at the John F. Reed Library at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. The library held an opening for the exhibit on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

The exhibit is an interactive presentation that explores the concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indians and even features individual interviews with over 100 tribal leaders, healers, physicians and educators. There is no cost to view the exhibit, it will be on display at the library until January of 2020.

In addition to examining wellness and illness, the exhibit shows the interconnection that these share with cultural life. Stories have been drawn from both the past and present to determine the health of Native peoples and how they are tied to community, land and spirit. By conducting personal interviews with leaders, healers and community members, people are able to reflect on the ways that political and cultural events are affected in the 19th and 20th centuries.

These individual interviews show how Native peoples have adapted to using both traditional and western methods to enhance wellness. These enhancements not only benefit the community, but they help



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

2019-2020 Hozhoni Ambassador First Attendant, Tiarney Andreas visits a booth highlighting the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) epidemic after attending the exhibit opening of the "Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness" on Thursday, Oct. 10.

show an inspiring account of resilience, recovery and self-determination.

By dividing the exhibit into five distinct themes: individual, community, nature, tradition and healing, it is then able to touch upon more health aspects. Each theme is focused on helping the viewer gain a better understanding of how native peoples view the relationship of historical roles in traditional healing and the contemporary intergenerational views of health. The themes also provide a sense of how native communities are improving their health conditions through economic development and through the collaboration of native elders, women and youth to gain knowledge of traditional practices of healing.

In 2011 the exhibit was originally housed at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) until it began traveling in 2015 through a

partnership with the American Library Association. Since then, the exhibit has traveled to over 100 different sites. In order to be selected as a host, the NLM must receive a completed application from each interested public, academic and tribal college library sites.

Currently the Reed Library has six free standing banners and six iPads that are set up to help visitors view the full video content provided by "Native Voices" Viewers can watch the interviews, experience the journey of the exhibit and learn about the unique roles that native communities play in the making of videos.

To learn more about the videos and exhibition, visit the native voices website at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices>. President of Fort Lewis College, Tom Stritkus encourages tribal members to view the exhibit during its display period at Reed Library.



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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL

## THANKSGIVING DINNER



**Saturday, November 16**  
**Sky Ute Casino Event Center**  
**11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members and Immediate family, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members.

Southern Ute Elderly and Disabled Tribal Members unable to attend may sign up for home delivery.  
Please Contact: Southern Ute Elder Services,  
(970)-563-0156.

For more information contact  
Events Coordinator Tara Vigil  
at (970) 563-2985

## Royalty Walk



The Southern Ute Royalty would like to invite everyone to give thanks and join them for a walk!

**Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Ignacio, CO**

The walk will start in front of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park and end at the SunUte Community Center.

**Come meet and visit with Tribal Royalty!**

Light refreshments will be served in the SunUte Capote Room.

Any questions please contact  
Leonora Burch at 970-799-3498.

## Southern Ute Drum online

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MONEY TALKS • FROM PAGE 2

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- 5. Marital status
- 6. Where you live
- 7. Your total assets

Also, while soft inquiries may be included on your credit reports, they don't affect your scores. These generally occur when a person or company checks your credit as part of a background check — think employer background checks or pre-qualified credit card offers.

HOW CREDIT SCORES ARE CALCULATED

You likely have dozens, if not hundreds, of credit scores. That's because a credit score is calculated by applying a mathematical algorithm to the information in one of your three credit reports, and there is no one uniform algorithm

employed by all lenders or other financial companies to compute the scores. (Some credit scoring models are very common, like the FICO® Score\*, which ranges from 300 to 850.)

You don't have to get hung up on having multiple scores, though, because the factors that make your scores go up or down in different scoring models are usually similar. Most scoring models consider your payment history on loans and credit cards, how much revolving credit you regularly use, how long you've had accounts open, the types of accounts you have and how often you apply for new credit. Because there are different credit scoring models, how factors are weighted can vary slightly from model to model.

Credit: Miranda Marquit and Experian for contributions to this article.

Funding MPF's haunted house



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Marie Joy takes orders from patrons on Thursday, October 17 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The MPF fundraiser was to help pay for materials for the upcoming Haunted House.

One of the featured menu items was the 10 inch frybread burger, which is able to feed up to four people.



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## BOBCATS FOOTBALL

# Bobcats struggle to stay afloat against Pirates

*Monte Vista crashes Homecoming bash, wins 18-7*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to more or less shake off the effects of four first-half turnovers, but unable to convert any of three takeaways into points, the Ignacio Bobcats nonetheless put forth one of the program's best efforts in years, if not decades, against Monte Vista in an 18-7 loss Friday, Oct. 18.

"A defensive, turnover-type night," observed sophomore Tyler Barnes, whose recovery of a Colton Mellott fumble at the MV 48-yard line set up IHS' last-gasp, Homecoming Week possession. "But we never got anything out of it; we always got one drive, maybe one push, and...really beat ourselves on penalties and stuff."

And the aforementioned desperation drive ultimately proved a case study in the implosion.

Trailing in the 1A Southern Peaks Conference clash by 11 points after a 1-yard Mellott touchdown plunge with 7:57 remaining concluded a 72-yard march, but forced to go three-and-out in their first attempt to answer and thus summon Alvaro Ros Ortiz to punt a fourth time, Barnes' recovery gave the 'Cats their second-best field position of the game with 5:19 still left.

Sophomore quarterback Gabe Tucson promptly hit junior Dylan Labarthe for an eight-yard gain to the 40, and junior workhorse Joe Garcia then bulled his way for three yards to the 37. Awarded a fresh set of downs, Ignacio then suddenly lost all forward gears on the drive and all but ended the action traveling in reverse.

A false-start infraction backed IHS (2-5, 1-1 SPC) back to the 42, and the subsequent snap sailed over Tucson's head, forcing him to fall on the ball for a 12-yard loss back to the Ignacio 46. Monte Vista senior Jason Duran then barged through the offensive line on the next play to sack Tucson for a six-yard loss, and the Pirates (2-5, 2-1) could have then predicted to whom the ball would next go.

Watching well receiver Colten Jackson—playing his final game upon IHS Field along with fellow seniors Ian Weinreich, Stephan Gomez and Clay Campbell—MVHS forced a long Tucson incomple- tion as the Bobcats urgently sought to regain a



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (11) steps into a throw towards the Bobcat sideline during action against Monte Vista Friday night, Oct. 18, at IHS Field. Tucson unofficially threw for 117 yards with one TD against three INT.

large chunk of real estate. Another false-start penalty pulled Ignacio back to their own 35, presenting the home team a fourth-and-38 conundrum.

Knowing IHS' only hope was to again go aerial, Pirate junior Andres Maestas batted away Tucson's final downfield throw with just 2:36 showing on the scoreboard clock.

Ignacio's defensive unit, which achieved a major goal in stopping MVHS senior QB Kaidon Wenta—injured on a sandwich-style tackle midway through the second quarter, with a finishing hit by IHS junior Lawrence Toledo knocking Wenta's helmet off—managed to force a turnover-on-downs at the Bobcat 36, but with only 19 seconds remaining a simple give to Garcia (who unofficially totaled just nine yards on 12 carries), gaining five yards, was about all which could be done.

"Earlier during the week, Coach (Manny Wasinger) had a talk with us about people stepping up and being leaders," said Pirate senior Levi Trujillo, who shouldered most of his team's rushing load after Wenta's removal. "So I knew that some, all of us, really—were sad about (Wenta) going down, but we all knew we had to... just get it together, finish the game."

"We went out...like 'We've got nothing to worry about now! Let's just

hit 'em twice as hard,'" said Barnes, recalling the Bobcats' optimism that with Wenta sidelined, there was a real chance to not only stun Monte Vista for the first time since before any current 'Cat was born, but improve to 2-0 in conference prior to visiting woeful Dolores—and potentially enter a Nov. 1 regular-season finale at Centauri standing 3-0 with an outside shot at qualifying for the State Playoffs.

"Overall, defensively I feel like we did pretty good," Barnes stated, alluding to the fact that Toledo and unsung sophomore Mekhi Miranda also recovered fumbles during the game, as the Bobcats looked to pressure Mellott (unoff. 2-of-5, 66 yards passing; 8-28 rushing), Trujillo (unoff. 21-101 rushing) and other Pirates into making mistakes.

Ignacio mistakes, unfortunately, allowed Monte Vista to initially take the upper hand in the contest; Garcia was dropped for an 11-yard loss back to the IHS 11 on the game's first play, and after a Toledo option pass went incomplete, Garcia lost his grip of a give from Tucson and MVHS recovered at the 10 with 11:01 left in the first quarter.

22 ticks and two Wenta carries later, the Pirates had a 6-0 advantage, but Campbell leapt and blocked Jarren Chavez's point-after

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## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Sweet Repeat: IHS duo earns State XC return

*Garcia, Nanaeto contenders for 3A Boys' crown*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Translated from Arabic, 'El Jebel' means 'the mountain.'

And if Elco Garcia, Jr., nearly bagged a personal 'peak' in a Colorado town of the same name, one can bet he's ready and eager to make the necessary push to end his prep-level cross-country career sum- mitting the Class 3A boys' podium at the 2019 CHSAA State Championships fol- lowing a 1:40 p.m. start this Saturday, Oct. 26.

"It's my last meet and I'm going to give it my all," he said earlier in the week. "I'm very excited; I've been training, you know, for so long for this."

Having placed 94th over- all (in 18 minutes, 30.8 sec- onds) on the Norris-Penrose Event Center course as a junior last fall, the Ignacio senior, who runs for nearby Bayfield, clinched a return



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Men on a Mission: Ignacio High School seniors Jonas Nanaeto, left, and Elco Garcia, Jr. (right), mug for the camera Monday, Oct. 21, just five days before both were to help neighboring Bayfield contend for the Class 3A title at the 2019 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships in Colorado Springs.

to the Colorado Springs grand finale with an amaz- ing second-place showing at the 3A-Region I Champion- ships, while helping the Wol- verines amass a second-place 63 points and earn one of the Oct. 18 meet's four automa- tic team transfers.

Gunnison junior Alex Baca took the title in a blaz-

ing 16:12.4 and helped the Cowboys rank first overall with a meet-low 53 points, but Garcia cruised across the finish line in a sea- son-best 16:31.4 — beating third-place Wyatt Morten- son, a junior at Craig-based Moffat County (third place,

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## Homecoming on Goddard



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Elisia Cruz and Kalynn Weaver get into the homecoming spirit while riding on the junior class float on Friday, Oct. 18.

## Crowning glory



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

IHS Homecoming 2019 Queen, Elizabeth Valdez (center) stands with King and fellow senior Elco Garcia, Jr., at left and father Johnny Valdez at right. As part of ceremonies held during halftime of Ignacio's Oct. 18 football game versus Monte Vista. Valdez initially walked to midfield and met Garcia, wearing her father's IHS letterman's jacket — Circa 1985.



IHS Homecoming 2019 Senior Class 1st Attendants Ian Weinreich (13) and Makayla Howell enjoy a laugh as Howell's mother observes during ceremonies held at halftime.

IHS Homecoming 2019 Junior Class Prince Lawrence Toledo (2) goes about bestowing upon Princess Jayden Brunson her ceremonial sash during halftime of Ignacio's football game.

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## STARWHEELS

*Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"*

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Hey SCORPIO people, put your favorite cake on the table, and light the candles. Celebrate the unique gifts the Creator has endowed you with. Your generosity, loyalty, and compassion for others have made you a long time friend to those in your circle. Rowdy MARS enters your sign on the 18th and quickly begins to direct your activities. Be patient on the 24th, and 25th when wild card URANUS sets up opposing opinions between you and others. Both of these planets are known rebels. They will test you.

### ♊ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

This is truly a favorable month for you. It begins on the 1st when gleaming VENUS slips into your sign, and stays until the 26th. This lovely planet is THE Goddess of LOVE and BEAUTY. She owns the power of attraction. No need to coerce others into getting your way. A little gentle persuasion is all it takes. Spread harmony this month Saggies. You may find that your Thanksgiving festivities are the best when everyone is willing to help out. Happiness comes from helping others who are less fortunate.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

MARS stands defiantly against PLUTO on the 5th. It strains your normally steady composure. Power struggles could erupt, and spread discord, or disagreements between you and the elders. Avoid hasty action CAPRICORN. Impatience isn't helpful. MARS settles down by the 12th and might promote more encouraging, peaceful results. A SATURN/NEPTUNE connection on the 8th sends a practical, mystical, message via a dream. Relax and just enjoy all your favorite holiday traditions, and parties.

### ♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Friendships are one of the main necessities in an AQUARIAN'S life. No matter how far you roam you generally make a friend, or find a group to hang with. This month may be no exception. There still might be some travel delays or changes due to MERCURY'S retrograde. Your planetary ruler URANUS is in retrograde for the whole month. MERCURY wakes up on the 20th. It will encourage a more pleasurable holiday. Wishing you, and yours a HAPPY TURKEY DAY AQUARIUS. YUM-MM Pumpkin Pie.

### ♐ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

November eases in with the help of gentle VENUS. Her message is tempting, There is still time for one more travel adventure before the snow flies. Make the most of your daylight hours. They will be getting shorter after the 3rd. On the 5th MARS, the ancient god of war squares PLUTO. These two planets are similar forces. It may be best to step lightly around touchy subjects with partners, or others who are close to you. Arguments are generally not part of your nature, but there is a possibility they may arise.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Frustrating as it might be, set a slower pace for yourself until the 20th when MERCURY comes out of its retrograde sleep. Then you can shrug off the hesitation, and delays of the retrograde. A NEW MOON on the 26th welcomes a more carefree atmosphere. Good times spent with family and friends lift your spirits. You might also be pleasantly surprised by an unexpected visitor. What's on the menu? More than likely all your favorite dishes. This is the month to take pleasure in family, food, and tons of fun.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Greetings ... Earthling TAURUS folks. Relationships are the main theme of NOVEMBER'S agenda. For starters the best course of action is to establish an honest connection between you and your current companion. The FULL MOON of the 12th will close an old cycle. Most importantly this MOON occurs in your sign. Review your past history. Are you still making the same mistakes TAURUS? Before you move into a fresh cycle think about utilizing fresh solutions to change old habits. This is doable.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

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### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

You might have your work cut out for you this month. Aggressive MARS currently inhabits your domestic environment. Its initial act may be to stir up discord with your closest family members. Put on your Sheriff's badge and cool things down on the 5th. Later on the 18th MARS charges into the sign of SCORPIO. Its arrival there may help you and the kinfolk to congenially plan a festive Thanksgiving party. Be your creative best. There are other options available besides the traditional BIG BIRD.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

There may be family members who will not agree with your personal plans. It might take some effort on your part to move beyond their stubborn stance. Your reliable diplomatic skills will come in handy Lions. A very beneficial NEW MOON on the 26th favors your Thanksgiving activities. Be innovative and put together something original and unusual for this holiday. VENUS and JUPITER are presently sitting in the playful section of your horoscope. They encourage parties, friends, and mouth watering FOODS!

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Holidays are usually more joyful when loved ones gather together. Kind and loving VENUS slips into the domestic section of your horoscope on the 1st. This is a great opportunity to mend fences VIRGO. Reach out to past relations that might have been on shaky ground. They have a good chance to be renewed and healed this month. One option might be to send out a humorous invitation. Be friendly and non demanding. Thanksgiving is for sharing and caring. The 28th and 29th are favorable for you.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

That time of year is here again LIBRA, most of us begin to think about the holidays, and shopping. Keep your goals realistic. MARS will be heading into your main money zone on the 18th. Its demanding influence will be potent, and will last through January 2nd. One of the gifts MARS brings is to award you with an abundance of energy. There are some of you who will be making new friends later in the month. In spite of the hectic days ahead, have a warm and wonderful, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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 GREETINGS

### BLOOD PERCENTAGE

I am a Southern Ute Tribal Member. I was raised on this reservation. I was also taught by my parents and other elder family members what is meant to be a Southern Ute Indian. I was made to learn and practice all of the traditional ways. Sun Dance. Bear Dance, Sweat Lodge and Native American Church, to name a few. I have also been Sun Dance Fire Man for about 12 years. I gave it up so another member could learn these ways.

I feel from what I see is that our young people are not learning and participating in the traditional functions and ways of life.

I feel that if the Blood Percentage is lowered. That our traditional ceremonies and what it means to be a Southern Ute Tribal Member will be lost. I feel that most of those wanting this is only for the money!

Thank you for the chance to voice my opinion on the subject of our Blood Line and what it means to me.

Sam Santistevan

### Upcoming Graduate Seeking Business Students

I would like to reach out to current Ute college students who are pursuing degrees in Business. All students are encouraged to email, but preferred areas of studies are Accounting, Business Law, and Marketing (with a strong focus on e-commerce, SEO, and website design). Any students or recent grads who may

be interested in helping with a start-up small business that I am currently putting together can reach out to me at the following email address and I will follow up with more information.

Thank you,  
Marvin Pinnecoose  
pinnecoo@unlv.nevada.edu

### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2019-NC-0089**

**Emily Caroline Louvenia Monte, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Emily Caroline Louvenia Monte filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Louvean Caroline Monte. As of September 30, 2019 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Emily Caroline Louvenia Monte name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Louvean Caroline Monte.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2019.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 19-NC-0100**

**Adrienne Sewysie Cuch, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Mataya Rock on behalf of Adrienne Sewysie Cuch filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Adrienne Sewysie Rock. As of October 8, 2019 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Adrienne Sewysie Cuch name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Adrienne Sewysie Rock.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2019.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2019-PR-0142**

**Kathleen Ann Hatch, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **November 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 4th of October, 2019  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ETHICS COMPLAINT 2019-01**

Filed by David Smith, a tribal employee, against Esther Rima, a formal tribal appointed official. Pursuant to §§ 19-6-101 & 19-6-102 of the Code of Ethics, a hearing in this matter is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Southern Ute Tribal Court (large courtroom) at 9:00 AM.

## Corrections

- In a photo published in the Oct. 11 issue of the Drum, Terry Box was misidentified.
- In a photo published in the Oct. 11 issue of the Drum, Timothy Piaz was misidentified.

## Potential Firewood Shortage

This public service announcement (PSA) is to inform the Southern Ute Tribal membership, that utilize the Forestry Fuels Yard, of a potential firewood shortage. This current situation is a result of the heavy winter of 2018/2019 that brought deep snow to the reservation and prevented our program from wood cutting, an increase in demand and utilization of the firewood program, and equipment failures throughout the year. Firewood deliveries or pickups may be affected between November 2019 through April 2020. We encourage the membership to only order firewood when needed (no stockpiling) and to use firewood conservatively to supplement other heating sources in their residence. By doing so, we hope to avoid a decrease in monthly allowances of firewood or a complete shortfall. We will keep the membership informed with future PSAs as the firewood season progresses.

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Please review each posting carefully to determine specific eligibility requirements. Visit the following website to view the currently available assignments.

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/lands/assignments/currently-available-assignments/>

If you do not have access to a computer, the postings are available at the Department of Natural Resources and will also be posted around the Tribal Campus, the USPS Office, and Tribal Housing.

## Notice Of Draft Title V Operating Permit and Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

**Applicant: BP America Production Company**

Facility: Treating Site # 6 and the Southern Ute 32-9; 8-4 Wellsite  
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 8, T32N R9W, 13 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo.  
This source is a central natural gas facility

**Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company**

Facility: Bondad Compressor Station  
Section 24, T33N R10W, 14 miles west of Ignacio, Colo.  
This source is a natural gas compressor station facility

**Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company**

Facility: Ponderosa Compressor Station  
Section 7, T33N R6W, 5 miles east of Ignacio, Colo.  
This source is a Natural gas compressor station facility

**Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company**

Facility: Spring Creek Compressor Station  
Section 31, T33N R6W, 6 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo.  
This source is a natural gas compressor station facility

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice, (October 30, 2019).

## Youth Skatepark Planning Focus Group Meetings



**When: October 29, 2019**  
**Where: Sky Ute Casino Event Center B**  
**Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

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## Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

Closing 11/1/19 – The Powwow Committee is seeking interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member or a Native American Community Member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture through Powwow song and dance. All interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing 11/29/19 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill one (1) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two former royalty members. 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 Dept. at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

### YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Information? Call Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission.

Closing date: Nov. 18, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Commission Purpose: Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe.

Summary of Commission Duties: Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders; Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the

Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

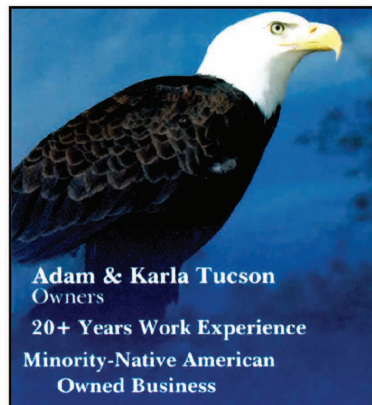
Preferred Commission Member Qualifications: Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order; Knowledge of the Clean Air Act; Ethical, strong integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player. Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions: Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve three-year terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. Meeting Location: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building: EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 How to Apply:

- Send letter of interest to: Air Quality Program Office, C/O Marlene Scott-Jewett, PO Box 737 MS# 84 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Or Hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building: Air Quality Program, Marlene Scott-Jewett, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137
- Or Email: [airquality@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:airquality@southernute-nsn.gov)

## Tribal Member needed for Ute Cultural Expert position on Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member wishing to fill a special Culture/Expert vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This individual will fill a non-voting position with a non-expiring term on the Board. The Cultural Expert is expected to incorporate traditional Ute Indian values, beliefs, and perspectives into the Board's various deliberations involving the welfare, use, management, and protection of the Tribe's wildlife resources. The Cultural Expert must be recognized within the community for his or her expertise in Ute culture and tradition as they pertain to wildlife and hunting. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, typically on a weekday morning, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Each Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137 Attn: Wildlife Advisory Board. This letter should address the individual's qualification to serve in a Ute cultural expert capacity on the Wildlife Advisory Board. The deadline to submit a letter of interest is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15. For information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

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Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis. Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

**Clinical Applications Coordinator**  
Closes 11/1/19 – Under general direction of the Chief Nursing Officer, serves as the Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC) for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Maintaining the Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for the Health Department, coordinating up-grades, and providing training to all users. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

**Cultural Preservation Director**  
Closes 10/30/19 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal language, cultural and historic programs and various related activities. Provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute Language, culture and history. Shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspective of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

**Dental Registration Clerk**  
Closes 10/28/19 – Performs a wide variety of dental clinic duties to include, but not limited to, office and clerical, patient registration and information management, insurance and billing responsibilities, appointment scheduling and customer service. Works in coordination with other departments, clinics, outside agencies and hospitals in the provision of clinic services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

**Dentist**  
Closes 11/5/19 – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division.

**Museum Director**  
Closes 10/31/19 – Leading overall operations, and day-to-day management of the museum. Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all aspects of the museum's activities and operations, including public relations, marketing and promotional aspects. Following the Museum's statement, strategic planning, implementing policies, developing programs, budget management, and identifying new funding sources. Pay grade 23; \$69,597.00

**Native Connections Program Coordinator**  
Closes 10/28/19 – Coordination of the Native Connections grant program. Will work in close coordination with the Native Connections Advisory Committee to complete community needs assessment and administer the program in accordance with Grant requirements. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

**Receptionist/Mail Clerk**  
Closes 11/1/19 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and

referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

**Ute Language Teacher**  
Closes 10/29/19 – Southern Ute Members only Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute Curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff, and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by coordinator of Ute Curriculum and Design.

**Clinical Supervisor**  
Open until filled – Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

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

**Physical Therapist**  
Open until filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

**Physical Therapist (PT w/benefits)**  
Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

**Speech/Language Therapist (PT w/benefits)**  
Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

**TEAM Worker – Southern Ute Tribal Member only**  
Open until filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

**TERO Worker**  
This position is under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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**Host/Hostess (Full-time)**  
Welcomes and greets all guests in a friendly, professional manor and provides an exceptional dining experience by ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Answering phone calls and tracking reservations. Will assist with meal and beverage service as well as clean up services when needed. Must be at least 18 years old, have a High School diploma or equivalency, and have one-year previous host/cashier experience. Must be able to lift up to 30 lbs., work with minimal supervision, and must be able to multi task. Must be able to sit, stand, bend, squat, kneel etc. extensively throughout shift.

**\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**  
Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must be at least 21 years old. High School diploma or equivalency preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have excellent attendance.

**Event Staff (On-call)**  
Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up and re-set of events in all banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service, as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions and teamwork. High School diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. 21 years of age or older preferred in order to serve alcohol. Must have food handling experience. Must be able to lift, carry, push, pull and move 40 to 60 pounds frequently. Must be able to sit, stand and walk for prolonged periods of time.

**AV Technician (Full-time)**  
Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Set up and breakdown of audio and visual equipment for meetings, conferences and special events. Performs minor repairs, adjustments, and routine checks and cleaning of audio and video equipment throughout the property. Controls the lights and sound of events, such as live concerts, before and after performances and during intermissions. Must have a Bachelor Degree in audio & visual or related field. Must have at least one-year audio & video experience. Must have a working knowledge of digital control systems, operations, maintenance and repair of audio-visual equipment. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Previous experience with Creston control systems or similar systems preferred. Certification in at least one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including night, weekends and holidays.

**\*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)**  
Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Must be able to effectively communicate with guests and team members. Must have High School diploma or equivalence. Must have minimum of 1 year customer service experience. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous Slot Floor Person experience preferred. Must have cash handling skills and be able to

perform basic math including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals especially as related to financial transactions. Must possess a professional demeanor and appearance. Must be able to communicate effectively in English, in both oral and written forms. Must have good computer skills, including familiarity with MS Windows, Outlook, Excel, and Word. Must be dependable and have a responsible attendance record. Must be able to work independently and as a team member.

**Front Desk Staff (Full-time)**  
Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport. Must have High School diploma or equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must possess excellent communication skills.

**Line Cook (Full-time)**  
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High School diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one (1) year cooking experience as a cook in a fast-paced full-service restaurant OR four (4) months In House training OR presently attending culinary school.

**\*Player's Club Rep (Full-time)**  
Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative; signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Must have High School diploma or equivalency. College degree preferred but not necessary. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a minimum of 2 years' experience in customer service. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) experience preferred. Working knowledge of casino data base programs and computer systems preferred. Career interest within the hospitality field or related industry is preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills.

**\*Count Team Staff**  
Retrieves, counts and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. Pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Exchanges containers (i.e. boxes, buckets, bags and envelopes) that hold a variety of items of monetary value. Works in the team schedule group, who pulls and counts the full containers by machine, by hand, and/or by visual layout (depending upon required procedure of the container). Must be 21 years old. Must have High School diploma or equivalence. Cash handling experience preferred.

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**CDL Licensed Driver**  
Open until filled – Road Runner Transit is looking for a part-time CDL Licensed DRIVER with P2 Endorsement. \$17.03/hr. As part of the Bustang Outrider team, you'll be driving the beautiful scenic route from Durango to Grand Junction, CO. High School diploma/GED preferred. Must be insurable by SoCoCAA. Must be able to pass a drug/alcohol test and background check. Please submit with your application a Motor Vehicle Report, current medical card & passenger endorsement.

**Monitoring Technician**  
Open until filled – SoCoCAA is looking for a PART TIME MONITORING TECHNICIANS. High School diploma/GED preferred.

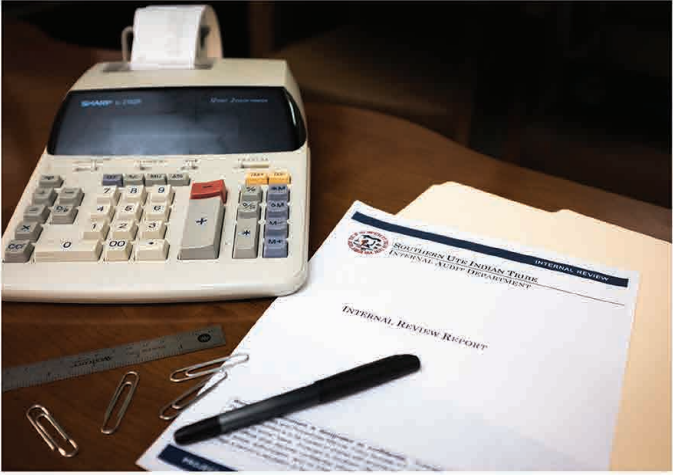
Previous experience and training working with recovering substance abusers. Must be able to obtain a CPR & 1st Aid certification. Must pass background checks. Individuals in recovery must have 2 years of continuous sobriety.

**Substitute Teachers**  
Open until filled – Are you a passionate person who enjoys working with children? Come and join our program where we offer positive early learning experiences to toddler age children. Ignacio Early Learning Program is looking for Part time SUB TEACHERS. Must have experience in working with toddler & preschool age children; must be 18 years of age; must pass TB exam; must pass criminal history and child abuse registry checks.

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STRUGGLE AGAINST PIRATES • FROM PAGE 12

kick – leaving a margin which somehow endured into intermission. For despite the fact the 'Cats couldn't capitalize on Pirate turnovers, neither could the guests profit from Ignacio turnovers.

Monte Vista's Tyrese Otero intercepted a Tucson end-zone bid to Jackson (2-77 receiving) with 0:56 left in the first quarter, halting what would have been a 76-yard Bobcat drive, highlighted by a 54-yard Tucson-to-Jackson bomb down to the MV 19. Pirate Evan Hurtado would pick Tucson (unoff. 6-of-18, 117 yards passing) off at the IHS 35 with 8:15 left before

halftime, and with 3:33 still to go, Maestas logged a third interception at the Bobcat 44.

Following that particular snag, Monte Vista embarked on a promising push, but stalled out at the 16 and Chavez's attempted 34-yard field goal – with 34 seconds remaining – barely elevated above the line of scrimmage and fell well short.

Ignacio would finally take the lead with 7:55 left in the third quarter, when Jackson went vertical to snare a 23-yard TD pass from Tucson over Chavez, polishing off a six-play, 46-yard drive. Ros Ortiz's PAT put the 'Cats ahead 7-6, but MVHS swift-

ly responded with a five-play, 71-yard counterstrike capped by a 1-yard Trujillo tote with 5:51 remaining.

Jackson, however, snuffed out a sneaky Chavez end-around carry on the two-point conversion attempt. And after Mellott's fourth-quarter score, Barnes and Miranda combined to thwart a Mellott conversion keeper – yet another couple defensive highlights boding well for IHS' Oct. 25 trip to DHS (0-7, 0-2).

The winless Bears lost 43-8 at home to Centauri (6-1, 3-0) the afternoon following Monte Vista's escape from Ignacio.

LADYCATS OFF TO STATE • FROM PAGE 1

practice every day, worked hard," he continued, "and they've got to see the results of their training pay off."

And at the 2A-Region IV Championships Friday afternoon, Oct. 18, both did right when it mattered most.

Competing in Delta on the speed-conductive Confluence Park course, Nanaeto punched her ticket to State with a 14th-place time of 21:48.96 – not far behind San Juan Basin Leaguer Ruby Tanguay of Telluride, who clocked a 13th-place 21:46.64.

Earning the 15th and final automatic-qualifying individual spot was West Grand's Joy Hast, who finished nearly nine full seconds after Nanaeto, but only 2.33 before Oak Creek-based Soroco's Eden Mayer.

Valdez, meanwhile, had already finished an outstanding second; her 20:41.77 was only slightly more than two ticks slower than the 20:39.49 of Grand Junction Caprock Academy's Ashleigh Gardner. Paonia's Katya Schwieterman (20:46.26) was not far behind in third place, and was actually first to log a 'team' point (Gardner, Valdez and Nanaeto ran as individuals).

Earning the team title with a score-3 low of 30 points was Carbondale-based Colorado Rocky Mountain School. Soroco followed

with 31 and Rangely, with 32, was as close to the Lady Rams as the Lady Rams to the victorious Pearls.

Kremmling West Grand (34) and Paonia (49) rounded out the standings' top five – securing the final State-qualifying berths – while SJBL squads Mancos (50), THS (67) and Ouray (70) followed, respectively, in sixth, seventh and eighth.

"It was a really big race for me; I've never really ... ran cross-country," Valdez said. "This is my first year doing it, so it being such a big race I was super nervous. Especially since we have such a small team! But once the race started I ... followed the pack pretty much until I got at a comfortable pace where I knew I could kick it in at the right time: In the end."

"It's kind of crazy," said Nanaeto, reminded that despite her well-known hoops affinity, she could conceivably become a four-time State Cross-Country qualifier by the end of her IHS days. "I didn't join cross-country just to join it; I did it to get in shape for basketball ... and here we are!"

"That's a big deal to go to State ... as an individual, without that whole team to pull you along," Holley said, saluting the girls' status in the context of one (Valdez) already owning State ex-

perience on the hardwood. "That's no small order."

"Both girls ran their hardest efforts of the season and did exactly what was asked of them ... in Delta, which was finish in the top 15," he noted. "The Delta performances were outstanding."

Asked what she might like to change in her mechanics to increase her chances for success her second time around in Colorado Springs, Nanaeto kept her answer simple: "I feel more in shape," she said, "but ... I don't know. Just run hard and do the same thing, try to do it better!"

"Probably will have more emotions once the time gets closer, but right now I'm just looking forward to some hard practices and getting up there, doing what I've got to do," said Valdez. "It's for sure going to be a really good experience; I'm both excited and nervous!"

"They're going to have to run smart, pick a pack and run with that group," Holley stated. "The course in Colorado Springs is a true cross-country course: You've got rolling hills, you've got prairie grass, dirt, you've got a creek bed. The girls are going to have to trust their training, they've seen these types of terrain before and understand that speed may not be the ultimate factor here."

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70 points), by a comfortable 9.3 ticks.

Piling up 104 points, Pagosa Springs snatched up the last at-large State berth.

"The whole race ... us three were just going at it!" recalled Garcia. "Until the second mile – that's when Alex went off and it was me and the other boy competing, and then I went off next. I felt really great during the race."

"I was mentally prepared for this race; I knew I had to stick with the top pack as long as I could, and that's what I did."

And on the Crown Mountain Park route in El Jebel – an Eagle County community roughly three miles northwest of Basalt – his closest BHS teammates did incredibly likewise.

Junior Zeb Shields crossed fourth in 16:56.5, with IHS senior 'Wolver-Cat' Jonas Nanaeto then earning fifth in 17:19.2 – just ahead of GHS junior Brennan Stice (17:22.7). Bayfield's Rylan Ross (18:43.8) and Royce Hinojosa (19:04.7) later placed 23rd and 32nd, respectively, to reserve for head coach Josh Walton's crew a spot at the State starting line.

"In each of the last few years, we've taken fifth at regionals and just missed out as a team," said the skipper. "For this group to break through in tough

conditions, I couldn't be happier. Two years ago they missed out by six points, and last year it was 13. They laid it all out there on the course."

"It was exciting going to regionals this year," said Nanaeto, who placed 42nd in his 2018 State debut with a 17:42.7. "The weather was not fun – it was cold and raining – but (the race) was a lot more exciting than previous races."

"We mostly stayed on the bus," Garcia said with a laugh. "Just right before the race, we then got out, warmed up and were ready to go, you know? It was an awesome race ... an awesome course too; there was lots of terrain."

"Monte Vista kind of prepared us," he noted, referring to the frigid, Sargent-hosted Oct. 11 Eric Wolff Invitational – the last regular-season stop on BHS' schedule – contested at the Monte Vista Golf Course where he placed third (in 17:26.2) and Nanaeto tenth (18:39.6), "because regionals was even colder, it felt like."

Both harriers noted satisfaction with having earned a second trip to State, but each also indicated a desire for great improvement upon last season's efforts based on their advanced development in the long-distance sport.

"The fact that I'm run-

ning for Bayfield but also representing Ignacio ... makes me feel happier," Nanaeto said. "I hope to do better than I did last year; that's basically about it!"

"Last year it was just me and Jonas, but this year we get to compete as a team," said Garcia. "And I feel ... not necessarily more's at stake, but you want to push yourself more when you're running with your team."

"It's interesting, honestly," he continued. "It's very competitive in other sports between Ignacio and Bayfield – especially basketball – but this is a different 'playing field.' I love the environment, and I'm glad that I'm going to be representing not only Bayfield but Ignacio too."

**ALL HAIL**

After he showed his speed at CMP, Garcia's transport had to display plenty in its own right; Ignacio High School's Homecoming Royalty ceremony later that night needed a monarch.

"It was snowing when we left, so we had to hurry!" recalled Garcia. "But we made it in time, and Homecoming was a lot of fun. The football game (Monte Vista-at-IHS) was cold, but I got King which was nice. And taking second (at 3A-Region I) as a team...it was an awesome day!"

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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- Across**

1 Early daytime show

4 Success!

7 Dot follower?

10 "Dig in!"

11 Mumbai Mr.

12 Where rands are spent

13 Opposite of yeah

14 Penny President?

16 "Burn Notice" network

17 Kit ---, who helped Ouray draft a treaty

18 Incapacitates deliberately

21 Texas siege site in 1993

22 Advertise these to sell well

24 Saw-like formation

27 Washington Nation once led by Kamiakin

29 Euro forerunner

30 Neat DNA reconstituted all over

32 Dishonorable dude

33 That over there

34 Charitable gp., often

35 Bakersfield to Las Vegas dir.

36 Weatherperson's org.

37 Countdown starter

38 British CIA equivalent
- Down**

1 The "Homo" in "Homo sapiens"

2 Hopi Earth Guardian

3 Such as the Chiricahua and Navajo

4 High-fashion monogram

5 Novelist --- Jong

6 Culture which created the V-Bar-V petroglyphs

7 Horizontal beams

8 Norwegian city once called Kristiania

9 Otto ---, "The Simpsons" bus driver

15 Summit

19 Great quantity

20 Agony

23 Me too!

25 Mountains or grassland

26 Barely visible figures?

27 Member of a secret female group with divine secrets

28 Speck

31 Put on

Answers for this crossword will appear in Nov. 8 issue of the Drum.

**Answers for the Oct. 11 crossword puzzle.**

**Across:** 1 Adele, 6 Oat, 9 Belay, 10 Otoe, 12 Chokecherry, 15 Senecas, 16 Paa, 17 Bur, 18 Risk, 19 Shlep, 22 Aides, 23 Woad, 24 LTD, 25 I am, 26 Targets, 30 Graniteware, 32 Dram, 33 Sadie, 34 Rye, 35 Tyson.

**Down:** 1 ABCs, 2 DeHe, 3 Elon, 4 Lake bed, 5 Eyecup, 6 Oohs, 7 Ate, 8 Torpid, 11 Erase, 13 Car, 14 Yaks, 18 Ridgway, 19 Swig, 20 Hoard, 21 Lamarr, 22 At rest, 24 Lat, 26 Time, 27 Eads, 28 Trio, 29 Seen, 31 Nay.

NAIG Informational Meeting  
Team Colorado  
Where: Multi-Purpose Building  
New Date!! New Date!!  
When: November 5th, 2019  
Times: 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Light Refreshments

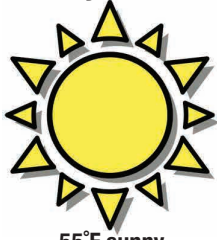


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GAMES 2020**  
HALIFAX - NOVA SCOTIA



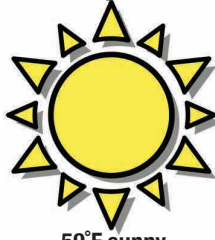
LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER  
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Oct. 25



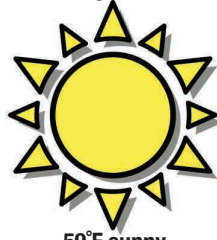
55°F sunny  
Calm winds in afternoon

Saturday, Oct. 26



59°F sunny  
Light winds in afternoon

Sunday, Oct. 27



59°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

