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Stirring emotions, a student at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy helps raise money during the school’s annual bake sale in the Leonard C. Burch Building’s Hall of Warriors on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Proceeds from the bake sale went to support the preservation of bald eagle habitats through the National Wildlife Federation. Fundraising will be achieved through various projects and ongoing student collaboration.

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“Thank you all for everything. Thank you for welcoming me back in April.”

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Borst called her time in office a “scary, really enjoyable time.

“What I’ve learned in these three years is that our membership is vitally important, from our babies to our elders,” she said.

But the message echoed what she has said in the Council Chamber many times. Health is the most important thing. She closed by saying she doesn’t know what comes next — maybe gardening, maybe a return to her roots in radio work — but it’s bound to be an exciting journey.

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“I probably had one of the best decisions I ever made,” he said. “It’s been a great trip — one I’ll always remember, always cherish.”

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Trusted elders’ get-together set for Dec. 21

There will be a Tribal elders’ get-together on Dec. 21 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The Sky Ute Casino Resort staff and the Southern Ute Health Department have been invited to come and grace the update. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be served by the casino. If you’d like to take part in the Christmas gift exchange, you are more than welcome to join and it is an mandatory. If you need a ride, please call Elder Services at 970-563-0136. Enriquez Datz Naani would like to thank the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Southern Ute Growth Fund for their help in funding the luncheon, and the Growth Fund and casino for providing the door prizes for the last meeting. Thanks to the tribal departments and Tom Duran and his staff for the great update.

SunUte to host senior breakfasts

SunUte Community Center will host senior breakfasts on Dec. 16 and 30 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for all senior citizens 55 years and older. Southern Ute tribal members eat free. For more information, call SunUte at 970-563-0214.

Justice & Regulatory seeks name for new building

Due to recent Executive Office approval, the SunUte Community Center will be the new building. The Southern Ute Department of Justice & Regulatory is seeking the assistance of the tribal membership in naming the new facility. For information, call 970-563-0214.

SunUte assumes oversight of chapel

Due to recent Executive Office approval, the SunUte Community Center is the contact department to reserve the SunUte Multi-Purpose Facility and the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. The main contact for reservation is the Multi-Purpose Facility staff at 970-563-4704 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2640 or 2641. Please direct all reservations for other facility to the noted numbers. After hours, you will be directed to the SunUte Community Center staff for reservations at 970-563-0241. For the upcoming tribal holidays, the facility and chapel will be open during scheduled events. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition period.

Important contact numbers

SUPD: 970-563-4401
Customs: 970-563-4710
Const. Service/Wood Yard: 970-563-0260
SUPH: 970-563-4575
Custom Farms: 970-563-0200
Grounds maintenance: 970-563-0272
Ute story time

Southern Ute tribal elder Lynda Grove-D’Wolf chats with Ute language students at the Leonard C. Burch Building on Thursday, Dec. 1 to share stories that tell stories in Ute with English subtitles. One such story was the Hansel and Gretel-like tale of a young man who is abducted by a witch who plans to eat him. At the last moment he pushes the witch into her own fireplace and she dissolves into mosquitos — the origin tale of the famous blood-sucking bug.

Giving thanks in Ft. Duchesne

Southern Ute Royalty members and veterans headed north Nov. 24 – 26 to join members of their sister tribe, the Northern Utes, in the annual Thanksgiving Powwow in Ft. Duchesne. (Left) Royalty members (top) present themselves in full regalia; Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander Howard D. Richards Sr. (middle) presents a flag alongside fellow veterans; Miss Southern Ute Brianna Goodtracks-Alires (below) greets visitors to the powwow.

In with the new

A new bison mount (background) hangs in the Leonard C. Burch Building’s Hall of Warriors on Wednesday, Dec. 15, while the old one looks on.

Powwow Trails

Christmas Powwow
December 17
Dulce Community Center • Dulce, NM
Contact: Eldina Peseta
Phone: 575-759-4313 or 575-209-1417
Web: www.nmpws.com

13th NCI New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow
December 31 – January 1
680 S. Boardman Ave. • Gallup, NM
Contact: NCI
Phone: 505-722-2177

8th Annual New Year’s Eve Powwow
December 31
120 W. 1300s • Salt Lake City, UT
Contact: Mitchell Eriacho
Phone: 801-706-8522
Email: meriacho4@yahoo.com

11th New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow
December 31
100 Civic Center • Tulsa, OK
Contact: Niles Bosin
Phone: 918-639-1816
Email: choctaw1865@yahoo.com

Comanche Little Pony New Year’s Eve Powwow
December 31
Comanche Complex Exit 45 I-44 • Lawton, OK
Contact: Lowell Nibbs
Phone: 580-583-5279
Email: lowellnibbs@yahoo.com

Ute Language
átîmaikH - praise
tog’oi’tü - righteousness
nuumarog’uamipig’aatü - Creator

Editor’s note: The Ute Language and translations are transcribed from the 2011 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

Dinner provided

Southern Ute Royalty Committee presents: Powwow Etiquette & Protocol

Women’s Session
Dec. 20
Multi-Purpose Facility
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Jingle Dance, Northern & Southern Traditional Dance, Fancy Dance, Drum Protocol, Royalty Care & Proper Storage, Royalty Protocol

Men’s Session
Dec. 22
Multi-Purpose Facility
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Northern & Southern Traditional Dance, Drum Dance, Fancy Dance, Drum Protocol, Royalty Care & Proper Storage, Royalty Protocol

For more information please contact Amy Barry in the LCB Building, (second floor) or email at abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us or by phone 970-563-0119.
Bobcats of the Month

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for December, for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn. Houston Cunningham, Perla Gonzales, Elliot Hendren, Ksenley Tailland, Max Tailland and Yafelin Pando.

Education update

January classes for tribal members

Scrapbooking: Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will use paper crafting, stamping, stickers for scrapbooking. Bring pictures, mementos, souvenirs, concert tickets etc. Contact Luana Herrera at HighEd Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or all classes.

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: The January test date has been moved to Jan. 13, Feb. 3 and March 2. The test is held at the Education Building on Ignacio Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine Ridge Community College at 970-553-0237 or sign up for Ignacio High School classes. The Southern Ute Education Department encourages those interested to contact the Education Department at 970-563-0237 or sign up for Ignacio High School classes.

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The Kidney Corner: How much water should I be drinking?

By Kevin R. Larson

What are carbohydrates?

They are a necessary nutrient in the foods that we eat and are broken down into simple sugars in the body. Carbohydrate-rich foods include sugars, fruits, potatoes, breads, pasta, rice, and other starchy foods.

Many people don’t realize that not all carbohydrates are created equal. You might have heard some carbohydrates referred to as "good" or "bad.

If they are all broken down into sugars, then why are some carbohydrates of any kind makes your body work harder to maintain normal blood sugar levels. So next time you go to the grocery store, bring this list with you. Focusing on eating good carbs will help you remain healthy, give you sustained energy, and help to prevent and control diabetes.

For more information about the glycemic index, and eating healthy carbohydrates, visit www.glycemicindex.com.

PRCLC offering classes from College of Eastern Utah

The Pine River Community Learning Center in Ignacio is offering classes from the college of Utah.

The classes are all online or telecommuting from the College of Eastern Utah.

Classes are live via telecommunications from the College of Eastern Utah. Please call us with questions or to schedule a registration appointment. Below is a schedule of classes that will be available for the spring semester. Contact Susan Visser, Executive Director at the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or online at www.prclc.org.

December Activities

For all tribal elders & handicapped/disabled

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Elementary students spread Christmas cheer

First- through third-grade students sang loud and proud during the Ignacio Winter Concert in the Ignacio High School gym on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The Ignacio Elementary School students, conducted by Ignacio High School music teacher Howard Searle (left), sang renditions of Christmas songs including “Santa Claus Rock,” sung by the second grade; “I’m Gonna Wrap Myself in Paper” and “Must be Santa,” sung by the first grade (above left); and “The Reindeer Name Game” and “Rockin’ Rudolph,” sung by the third grade (above). All the students joined together to sing “Christmas in Any Language.” The evening’s concert closed with an all-students rendition of “Silent Night,” in which the audience helped sing the second verse. The school also hosted a silent auction and provided refreshments after the concert.
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The SunUte Community Center had a number of drawings on Saturday, Dec. 3 for its 10-year anniversary. In addition to the many door-prize drawings throughout the day, SunUte also had the SunUte Passport Drawing, the SUIT Member Update Drawing, and the SunUte Community Member Update Drawing.

The prize winners are as follows:

**SunUte passport:**
(winning received awesome board games)
- Aislinn Ryder
- Jordan Carmenoros
- Gerald Howe
- Lainey Espinosa

**Southern Ute tribal member update:**
-Dietz Market gift basket: Trennie R. Burch
- The SunUte Passport Drawing, the SUIT Member Update Drawing, and the SunUte Community Member Update Drawing.

**SunUte Community member update:**
-free three-month family membership
- Congratulations to all the winners! Prizes can be redeemed at the SunUte Community Center.
SAVE Native Women Act a no-brainer

By Tim Heydinger
Southern Ute Tribal Court

Domestic violence in Indian Country is a problem of epidemic proportions. The problem is exacerbated when the violence is committed by a non-Native American perpetrator. Tribes historically have no criminal jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators. The Senate is still considering the act, and it is a long way from becoming law.

Allowing tribes to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators on a reservation — even in limited circumstances — should be an easy decision.

Low-cost mental health services to continue in Ignacio

By Tori Telep
Ignacio Community Collaborative

The Ignacio Community Collaborative will continue to provide local, affordable access to mental health services locally since 2006. In rural areas, it’s often difficult for people to seek treatment because of long travel distances, high costs, or lack of insurance.

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Multi-Purpose Facility: 1 year down, many more to come

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

About 30 Southern Ute tribal members turned out at the tribe’s Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Dec. 7 to celebrate its first complete year of operation.

The facility provided light refreshments to visitors and the chance to win one of 16 door prizes. Several visitors left comment cards for the staff, indicating their feelings about the anniversary celebration and the facility in general.

“It is a very nice facility,” one person wrote. “All tribal members should be very proud to have such a nice facility, and we should take good care of it.”

“I enjoy coming over to sew,” another wrote.

“It is a very nice facility!” a third wrote. “All tribal members should be very proud to have such a nice facility, and we should take good care of it.”

The facility is free for tribal member use and is available for reservations on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, call 970-563-4784.

Multi-Purpose Facility 1st anniversary prize drawing winners

$10 Applebees – Ronalynn Tiznado
$10 Chili’s – Willette Whiteskunk
Plush Throw – Virginia Sage
$10 Applebees – Vanessa Torres
$10 Pizza Hut – Nova Burch
$10 Pizza Hut – Frieda Pinnecoose
$10 Applebees – Kealan Richards
$10 Chili’s – Robert Baker

$10 Pizza Hut – Terry Box
Pink Scarf – Esther Richards
Green Scarf – Ms. Georgia
Burgundy Scarf – Lorelia Cloud
Black Scarf – Leann Wilson
Green Scarf – Rena Richards
Scarf – Yvette Cuthair
Blue Plush Throw – Josephine Olguin

Fort Lewis College’s first century concludes with Winter commencement

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Media release
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Fort Lewis College’s Winter Commencement takes place on Saturday, Dec. 17 in Whalen Gym. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Addressing the College’s newest graduates will be the 2011 FLC Featured Scholar and Professor of Geosciences Dr. Gary Gianniny.

“Research builds,” Gianniny said. It’s an axiom that is illustrated by his research portfolio. His pursuit of knowledge has taken him around the world studying topics from evolution and paleontological records found in limestone to the energy potential of microbial deposits and the effects of coal extraction on groundwater. Integrative science that bridges across scientific fields and provides useful information is by far the most exciting thing we can do in research,” Gianniny said. “One of our college-wide learning goals is the application of knowledge to informed action: That’s our game.”

Clean and Efficient Heating Checklist

During dry periods, it can mean money and protect you and your family’s health. A properly insulated and operated wood-burning stove should produce little smoke.

1. Start a small fire with city-styled tinder and add a few pieces of wood.
2. Give the fire plenty of air. Fully open the air controls until the fire is burning.
3. Keep the fire small to the chimney or flue before adding more wood.
4. Space two bricks between the flames as you add more to the fire.
5. Check for back drafts and adjust fireplace and wood stove setup as needed, as is effective.
6. Store unused wood, including kindling, in an airtight container.
7. Keep wood and chimney professionally insulated and serviced.
8. If available, refer to your owner’s manual for wood preparation.
9. A small, dead fire in the fireplace, or smoke from the chimney are all signs that the fire needs more air or your wood is too moist.

Wet wood is a waste

Is your wood wet? Take the moisture meter test.

Wet wood can create excessive smoke which is wasted fuel. Moisture meters that show up to 40% moisture in wood should not be used. Wet wood is very difficult to ignite and burn. Use a moisture meter to test your wood. Always give your time and money.

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www.epa.gov/burnwise

Merry Christmas from the Drum

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Celebrating one year of service in the membership, the recently opened Multi-Purpose Facility hosted an open house on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Among those who stopped by during the day to enjoy the refreshments and conversations were Dr. James Jefferson and Sage Remington (above) and Virginia Sage and Josephine Olguin (below).
I n the last article, we agreed there was a need for love to live together peacefully. We talked about love being based on attraction, affection and assurance, the three basic emotional needs of human beings. Because we are self-centered life forms, love comes from within ourselves. Since love is self-based, it forces others to fulfill our emotional needs.

Sounds like a one-way proposition doesn’t it? If it is, love is pointed inward, how can we help others? Let us turn the equation of love around. What did we come from? In the last article, we agreed on love. Now we are indicating the beauty, design and complexity of the earth in which we live. Simply observing the outside source of love. With these facts, it appears we are getting closer in our search for proper love. Until we answer the last two questions: Where did I come from? What is my purpose? Where am I going? Let us start with the first question: Where did we come from?

The scientific answer is evolution: Where did we come from? There is such a thing as evolution, but living things can only evolve from life forms of the same kind. Since we are now spiritually focused, we can begin our search for the outside source of love. We must begin, though, by answering the three basic questions that all people ponder: Where did I come from? What is my purpose? Where am I going after my body dies?

With natural theories for creating human beings and the soul or spirit, there was a need for love to live. Since we are self-centered life forms, this love comes from within ourselves. Since love is self-based, it forces others to fulfill our emotional needs.

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COED Indoor Soccer High school players and up SV’s indoor soccer league must be on court at all times)
Season begins Jan. 19 and games will be played Monday and Thursday nights at the Bayfield old Middle School, 110 E. South St.
$250 per team (due by Captain’s meeting), late registration is $300 (Jan. 13)
High School teams $200 with ID’s
Captain’s meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. at the bayfield old Middle School
For more info, contact Ryan at 970-884-9544 ext. 103 or email: revonaldf@bayfieldgov.org or visit our website: http://www.bayfieldgov.org/services/Registration/index.asp

FREE Upcoming Indian Child Welfare Act Workshop The Indian Child Welfare Act: Basics & Best Practices January 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility 258 Ute Rd., Ignacio, CO 81137
Please join the Denver Indian Family Resource Center, Southern Ute Tribal Social Services, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Child Welfare Division, Colorado Department of Human Services at our upcoming comprehensive ICWA workshop designed to provide training for case workers, judicial staff and service providers who work with the American Indian community.
Topics addressed will include:
• Indian ‘101’ Outlining the historical and contemporary context of Native families and key concept for understanding ICWA
• Basics of the Indian Child Welfare Act and ICWA’s interface with the Colorado Children’s Code
• Practice in the spirit of ICWA, demonstrating active efforts and engaging families
This training is FREE of charge. Lunch is provided. For registration, please visit www.cdhsacademy.com to create an account. For more registration information, please contact Joann Kanost 303-866-7174.
For lodging call 1-800-476-7107, reference DPRC block.
Fly-fishing the 51st state: The gorgeous Virgin Islands

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

My wife is the smartest person I know, bar none. In fact, she is smarter than the smartest and cutest 2-year-old grandson in the world, who is currently involved in a project figuring out how to get out of bed before me. So when she suggested I fly-fish the 51st state, I thought I found something I knew more about than her. Will I ever learn?

After her suggestion, I very diplomatically pointed out there were only 50 states. Her response: “Well, the United States Virgin Islands are part of the U.S., and should be added to your list of states to catch a fish on your fly rod.”

To further make her point, she told me English is their main language, they have a lot of great food, and their currency is the American dollar. And just like in the U.S., and should be added to the U.S., the U.S. Virgin Islands are part of the U.S., and should be added to the U.S., I thought I knew more about that.

A thought came to mind. Why hasn’t the woman who invited the teenage-ity-bitsy-bikini, worn by women who should wear them, been awarded a Nobel Prize? There just isn’t any justice in this world.

The next day I hiked a guide, and it was a long day. I was feeling really low and thought, except for the romance, there has been a trend. Then my wife said, “You’re a retired guide. Man up. Go ask someone who flies fish on your own.” I was directed to a flat area north of our resort. The tide was high, and the wind howling. I thought there was no way it would work.

I tied a leader, and found myself standing in the flats following the kelpmace pelicans. It was then I realized how much I enjoyed fishing. Not just the old softwater flats tarpon.

I made my way toward the pelicans and the fish. I caught — no small feat — fish fighting between me and the beach I watched one of them begin to swim in my direction. I placed a closer stunned in front of him, and began to strip it. He looked at it, and then, to my surprise, ate it.

The tide was on.

I’ve always heard about the thrill of your first tarpon, and it is greatly understated. The tarpon isn’t any justice in this world.

15 minutes I began to wonder...

To Abel Romero

Happy Birthday Abel

To Abel Romero’s sister, Abbie, Becky and Gita, Uncle Keith, Frank and Shean, All your nieces and nephews, Jack, Stefan, Jeff and niece Britane, and all your cousins.

You must appreciate how much time it would take the whole page to name you all. We are thankful for you being a part of our lives. May the Creator grant you happiness, love, peace and all that you need in your life.

Love always,

Shelby and Zachary

To Abel Beermon

Happy Birthday to my sis sister Chelsea on Christmas Day

I love you man.

Your brother RI RI

Happy Birthday to my baby sister on Christmas Day!

I love you guys.

Shelby and RI

Tribal Membership

You may have to check your email and the Happiest of all New Years Be safe and May the Creator walk by your side.

Shelby and Zachary

Tribal Obituaries

F R O N T - Jack McClure Frost, Sr., died Monday, December 12, 2011, at his home in Bayfield, Colo.

Jack was born June 19, 1918, to Andrew and Bertha Frost at Taylor Hospital in Ignacio. He graduated from Ignacio High School in 1937. He went on to attend Adams State College in 1940. He worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in education and in the administration as one of the early pioneers in setting long-range goals and making presentations at general council meetings held in the Southern Ute Recreation building. He was a paralegal with tribal attorneys.

He married Ruby H. Atchison in 1941. They lived most of their married life near Arboles, Colo. They are the parents of Ardia Richards and Suzette Frost, and grandchildren Jeanette Frost, Paul Frost, Mark Frost, James Frost, Justin Frost and Andy Frost.

Jack was a Southern Ute Tribal Elder and mentor. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, cheering on the Denver Broncos and spending time with friends. He also enjoyed riding horseback and tending to his family, cattle and sheep ranch. He also enjoyed riding horseback and tending to his family, cattle and sheep ranch. He also enjoyed riding horseback and tending to his family, cattle and sheep ranch. He also enjoyed riding horseback and tending to his family, cattle and sheep ranch. He also enjoyed riding horseback and tending to his family, cattle and sheep ranch.

He is survived by his two daughters, Andrea Richards and Suzette Frost, and granddaughter Jeanette Frost.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Bertha Frost, his brothers Billy Frost, James Frost and Buccane Frost, a son William S. Frost, daughters Andrea Richards and Suzette Frost, and grandchildren Jeanette Frost.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Mrs. Jack Frost is the daughter Jeanette Frost.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Angels, 125 S. 32nd St., Suite 3, Durango, CO 81301.

To S. McKenzie Pond, and friends.

Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas

To our family and friends

It would take the whole page to name you all. We are thankful for you being a part of our lives. May the Creator grant you happiness, love, peace and all that you need in your life.

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To To Debra P. Kern and friends.

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We need your input for the SUIT Hazard Mitigation Plan

The following options use specific hazard event
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If you have access to a computer
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SUIT Reservation

What is hazard mitigation planning?

Hazard mitigation planning is the process of deter-
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and property resulting from natural hazards.
As a first step in this process we are trying to gather
al information and opinions from Southern Ute
members about natural hazards including
landslides, volcanoes, earthquakes, floods and
other natural events that could cause a loss to
life and property.

What can you do?

Please take a few minutes and share your knowl-
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events that have happened on the SUIT reservations.
You can record your knowledge and opinions in
two ways: if you have access to a computer
go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SUIT_Hazards
fill out the form below and return to the address
duced on the form.
Results will be presented on Jan. 26 from 11 a.m.
1 p.m. in Buckskin Charlie Room (second floor) of
the Leonard C. Burch Building. Tribal Members are
ted to attend this lunch meeting to learn more
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Southern Ute Hazard Mitigation Survey

Please note throughout this survey only consider hazards affecting the lands within the exterior of boundaries of the
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis.

The Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the tradition and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burr Tribal Administration Building.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, ETHICS OFFICE

Ethics Hearing Officer

The Department of Justice and Regulatory, Ethics Office is seeking qualified applicants to serve as an Ethics Hearing Officer for the Ethics Commission. This position will be a contract position and paid on an “as needed” basis only. Compensation to the qualified applicant must be in line with training and have some experience in practicing in an Administrative Hearing or trial setting. More than one Hearing Officer may be required to account for potential conflicts of interest, and the position is subject to letter of intent and qualification. To Mr. Charles Flagg, Director, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box T5, Ignacio, CO 81137 or call at any questions at 970-563-0118.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, SOCIAL SERVICES

Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe’s Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of $20 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrated personal or professional knowledge and experience with child abuse and/or neglect; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; not be party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Review Panel must submit applications to Kim Peters, Human Services Program Manager, at 970-563-0595; FAX: 970-563-0596. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011. Closing Date: 12/20/11

Southern Ute Growth Fund

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14031 Hwy. 172 Box 367 Ignacio, CO 81137 or call 970-563-5064. Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at www.fourcore.org.

Business Systems Analyst

Closing date 12/16/11

Provides analysis, support, business process improvement and/or development of software. This position is Grade 19.

Closing date 1/3/12 – Red Willow Production Co.

Materials Manager

Closing date 1/3/12

Responsible for the control of materials received and issued to meet production requirements. This position requires a knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of business administration, purchasing, and inventory. The position is Grade 19.

Boys & Girls Club Chief Professional Officer

Closing date 12/30/11

Plans, implements, supervises and evaluates activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program and assists with grant reporting requirements. This position is a Grade 22.

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Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality

Closes technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay Grade 23.

Assistant Judge

Closing date 12/16/11

Responsible for hearing criminal, civil, traffic, personal injury/property damage and traffic cases, and other matters under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0118 Fax: 970-563-0106, Email: himcke@southern-ute.nsn.us

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Air Quality Technical Manager

Open and filed

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinate investigations and conduct technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay Grade 23.

Associate Judge

Closing date 12/16/11

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Building Maintenance Technician

Closing date 12/16/11

Responsible for the diagnosis and oversight of a broad range of programs within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) including, Education, Recreation, Social Services, Arts & Crafts and Physical Education. Plans, develops, and oversees implementation and supervision of programs, staff and grant management. This position is a Grade 22.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, WILDLIFE DIVISION

Wildlife Advisory Board vacancies

The Tribe is soliciting enrolled Southern Ute members to fill TWO vacant seats on the Tribe Member Wildlife Advisory Board. One of the vacancies is for the remaining 2 years of a 5-year seat on the Board while the second vacancy is for a 2-year Southern Ute seat. The Youth seat may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18. This 6-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members must not already be employed by the Tribe are eligible for $2000 compensation for meeting attendance. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or call at 970-563-0118. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0590. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 17, 2012.

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Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Dec. 16

High 53.6ºF
Low 0.3ºF
Average 24.8ºF
Average last year 29.7ºF

Precipitation
Total 0.28 inches
Total last year 0.09 inches

Wind speed
Average 4.0 mph
Minimum 0.7 mph
Maximum 18.4 mph

Visibility & humidity
Avg. visibility 90.8 miles
Avg. humidity 68.9%

Air quality
Good

Saturday, Dec. 17

Sunday, Dec. 18

Weather data for November 28 – December 12

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Newton made up his vote deficit from the general election and then some to win the Wednesday, Dec. 14 runoff election. After coming in second in the Friday, Nov. 4 general election with 52.5 percent of the vote to incumbent Casias’ 57.5 percent, he made a much stronger showing in the runoff.

According to official numbers, he claimed 57.4 percent of votes cast for chairman, surpassing Casias’ 42.6-percent share. Casias, who was present on election night as the votes were tallied, said she was grateful to the support she felt from tribal members during her time in office.

“I want to thank each and every one of them for their true and support. I wish them well,” said Casias, who made history in April by becoming the tribe’s first female chairman. “It was a good race.”

Though GoodTracks maintained a handy lead throughout the night, ending up with 25.4 percent of votes, the race for the second council seat was much tighter. Torres finally claimed victory with 24 percent, edging Cloud (23.3 percent) and Vida B. Pushy (21 percent).

“I was honored and deeply grateful for those who supported me,” GoodTracks said after her inauguration. “The amount of support I received I had not anticipated.”

She pledged to represent the tribal membership as a whole, not just those who are most vocal.

“I will particularly be paying attention to the wellbeing of tribal families, because families are the foundation of each and every one of us,” she said.

Torres likewise said he didn’t think before the election that he’d make it as far as he did. He said the council members have good chemistry and a history of working well together — something to which he is eager to contribute.

“We all know how to work together,” he said. “That’s one of the big things that tribal members wanted a unified council. And that’s a start.”

Cloud wished the new council members luck, saying it’s a hard job.

“People voted. It’s however the Creator wanted it,” he said.