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Meet the Candidates Night

October 28, 2016 from 6 – 9 p.m. at Sky Ute Casino Resort in the Vida Peabody Room
This is a closed forum for Southern Ute Tribal Membership only

LANGUAGE

Ute language conference returns for second year

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Tribal members from the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Northern Ute Indian Reservations gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday Oct. 14 to take part in the 2nd Annual “Let us all wake up and speak Ute” conference. The conference spotlights on the history of the Ute language while bringing recognition to the younger generation.

Elwood Kent provided the opening prayer prior to a smudging session conducted by Jason Scott and Gilbert Dutchie. Afterwards, members from the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) performed the Flag Song.

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students sing a song written by Betty Howe at the 2nd “Let us all wake up and speak Ute” conference.

gave the opening address and stated, “We don’t know how long our language will be with us unless we continue to keep it strong. I’m glad that some of our elders are here to be apart of this program, and I appreciate those from the Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

who came to help keep our great language alive. Enjoy being able to speak the Ute language, and never forget to teach it to your children.”

Tribal elder Sage Remington reminisced on his younger days growing up

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TRIBAL HOUSING

Cedar Point expansion is underway

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Tribal Council members met with representatives from the Cedar Point Housing Initiative, Southern Ute Housing Department, and Lands Division on Monday, Oct. 17 at the groundbreaking celebration in the Cedar Point Subdivision. Over 80 houses and 25 townhomes will begin their year and a half production starting this winter. The development project began in 2014 after the Southern Ute Growth Fund did a housing assessment for tribal members on the reservation, which concluded there was a need of more housing and rentals.

“This is a day that’s important to us because ac-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Russell Box Sr., Lorelei Cloud, Tyson Thompson, April Toledo, Melvin J. Baker, Clement J. Frost, and Jacob Garlick break ground at Cedar Point on Monday, Oct. 17.

quiring housing has been difficult,” stated Vice Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud. “Our people need homes and now we can provide more for them. It’s going to be good to see all the new homes and families coming in.”

The Cedar Point Sub-

division project is fully funded by the tribe and will consist of four development phases, starting with phase 1 that will include 25 townhomes and 23 single-family lots. Infrastructure of water, gas,

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TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Council, membership discuss \$126 mill settlement

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Friday, Oct. 21 Tribal Council held a special meeting with the tribal membership regarding a recent settlement in the tribe’s breach of trust case. The tribe took this time to explain the history of the case and to hear from the tribal members on what they think should be done with the money the tribe receives from settlement.

Tom Shipp’s legal counsel to the tribe explained that the case has been ongoing since 2013, when the tribe joined nine other tribes in suing the United States for failing to provide an accounting of tribal trust accounts and for mismanaging trust assets and non-monetary trust resources. Ultimately, the tribe settled the claim for \$126 million – before lawsuit costs.

The meeting was divided into

two sessions: a morning session for elders (55 and older) and an afternoon meeting for members 54 and under. Tribal elders packed the Multi-Purpose Facility Friday morning to voice their concerns and ideas about how the settlement money should be utilized.

There were varying views amongst the 80 plus elders in attendance, some stated the settlement money should be paid out 100 percent to the membership from the youngest member to the eldest; others felt the settlement should be paid out 100 percent, but the elders should receive a bigger percentage of the pay out; and some felt that a portion of the money should go to other programs like housing, culture and or Ute language revitalization.

Tribal elders gave council an array of examples on how the money would help them better their current

living situations.

Tribal elder, Elwood Kent addressed Tribal Council in Ute before speaking in English. Kent spoke of his struggles and said the money should be paid out fully to the membership.

“We want to use [the money] while we are all still here ... give it to us,” Kent said.

Tribal elder Kathleen Tobias Hatch recalled growing up with the grandparents and great grandparents of the Tribal Council members. She talked about how the Utes struggled years ago.

“I think we should all get it 100 percent ... we’ve struggled,” Hatch said urging Council to listen to their people. “This belongs to all of us.”

During the elder meeting a hand written petition was put together stating that the settlement should be

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TRIBAL INFORMATION

Tribe asks for feedback from membership

Annual satisfaction survey underway

Staff report
SU INDIAN TRIBE

The second Annual Southern Ute Tribal Membership Satisfaction Survey has been prepared and will be available through the Tribal Information Services Department (TIS) starting Thursday, Oct. 20.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council conducts the annual membership survey to collect the thoughts and concerns of tribal members on the issues that they face on a daily basis. Your participation in this survey and your voicing of concerns is essential to the successful management of the affairs

of the Tribe and ultimately, the actions and decisions of Tribal Council.

You are strongly encouraged to participate in this annual survey. The survey may be completed on-line at www.southernute-nsn.gov/member, or by “hard copy” which can be obtained from Tribal Information Services. Just send the completed hard copy survey back to Tribal Information Services in the postage-paid envelope, which will be provided.

For more information about the survey or to obtain a copy you can call the Tribal Information Services Department at 970-563-4702.

IIPA hosts Halloween Powwow



Head staff line up for grand entry during the Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association’s (IIPA) Halloween Powwow held on Oct. 22, 2016 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Right to left: Headman - Jack Frost Jr., Tiny Tot Boy - Aeden Richards, Head Boy - Dewayne Hendren, Head Lady - Kathryn Jacket, and Head Girl Anna Dale.

More powwow photos on page 3.

Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Sharing the pumpkin spirit



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

One-year old, Arestia Pena and her dad Fabian, choose a pumpkin from those grown, gathered and delivered by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, to the Southern Ute Tribe and community, Tuesday, Oct. 18.



Fall festival comes to ELHI



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The ELHI Community Center hosted their Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 21 where kids lined up for the costume contest. ELHI gave out many door prizes, as well as offering carriage rides and admissions into SUCAP Youth Services' haunted house.

SETTLEMENT MEETING • FROM PAGE 1

paid out 100 percent to all tribal members. At the end of the meeting the petition had over 80 signatures.

The afternoon session of 54 and under saw a similar turnout to the elders meeting. The younger crowd in attendance brought forth different ideas, but many sided with the elders, stating that the settlement should be paid out to the membership 100 percent.

Raymond Baker suggested investing the money for the future. Stating that a big payout does sound nice, but investing that large sum of money would be a smart decision as well, he said.

Tribal member Trae Seibel, 24, shared his different ideas on how the money could be utilized. Including a 100 percent payout, an annu-

ity for those members 18-24 and possibly putting away some money for the first descendants of the tribe – who do not receive the same benefits as enrolled members.

Some members said they would like to see some improvements around the reservation like fixing the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project that was cited in the case as being neglected and unfunded. Other ideas included building something permanent on the reservation for the membership.

Brothers Dewayne (9) and Elliott Hendren (10) said they would like to see some of the money go towards a football field or a skate park on the reservation. Andrew Frost said he would like to see an outdoor arbor built to host pow-

wows and gourd dances.

Chairman Clement J. Frost thanked those that came to the meeting to share their ideas. The meeting was just one way the tribe has reached out to its membership concerning the settlement. A few weeks ago tribal members received a letter from the tribe asking for their ideas via direct contact, mail or email.

"It's important to listen to you all; young and old," Frost said.

Frost added that the tribe has not received the funds yet and Tribal Council had not made any decisions on how the funds would be utilized.

Mr. Shipps stated that the tribe could expect to receive the funds within the next 4 to 8 weeks, according to the U.S. government.

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and electricity will also be conducted in the first phase. The 23 single-family lots will be available first and construction of the 25 townhomes is expected to begin spring of 2017.

Tribal chairman Clement J. Frost spoke at the groundbreaking celebration, where he stated that the expansion of Cedar Point would assist many tribal families and residents.

"Today is the first step in a monumental project," he said. "This is a milestone for our community, and we're very excited to provide new homes for tribal members. I want to give great thanks for all the teams who were able to put this together. The future is going to be very bright for these homes."

April Toledo, construction project manager, stated that there has been a number of interests in the townhomes, and encourages tribal members to contact the Housing Department for early requests.

"Now is the time where we can accommodate tribal members with their requests, and our team is available anytime for people who walk in with suggestions of what they want for their homes," she stated. "We are very flexible, so hopefully this will inspire tribal members to come in and talk with us."

Toledo added that the Cedar Point Subdivision project is the first collaboration with the Housing Department and the Southern Ute Growth Fund Realty.

"I'm really excited for

this because we've never collaborated with the Growth Fund's Realty, as far as construction goes. That's what makes this project unique. With all of our other projects, we'd have to pay the consultants and contractors ourselves. This time, the Growth Fund is providing all of that for us free of charge ... I think that owning a home is the ultimate dream for many people."

Tribal members interested in these new homes must be eligible for both a home-site assignment and a home loan to be considered. Tribal members cannot have an existing assignment, and must also qualify with Tribal Credit.

Tribal members interested in the new homes can contact the Housing Department at 970-563-4575.

Many Moons Ago



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

When most of us were at home watching cartoons or just getting up, on the morning of Saturday 21, 2006, the 2nd Annual Walk for Diabetes was underway, hosted by the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes Program. Pictured left to right, Council Woman Ramona Eagle, her grandson Silas Wilborn, Theodosha Frost and Rhonda Frost.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 27, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

YABA Prep and Junior Bowlers (left - right), Richard Hudson, Diechman Hudson and Sarah Hudson.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 31, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner



Saturday November 19, 2016
Sky Ute Casino Event Center
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Southern Ute Elderly and Disabled members unable to attend may sign up for home delivery.

Please Contact: Southern Ute Elder Services, Gloria Frost, (970)-563-0100, Ext. 2323



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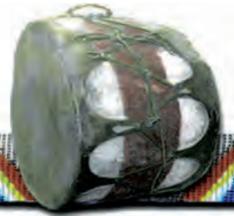
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NCAI

A National Congress of American Indian recap

By Richard Jefferson
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The Desert Southwest ... It is October 10 in Phoenix, A.Z. the site of this year's annual conference. This National Congress of American Indians brings together Indigenous People of North America for a legislative arm recognized by the federal government. The issues are common and together this body of tribal leaders assists in demonstrating that together, good if not great, things can happen in Indigenous Country. The scene was set. The fall weather in Arizona provides a late summer and comfortable sun experience for all that were in attendance.



courtesy Richard Jefferson/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute Nation was well represented. Tribal Council/past and present, Veterans Association, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and other interested Southern Utes in attendance.

And the issues were many. Elders, veterans and youth were a big part of the agenda and focus of this monumental gathering of indigenous leaders and concerned people. Dr. James Jefferson led in the opening ceremony carrying the lead flag in the Color Guard presentation.

The youth were acknowledged and celebrated during the entire conference. They were very present in crowds and meeting rooms at NCAI. The conference was well organized mixed with meet and greets, cultural entertainment/educational experience. Breakout session; sources told me that a youth council went into late evening one night, until they could reach a consensus and end unified. Not only is this gathering important to educated, but to showcase. Introduce people who don't get to experience life off the reservation along with the troubles of other nations stuck or struck with social, economic, cultural and environmental problems. The youth portion gave these talented minds education on significant and common issues and

tools to assist their respective communities across Indigenous Country.

The elder issues were directed to tribal leaders to start speaking up at the local, area and regional Indian Health Service personnel. If you have the resources go all the way to the "Hill" – Capitol Hill. Dr. Jefferson was first to remind the audience on how to be effective in D.C. because he did just that.

In his earlier life he worked in Washington when he was an intern at the Smithsonian. He worked the great halls and trains where congressional members, staff and aides can be caught and cornered for getting the issues on Congress's agenda.

"You have to be in their face all the time and at every occasion," Dr. Jefferson said.

The Veterans issues were very controversial and that is not confirmed, most of the veteran breakout sessions were closed to non-vets and the press. Information floating around the halls dealt with access to the Veterans Hospitals and other essential services. IHS was named as another obstacle. If you are a tribal veteran I would contact your local association for details.

Albeit the conference had shining stars as part of the outreach programs at Harvard and the University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute. An "Honoring Nations" national award program where "best practices" programs are implemented in their communities and are willing to share the success story. And this year's winners are; The Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative a tribal and community water system, The Calricaraq; Indigenous Yup'ik Wellbe-

ing an elder driven program for Yup'ik culture, The Caw Pawa Laakin – They are not forgotten, using technology to re-identify cultural location, places and language on maps, The Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Program for mildly-ill children to attend in safe care so parent can stay at work, The Native American Drug and Gang Initiative Task Force an Intertribal effort of the Nations of Wisconsin addressing drug and gang activity in their remote communities, The Project Tiwahu – Redefining Tigua Citizenship is the Pueblo of Ysleta del Sur that created an initiative designed to reform and self-determine citizenship requirements. This project removed federally mandated enrollment requirements. The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development can be found at www.hpaied.org.

NCAI has been advocating for tribes for many years. This conference was a great gathering and they have put together the breakout sessions to educate and assist with the dissemination of information. The Trade Show was a great area of the conference. Tons of networking with vendors there was lots of arts and crafts, environmental consulting firms, technology, and people collecting data. Walking through individuals were talking and mingling. Enjoying a break from the speakers upstairs.

As the sunsets on another meeting of the minds in Indigenous Country closes, take with you hope, assurance and confidence NCAI along with you have an effective voice in the United States Congress.

A ghoulish powwow



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Tiny tot boy, Aeden Richards held a special and welcomed all tiny tots to join him during the Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association (IIPA) Halloween Powwow held on Oct. 22, 2016 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Dancers from Tiny Tots to Golden Age dressed in regalia and Halloween costumes dance together at the Halloween Powwow.

Tribal member Jalisa Paul walks along with her daughter Olyvia Watts, during an intertribal held during the IIPA Halloween powwow.

Casias hosts Family Tree meet



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal elder Pearl Casias recently met with tribal members Lark GoodTracks and Cynthia Buckskin on Thursday, Oct 13 to discuss each other's ancestors during a family tree meeting at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Casias said she has helped approximately 25 tribal members in learning about their family history, stating that she got involved with aiding tribal members after learning about her grandparents' relatives. Casias said she helped tribal members find ancestors who lived as far back as the 1880s. Tribal elder Pearl Casias (left) helps Lark GoodTracks and Cynthia Buckskin backtrack on their family's history.

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with the language and gaining the influence to learn it.

"It's good to see that this is still carrying on. We all speak different aspects of Ute, but we're still related by language, blood, and spirit. When I was young, I would listen to these traditional songs that were sang in Ute. I didn't quite understand them, but as I got older I paid more attention. They're the songs of those who are gone. That shows how much our lives have changed, but we still have our culture to keep ourselves strong. We need to continue on with unity and harmony, and pass this knowledge and history to our young ones, because they will be the survivors."

Tribal elder Pearl Casias joined fellow elder Mary Inez Cloud and Ignacio resident Tom Givon during a discussion about the Ute Language Dictionary that is available to all tribal members. It includes several introductory chapters that link the words of the Ute sounds system and alphabet, the grammar of word-usage, the derivation of new words from existing ones, and a detailed guidance to the structure of the dictionary.

"I'm used to being the only non-Ute person in the room

for many years," joked Tom Givon. "It's good to know the knowledge of the historical language featured in these books. When I started to work with the Tribe, there was question in having faith in one another. My greatest nightmare is that these three books are going to be all that's left of the Ute language, which is why its crucial to push the knowledge of it into schools and homes. The main thing is if we can keep the language alive in the minds, hearts, ears, and mouth."

Later, Ute Mountain elder Betty Howe took the stage and invited attendees to join her in a traditional Ute sing-along.

"How are we going to teach our children?" Howe stated. "Our kids must be self-efficient and they need to go to school. We have to take care of ourselves, because what we put in our hearts is whom we become and grow up into. Love one another."

The Tribe welcomed special enthusiast guest speaker Dr. Landon Real Bird from the Crow Nation to speak about recognizing Native heritage while making comments on Indigenous oppression.

"Let me share this one thing, the U.S. did a number on us Indian people,"

he claimed. "You're going to have to eat, educate, and govern on your own, and it's going to have to be us as Indian people to tell ourselves what to do. If we don't have these structures, there will be people in these corporate businesses that will want to buy our rights, resources, and holdings that we have."

Real Bird added, "If we don't organize, plan, teach, then we're going to have a bad time ... when we work together, we become stronger. But nowadays we have to deal with this dilemma of dividing and conquering. We have to realize we need to take control of these and identify that language is important and defines who we are – you cannot be taxed on your language."

Real Bird continued his lecture by inviting students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to join him in a sign language exercise where they sang the song titled, "Hello My Friend", and an original titled, "Bethlehem", that was written by Betty Howe.

"There are various methods to teach the language," commented Real Bird. "You learn it by listening. Learn by doing, and learn in a non-threatening way."

VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST

You and your family are invited to join us
November 11, 2016 from 8 A.M.-10 A.M.
for a Veteran's Breakfast.

Hosted by Hope Community Christian Academy
115 Ute Street, Ignacio, CO (Old Elementary School)

Please RSVP to 970-563-0692
By November 4th

CULTURAL UPDATE

Ute Language by Lynda D'Wolf
Ute Language classes by Lynda D'Wolf will be every Thursday, from 5 – 7 pm. in the Cultural Center, Library Room. Refreshments will be served. All class dates may be changed or canceled.
Nov. 3, 10, 17

101 Ute Language Classes
Ute Language classes will be every Monday, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the Cultural Center, Large/Small Classroom. Refreshments will be served. All class dates may be changed or canceled.
Oct. 31, and Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Tribal Membership Classes
Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Craft Room, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Class is Limited to the first (20) participants who sign up. Early sign up is recommend that we can plan for class materials.

- Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22: Beginning Loom Beadwork
- Nov. 28, 29: Make up class/Beginning Loom Beadwork

SUHC

October, American Pharmacists Month

By Paige Kapp
SU HEALTH CENTER

Know your medicine, know your pharmacist.

In an effort to encourage conversation between people who take medications, and the pharmacists who dispense them, October was declared American Pharmacists' Month. This is our yearly opportunity to highlight the services that pharmacists provide, and to build personal relationships with our patients. We, as pharmacists, encourage you to ask questions about your medications.

Pharmacists are drug therapy experts. While we are most often seen filling prescriptions, we also check each prescription for

drug/drug interactions, as well as making sure that the dosage is a good fit for our patients. We provide immunizations, and we help people quit using commercial tobacco. We often get questions about how herbal, over-the-counter, and non-prescription medications may interact with the medications recommended by your doctor or primary care provider. We make recommendations to providers about drug alternatives to consider based on an individual patient's needs.

There are pharmacists who see patients and adjust their medications based on a given diagnosis. Others work in laboratories developing new drugs. Some are primarily in a teaching

role, providing information to students, pharmacists and prescribers. Still others work providing drug information and advice through the Poison Control Center.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you for a medication review. If you are a patient at Southern Ute Health Center, call 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment with a pharmacist. Bring all of your medications with you, including prescriptions, herbals, supplements, and over-the-counter medications, and the pharmacist will review these medications, discuss side effects and interactions, and address concerns you may have about your medications.

Walking for awareness



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness walk on Thursday, Oct. 13, inviting staff and community members to join students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy in spreading cancer awareness. Healthy snacks were available as well as a raffle for prizes. SunUte Fitness Director Robin Duffy-Wirth met with SUIMA students to discuss the importance of recognizing various cancers. SunUte fitness director Robin Duffy-Wirth (above) speaks with students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy about cancer awareness.



Claudette Casaus from SunUte Community Center hands out pink shirts to tribal members Autumn Sage and Harmony Reynolds.

Abel Velasquez walks with his wife Rocio and daughter Karina.

"HEALTHY LIVING IN MIND?"

Hooray!!! Its fall and time for our Southern Ute Health fair!
This years event will be held @ the Sky Ute Event Center
On November 2nd 2016 @ 9:00am to 3:00pm
The event will feature various vendors & exhibits from the area.
Prizes all day and a grand prize @ 1:20 pm.
Please come out and join us!!!

Questions please call:
Southern Ute Health Services / CHR division
@ 970-563-0154

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

**4-week Fall Series
Diabetes & Wellness Education Classes**

Every Tuesday starting
Nov. 8 @ 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

SunUte Community Center
Capote Room

Food will be provided!

No Pre-Registration Required
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Nov. 8 KIDNEY DISEASE
Dr. Mark Saddler, MBBS, MD

Nov. 15 ALL ABOUT CULINARY HERBS
Wendy Rice, RD
CSU Extension

Nov. 22 YOUR HEART AND YOU
Shawmarie Tso, LPN, CLC
Abel Velasquez
Shining Mtn Health & Wellness

Nov. 29 LIFESTYLE CHANGE
Dr. John Parteno, MD, CTN
Assertive Wellness Center

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For More Information call **563.4741**

Program Staff

Deanna Frost
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Abel Velasquez
Fitness Specialist

Shawmarie Tso
Special Patient Coordinator

To Keep the body in good health is a duty... otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear. -Buddha-

Southern Ute Tribal Elders and Membership

Join us for coffee and forbidden pastries with
Carole Velosco,
new Tribal Health Department Director
Friday, November 4
10:00am - 12:00pm
Multi-Purpose Conference Room.

Let's hear about your tribal health concerns:

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- *Medical Services/Delivery
- *Tribal Insurance
- *Other...

For more information, contact
Sage Remington at 970-769-3638.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL
HONORARY PROCLAMATION**

**SOUTHERN UTE
OCTOBER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, cancer is the number 1 cause of death for women and the number 2 cause of death for men among American Indian and Alaska Native People; and

WHEREAS, cancer rates have increased over the past 20 years among American Indian and Alaska Native People; and

WHEREAS, cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background and in every community across our nation as more than 1,685,210 will be diagnosed with cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, working together, we can educate our population and the Native American community to prevent cancer and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is committed to such education and support and recognizes the importance of dedicating a month to raise awareness of the impacts of cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council proclaims each October, from this day forward, as

CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to recognize the resilience of those living with cancer, those that support people that are fighting cancer or those who have lost a loved one to cancer, and to memorialize those who have lost their lives from cancer. Let us strengthen our resolve to lead our community toward a future free of cancer in all its forms.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 11th day of October, 2016.

WITNESS my signature and cause the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2016.

Clement J. Frost
Mr. Clement J. Frost, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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Students compete in Triathlon



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students hopped on bikes and rode around the SunUte's field after their first event was completed on Friday, Oct. 14.



Groups of students ran with each other on the Bear Trail in waves as they all competed in the running portion of the annual Triathlon.

The last Triathlon event SUIMA students competed in was swimming at SunUte's pool.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Gerald Howe

My name is Gerald Howe. I attend Ignacio Middle School where I am an 8th grader. My favorite subjects in school are science, math, language, and arts.

My parent/guardian is Erica Howe. I like participating in outdoor activities. I want to be a professional bass fisherman when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of October because of good grades, positive behavior, and good attendance.

Comments: Gerald has been nominated for this honor because he is considered to be a very respectful young man and he demonstrates care for other people. Gerald has worked hard to be a valuable asset in the classroom and demonstrates his interest in learning. The teachers at the middle school appreciate having him in class.

Fun with pumpkins



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Zachary Raines throws a hula-hoop around a pumpkin during the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Head Start's Pumpkin Festivities, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Head Start students got to roam the playground to look for their very own pumpkin to take home during the Head Start's Pumpkin Festivities.

Family Night is elementary



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary School hosted 'Family Night' on Thursday, Oct. 20. Hundreds of students and family members filled the hallways and cafeteria, as well as the gym for a night of art, computers, music and P.E.



Mr. Ashley, computer teacher shows a student the basics of a laptop. Students and families played games, took photos and learned some computer skills together.

Mrs. Brown, art teacher handed out art materials to families as they used stencils and chalk to create art of fall leaves.

'How the West was Worn'



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ward, played by Lee-Roy Monroe, talks to Dusty, played by Jeremy Roderick, about his daughter Terry and him being the man she needs as Penny, played by D'Vondra Garcia, supports her friend Dusty in the play "How The West Was Worn" performed by the theatre students at Ignacio Middle School.



The Tumbleweed Kid played by Bodie Hine and his partner in crime Helen played by Deandra Shideler count the money they stole from the bank in the play "How The West Was Worn" held at Ignacio Middle School on Oct. 10.

Town Council Member Tim, played by Zachariah Red, wheels Ricardo, played by Deven Raman, after he faints because villains robbed the bank in their little town of Black Flatts.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

JOM MEETING

The next scheduled Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Southern Ute Education Dept. building located at 330 Burns Ave. in Ignacio. Call 970-563-0237 for more information.

IHS FOOTBALL

Bobcats come up six short in Walsenburg

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM
and David Tesitor
WORLD JOURNAL



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Able to break four would-be tackles en route to a clutch 67-yard touchdown reception from senior quarterback Zach Weinreich with only 1:32 remaining, Ignacio senior Ethan Appenzeller would not be denied his chance to prolong the Bobcats' comeback bid Friday night, Oct. 21, in Walsenburg.

But with zero timeouts remaining, IHS' next move after senior Lorenzo Pena's point-after-kick was obvious and John Mall High School – already beyond energized by senior Evan Gonzales' performance – recovered the ensuing onside attempt to secure a tense 24-18 win in 1A Southern Peaks Conference action.

IHS dropped to 3-5 overall, 1-3 in the SPC, as Gonzales' career-high 224 rushing yards was his third 200-plus effort – all coming, ironically, against the Cats – and pulled him to within 115 of matching his 2015 output. With four TD carries, producing all JMHS' points against Ignacio, Gonzales will also go into the Panthers' Oct. 28 season-finale versus La Jara Centauri needing three more to match last year's 11.

But in Huerfano County, it was IHS striking first in their bid to crash John Mall's Homecoming bash. After the

Ignacio's R.J. Sanchez (62) blocks Centauri's Brian Shawcroft (23) during action at IHS Field on Saturday, Oct. 15. The Bobcats lost 20-0 to the Falcons, then fell 24-18 in Walsenburg to John Mall on the 21st – leaving IHS with only an Oct. 29 contest versus Center remaining in 2016.

Bobcats' first series stalled, senior Timmy Plehinger came up with an interception three plays later, and junior Marcus Chapman hauled in a ten-yard score from Weinreich with 10:06 left in the opening quarter.

Aided by a 15-yard personal foul on a horse-collar tackle halting a 32-yard Gonzales run, the Panthers (3-5, 2-2 SPC) evened the score at 6-6 – completing a drive set up by junior Malachi Neil's first of two interceptions – with Gonzales bulling in from seven yards out with 1:50 left.

Wasting no time to up the ante, Gonzales burned through for a 52-yard TD and 12-6 lead with 10:02 left in the second quarter, after JMHS' defense came up with another vital stop. Trailing but still able to move the ball effectively, Ignacio reached the Panther 12

on their subsequent series. And though a lost fumble – smothered by senior Jeremiah Vigil – gave possession back to the Panthers at the 1, Gonzales was quickly dropped for a safety with 7:48 still before halftime.

Taking a measure of revenge, Gonzales would score from 16 yards out with just 65 seconds remaining, but the Cats thwarted the two-point conversion try to stay within ten, 18-8, at the break.

Despite a greatly reduced roster – the size being similar to that in IHS' gutsy 2014 road win over JMHS – Ignacio fought on, and cut the Panthers' advantage down to 18-11, via senior Lorenzo Pena's 19-yard field goal on a fourth-and-two with 6:02 left in the third quarter, setting the stage for a furious fourth.

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IHS VOLLEYBALL

Ridgway dims senior spikers' shine

IHS falls 3-0 to ranked Lady Demons

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

While paying due tribute to six seniors suiting up for their final prep-level volleyball action inside IHS Gymnasium on Saturday, Oct. 22, the Volleyscats unfortunately got a glimpse at the future of one of the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's top programs.

Dealt a healthy dose of freshman Emersyn Gentry as well as an expected amount of senior Saren Robinson, Ignacio held a lead only once – when Robinson hit long on the first exchange in Game 2 – before Game 3 when the spikers finally made a definite move to pressure circuit powerhouse Ridgway.

Ending a week which began with a 21-25, 15-25, 13-25 loss on the 18th to 2A Southern Peaks League force Del Norte (15-4 overall as of Monday, 10/24) and a 25-20, 25-14, 19-25, 25-22 win at SJBL stragglers Mancos on the 20th, IHS overcame an early 7-3 deficit in the third verse with RHS and go up 9-8 on a tricky serve by junior Allisianna Baker.

Classmate Avionne Gomez would soon regain Ignacio the lead at 10-9, and senior Alex Forsythe would do so at 13-12 with an ace after fellow senior Kelly Campbell downed a kill to even the count at a dozen each. Back and forth the sides would go, before the #8-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, issued 10/17] Lady Demons crept ahead 17-16 and took a two-point lead on a kill by junior Samantha Medina.

A Gomez serve-reception error and Robinson kill gave Ridgway (17-2, 13-1 SJBL) a crucial four-point lead, and the guests would complete their clinching 9-0 spree – securing a 25-16, 25-15, 25-16 sweep



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Allisianna Baker (16) sends a spike past the block of Ridgway's Samantha Medina (10) during the Volleyscats' Senior Day match on Saturday, Oct. 22.

– with a Robinson smash, a roofing-the-set violation against Ignacio (7-12, 6-7), and an IHS net violation when Forsythe brushed the strings after Gentry's serve.

Playing without teammates Shoshone Thompson and Morgan Herrera, and given setting duty over sophomore Heather Kerrigan, Forsythe finished with a team-high four kills with no errors in 15 attempts for a .267 percentage. As a group, however, Ignacio managed just a -.014 rate (12k/13e/69att) while Ridgway hit .197 (24k/11e/66att), led by Robinson's 11 kills at .226 and Gentry's seven at .150.

Robinson also had four aces and seven digs, while Medina came up with a match-best 14 and junior Hunter Gentry another 12. Baker had eight digs for IHS, with Gomez contributing five and Forsythe four to the defensive cause,

which also counted an impressive seven total (four solo) Campbell blocks and three (one solo) by sophomore Misty Egger – given the front-line start in Herrera's stead.

Up next for Ignacio will be the 2A-District 3 Tournament, Oct. 28-29 in Ridgway, with a 4 p.m. clash against Norwood (9-9, 8-5) up first on Day 1. The Volleyscats and Lady Mavericks split their regular-season encounters with each defeating the other in four games, but NHS emerged a plus-8 in aggregate point differential.

The event's first- and third-place teams will advance to 2A-Region G (with the first-place team hosting), and the second-place squad will travel to Region C. Winners of the eight regionals and four 'wild cards' will earn spots in the State Championships, Nov. 11-12 up in Denver.

Bayfield wins Super Bowl



courtesy Lindsay Box

Congratulations to Tavian Box, Chad Benally, and the entire 3rd Grade Bayfield YAFU team on their SUPER BOWL VICTORY! We are so proud of you both for the hard work and determination it took to win the championship! Love, the Box & Benally families

SUTF: Softball tourney winners



photos courtesy SunUte Community Center

The 96th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair held it's annual softball tournament, as the previously scheduled tourney was postponed. The tourney took place in Ignacio at the Patrick Silva Softball Field on Oct. 22. Women's Champions (above), 'Miller Time Softball,' from Gallup, NM.



The Men's Champion (above), 'Evil Empire,' from Farmington, NM. Other winners were: Men's 2nd place: 'D12,' from Cortez, CO; Men's 3rd place '4C,' from Farmington, NM; Men's 4th place: 'Dem Boiz,' from Ignacio, CO; Women's 2nd place: 'Softball Attitudes,' from Ignacio, CO; Women's 3rd place 'UGB,' from Farmington, NM; and Farthest traveled team: 'Northern Slammers,' from Espanola, NM.

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BOXING

Garcia going for 30th pro win

Veteran headlines 'Fright Night' at Sky Ute

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It's no surprise boxing promoters know that booking one of the Four Corners' two most established fighters for a weekend card somewhere in the region generally equates to a successful venture.

Area outfit Left Hook Promotions sought to score both for its 'Fright Night' lineup Saturday, Oct. 29, at Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center in Ignacio, and feature both La Plata County local Elco Garcia and Aztec, New Mexico's Joe Gomez amongst several other locally- and regionally-known names.

Monday via phone, however, Gomez (20-7-1, 9 KO) confirmed he'd unfortunately be sitting this one out.

"I was supposed to be fighting Stevie Marquez – he was my third professional fight, I think?" said the 'Ironman,' correctly recalling the 2004 encounter against an opponent who's won five straight bouts since last May.

"But my wife and I, we had our little boy on the first. There was some complications and our boy was flown to Albuquerque. And we've been down here pretty much since, and I'm down here now."

"So it was hard to postpone the fight, you know," he continued, "but I've got a bigger 'fight' on my hands."

The Land of Enchant-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

La Plata County local Elco Garcia, seen connecting against Patrick Thompson during his last pro bout inside Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center, will headline Saturday's 'Fright Night'.

ment's Duke City was where Garcia last saw action – on August 15 of last year, when he notched a unanimous-decision victory over Rahman Yusubov in a rematch of their January 2013 SUCREC pairing (which Garcia took via TKO).

Defeating Yusubov (now 11-24, 9 KO) again bumped 'The Animal' up to 29-9 (13 KO) as a professional, putting him on the verge of another, non-title-related personal milestone he said he'd most like to reach.

"I said I'm going to fight one more – maybe more – but I want to get thirty wins, you know?" he said Monday via phone. "That's my goal – get thirty wins, and go from there!"

That certainly would also go towards achieving another objective.

Garcia's last bout in Ignacio occurred last May, and before exiting the ring he visibly wasn't satisfied with

the split decision awarded him over Patrick Thompson (currently 18-19-1, 8 KO), so a solid eight-round performance at 170 pounds against Juan Bladimir Hernandez (20-11) in the main event would indeed erase most memories of that outing.

"It's going to be a really tough fight; this guy's 25 years old, or 27, you know?" said Garcia, with a laugh. "He's young and has a pretty good record."

Filling Gomez's spot against Marquez (now 14-17-2) in the preceding bout, billed for eight at 154, will be Daniel Gonzalez (12-39-2). Slated for four rounds at 150 – with an extra pound allowed – will be Zamir Young (2-1-1, 1 no contest) and Miguel Gallegos (4-0-1), and fellow familiar Steve Victor (1-6-1) will stand in for four at 150 against well-traveled vet Edgar Pedraza (2-25-3).

First bell is scheduled for 7 p.m.

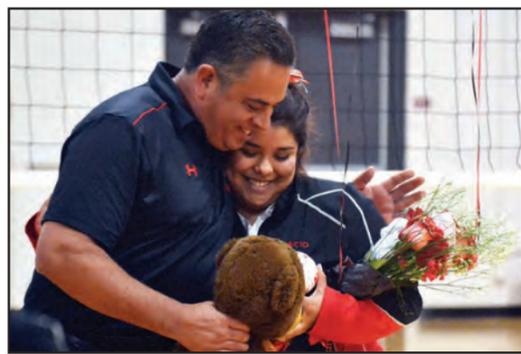
Farewell seniors!



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Volleyball recognized six seniors and their families prior to varsity play Saturday, Oct. 22, versus Ridgway inside IHS Gymnasium. From left: Sharmaine Price (JV), Ryley Webb (V/JV), Alex Forsythe (V), Lea Monroe (JV/V), Kelly Campbell (V), Jade Richards (JV).

Ignacio senior Jade Richards receives a Senior Day gift and hug from head coach Thad Cano during player/parent recognition festivities Saturday, Oct. 22, inside IHS Gymnasium.



BOBCATS COME UP SIX SHORT • FROM PAGE 6

However, the Bobcats' furries didn't work totally in their favor; a pass-interference infraction and three more personal fouls – all on one drive – could, for all practical purposes, have brought the night to a fast end, but fortunately John Mall didn't profit.

Gonzales' ten-yard tote with 11:52 left in the game had rebuilt the hosts' lead to 13 points, and with the clock becoming just as problematic as either the Panthers or the penalty flags, Ignacio faced an uphill climb all the

way to the end, with Appenzeller's grab-and-go putting the summit within reach.

But ultimately still out of range.

All told, Gonzales' work (24 carries, 9.3 yards per) led a ground game, which gained a reported 270 yards. Sophomore Nikko Vallejos added 24 yards on 3-of-13 passing, but was intercepted again after Plehinger's pick.

Defensively, John Mall notched four QB sacks (senior Elijah Sandoval led with two) and snared three

interceptions (freshman Wesley Van Matre had the third). Neil batted away four additional IHS throws, while Gonzales registered a team-high six tackles.

With only a Saturday, Oct. 29, visit from Center left on their 2016 schedule, the Bobcats' statistics from the trip to Walsenburg had not been reported as of press time. CHS will come into the 1 p.m. contest standing 5-3 overall and 3-1 in conference after losing 28-14 at home on October 21 to Monte Vista (4-4, 3-1).

BOBCAT SPORTS



The 2015-2016 Ignacio High School winter sports seasons have begun.

Look for full Bobcat coverage, including box scores and additional photos, at the Southern Ute Drum's website at www.sudrum.com

SETTING THE TABLE(S)

Standings as of Oct. 24, 2016

VOLLEYBALL: 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

Team	OVERALL		Pct.	SJBL SETS		W L
	W	L		W	L	
Ridgway	17	2	.895	13	1	52 12
Nucla	16	1	.941	11	0	48 7
Norwood	9	9	.500	8	5	32 30
Telluride	11	8	.579	8	7	37 27
Dolores	8	11	.421	7	7	30 35
IGNACIO	7	12	.368	6	7	27 43
Dove Creek	9	9	.500	4	9	33 30
Mancos	2	17	.105	1	13	9 48
Ouray	2	14	.125	0	9	12 43

FOOTBALL: 1A Southern Peaks Conference

Team	OVERALL		Pct.	SPC		SCORING US/THEM
	W	L		W	L	
Monte Vista	4	4	.500	3	1	198/140
Centauri	5	3	.625	3	1	153/93
Center	5	3	.625	3	1	186/219
John Mall	3	5	.375	2	2	89/154
IGNACIO	3	5	.375	1	3	168/484
Dolores	3	5	.375	0	4	144/211

– compiled by Joel Priest

Youth sticks hit the ice



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Durango House Youth Hockey league hit the ice for their second game of the season in Chapman Hill Ice Rink. The youth hockey league has divisions by age groups. Six and under, and 7-8 year olds, play games on Saturday mornings.



Durango House Hockey players attack the puck during action in Chapman Ice Rink in Durango on Saturday, Oct. 22.

White and Blue, face off on center-ice to begin full ice rink play. Games played earlier in the day are cross-ice with a final game played on the full ice rink.

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courtesy Teresa Chee/SU Risk Management

RISK MANAGEMENT

Safety professionals convene in California

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SU RISK MANAGEMENT
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road through leadership, research, education and advocacy.

On Oct. 14, Tribal Risk Management Division Health and Safety Officer Teresa Chee, had the privilege to attend the 2016 National Safety Council (NSC) Congress & Expo in Anaheim, Calif.

NSC Congress & Expo attracts more than 14,000 safety, health and environmental professionals from over 60 countries, offering technical sessions, professional development seminars (PDS), keynote speakers and solutions from more than 1,000 exhibiting companies. This year's keynote address was given by National Football League (NFL) legend Terry Bradshaw.

Furthermore, Teresa was able to attend two PDS:

Transforming Safety Committees Into High Functioning Safety Teams: Building Safety Leadership Capacity and Overcoming Barriers to Effective Safety and Health Communication and Training Techniques.

One take away, amongst many that Teresa hopes to bring back to the Tribe and implement in her position is her commitment to working with the Permanent Fund Safety Team and deputizing everybody to be a safety professional in order to help identify and reduce or eliminate safety and health hazards.

'49 Laughs' rock the casino



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The native comedy group, '49 Laughs' returned to the Sky Ute Casino Event Center, Saturday, Oct. 22 for another night of native humor, jokes and laughs. The comedy group were in Ignacio last year. Left to right, Adrienne Chalepah, James June, Pax Harvey, Tatanka Means and Ernest Tsosie III. The emcee for the show was Chizz Bah.



Ernest Tsosie III, one half of the dynamic James & Ernie duo, signs a Blue Bird flour sack for Jeremy Cuthair after the show.

Tatanka Means shows off his Jingle Dress dance moves as he jokes about female dancers critiquing other dancers on YouTube.

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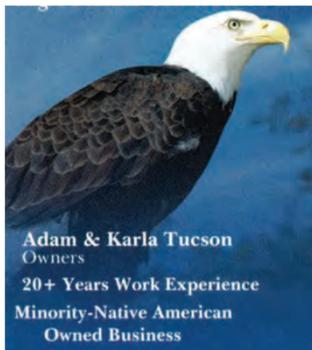
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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is inviting all elementary and middle school students to participate in this awesome contest! It's a celebration of the life of a honest and highly respected leader, youth supporter and overall visionary for the Southern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

All entries must pertain to the theme- Mouache-Capote "Ute History"
Deadline to submit all work is December 02, 2016, at 5 p.m. to

The Southern Ute Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building or
PO Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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

What part of Mouache-Capote Ute History Inspires You?

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Contest ends December 2, 2016

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

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

Photos without captions will not be considered for prizes.
Please make sure when you use the hashtag the picture and caption are public on your profile.
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ELECTION 2016 GENERAL



Marjorie Borst



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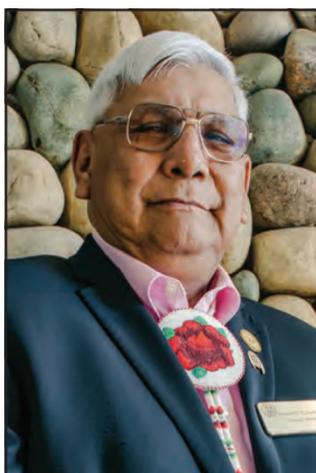
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016
Sun Ute Community Center • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Candidates for Tribal Council Seats
Notice – Vote for (2) Two

- Estelle Monte
- Matthew James Box
- Adam Red
- Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie
- Shane Seibel
- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Marjorie Borst
- Byron Frost
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- Tara Vigil
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NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Person(s) waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.
- Official Voter Registration Deadline – Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016 by 5 p.m.
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- Emergency Absentee Deadline – Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016 by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.
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2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Marjorie Borst



Mik' Nuchu, my Relatives: Thank you for your attention. Once again the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be casting their vote this November 4, 2016 for two Tribal members to serve on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. I, Marjorie Borst humble ask for your vote. I am the daughter of the late Ollie Shuta and Mary Bent Box Chavez. My parents of humble beginnings inspired my faith in traditional values and they taught our family the importance of unity and fortitude.

The late Leonard C. Burch was a visionary person and along with past council members in the twentieth century took great care in establishing many of the Tribal Codes and Policies; creating five to ten year financial and comprehensive plans that would enhance and insure the sustainability of the Tribe. The Tribe approximately has 26 departments...all have mission statements that emphasize they would provide optimal services to the membership. My question to you, are we receiving optimal service from each department?

Today we are at the crossroads of change. I propose that if elected I will strongly encourage Tribal Council to thoroughly examine departments and divisions via the KPI system which captures changes in management systems by means of goals and objectives and if their programs are following the overall mission of the Tribal Government. Second, we need to update our Tribal Codes, this is to insure security and undermine all discrepancies of our government. I also would like to encourage and embrace a more open communication dialogue for the people to voice concerns. Let us make sure all department goals and objectives are not just words but action. Improving accountability is a must. We should never tire to seek ways to improve and streamline our services, all are vital to our wellbeing.

There are many issues that affect our lives; from employment to education, housing to health...Recently we have had some really, awesome meetings and I am very encouraged

that we are working towards solutions. Let us keep voicing our opinions for change. Also, let us be clear, the most important is our identity. A greater emphasis should be placed on integrating Ute language. By utilizing technology and following the 30 recommendation introduced at the recent Ute Language Conference held here in Ignacio. Our culture is who we are and more importantly, by Tribal Council increasing the culture it reflects a desire by the leadership to integrate cultural values in the decision making process.

Back in 2009 to 2011, I served on our Tribal Council; it was an honor serving our people. During the beginning of my term the United States experienced a great recession, BP oil tanks exploded in the gulf, oil prices plunged and we were in the midst of a financial crisis, but thanks to the late Chairman Jim Newton and the entire council at the time, we explored solutions and we recovered by following the principles set forth in our financial plans.

Recently, I was honored to help develop the Southern Ute Bison and other Wild Game Cookbook which I took great care in creating healthy and delicious recipes with nutritional information. The cookbooks are free to the membership ... just pick up a copy or call the Southern Ute Natural Resource office.

Yes, we have challenges ahead and if you give me a chance I will do my best to bring change to our government. I am not running for some of you but for all of you. Your concerns are my concerns. My dedication, assisting others and my unwavering work ethic is accountable. I have served on various health boards, received an award in Business, graduate of Leadership LA Plata, a recipient of Who's Who in Colleges and Universities across the United States as well as being appointed to the Colorado State Governor's Council on physical Fitness establishes my credibility.

I step forward with courage and commitment. It is my sincere hope that you will consider my candidacy in the upcoming election.

Thank you, may we embrace one another with one heart, one mind, and plant the seeds of our culture for many generations.

Marge Borst

To learn more about me log on to <http://www.facebook.com/marjorie.borst> or my email address is ute-nica@yahoo.com

Matthew J. Box



To my beloved Ute People, I am Matthew James Box, I am a Buffalo too. I ask, in a good way, to talk about my campaign to be elected as your Tribal Council Member. My folks are Eddie & Betty Box Jr. and I have lived here my entire life. The Southern Ute lands are my home and I am blessed to be a citizen of this great nation. Our traditional ways of life have taught us to pray and sacrifice for the betterment of our people and I ask humbly for your vote to serve as your Council Member.

Since 2005, I have been versed in the Southern Ute Tribal Constitution, Tribal Codes and Tribal Ordinances. Although there are more meetings and collaborative governmental achievements our Tribe has accomplished since 2005, I'll mention the ones I worked on and took very seriously for our people as a whole. The exercise of our 1873 Treaty rights of hunting and gathering of the Brunot Area, the historic approval of the Tribe's Title V Program authorizing the Tribe to implement and administer it's 40 CFR Part 70 Operating Permit Program for Title V sources on the Reservation. The Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan (IACAP). Witness and Testimonial presentation at Congressional Legislative Hearing H.R. 3061 to the Subcommittee on Water and Power regarding the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project.

I was privileged to work with several tribal legislative code revisions and several fiscal year annual tribal budgets. Additionally, I served on several Council appointed committees and was present for the Tri-Ute by-laws approval. It's actually incredible the work our Tribal Council does and they are only limited by the amount of time they can focus and dedicate to all the duties and responsibilities necessary to get the job done.

My work ethic will be to focus all my attentions to our Tribe and important matters the membership require here in the home land. To be ethical and honorable in my daily life reflecting the good nature of our tribe and our culture.

My platform is to stay the course of the Financial Plan and weather-out the effects of the 2008 recession and

negative impact caused by the drastic drop in the global oil markets. Keep fast and on-course of the demanding effort to update Tribal Codes and Ordinances governing a Tribal Nation of our stature; and importantly, focusing the resources of the General Fund to the services the organization directly provides to the membership; and with great effort, to foster avenues in which these services could be applicable to the members off the reservation.

Personally, I would lobby for greater interaction with the people by utilizing the Tribal-web/ Tribal Member only access to report meetings, votes, and Council Member performance to the people, while providing a vehicle to gather input from the membership.

The Tribal Council as a whole deserves respect as elected officials and I would do so. Working together with consideration of all the constituents represented through each individual Council Member, therefore exercising the inherent sovereignty granted by the Constitution, to sustain the Tribe's resources, traditions, language and culture, and improve quality of life for the membership today and tomorrow.

Additionally, with what was outlined above regarding the Tribal Council, I would promote a healthy relationship, communication, and dialogue with the Chairman and his appointed Executive Officer(s). Understanding how to navigate memberships concerns or needs through the avenues necessary to accomplish the task. It's easy to say how things should be, but to accomplish the goal requires rolling up your sleeves and understanding the road map to accomplish real action.

I have worked on the front lines of the tribal administration, out in the field, where the work is provided and personally see where the confusion or message gets lost before it makes it to the leaders. Only when the entities of the tribe operate like a well-tuned engine will the performance make the course to providing these services.

My beloved relatives, please attend the Meet the Candidate night on October 28th, 2016 and participate in the Tribal Council Election on November 4, 2016. By exercising your vote, your able to elect the candidate you feel is most viable to represent your voice with-in the Council Chambers. I humbly offer myself to relay your voice, fulfill the mission of the Tribal Council and work with the mindset, integrity, and diligence of our ancestors. Vote Matthew James Box.

Respectfully,
Matthew James Box

Byron Frost



Mique Nuche, Following the path of the elders, I would like to introduce myself and family. My name is Byron Frost, and my wife is Etta Frost, I have 2 sons (Brian and Aaron) and a daughter (Deanna), my Father is the late Jack White Frost, and my mother is the late Annetta Burch Frost. I have 5 sisters and 3 brothers.

My career as a Civil Engineer had begun after I completed my education in Civil Engineering in the state of Washington. I worked for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for 15 years in the states of Washington and Idaho. I have worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Lands Division Head for 10 years. I have also work for the State of Colorado and City of Durango as a Civil Engineer Technician. Today I have my own business as a promoter.

I have gained considerable knowledge and experience in these government entities and I have dealt with issues that affect Native American communities including Southern Ute tribal issues.

My platform will consist of the past and ongoing issues that affect us today.

How will the Council handle "Breach of Trust Case" settlement money? Here is how I would distribute the money. As a Council member I would vote to give the Tribal Membership 100% of the settlement monies. This will help the tribal members whose children don't meet the Southern Ute Tribal blood quantum. I feel we need to give the responsibility back to the membership to make good choices with the money given them

Housing has always been an issue and every former council members platform was to promise to build houses, today I don't see any changes. There was a start to repair existing houses and houses that were condemned were never demolished. Today these houses sit there with no one occupying them. My plan is to address this issue and get funding to demolish these houses, and also follow up on securing tribal land for future housing.

Water issues have also been a concern. Today we pay the tribal administration for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for the ditches that carry the water to our tribal land assignments. The tribe pays the O&M to the Bureau Of Indian Affairs Irrigation upfront and than charges the tribal land assignment holders to pay the tribe back. If elected I would fight to eliminate paying back the tribe for O&M charges. If the tribe can approve to donate 3,000 to 6,000 acre feet of water for Municipal and Industrial (M&I) purposes

to Archuleta and La Plata water districts for future use, then it seems to me we shouldn't have to pay our O&M charges, this should be eliminated.

Education has always been a priority. Past leaders back in the 1970's have always said, "to compete with white America than we must educate our tribal members." Today we have succeeded in educating our tribal members to the extent that they have obtain degrees in the field of their choice. The problem, I see is once they have finished their education they have to come home because of lack of funds. My plan would be fund the students up to 3 months until they can find suitable employment. I also would fight to eliminate the so-called apprenticeship program. This holds back the tribal member from obtaining a secure job. I have seen non-tribal members secure jobs and learned the process without going through an apprenticeship program.

Employment for tribal members is scarce. We have so many educated tribal members and single parents that apply for jobs and are constantly turned down. Why are they not able to secure jobs? Because our own tribal government discriminates against tribal families. TERO is no help because they control the EEO compliance. My plan is to review the hiring practices and in some cases, change the job description to where the Director or Division Heads are hired on contract basis. This will eliminate the shortfall of tribal membership hiring because of discrimination.

Changing the lock down procedure for the Leonard C. Burch building has to be reviewed. With the changing behaviors of people today, I understand that we need to take threats seriously. If elected I would vote to remove the lock down procedure and hire security guards for each building that house employees of the tribe.

I believe we need to reassess the Growth Fund Business Plan, before approving any new business ventures. We are still in recession and now is not the time to be purchasing new ventures. We need to hold the growth fund to the 15% profit that is part of the business plan. My plan is to put a moratorium on new business ventures until we regain financial stability; this also includes bonuses for Growth Employees.

There are more issues that I haven't touched upon, and mind you these issues have been around for years and never been corrected by former council members.

Here is why I should be elected: I have a tremendous experience and knowledge of the Tribal, Federal, State and County Governments policies and procedures and how they effect our tribal government. Because of my Civil Engineering background I have been able to write a business plan for the Sun Ute Community Center. I have revised the Southern Land Code, I also developed a document for purchasing land for the Land Consolidation Program. I have

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Tribal Forestry/Fuels

Wood deliveries and pick-up

The Tribal Forestry/Fuels Dept. began wood deliveries and pick-ups on Oct. 3, 2016.

Wood orders are taken Monday thru Thursday of each week.
Deliveries to Elders and Disabled Tribal Members are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 Wood pick up will be Mondays and Wednesdays for all other eligible Tribal Members.

No wood deliveries will be done on Fridays to allow Crew to restock and clean equipment.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Kevin R. Frost



OUR PEOPLE, OUR FUTURE, OUR TIME

Our People:

We need a Tribal Council that will put our people first and make our people a priority. I am willing to work with all tribal members to address and solve concerns. This includes our youth, our adults and our elders.

Our current administration is not utilizing our youth. They live in a "connected world" and we can use their knowledge to help shape our future. I have several ideas that incorporate our young tribal members starting from pre-school through 12th grade in to what they can do for our people regardless of which career path they wish to pursue. We need to develop tomorrow's leaders today.

Our adult tribal members have a lot to offer our people. Ages 18-54 need to be encouraged to take part not only in our business ventures but need to be able to express their concerns and offer ideas to Tribal Council as well as our businesses/ventures without fear of reprisal. This benefits us in the long run. This untapped resource is vital to the survival of our people.

Our elders have a lot of information gained through life experiences that can help us right now. They have seen how the government has worked for and against our people. By asking for their assistance and knowledge we can work effectively to solve our peoples' issues. I wish to solicit any and all ideas from our people that can help us make informed and culturally relevant decisions.

Our Future:

Our future is now. We cannot afford to stand still. Our people have plenty of knowledge and passion about the direction our government is going. If I am elected, we can work toward a common goal, differences aside, to do what is best for our people.

The foundation for Tribal Member employment has already been established. If the current administration can carve out specific instances where we want our people to work then this can also be done across the board for both the Tribal Government and Growth Fund positions that are on our reservation. If you've been told that it is not possible then you must question why your elected representatives do not want to employ our people.

Our language and our traditions define who we are. We can all work together to preserve our traditional knowledge. We built a museum as a monument to our past, present and future. If we can spend that amount of money to ingratiate ourselves then why can't we spend money to preserve our language and culture for our future?

Several tribes have already used technology as well as traditional methods to teach their people. We can do the same by making language and culture a priority. Will this be completed in six months, probably not, but we can lay the foundation so that future administrations can work toward fulfilling this goal in the immediate future.

Some of our people have discussed communication as an important issue. This can be easily dealt with by building kiosks around our tribal campus where members can log on and gather relevant information they choose to research. We can also use these forms of media to help our off-reservation members such as but not limited to digitizing forms across our departments so members can fill out forms electronically. We need to utilize all means necessary to make sure our people on or off the reservation have an opportunity for their voice to be heard.

We can stream general meetings online and allow for our people to discuss their issues/concerns with Tribal Council. There has to be accountability to our people and I believe we need to report to our members how Tribal Council votes, their decision-making process as well as why they need to attend conferences/meetings off the reservation.

Another issue is descendants. We cannot plan for our future as a tribe if we do not know how many descendants we have. We need to make sure we have the ability to offer services to accommodate their needs in the future. We will have to make that decision in the future so it is best to plan for it today.

I have given examples of some things we can accomplish together. There are many more issues which we can discuss and work together to solve like rewriting our Constitution and protecting our Tribal Member employees so they can discuss what is wrong with their departments without having to worry about losing their job as well as teaching our people how to write a referendum or recall in case the current or future administrations are unwilling to do what is in our best interests. The important thing is to plan for our future together.

Our Time:

We can accomplish a lot together in one three year term. We can prioritize what is important to us and solve the issues at hand as well as prepare for our future. We can make our government and services fair for all of our people. There shouldn't be a different set of rules when it comes to family members. This will require a lot of work by all of us and the ability to set aside personal differences.

I believe in our people and I know that when challenges arise our people will be successful. No man is an island and there is no "I" in team. We will work together and walk side by side with our people and learn from each other. I look forward to gaining your respect as a Tribal Councilman, not through my words, but through my actions.

Respectfully,
Kevin R. Frost

Estelle Monte



I am Estelle Monte and I am running for Tribal Council.

My father was the late Lawrence Monte, my mother is Martha Monte, I have three daughters, Trennie Collins, Augusta Burch and Jerrika Rarick, my granddaughter, Shannon Howell and grandson Mr.

Lakota TwoCrow.

I know that the only way to make a difference is the willingness to work with the "people", Tribal Leaders, Elders, Youth and the public in general.

I know that I have a lot to learn and I am open and willing to do so.

I feel that it will take more than an educated person to be a positive movement for change.

It takes understanding, compassion and caring to be an honest and fair advocate for the tribal membership. I am asking for your vote on November 4, 2016 to be given a chance to be THAT CHANGE.

Thank you,
Estelle Monte

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managed millions of dollars in purchasing land and overseeing millions of dollars in construction funds as a federal employee.

During these years I also had the opportunity to make mistakes and learn from them. I have a strong respect for tribal elders as well as the younger generation. I have been involved

with community affairs of the tribe and also value my tradition and culture that was taught to me by my parents and other elders.

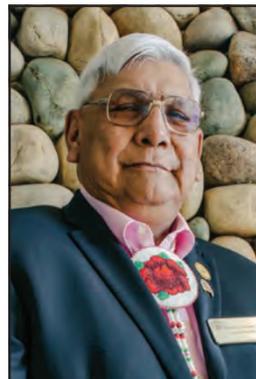
Thank you for your time and I ask for your vote on November 4, 2016 and give me the chance to make a difference.

Byron Frost

Candidates not submitting statements

Joycelyn Dutchie
Adam Red

Howard D. Richards Sr.



Greetings,

My name is Howard D. Richards Sr., I'm a candidate for Tribal Council member in the upcoming election.

My biggest fear is that this present Tribal Council is not protecting the tribe's finances. There seems that there's no oversight at the Growth Fund which has lost money. I feel that there needs to be an evaluation of the Growth Fund; starting with the question as to why the fund was created. Are we now meeting this objective as I have not heard of any downsizing of the funds employees as you are all aware that our revenues have been in the decline.

My second concern is our Natural Resources on the ground is in such despair, one only has to travel to our reservation to see this happening. IE; Roads, fences, stock pond. More funds have to be allocated to this endeavor. I'm a true believer that an endowment fund can and should be made for Reservation Lands in the name of Natural Resource Protection.

Third concern is the permanent fund; I believe that

there's too much fat in this year's budget. We also need to start a reduction in force without impacting the services that our tribal members receive and that it doesn't impact our Tribal member employment. A complete review of our Permanent fund is and should happen. There is too much duplication of service and the inability for those service providers to work together.

Finally, let's complete our Youth Service Building that is to house our Boys and Girls club and other programs that would move into this building. There is resistance from tribal departments on this cause; monies have already been allotted for this. The longer council wait to construct this building, the cost to build is going to rise.

I'm asking for your vote and support in this upcoming General Election on Nov. 4th, 2016, for the above reasons and the following:

- Proven Leadership
- Former Councilmember, Vice-Chairman and Chairman
- Assisted in the Development of the Financial Plan and Health Benefits Plan
- Knowledge of Tribal Laws and Tribal Code
- Have worked with present Tribal Administration
- Will work to meet the needs of the Tribal Membership.
- Honorably Discharged Veteran

Respectfully submitted,
Howard D. Richards Sr.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Shane Seibel



Good day Tribal-Members, Families and Community members,

My name is Shane Seibel and I am running for a seat on the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

I am committed to paying it forward to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal membership.

The reasons listed below are of relevance as to why I believe I will be a positive and credible asset to the leadership team of the Southern Ute Tribe.

1. I believe in financial transparency and financial literacy.
 - a. I have the earned experience and knowledge needed to understand today's financial environment and most importantly provide valid sense to the decisions that need

to be made in benefit of the Tribe.

2. I am a voice for opportunity and I believe and practice self-accountability as well as speaking and acting with integrity.
 - a. Opportunities are limitless. Tribal members wanting employment within the tribal organization will be acknowledged.
 - b. Self-accountability is the key to personal, tribal, and community growth.
3. I am qualified, educated, fair, trustworthy, and committed.
 - a. I have Growth Fund business management experience having accumulated 20+ years. I am currently a Business owner/operator.
 - b. I have earned an Associates of General Studies from the University of Phoenix and Bachelors in Business Management from Fort Lewis College.
 - c. I believe in treating other's the way you want to be treated (fair, trusted and committed).
4. I have a plan for discus-

sion on the topic of our Southern Ute 1st Generation Descendants.

- a. I believe that the time is now to invest into our 1st generation descendants by paying it forward through health care, higher education, and TERO preference.
- b. Seven Generation thinking and implementation.
5. I am like many; transforming.
6. I personally encourage and endorse healthy eating, growing your own food, the discussion and implementation of housing solutions and cultural participation.
7. I am committed to honoring our Creator, our Southern Ute Nation, as we are Ute proud and Ute Strong.
 - a. We are, ultimately, One Nation.

As a humble Tribal Council Candidate, I feel the time is now that our Tribe elects members that are experienced, educated, fair, and qualified.

I humbly ask for your vote on November 4, 2016.

Thank you
Shane Seibel

Tara Vigil



Greetings my fellow Southern Ute Tribal Members:

My name is Tara Vigil and I am seeking a position on the Tribal Council.

My mother is, Southern Ute Tribal elder, Darlene Frost and my father is Pete Vigil who is Navajo & Hispanic. I am also proud to say he is a Vietnam Veteran. I have four children and 3 grandchildren.

I strongly believe that I can be a voice for our people. I appreciate all that has been given to us and fought for by our past Leaders.

I see the Tribe going backwards and not forward with all that we have been given. All the resources we have need to be protected for our future, time stands still for nobody and we have to move with it.

If we cannot be successful within our own reservation we will fail with bad decision making when it comes to investing off the reservation, some of this we have already witnessed.

I have experience in working with employees and Directors from three entities, Southern Ute Growth Fund, Permanent Fund and the Sky Ute Casino as well as with tribal members of all ages.

I believe in being interactive to make things happen and I believe there is always a way to make things work.

Communication is key to moving forward and if elected I will communicate to the people and if I don't have the

answers I will be one to get them. I do not believe in telling anybody that "my hands are tied" I believe in always putting the people first.

We all deserve support and answers, although that may sound easier said than done and I cannot promise you the world but I can promise that I will not be afraid to ask questions and help our Tribe start moving forward before we lose what we have.

There's so many issues at hand, just to name a few: Better job security, not just for our people but for spouses who help support a Tribal Member home, as well as moving our people up the ladder not down.

We need to offer high risk insurance for those who have issues with their driving record, and that needs to be done for all not just the few.

We need better education ideas for our kids who are failing with the system as well as find out why the system is failing our kids.

I believe all tribal members would want their kids to start with the tribal school but there are no updates to see how far it's come and or how much further it can go.

We need to help our Judicial system be more successful in keeping our youth and tribal members OUT of the system.

We need to start making our language & culture fun for everybody to want to learn and be a part of and the tribe needs to quit buying and selling it because when it comes down to it, it is a CHOICE to those who want to learn it, there are ways that can happen by not giving thousands of dollars to anyone.

The Financial Plan needs to be revamped to make it work for the membership because we have come so far beyond Oil and Gas.

There's too much red tape for our Elders and people who need the Tribes help.

The tribe needs to change policies because some of these policies make it so hard to even ask for assistance, and lastly what about those who live off the reservation, what do they have to benefit from the Tribe?

You don't have to live on the reservation to claim your status as a Southern Ute we should benefit as a whole.

The tribe allows investment off the reservation so I would like to help assist those who don't live here.

There is too much decision making left in control of the Executive Office, it's too much for one person to have that much control.

The Constitution says the TRIBAL COUNCIL are the decision makers, all of this micro managing needs to stop and the only way to start changing these things around here is to start LISTENING to the people; COMMUNICATING with the organizations and to be ACTIVE with the membership.

I would love to have the opportunity to do that. Being a true leader is being honest and loyal to the membership, the employees and those who help make decisions.

In closing I would like to encourage all the tribal members who aren't registered to vote to please register.

It's important to start putting people into Tribal Council who will voice and fight for what we have, this is your future, your children's future and your grand-children's future.

I ask for your support in electing me to take a seat on the Tribal Council.

I would also like to say to the rest of the candidates, good luck and please if you are elected be a voice, asks questions and don't hide behind the scenes, be interactive and work hard for the people as a whole.

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Tara Vigil

Schwartz visits Growth Fund



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Democratic congressional nominee Gail Schwartz visited the Southern Ute Growth Fund on Monday, Oct. 17 with tribal councilman Tyson Thompson and operating director Pat Vaughn. Her tour of the Growth Fund was to gain knowledge on how operations and procedures are conducted, as well as an overview of energy and economic development across the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Schwartz is running against Republican incumbent Rep. Scott Tipton to represent Colorado's 3rd Congressional District. Schwartz stated that her initiatives involve lifetime work preserving and protecting Colorado's land, water, and natural resources with the intent of building strong rural communities and economics. She is a former state senator from Crested Butte and highlighted her experience in business, housing, education and public services. While in the state Senate, she held leadership positions on committees concerned with agriculture, natural resources, energy, water, labor and technology. Operations director Pat Vaughn talks with Gail Schwartz about the Southern Ute Growth Fund's operations and procedures.

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STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**
CHEERFUL BIRTHDAY WISHES SCORPIO! Many SCORPIO individuals like to have a clear, concise idea about bringing change to their lives. You would much rather keep things the way they are. But this month the planetary picture is transformed. On the 4th a lively VENUS/URANUS connection might have you enjoying a new venture. Community activities might be a continuing process because your ruling planet (Pluto) holds command over your daily affairs. Be considerate to your neighbors, and your siblings.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**
While you're waiting for the SUN'S bright and shining return to your sign you might want to set your sights on more enlightened thoughts, and actions. Delay important decisions until later in the month. The NEW MOON in SAGITTARIUS on the 29th is certain to be a confidence booster. If you need extra incentive to get things done, action-laden MARS enters AQUARIUS on the 19th and adds enthusiasm to your daily routine. After the 14th, perseverance on the job pays off.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**
Make it a point to circle the 12th on your calendar. That's the day bright and sociable VENUS slips into your sign, and stays for the whole month. Turn your inner party animal loose, and go out and be social. It's not the month to become a hermit. When the SUN lights up this area of your chart, hopes and wishes can be made. Plans for the future can be more expansive, and more satisfactory. Remember you still have PLUTO in your sign and it can be a real asset in achieving your goals.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
It's quite likely that after the 9th when mighty MARS enters your sign you'll be feeling its planetary force. High powered energy, and motivation are the driving forces. The MOON will be at its closest point to earth stimulating domestic and family matters. Be sure to complete your responsibilities before taking on new ones. Unexpected excitement might add sparkle to your day on the 5th when VENUS trines URANUS. Go ahead AQUARIUS, shimmer, shine, glitter, and glow!

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
Get this Little Fishes ... on the 14th the FULL MOON in TAURUS is called a SUPER MOON! Its basic function is to call your attention to everyday matters that you might have been neglecting. Do what you can to catch up with paperwork, messages, or other pending chores. There's a revitalization taking place this month that may send fresh options your way on the 4th. Other favorable days include the 22nd, and 26th. Flexibility is essential, and a willing attitude is an asset.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
The accent is on finances. Both yours, and resources you share with a partner or spouse. Take the lead ARIES, there may be others who will benefit from your wisdom, and experience. The FULL MOON on the 14th in practical, earthy, TAURUS could inspire more economical money methods. Keep your loved informed regarding your intentions. JUPITER in your opposite sign of LIBRA, and in your partnership zone, promotes wise and considerate decisions. Maintain the harmony through the holiday Rams.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
This is a big month for you TAURUS! NOVEMBER'S planetary pattern may send your ambition soaring, and add intensity to your close relationships. A congenial and agreeable attitude will serve you well. VENUS glides gracefully into the sign of CAPRICORN on the 11th, and immediately connects the dots into a favorable cycle for the Earth signs. But the really BIG news is the SUPER MOON in your sign on the 14th! It's practically guaranteed to push personal feelings to an outer level. Stay calm.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
This month perseverance pays off. Don't settle for less than you deserve GEMINI.. SATURN'S ongoing trek through your opposite sign of SAGITTARIUS may be testing your close relationships. On one hand it can stabilize a partnership, or end one. The decision rests with you. It all boils down to what your expectations are, and if they are being met. At month's end (29th) the NEW MOON signals a renewal of commitments, and a fresh cycle. VENUS and PLUTO encourage increased finances, use it responsibly.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
Once again your favorite holiday arrives on the 24th, and there's every good reason to believe that most MOON KIDS will be gathering loved ones together to celebrate THANKSGIVING. In fact with the SUN and MERCURY in a creative mode, plans made before 12th will be both entertaining, and sociable. VENUS enters your opposite sign of CAPRICORN and favorably influences partnerships, and other close alliances. A bountiful table of Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and Pumpkin Pie await you. Yummmmm

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**
Listen up LIONS ... early NOVEMBER is not always your best time of year. Not to worry LEO people a promising link between MERCURY, AND PLUTO might promote a resolution to old family issues. Incentive from MARS in your opposite sign of AQUARIUS encourages cooperation with partners. Until MERCURY shifts into SAGITTARIUS on the 12th, and the SUN rolls into the same sign on the 21st, you'll have to mind what you say to family members. Instead, concentrate on your Turkey Day menu.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**
You have never been one to hold back when it comes to speaking your mind. On the 9th MARS enters AQUARIUS and may motivate you to try some fresh new approaches to work and health methods. VENUS in like-minded CAPRICORN, creates an effortless connection to the above. Keep the momentum going on the 22nd. NEPTUNE'S ever constant influence might try to confuse communications with partners. Your best days to communicate are the 1st and the 19th.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**
On the bright side ... MARS entering AQUARIUS on the 8th sets up a more social party mood. It triggers the entertainment section of your NOVEMBER HOROSCOPE. Blending well with JUPITER'S transit through your sign. Your only concern is overdoing things in a huge way. This is the start of the holiday season. The SUN, AND MERCURY are currently in a money section, and they are putting the emphasis on income and spending. The planets are positive this month, and become more so after the 21st.

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

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

SISSETON LAWSUIT

Tribal Council has a tough decision to make regarding to the Settlement monies from the Sisseton Lawsuit. At the meeting this past Friday it was good to see a lot of tribal members present, but it still represented a small percent of the enrolled Tribal Membership. Many ideas were brought forward from investing a portion of the monies to disbursing it all to the membership.

During the presentation Mr. Tom Shipps (attorney) provided information on why the Southern Ute Tribe joined the Lawsuit and the reasons behind the monies awarded. In a nutshell it was awarded to right some wrongs which occurred in the past. Now it doesn't take a Brain Surgeon to figure out which generation was affected the most by these wrongs. But I do feel the settlement monies should be shared with all age groups. At which percentage points for each age group I do not know.

A common theme expressed at the meeting by the membership was they were thankful for the sacrifices of those who came before us and we are now enjoying the benefits put into place. Now I ask why can't we do the same for the next generation. It doesn't have to be a big portion of the settlement. As part of Ute Culture when one receives something wonderful, you give or sacrifice a part of it so your good fortune may continue – just like the previous generations did for us.

I understand the current level of distrust with the Growth Fund, and the hesitancy to invest the funds into money making ventures due to recent financial losses. But there are other avenues to consider which will benefit the future generations. Such as a new Health Clinic Facility which would house all health components, as one tribal member mentioned at the Planning meeting "A one stop shop for health service needs". Another tribal member mentioned we need to stop investing in buildings elsewhere and start investing in our own tribal community.

I support with Councilman Baker's comment – "when making a decision, Tribal Council will be

taking into consideration everyone's comments and strike a balance". As leaders, it is their charge to not only look out for the current membership but to also plan for the future of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Respectfully,
Lark M. GoodTracks
Southern Ute Tribal Member

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Dear Southern Ute Veteran, Your Southern Ute Veterans Association is sponsoring an Open Enrollment session in conjunction with your local Veterans Service Officer and the Southern Ute Health Fair.

This Open Enrollment session is to encourage all Native American Veterans to enroll through the Veterans Affairs Office to **receive your Veteran Benefits that you earned. You served your country in the Armed Forces and are entitled to several benefits.**

Your enrollment is important to our tribe's financial situation. With your enrollment, our tribe will save health care costs that are covered by the Veterans Administration (VA). Our tribe will not have to pay for health care costs covered by the VA; this will improve our tribal budgetary expenses for all members.

Mr. Richard Schleeeter; the La Plata County Veterans Service Officer will be in attendance to help walk you through the enrollment process. **Please bring your Form DO 214 with you.** If you have lost or misplaced your DO 214, Mr. Schleeeter will help you recover a copy.

This opportunity will be held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Nov. 3, 2016 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you are not already taking advantage of your Veteran benefits, this is a perfect time to sign-up and make use of your Medical, Educational and the other VA assistance you are entitled to.

You have earned these benefits ... Use Them!

Sincerely,
Howard Richards
Commander
So. Ute Veterans Association
Est. 1986
P.O. Box 737,
Ignacio, CO 81137

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL

I attended the Tribal General Meeting on July 28, 2016 and at that meeting, the Growth Fund gave an update on the Tribe's investments. During a question & answer period, one Tribal elder asked about the millions of dollars and the length of time Tribal monies were lost on AKA Energy. Apparently, Tribal Council has no expectations when it comes to our investments, profit & loss margins, duration of "poor performing/losing" investments. AND, they must not think that we Tribal members are interested in, smart enough or concerned about our financial losses.

Interestingly enough, none of this kind of information was on the agenda. Tribal members don't know how long this investment was "going under" OR the full amount of our losses.

Tribal Council is mostly young, naive and truthfully ... uneducated. Elder Council members should have known better. It's always been said that the "Growth Fund makes all the decisions" because Tribal Council members do NOT understand business. Funny, it used to be said that "the Tribal Attorneys ran the Tribe"!

Isn't it about time that the qualifications to be on the Tribal Council got revised?

It's always been little more than a "popularity contest" to win a seat on the Council! Think about it. We're electing people who will be making the most important decisions on behalf of 1500 Tribal members, their reservation and their resources! These Tribal leaders need to know how to manage our business affairs.

Otherwise, we'll lose what we have, including the bright futures of our young Tribal members.

You HAVE to vote on election-day and I strongly encourage you to vote for the best educated candidate, not just your party friend or relative.

THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE TRIBE!

Roderick Grove,
Tribal Elder
and Veteran

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY!

Cassidy Theresa Tahlo, (Little Butterfly) We love you so much! You have grown into such a smart, fun and loving little girl. Your smile and sweetness brings much joy to us every day! You're even cute when you're ornery! Here's wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day! May the Creator always comfort you, keep you safe and guide you through your journey I life.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CASSIDY!

I can't believe you're turning 2 years old! I'm truly blessed to have you in my life. Every moment I spend with you is something I will always cherish. Your smiles, kisses and giggles make each day a great day. I love you so so much my baby girl. Mommy will forever be proud of you and I will always be here to guide you through your beautiful life. May the lord forever watch over you and bless you with all the love you deserve. Happy Birthday My Princess!

Love, Mommy

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2016-NC-0134

Jared Orian Carel-Thompson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Jared Orian Carel-Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jared Orian Carel. As of Oct. 24, 2016 at 10 a.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jared Orian Carel-Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jared Orian Carel.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2016, Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Early Drum Deadline

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Nov. 10
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Nov. 4

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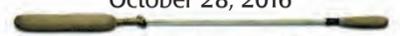
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Membership Meeting Notice Impacts from the Gold King Mine Spill and the Bonita Peaks Mining District Superfund Site

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is hosting a Tribal member meeting to present information to the membership on impacts from the Gold King Mine Spill and the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) newly designated Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Site (BPMD). The SUIT Water Quality Program will provide an update on the Gold King Mine spill impacts to the Animas River one year after the event. Representatives from EPA will provide a presentation on the BPMD and its impact on the Reservation and the Brunot Treaty Area. The EPA will prepare both Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments for the area, as part of the Superfund process. The Culture Department will be available to discuss Tribal involvement in assessing and preserving the Ute cultural resources in the BPMD. The meeting will be held at the Sunnyside School on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016 at 6 pm. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, please contact Tom Johnson/Environmental Programs Division Head or Curtis Hartenstine/Water Quality Program Manager at 970-563-0135.

REQUEST FOR BIDS SUIT Utilities Division WWTF Office Remodel & Transfer Station Improvements

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

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION WWTF OFFICE REMODEL and TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 2 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, **NOVEMBER 3, 2016**. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder. Bid security: A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. **Description of Work:** Work includes two projects. Project 'A' is for an office remodel of the existing wastewater treatment facility offices. Included are replacement of all overhead light fixtures to LED fixtures, construction of one office, electric rewiring, new break room cabinetry, refurbishing the laboratory floor and other work incidental to complete the office remodel. Project 'B' is to replace the existing safety railings around the transfer station drop off staging and to provide a catwalk between the transfer station area to the hazardous material storage area adjacent to the gatekeeper office. Only contractors qualified in the type

of construction identified shall be permitted to bid on this project. The contractor shall be on both projects. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, OCT. 26, 2016 at 10 A.M. at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division Office, located at 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: GOFF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC., 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colorado 81301. 970-247-1705. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. 970-563-5500. A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to mgallegos@goffengineering.com or written request to the above address.

Call For Applicants For Appointment To The So. Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colo. Environmental Commission

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, through the Tribe's Environmental Programs Division, is seeking applications from interested individuals for appointment to fill one vacancy on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. The Commission was created in December 1999, when the Tribe entered into an agreement with the State of Colorado to protect air quality on the Reservation. As part of the agreement, a joint commission was created composed of six members, three of whom are appointed by the Governor and three are appointed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. The responsibilities of the Commission include adopting air quality standards, promulgating rules and regulations, and reviewing appealable administrative actions pertaining to the Reservation Air Program. The Commission meetings are held biannually or at the discretion of the Commission. To view the Commissions current activities, please visit the following website: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/environmental-commission/>. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants should have some knowledge, expertise, education, or interest in air quality or environmental protection. **LOCATION:** J&R Administration Building, Environmental Programs Division. Offices, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO. **CLOSING DATE:** November 15, 2016. **WHO MAY APPLY:** Interested individuals. **COMPENSATION:** This appointment may have a stipend. **TO APPLY:** Interested tribal members, tribal employees, or other individuals should submit a letter of interest and resume no later than Nov. 15, 2016 to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Air Quality Program, Attention: Marlene Scott-Jewett, P.O. Box 737, MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137. Fax: 970-563-0384, Email: msjewett@southernute-nsn.gov. For additional information, contact Mark Hutson, Southern Ute Air Quality Program, 970-563-4705, ext. 2206.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Namaste Solar • Oxford Solar Project 2016

Namaste Solar is requesting proposals for the Oxford Solar Project for Hydro Seeding and Mulching scope of work located in La Plata County Oxford, CO on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include using a specified seed mix on 8,000 square feet of impacted area. Prospective bidders are asked to email Simon Wood at swood@namastesolar.com for a project specification packet. Bid deadline is Nov. 7, 2016 at 4 p.m. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Incomplete bids and unqualified contractors will be rejected.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Priority Sales & Rentals vs. Starlene Vivian Naranjo: Case No: 2016CV0079.
At the Southern Ute Tribal Court on November 29, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Logo for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Cedar Point Housing Initiative Team would like submissions from Southern Ute Tribal Members for a logo to represent the Cedar Point Housing Initiative project, which is a Tribal Council initiated project committed to providing housing to the Tribal Membership. This logo will be used for a variety of project correspondence, wearable items, and could potentially be displayed at Cedar Point in the future.

Logo submissions have the following requirements:

- Final submission shall be no larger than 8"x11"
- Medium & Format (i.e. Photoshop vs. Pastel) is at the Artist's discretion
- Must contain the words "Cedar Point Housing Initiative"

All submissions are due Friday, Dec. 16 2016. Submissions can be dropped off at the Annex Building located at 116 Memorial Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137. They may also be emailed to atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, call 970-563-0138.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

CEDAR POINT HOUSING INITIATIVE TOWN-HOME DESIGN COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Cedar Point Housing Initiative Team would like submissions from Southern Ute Tribal Members for participation on the Town-Home Design Committee. This committee will be made up of members from the Sunshine Youth Council as well as three (3) At-Large adult Tribal Members. The CPHI team would request a letter of interest from parties by Nov. 11, 2016. Letters of interest may be dropped off at the Annex Building located at 116 Memorial Dr., Ignacio CO 81137. They may also be emailed to atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. The CPHI Team looks forward to working with the Town-Home Design Committee members to construct these town-homes with valuable Membership input. A copy of the Committee's draft bylaws can be requested in paper or electronic form for review. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 970-563-0138.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill TWO vacancies for "Member-At-Large" on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half-day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by Nov. 18, 2016. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Southern Ute Tribal Member Seat on KSUT Board of Directors. KSUT is seeking an individual to fill the "Southern Ute Tribal Member at large" seat on the KSUT Board of Directors. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled.



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

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

Procurement Agent – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 11/1/16
Purchases, management and disposal of all assets within the Southern Ute Shared Services organization. Manages vendor relationships including the analysis and negotiation of pricing, receipt of inventory, billing and problem resolution. Controls and manages Telecom vendors, products, services and billing. Minimum qualifications include: High School diploma or equivalent is required. Must have five years procurement (purchasing) experience. Knowledge and use of an ERP procurement system is required. Must have strong computer-based data management and analysis skills. Must possess strong troubleshooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable by Company vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Controller – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing date 11/1/16
Directs all accounting functions for Red Cedar Gathering Company (RCGC) including general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, fixed assets, budgeting, investments, debt and cash management,

and tax. Assures accurate and timely accounting and reporting, and participates at a management level to evaluate and assess impact of key company decisions. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business required; CPA or CMA certification preferred. Must have seven years oil and gas accounting experience. Must have experience in supervising employees performing accounting activities. Must have strong analytical and interpersonal skills. Must be extremely well organized with proven ability to prioritize multiple daily tasks. Must have an in-depth knowledge of accounting, business, finance principles, and management information systems. Must have computer experience with working knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing, specifically Excel and MS Word. Must also be fully competent in MS PowerPoint for presentation material. Must have working knowledge of Enertia accounting software. Must have experience with budget preparation and compliance. Must have understanding of basic accounting methods, project economics, and financial statements including the ability to develop economic models to evaluate a project, or evaluate existing models, and determine project risks and rewards. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under Red Cedar's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history check and pre-employment drug test.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

Group Exercise (Part-time)

Closing date 10/31/16

Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Fitness Trainer

Closing date 11/4/16

Fitness evaluations, exercise prescriptions, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Administrative Assistant

Closing date 11/8/16

Under general supervision of the Construction Services Division Head, provides accounting and secretarial support to Southern Ute Tribe Construction Services Division, performing basic accounting and clerical duties. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Building Inspector

Open until filled

Conducting Commercial and Residential inspections, reviewing plans and assisting with

the issuance of permits for construction projects on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

Patrol Officer

Open until filled

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Registered Dietitian

Open until filled

Providing nutrition care and education to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open until filled

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

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open until filled

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

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Bus Driver (Part-time)

Closing date 11/4/16

15 hours per week for SUCAP/Road Runner Stage Lines for Durango to Grand Jct. route. Experience preferred. Requires a Class "B" CDL with passenger endorsement, medical card, or ability to obtain, and a good driving record. Must submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Must be able to pass drug/alcohol test and background check. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid.

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

*Craps Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 11/4/16

Deals all craps games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. 1 year experience as a craps dealer with Dealer School Certification OR 3 years experience dealing craps OR Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in craps.

ence as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months in-house training. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 11/4/16

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

*Event Staff – Banquet (On-call)

Closing date 10/28/16

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up and re-set of events in all banquet areas. Acts as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. 21 years of age or older preferred in order to serve alcohol. Must have a valid driver's license and must be driver insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food handling experience. Prefer work experience in all areas of Banquet events and catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures. Bartending experience preferred.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 10/28/16

Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. First identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present yourself professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

*Line Cook – Shining Mountain

Closing date 10/28/16

Preparation of the Al La Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High school diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experi-

*Must be at least 21 years old.



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Come out and find that perfectly handmade gift for the special people in your life. Doors will open to the Southern Ute Multi Purpose Building for the fair on November 19, 2016 at 10:00am and will close at 3:00pm. There will be a variety of vendors and handmade crafts so take a good look around, even take a break at the snack bar.

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FLY-FISHING

Leaders, not bobble heads

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



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While fishing the other day I mentioned to my friend and fishing partner, Sam, I was going to write a column about leaders. He instantly became agitated, and wanted to know how a newspaper could pay me for handing in a blank piece of paper. Sam went on to say since we don't have any leaders, at any level, how could I write about them. I told him I was referring to symmetrical tapered lines made of monofilament, not the elected bobble-head leaders. He smiled, tied a piece of tippet onto his leader, and continued to fish.

What prompted me to think about leaders and tippets was an article I read by Mark Halperin in American Angler, about leaders. It got me to thinking about just how important is a leader, and just what does it do? The answer to the first question is very, the answer to the second question is, it helps us to catch fish. So, how does this very important part of fly-fishing equipment help me to catch fish? Leader separates the fly from the fly line. Once a leader is attached to a fly line, it is easy; tie on a fly, cast it out, and catch fish – if it were only that simple.

Leaders come in a variety of materials, lengths, strengths, tapered and non-tapered. With all these variables you now have an endless number of options to choose from in selecting the proper leader. Choosing the correct leader is similar to choosing the proper after-dinner cigar

and single malt. Pick what works best for you, with a few guidelines.

For fishing in this area I prefer a fly-shop-bought, tapered, nine-foot, 4X leader. I find this to be the most versatile, and easy-to-use leader. If I was really into fly-fishing, I could build my own leaders. However, I don't like all the knots and time it takes to build leaders. By using a nine-foot 4X leader I am able to customize it, as needed, on the river. By customize I mean I can shorten it if needed, or lengthen the leader by adding tippet as needed.

Tippet is nothing more than non-tapered monofilament. It and leader come in sizes from 0X to 8X. Tippet is on all the spools you see attached to vests of fly fish-

ermen. Since tippet comes in different sizes I can now customize my leader while on the water so it is easier to cast flies of different sizes. Big flies need strong leaders and tippets, while little bitty flies need something small enough to fit through the eye of the fly.

The higher the X number on the tippet spool indicates a smaller circumference in the line, and thus an end product that has less strength. The same X number is true for a leader without a tippet tied to it. A correctly matched leader and tippet makes it easier to cast your fly. Not only will casting a fly properly matched to your leader and tippet take less effort, it will also be easier to mend and get that picture-perfect drift.

So, if you're on the water and need to tie on a length of tippet, what's the best knot to use? There are many books on knots, and how to tie them. I use two knots, the surgeons knot with three wraps, and the blood knot. My preferred knot is the surgeons. It is easy to tie, and I have a lot of confidence in it. In fact, I have never had that knot break. If I need to splice in tippet because a defective leader has produced a wind knot, I'll cut the wind knot out and use a blood knot for the splice. I suggest you practice tying your favorite knots at home so you don't become frustrated trying to tie a knot in windy conditions.

I enjoy trying different tapered leaders and tippets because it gives me something, besides lack of talent, to blame my non-catching on.

Sister tribe shares bounty



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Marci Wing, Simon Light and his crew from the Ute Mountain Ute Public Works Department loaded two flatbed trailers and two trucks full of pumpkins early Tuesday morning and delivered them to the Southern Ute Reservation on Tuesday, Oct. 18. "It took us three hours to harvest and load the pumpkins," Light said. "We want to share with our sister tribe for all that they do for us." Ute Mountain Ute Public Works employees (above) are at the ready to help load pumpkins.

A trip to the pumpkin patch



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member families were treated to a free ride on the Narrow Gauge Durango-Silverton train's "Charlie Brown Pumpkin Patch Train Ride" on Saturday, Oct. 22. The train departed from Durango early in the afternoon and stopped just north of Durango where a variety of food booths, activities, and entertainment were provided. Approximately 30 tribal members participated on the trip. Natelle Thompson helps her daughter Seraya Ruybal pick out the right pumpkin.

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 Current up to date, daily readings for Temp, Wind, Precipitation can be found on the Southern Ute's Environmental Programs Division, Air Quality Program website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring.

Air quality: As of 10/27
 AQI – Ignacio: 17 ■
 AQI – Bondad: 8 ■

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11AM-2PM

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