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UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

Sister tribes review museum content

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Thursday, Dec. 1 the three Ute tribes met at History Colorado in Denver for the 12th consultation of the Ute Indian Museum expansion. The main focus of the meeting was to give tribal reps the time to review the draft wording and visuals that will appear on panels in the museum.

History Colorado posted the draft panels and other content on the walls of an empty room giving everyone a chance to look over the information hanging on walls – similar to how they would appear in the museum. History Colorado encouraged the tribal reps to look over everything thoroughly making notes on what should be edited or added.

No time was wasted, culture representatives and Tribal Council members took to the drafts making edits to wording, spelling of names and discussing the



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute NAGPRA Coordinator Alden Naranjo and Betsy Chapoose, Northern Ute Cultural Rights and Protection Director discuss edits to informational panels that will appear in exhibits at the newly expanded Ute Indian Museum at the 12th Ute Indian Museum Expansion Consultation Thursday, Dec. 1 in Denver.

appropriate way to spell out words in Ute.

Next, the group got to view videos that will appear in the “Removal” exhibit – which focuses on the Utes being removed to reservations. From the Northern

Ute perspective, the videos portray the removal of Utes to Utah well, Betsy Chapoose Northern Ute Cultural Rights and Protection Director said. Alden Naranjo Southern Ute NAGPRA Coordinator agreed with

Chapoose, but pointed out that the videos do not tell the removal stories of the Ute bands that remained in Colorado. The group discussed how to include the removal

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

James M. Olguin and Melvin J. Baker shake hands at their End of Term Farewell reception on Friday, Dec. 2 in the Hall of Warriors at the Leonard C. Burch building. Both Olguin and Baker’s terms were up Dec. 5.

TRIBAL COUNCIL Baker, Olguin bid farewell

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

At a reception on Friday, December 2 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe thanked outgoing council members James “Mike” Olguin and Melvin J. Baker for serving on Tribal Council. A small intimate crowd of approximately 40 people gathered to wish Olguin and Baker well on their new endeavors outside of Council Chambers. Being thanked by newly appointed Treasurer, Lorelei Cloud, Vice-Chairman Alex S. Cloud and the Executive Office.

“If the tribal membership needs my help, they know where I am. I will always be here for my tribe,” Baker said as he talked about how he’s grown a lot from his younger years as a young councilman working with Leonard C. Burch in

the early 2000’s. Baker started his council career in 2001 in a special election. Being on council off and on until making his most recent return in 2013. Baker joked, “I think I’m backwards, I should have been starting a farm when I was younger.” Baker said he can’t wait to enjoy nature and all his “homeland” has to offer.

Olguin started his Tribal Council tenure after being elected in 2001-2002 and returned in 2011 and was re-elected in 2013 with a vision of “Protecting the Future”. Olguin says farewell, but not good-bye.

“This is not retirement for me, I still have a lot to do,” Olguin said.

On December 16, tribal members will vote in a runoff election deciding who will fill the two vacated seats.

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CCIA

Tribes, State meet in Denver

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ute Mountain and Southern Ute Tribal Councilmembers met with state representatives in Denver, Colo. on Friday, Dec. 2 for the last Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting of the year.

For Ute Mountain, newly elected Council members, Chairman Harold Cuthair and Treasurer, Colleen Cuthair-Root joined fellow Ute Mountain Council members Juanita Plentyholes and Marissa Box to update the state officials.

“It’s an honor and privilege to be here ... we want to continue the communication with the state of Colorado,” Cuthair said.

Plentyholes provided the update for Ute Mountain. Along with transitioning

the four new council members, Ute Mountain Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency has hired a new superintendent, she said.

She also focused much of her update on housing. Ute Mountain will be adding 10 single unit modular homes to the reservation that are targeted for single people, couples, or parent and child homes Plentyholes said.

The homes will help the housing problem, but she hopes in the future to see more permanent homes on the reservation.

“We want to build more housing. I think that would really help our people,” she said. “We applied for a grant for trailers, but I would like to see stick built homes.”

On the Southern Ute side, Council lady Amy J. Barry updated the commission on Southern Ute’s housing

expansion including apartments and stick built homes.

Barry also updated the commission on the Youth Council and their work on getting a skate park built on the reservation. The Youth Council has been working with Walt Pourier an artist and executive director of Stronghold Society – a nonprofit that works with Native communities and non-Native communities through empowerment, arts programs, skateboarding and athletic activities encouraging youth to take action to live a healthy life in mind, body, and spirit.

Barry said the youth are at the point of land dedication and are looking forward to breaking ground in the spring.

CCIA at large member, Lucille Echohawk also talked about an upcoming

opportunity for Colorado Native youth. Echohawk said the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference will be held in Denver in July 2017. She hopes to see Native youth of Colorado have a role in the Denver Convention.

Southern Ute tribal member and Navy veteran, Raymond Baker made a presentation during the Southern Ute update. Baker who retired from the Navy last year, was asking for the support of the commission to have a naval ship be named “The Ute.” It will be the second class of ship in naval history to be named “The Ute”, Baker said. The first, the USS Ute, was commissioned in 1940 and decommissioned in 1980.

“It’s very rare to repre-

2016 Southern Ute Tribal Council Inauguration
Dec. 19, 2016 at 9 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers/Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, Colo.
Reception to follow in the Hall of Warriors

Thank you veterans!

Sacha Smith/SU Drum

On Monday morning Dec. 5, brothers: Elliott, Nate, Dewayne and Issac held up signs at the corner of State Highway 172 and County Road 517 showing their support for the veterans that have traveled to Standing Rock to help protect the water protectors and to show solidarity against the oil pipeline. On Sunday, Dec. 4 the Obama administration denied a permit needed to complete the oil pipeline.

A date which will live in infamy

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute veterans lowered the flags in Veterans Memorial Park to half-staff on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. President Barack Obama’s proclamation reads, “75 years ago, Japanese fighter planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, destroying much of our Pacific Fleet and killing more than 2,400 Americans. The following day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called on the Congress to declare war and ‘make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.’”



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Membership Only
SNOW REMOVAL 2016/2017

SNOW PLOWING - DRIVEWAYS:

The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail Tribal Members; and, 3rd) Tribal Member Elders. Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below. Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over five (5) inches. Dialysis/Disabled/Frail Tribal Members snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly.

Construction Services Route: 563-0260

- Cedar Point (East/West)
- Chief Shavano, Ignacio Peak
- Town of Ignacio – Elders, Disabled
- HWY 172, south from CR 318 to La Boca
- East of Pine River – South of Bayfield to La Boca
- Allison and Arboles

Motor Pool Route: 563-0280

- North of Ignacio, west of Pine River
- Breen and Red Mesa
- Airport and Weasleskin

Custom Farm Route: 563-0220

- Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

BIA Route: 563-9484 & Forestry Fuels Crew: 563-4780

- WALKWAYS: Roof snow at entry only
- Shovel walkways for: 1) Dialysis Patients 2) Disabled/Frail. Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12" or more
- BIA does not clear driveways.
- Roads include: Ute Road, Cedar Point (East/West), Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, Powwow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Ave., Bear Dance Rd., North Ridge.

Housing Authority Route: 563-4575

- Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, and Elder
- Sunset Circle Senior Center – entire area
- Ignacio Peak Northridge Rentals
- Shoshone Ave Jefferson Drive

Grounds Maintenance: 563-0272

- All campus parking areas, parking lots, and sidewalks: Museum, Justice & Regulatory, Justice Building, Purchasing, SunUte, Peaceful Spirit, Leonard C. Burch Building, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, Mouache-Capote Building, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose Facility & Chapel, S.U. Health Center, Higher Education, SUCAP, and Food Distribution.

GENERAL INFORMATION

During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please move your vehicles to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes or any other item out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows.

Elders/Disabled

If you are an Elder or Disabled and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates is available by calling the Tribal Hotline at 563-4800. **1st and 2nd Priority Only:** Please contact department to notify them of early morning doctor appointments.

- 1st) Dialysis Patients
- 2nd) Disable/Frail tribal

Walkways and Roof – Snow Removal

Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is: members. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Forestry Fuels 563-4780.

Livestock – Snow Plowing

Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Contact Agriculture Division. Custom Farm at 563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

Many Moons Ago



Henry Taylor/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Tribal elder, Alden Naranjo stands in front of the Ignacio Elementary student body in his traditional dress, teaching little ones about the history of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal people. November is deemed American Indian Heritage Month.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 8, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Eddie Box Sr. spoke to the crowd about the American Indians at the Thanksgiving presentation with his grandsons, Matthew Box (left) and Edward Box III (right) held on Nov. 23.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 12, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

SOUTHERN UTE RUN-OFF ELECTION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16



Adam Red



Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie



Shane Seibel



Kevin R. Frost

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
RUN-OFF ELECTION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

Sun Ute Community Center • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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

- Adam Red
- Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie
- Shane Seibel
- Kevin R. Frost

NOTE: THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

- Polls open, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Person(s) waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.
- Official Voter Registration Deadline – Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 by 5 p.m.
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 by 5 p.m.
- Emergency Absentee Deadline – Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.
Off-Reservation Tribal members please phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.
Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov Direct Line 970-563-4789.

The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m

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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund Hours

Departments open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Natural Resources Administration
- Wildlife Resource Management
- Water Resources
- Tribal Information Services
- Tribal Housing
- Vocational Rehab
- Dental Clinic
- Tribal Court – Clerks Window, Probation
- Tribal Services Administration
- TERO



Departments open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Lands Division
- Agriculture Division
- Social Services
- Building Maintenance
- Environmental Programs
- Public Health Nursing
- Tribal Court – Family Court
- Environmental Programs
- SUSS (Southern Ute Shared Services)

Departments open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Legal Services
- Construction & Project Management

Remaining Departments/Divisions will be open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Gold found

By Joseph Rael Jr.

A new chapter in San Juan history began when a explorer Charles Baker found flecks of Gold sparkling in a stream in Silverton a rush of miners quickly came to the mountains in Silverton. The miners began making little communities also the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Train was just starting also the year was 1860. Also a little later silver was found in the area and many people came mostly men though also the mining was brief and the minors left hundreds of buildings around. Also today the old buildings are still around these area's one of the ghost towns is Animas City no one and another town was called Bakers Bridge.

Also at this time the town was left deserted then in 1873 came the Brunot Treaty theres such a ghost town called Animas City to this day on the road of east Animas just 11.7 miles leading to the one lane bridge follows East Animas road then you come to Bakers Chasm another memorable day trip featuring Durango's mining past and a grand vista in the La Plata Mountains begins on La Plata Canyon Road 12 miles west of town off U.S. Highway 550 the pavement ends a mayday a small community near the present site of Parrot City, a prospeious Gold placer camp and mining town of 500 to 1,000 in 1876 it was the county seat but only a few original found dations stubble the ranchland now.

One, the roads west side sits a large group of white frame buildings with red trim the frist of which is a saloon brought here from, La Plata County. A 4-wheel drive vehicle is helpful for the 4 miles to La Plata City this is considered the site where Spanish explorer Juan Rivera discovered, Gold when he led a party through here in 1775 a 100 years later yankee fortune hunter hit pay dirt, mining silver along with gold until the 1893 silver panic all but closed the town regardless of the intriguing old mine shafts and their surrounding cabins have their rotting timers and deadly fumes pose a serious threat. "Please be Careful" plus, its private land and the owners say keep out?

SISTER TRIBES REVIEW MUSEUM • FROM PAGE 1

story of all bands with visuals that would help better tell the whole story. History Colorado also talked about donations and getting the word out to the communities so those interested could donate and be recognized on a plaque that will be placed on the patio of the museum.

Council lady Amy J. Barry said it would be ideal for History Colorado to host a meeting with the tribal membership explaining the museum and the donation process. The group decided a spring meeting would be best, and History Colorado will work with the tribe on scheduling a meeting. Lastly, the Ute representatives were given a chance to meet alone and discuss the museum opening in June 2017. History Colorado and the tribes have decided to host two opening days: one for the tribes and their members and one for the general public. The Ute Indian Museum opening



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Marissa Box looks over a draft panel that will appear in the newly expanded Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, Colo. that is scheduled to open June 2017.

for the Ute tribes – slated for Friday, June 9 – will be held a day before the general public opening. In the tribal caucus, the tribes discussed what an opening day would look like and discussed a draft agenda that included a sunrise ceremony, presentations from the Ute tribes, drum group performances and a meal. At the last meeting, Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost said that Southern Ute would donate bison meat to be served on the opening day for the tribes. On Saturday, June 10 the public is invited to tour the museum and see a performance by the three Ute tribes. The tribes decided the performance might be a brief powwow presentation and/or a Bear Dance presentation. History Colorado is providing some funding to the tribes to help pay travel for tribal dignitaries, entertainment and food to be served.

Attention Nuuchu!

Donations to Standing Rock!

We will be meeting at Sun Ute on Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. to accept donations. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please donate elk, deer, and canned meat. Our travel crew will be leaving on or very close to Dec. 16.

These are other items needed:

- Coffee
- Wood
- Water
- Straw bails
- Tea
- Flashlights
- Toiletries
- Batteries
- Wipes
- Propane

- Ski jackets
- Hand warmers
- Wool socks
- Wool blankets
- Carhart jackets
- Boots
- Beanies
- First aide
- Warm children's clothing
- Blankets

- Feminine products
- Depends (underwear)
- Protection gear
- Goggles
- Motorcycle helmets with face guard
- Shin guards
- Scarves to cover face
- Army Tents

Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner & Program

Saturday Dec. 17, 2016

Sky Ute Casino Event Center

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Christmas program at 4:00 p.m.

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & 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

CANDY BAGGING

December 14 9AM

SUCCM BIG CLASSROOM

The Culture Department is seeking volunteers to come help bag candy for the Christmas Program. If you need community service hours we can give you hours for your service. Any questions please call 970-563-2985

Southern Ute Culture Department

Help excite and inspire generations to come — Give Now!

History Colorado's Ute Indian Museum celebrates the history and living culture of Colorado's longest continuous residents. The original museum was built in 1956 near the ranch of Uncompahgre leader Chief Ouray and his wife, Chipeta.

History Colorado has collaborated extensively with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation to shape the new building's design, exhibits and education programs. Striking Ute architectural features and artifacts will be showcased as the museum nearly doubles in size.

The Ute Indian Museum is a cultural gem in the greater Montrose area. In addition to its multifaceted role as an entertainment venue, education partner and community gathering place, the museum is a popular tourist destination and area economic driver.

Your participation matters!

Show your community spirit and pride, honor the area's history, leave a family legacy and support arts and culture in the Montrose area. Make an impact today!

Your support is very important to the Ute Indian Museum expansion. Your gift will support new exhibits, school programs, educational programs and gardens and grounds enhancements.

Celebrate your family, children, or recognize your business.

Donor recognition at the Ute Indian Museum will be artfully displayed on the new patio. A personal inscription plaque will be placed in honor of your contribution at the following levels:

Eagle \$500+	Bear \$250	Horse \$100
4" x 8"	3" x 6"	2" x 4"

Maximum 20 characters allowed in the first two lines, 10 in the third line. History Colorado reserves the right to approve all inscriptions.

Become a Charter Member of the Ute Indian Museum Today!

In honor of the renovation and expansion of the Ute Indian Museum, a special 18-month charter membership is available for purchase through June 30, 2017. Benefits include:

- Unlimited free admission to the Ute Indian Museum, including up to 4 people per visit per membership
- Discounts on classes and programs at the Ute Indian Museum
- 10% discount at the Ute Indian Museum gift shop
- 4 free tickets to History Colorado Center in Denver
- 4 issues of Colorado Heritage Magazine
- 20% discount on a full History Colorado membership

Contribution

☐ EAGLE \$500

☐ BEAR \$250

☐ HORSE \$100

☐ Other Amount:

☐ Ute Indian Museum Charter Membership, \$40

Mr/Ms/Mrs First Name: Last Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Email:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Name as it should appear for acknowledgement purposes

☐ Check here if you wish your gift to remain anonymous.

Payment

☐ Check Enclosed, payable to History Colorado Ute Indian Museum

☐ Credit Card

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Account Number: Expiration Date:

Signature: CCV#:

TOTAL \$:

Please complete this card and return it to the Ute Indian Museum or mail it to Development, History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203. To contribute or become a member online, visit: h-co.org/uteindianmuseum

All gifts of \$100 or more will be recognized at the Ute Indian Museum and gifts of \$250 or more will be acknowledged in History Colorado publications. History Colorado is a 501(c)3 and your gift may be tax deductible.

Please call History Colorado, 303-866-4477, for more information.

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HEALTH INSURANCE

Free assistance with health insurance applications

Staff report
LA PLATA FAMILY CENTERS COALITION

The La Plata Family Centers Coalition located in Durango and Bayfield, and the Archuleta County Department of Human Services provide free consultations with trained Enrollment Specialists to learn about year-round enrollment opportunities for

Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) health coverage options.

Enrollment Specialists are available during the current open enrollment season to offer health insurance application assistance.

The public is invited to walk-in, onsite enrollment events in Pagosa Springs at the Archuleta County Department of Human Services, from 8:30 a.m. to 3

p.m. on Dec. 3 or in Durango at the La Plata County Fairgrounds on Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Jan. 10, 4 – 8 p.m.

For more information, call one of the following phone numbers: Family Center Durango 970-385-4747; Family Center Bayfield 970-884-4747; Archuleta County Department of Human Services 970-264-5627, ext. 2.

2016 Clean Air Excellence Award Reception

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program is the recipient of the EPA's prestigious 2016 Clean Air Excellence Award in the Regulatory Policy Innovations category for Tribal Implementation of a Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program. The Membership and employees are invited to attend a reception with the Tribal Council to celebrate this honor.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 3 – 5 p.m.

Hall of Warriors, Leonard C. Burch Building: 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO

TRIBAL HEALTH

Getting the most from your healthcare experience

By Paige M. Kapp, PharmD, BCPS, CDE
SU HEALTH CENTER

The Southern Ute Health Center aims to provide high quality primary care for the Southern Ute tribal membership and the AI/AN community of Ignacio. We strive to develop relationships with patients in which our healthcare providers and our patients talk openly about health problems; work together and choose treatments that fit the lifestyle and ability of the patient; and treat health concerns safely and effectively.

In order for you to benefit most from this relationship, there are a few things you can do:

- Give your healthcare provider all the information

you can about your health problem. Let them know if you are seeing other doctors elsewhere.

- Bring all of your medications, even those not prescribed by the clinic, with you to your appointments, including over-the-counter medicines, herbs and vitamins.

- Talk to your healthcare provider about any problems with your medicines, or other therapies you are prescribed.

- Make sure you understand and can follow the instructions given to you. If you are not able or do not want to, be sure and tell your healthcare provider.

- Don't stop your medications before talking with your healthcare provider.

- As a courtesy to other patients who need an appointment try and keep scheduled appointments, or give us 24 hours' notice if you cannot keep your appointment.

In addition to these steps to help us work together, we would like to remind you to provide us with current contact information so that we can reach you for any follow-up or results. Please remember to give us your current insurance information. Billing Insurance helps us to support the clinic and reduce the expense to the Southern Ute Tribe.

For further questions, you can pick up a copy of Patient Rights and Responsibilities from the Southern Ute Health Center.

You're Invited



Animas Alano Club Annual Holiday Gathering Dinner. Singing. Speakers.

WHEN

Sunday, December 18
from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE

Cowboy Church
2601 Junction Street, Durango

WHAT TO BRING

Your favorite holiday side dish to share

Rockin' Entertainment by: ???

Speakers: ???

AA, Alanon, NA and 12 step friends welcome!

Alano Club will Provide:
Turkey, Ham, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, dressing, French Bread & Beverages
Sponsors: Manna, Serious Delights, Gazpacho



La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts Fundraiser

FROSTY & FRIENDS

FUN RUN

SAT. Dec 10th

NOON

Bayfield HS MAIN GYM

Create a new healthy holiday tradition! Dig up some crazy holiday costumes, grab the family, and help our RURAL performing arts programs raise some funds!
\$10 single runner or
\$25 family (up to 5 people!)

NO pre-registration necessary just show up at 1130a & fill out entry information!
This is a noncompetitive event and no timing will occur!
Group warm-up at 1145a and then racers will be released to run the course!
Strollers welcome! All participants will receive a finishers medal and can return to the gym lobby to enjoy post-race refreshments! Registered runners ages 3 - 9 will receive a free pass for FROSTY'S FUN ZONE in BHS Auxiliary Gym!
970-903-4294 for additional information!

LEONARD C. BURCH 5TH ANNUAL WALK/RUN

Saturday, December 10
Sun Ute Community Center
Registration: 9 a.m.
Start: 10 a.m.

Special thanks from the Leonard C. Burch family
Sponsored by:
The Southern Ute Growth Fund
Law Firm of Maynes, Bradford, Shipp and Sheftel

Door prizes and employee incentives will be awarded after walk.
The first 100 adults to register will receive a free hoodie!
Children (10 and under) will receive a special prize!

Refreshments provided by Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Department
Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

For more info contact Leonora Burch at 970-799-3498 or Lisa Frost at 970-799-2056.

"Children are sacred"

Being a Foster Parent isn't about having a Big House...
It's about having a BIG HEART!

The need of positive Indian parenting of foster children is on the rise, there are many ways you can help. Become a foster parent and touch the life of a child. Help keep our children in the community and connected to their culture and traditions. Children are our most valuable resources and a key to our future.

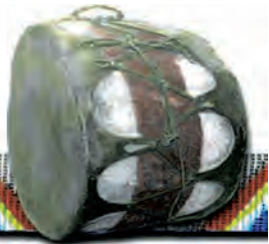
For more information contact:

Lisa B. Frost,
Foster Care Coordinator
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Department of Tribal Services
Division of Social Services
970/563-0100 Ext. 2330



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. 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. Drop off at Annex Bldg. located at 116 Memorial Dr., Ignacio, CO or emailed to atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. Questions, call 970-563-0138.



Winter songs at IHS



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Percussion Ensemble play a piece called “S’Vivon” at ‘A Winter Concert’ held at the Ignacio High School Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The concert choir sings “Silent Night” in German as one of their songs performed in ‘A Winter Concert’ held at the Ignacio High School Performing Arts Center on Dec. 6.



BGC Farewell



courtesy Tristany Sanchez/BGC

Lindsay Box (center) was presented a blanket and wished well from fellow Boys & Girls Club staff, as she left BGC for a position in Council Affairs as the Communications Specialist where she will manage Tribal Council communication and public relations.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe holiday office closures

- Monday, Dec. 26 (Christmas , 12/25)
- Monday, Jan. 2 (New Year’s Day, 1/1)



10th Annual Educating Children of Color Summit – 2017

The purpose of the Educating Children of Color Summit is to encourage all youth, especially children of color and children in poverty, to pursue higher education; to support teachers to be successful educators; and to educate parents on what it takes to be college-ready and to hold their child accountable for their future.

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Tribal Students of the Month

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff have developed a special recognition program, 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.



KEELYN REYNOLDS

My name is Keelyn Reynolds. I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am a first grader. My favorite subjects in school are science, math, and computers. My daddy is Dwayne Reynolds. I like participating in all kinds of sports. In addition, I want to be a chef when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of November because I am a wonderful, amazing person. And smart too.



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

LETREECE RICHARDS

My name is Letreece Richards. I attend Ignacio Middle School where I am a sixth grader. My favorite subjects in school are science, math, and computers. My parents/guardians are Briana Blackhorse and Ray Richards. I like participating in volleyball. In addition, I want to finish school and be a veterinarian.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of November because I turn in my work on time, I have good grades and being a great student.

Comments: Letreece is an amazing young lady and strives to be a Character Counts student. Good job Letreece!

Bball, skills and drills



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Micah Chee dribbles around cones during the youth Skills and Drills Camp Tuesday, Dec. 6 at SunUte.



Maria Rivera shows Kalia Anthony and Tavian Box how to catch and pass the basketball.

SunUte’s Recreation Specialist, Kelsey Frost gives Elijah Huerta some advice on proper dribbling technique.

POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

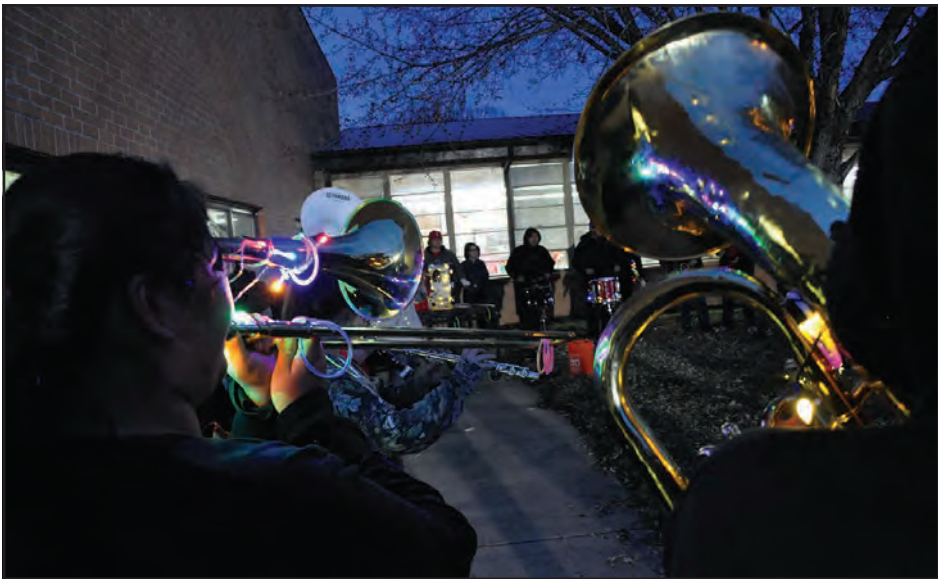
If you have not received a high school diploma, but would like to, then you may consider working toward your High School Equivalency credentials.

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



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



The Ignacio High School band plays a few Christmas songs outside of the ELHI gym to kickoff the Ignacio's Taste of Christmas annual event, Friday, Dec. 2.

A taste of Christmas

The annual Ignacio Taste of Christmas event drew a smaller crowd than previous years, but the Christmas cheer was evident as holiday goodies were abound, hot cocoa, fudge, fruit cake, gingerbread houses, Christmas songs and of course, pictures with Santa. The event was held in the ELHI Community Center's gym on Friday, Dec. 2.



Marcella Quintana opens the lid of her delicious tamales - which proved to be a big hit at the Taste of Christmas event.



Natalia and Victoria Pena sit on Santa's lap after telling him what they wanted for Christmas.



Tavian Box sits upon Santa's lap alongside Mrs. Claus for a photo, which was sold by the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe during the Taste of Christmas.



Face painting always seems to bring smiles to everyone, Aryail Flores (left) Ashley Flores and friend Aspen Naranjo.

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The Southern Ute Drum



The Ignacio High School Choir sang traditional Christmas songs, from around the world, "Silent Night" in German to name one.

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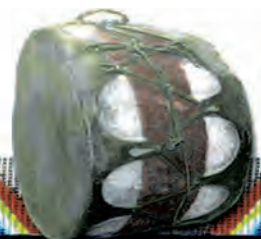
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IHS BASKETBALL

Bobcats bum-rush Bulldogs in opener

All eight score, four reach double figures

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Undoubtedly stoked that the visitors had lost as much, and probably far more talent due to graduation than had they, the Bulldogs quickly found themselves about as far from ‘stoked’ as possible; during the 2016-17 season-opener, the Bobcats of now still played like the Bobcats of then.

Traveling out to Dolores County to get underway Thursday, Dec. 1, Ignacio held Dove Creek scoreless for the first 5:05 while putting up ten points. And not long after DCHS guard Ryan Delano-Martinez finally got the locals on the scoreboard, IHS junior guard Cole McCaw canned the Bobcats’ first three-pointer of the winter to increase the guests’ lead to 15-2.

Junior guard Johnny Valdez followed shortly after with his first trey, upping IHS’ advantage to an overwhelming 20-2 at the expiration of eight regulation minutes, and Ignacio would never face anything resembling a threat in devastating the Dogs, 76-16.

“You know, for our first game it couldn’t be better,” said head coach Chris Valdez, who unveiled an initial starting five of McCaw, Valdez, junior Kruz Pardo, senior Joaquin King and junior Kai Roubideaux –essentially four guards and a post.

“We’re not playing a real talented team – they lost some kids last year – but we lost our whole starting lineup,” he continued. “So in their first varsity test as varsity starters – nobody on that team has ever started ... maybe Kruz, one game –



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Daniel Weaver (33) leaps for a running shot Thursday, Dec. 1, at Dove Creek, while shielding the ball away from DCHS’ Cody Kennedy.

to see them come out from the beginning, and do what they had to do to attack the basket, to create shots for their teammates ... I mean, almost eighty percent of our shots were off an assist! That’s what’s impressive when you add all that up; it shows team play.”

“He just said ‘Keep playing hard ’til the last second,’” said Roubideaux, whose 16 points trailed only Valdez’s 17 for the team high. “You know, when we have teams that are harder and much more aggressive, we have to be able to fight down the stretch and be able to come through.”

McCaw (12) and Pardo (11) also contributed dou-

ble-digit scoring, as all eight Bobcats who suited up for the varsity scored at least four points. Junior Daniel Weaver led IHS’ reserves with eight, while junior Marcus Chapman and freshman Elco Garcia, Jr., equaled King’s four.

And though Chapman fouled out with 0:38 left in the third quarter – after which Ignacio led 54-6 (the junior varsity had been in control through three by a similar 58-4 margin, en route to winning 73-8) – it didn’t deter the Cats from pursuing the ball, running in the open court, and regularly backdoor-cutting to

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avionne Gomez (25) slips past Dove Creek’s Taylor Hickman (14) and Jolena Spigner (21) for a tough shot during the teams’ 2016-17 season-opener Thursday, Dec. 1, at DCHS.

IHS GIRL’S BASKETBALL

Lady Cats chew through Dove Creek

Young crew starts season off winning

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio head coach Shane Seibel had quipped after a practice leading up to the 2016-17 season-opener that he “was still looking for a point guard.”

He certainly could do a whale of a world worse than junior Avionne Gomez.

Running things in place of the transferred Hilda Garcia Thursday, Dec. 1, as part of a youthful starting lineup including freshman Makayla Howell, junior Alisianna Baker, freshman Larissa Gallegos and senior Tori Archuleta, Gomez also showed some of last winter’s scoring flair with 14 points in a 45-18 win at Dove Creek.

“I thought she turned it on,” said Seibel. “She’s our leader and she really showed me something. She was getting a little frustrated that first quarter, and then she was able to take a deep breath and really lead in every category. From hustling to getting on the ground, and – what I like to see – the boxing-out, she did a fantastic job.”

The early stress wasn’t without cause; the Lady Bulldogs managed to come as close as 6-5 with 5:00 left in the first frame, after three easy Baker buckets inside had the Lady Bobcats (1-0, 1-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) threatening to quickly turn the game into a rout.

But IHS ended the quarter on an 8-4 run, capped by eager sophomore Payton Lyon’s near-three-point play – her first two varsity

points – after taking a hack from DCHS freshman Cassie Gatlin with 1:06 left.

“We did great,” she said. “We’re a team that really emphasizes recognizing what our defense gives us. We have set plays that give us opportunities, but what our plays are based on is recognizing what the defense gives us.”

Or what the Lady ‘Cats can take from one. Gomez’s virtual end-to-end take with 4:44 left before halftime put Ignacio ahead 21-13, and in turning Dove Creek’s ‘D’ to Swiss cheese with her cuts and turns, showed that the enemy’s energy was already nearing depletion.

“Having two freshmen starters – I mean, that’s really tough for a team to just come together and click!” Lyon said. “I think our attitudes were really good; we stayed humble, stayed hungry the whole entire game and just gave it everything we had.”

IHS went into the locker room up 27-13, then came back out and held DCHS to just one point in increasing their advantage to 33-14 through 24 completed regulation minutes. Howell (four points) would foul out with 1:32 left in the contest, but the Lady ‘Cats went out on a high note with a basket apiece from Gallegos and reserves Veronica Gonzales and Sidney Cox.

“I thought they stepped up pretty amazingly their first time out,” said Seibel. “They were awfully nervous, told me ‘Coach, I’m so nervous!’ And they performed well. Got a lot of room for im-

provement, but they did o.k.”

Baker totaled eight points in the victory, Lyon booked five, Gallegos equaled Archuleta’s four, and sophomore Kiana Valdez chipped in two. Senior Shelby Fullmer’s seven paced the Lady Bulldogs (0-1, 0-1), with Gatlin registering five and sophomore Madilyn Hankins four.

“Although we’re very young, I would say a lot of the juniors and sophomores are really stepping up and taking that leadership we just don’t have – we don’t have that ‘seniority,’ that experience – on the team,” Lyon said. “I think everybody’s doing a really great job of encouraging each other, pushing each other to just keep moving up.”

“They’re starting to grasp that they’re not looking at me to call the play. They’re actually recognizing how to read and react accordingly,” said Seibel, “and that’s our offense – them not being able to look at me ... and our point guard, from Avi to Tori, to recognize what play to call.”

Up next, Ignacio plays Dec. 9-10 at the Montezuma-Cortez Lady Panther Invitational, then hosts Dolores on the 13th to wrap up the presently-shown, pre-Christmas portion of their schedule.

“Everybody’s keeping their spirits high,” said Lyon. “We’re going to work on embracing adversity. No matter what the refs give us, what the defense gives us, no matter what happens on the floor ... we are going to take it and we’re going to make the best out of it.”

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats end 2016

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Prime rib in primetime ... sounds like a proper recipe to help recognize achievement(s).

And for Ignacio High School Volleyball, it was as the program officially signed off 2016 with its end-of-season banquet/awards ceremony Tuesday night, Nov. 29, inside the IHS Performing Arts Center Auditorium.

Highlighting the gathering was a keynote address from former Volleycat and 1994 Ignacio graduate Amy Barry, who emphasized the importance of following one’s heart through not only the sport but also life’s unknowns.

“I wanted to be a volleyball player, and I became a politician,” she joked, while recalling her personal experiences in the game – ranging from her first exposure to it as a youth playing in the town’s adult women’s leagues, to her junior-high and high-school days under well-known figures Linda Trujillo, Melanie Taylor and Rocky Cundiff.

“There are no guarantees ... but there’s the opportunity to focus on what’s important,” Barry said, implying that could mean either volleyball itself, or using volleyball to help discipline oneself to reach scholastic success. “It was about having it together ‘up here’



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio varsity head coach Thad Cano presents freshman Makayla Howell with one of two Coaches’ Awards – recognizing top classroom performance through GPA – at the Volleycats’ end-of-season banquet/awards ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 29.

[gestures to her temple].”

A summer-camp encounter at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., with the 1988 Olympic gold medal-winning U.S. Men’s National Team – featuring, amongst others, head coach Marv Dunphy (2016-17 is his 34th season with the Waves) and standouts/future AVP beach teammates Karch Kiraly and Ricci Luyties (later an assistant women’s coach at Colorado, and presently women’s HC at Cal-San Diego) – was particularly influential.

“Just because you win every game doesn’t make you a good athlete,” Barry stated, noting that academics, one’s personality, and having respect for self and others were also essentials which translated well for the USMNT (and Women’s National Team) not only on

the court, but far from it.

For future reference, Barry stressed to the Cats able to return next fall the importance of being able to mesh well with teammates, taking pride in being prepared in all aspects, and having a basic love of being competitive and simply wanting to be the best one can be.

“Anyone can do that,” she said. “You don’t have to be 6’5”, or be the fastest on the team.”

“I wish you all the greatest success in your career,” she said later in closing, “whatever that may be.”

C-team skipper Katrina Richards then stepped to the podium to announce her squad’s superlatives, which included staff-selected Most Valuable Player and statistically-based MaxPreps.com

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IHS JV teams start with wins



Ignacio guard Autumn Smith (23) motors away from a Dove Creek defender during the junior-varsity’s 2016-17 season-opener Thursday, Dec. 1, at DCHS. Having led 11-0 after one quarter, HIS withstood the Lady Bulldogs’ extensive comeback bid and prevailed 35-33 on the road. The JV boys were also successful their first time out this winter with a 73-8 triumph.



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Bella Torrez (11) hoists up a baseline jumper over a Dove Creek defender during the junior-varsity’s 2016-17 season-opener Thursday, Dec. 1, at DCHS. Having led 11-0 after one quarter, IHS withstood the Lady Bulldogs’ extensive comeback bid and prevailed 35-33 on the road. Breaking free early for a 48-1 halftime lead the JV boys were en route to a triumph.

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♊ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS SAGGIES! It’s the FULL MOON in GEMINI on the 12th that will be promoting congenial conversations. Share your ideas. You’ll be at your sociable best when the MOON connects with VENUS on the 12th. Family holiday festivities, and plans run smoothly through the 20th, then its full speed ahead to CHRISTMAS. The planets are favoring you with a very MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON. Be of good cheer SAGITTARIUS. A generous attitude may bring much happiness to others around you, and to yourself as well.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**
Traditionally the holiday theme is all about Peace on Earth, and good will towards others. Then along comes zippy little MERCURY slipping into your sign on the 2nd, and starting its countdown to its retrograde on the 19th. What’s more, the NEW MOON in your sign on the 28th signals that you must finish what you have initiated. Stand firm in your beliefs. Don’t limit yourself. There is much progress to be made after the 21st. HAVE YOURSELF A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS CAPRICORN PEOPLE.

♈ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
Energetic MARS launches your holiday pursuits in a dazzling whirlwind of motion. To make things even more enjoyable, VENUS slips into your sign on the 7th and immediately begins emitting a more social agenda. By CHRISTMAS this beautiful planet sparkles like a Diamond and illuminates your holiday HOROSCOPE in a spectacular manner. Future travel plans are easily organized and have the potential for being highly satisfactory. MERRY CHRISTMAS AQUARIUS.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
Work related business may have you putting in extra hours. The SUN, and SATURN are demanding more of your time and effort. Real Estate or a domestic matter might pop up unexpectedly. Double check all paperwork after the 19th when MERCURY turns retrograde. MARS enters your sign on the 19th and quickly reboots your energy level. An early and welcomed gift from Santa arrives in the form of extra income. You’ve earned it Little Fishes. CHRISTMAS MERRIMENT TO YOU AND YOURS.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
There are a variety of FULL MOONS that take place from month to month. Depending on the sign they happen to occupy, each one tells a different story. This month the story for you is all about communication. The FULL MOON in the talkative sign of GEMINI may have you chatting it up with people you meet, relatives, or just discussing ideas with others. The bottom line is that it won’t be a boring month for you. HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS ARIES PEOPLE.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
December’s planetary story begins with gazing up at the starry night sky. Take a deep breath and inhale fresh, cool, head clearing air. Money matters may turn your attention to financial decisions. While the SUN and SATURN are currently putting the focus on shared finances, and taxes. The 13th’s FULL MOON reinforces the need to spend wisely, but in a loving, generous manner. After the 20th the SUN enters companionable CAPRICORN. MANY CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU TAURUS.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
It might be somewhat of a stretch for you to be objective regarding close relationships, or partnerships. SATURN’S ever present influence has slowly been changing your perspective. Either you’re with them, or you’re not. This month’s FULL MOON in your sign may have you finally taking a stand on the matter. If your relationship is working, grow with it. If not then give your decisions some serious thought. WISHING YOU PEACE AND HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMAS GEMINI.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
A NEW MOON in your opposite sign of CAPRICORN on the 28th marks the start of a memorable phase for you. All you need to do is lower your expectations. Realistic goals, and determination will give you the power you need to succeed. Advancement on the 1st, 3rd, and 6th, arrives with MARS as it connects with JUPITER on the 1st, SATURN on the 3rd, and URANUS on the 6th. Make light of situations you can’t control, and steer clear of divisive issues. HAPPY CHRISTMAS WISHES CANCER.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**
The winter SUN warms the enjoyment section of your Horoscope. Productivity kicks in on the 9th, 10th and 12th, resulting in positive advancement. Make it fun Lions. Do something creative as only a LEO can. The NEW MOON on the 28th sets a good work and health cycle into motion. Think about what your top priorities are, and determine which direction would suit you best. The steps you take to reach your goals are important. There are no short cuts. ENJOY THE MAGIC THAT IS CHRISTMAS LIONS.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**
CHRISTMAS is all about giving and making others happy. Family and domestic interests will be the focus. Supportive planetary positions contribute to harmonious relationships with loved ones. Let go of old issues VIRGO..The NEW MOON on the 28th encourages a way to settle differences peacefully. Pay attention to your calendar. MERCURY (your planetary ruler) turns retrograde on the 19th. Make a list, complete your plans, and trim the tree, CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE...HO HO HO

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**
The SUN and SATURN hold an optimistic command over your daily routine, while MARS links with JUPITER on the 1st. Happy times prevail. Your ruler VENUS, in AQUARIUS on the 7th, promotes a desire to be both resourceful and ready to celebrate the holiday with inspired imagination. JOYFUL JUPITER in your sign all month blankets all your actions with beneficial results. 2016 closes on a high point, with exciting new developments. WRAP YOUR HOME WITH CHRISTMAS CHEER LIBRA.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**
According the FARMER’S ALMANAC winter’s chill is due to descend on the Southwest from the 8th thru the 11th. Perfect weather for getting into the holiday shopping spirit. VENUS and MARS in the domestic section of this month’s Horoscope may have you spending BIG on family members. MARS enters like-minded PISCES on the 19th, and amplifies your creative, and artistic thoughts. Your gift selections are likely to be unique. YOU’LL MAKE A GREAT SANTA SCORPIO.

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sent everybody, not just the tribes, but Colorado as a whole,” Baker said. Ernest House Jr. Executive Director of CCIA said that the governor and lieutenant governor are very supportive of the idea and will provide any support to help see this through. House gave an update on the mascot commission formed from CCIA that has gained national attention. West Middle School in Colorado Springs wants to meet with the Ute tribes. House said he has been in touch with Austin Box, Southern Ute tribal elder who lives in the area and is working on arranging for Box to meet with the students. He also stated that Shining Mountain High School was the first high school in Colorado to come up with behavior guidelines for sporting events. The National School Boards Association has also asked that the mascot commission to do a presentation at their annual conference in March 2017. The next CCIA meeting is scheduled to take place during the same time as Denver March Powwow in 2017.

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FLY-FISHING

Christmas without unwrapping a present

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

To make sure that I didn’t repeat myself for this column I read last years’ Christmas column. As I read the column I did find that I had made a prediction that came true. I predicted that 2016 would be a year of “Plain ole, ordinary, political stupidity.” I promise not to make any more predictions.

As life is finite, and being only a year and a half away from leaving the comfort of life as a sexagenarian and becoming a septuagenarian, what should I ask for Christmas? Since I already own just about everything one can buy at a fly shop, asking for a new piece of equipment seemed pretty shallow. Plus, if I suddenly discover I need something I’ll just use my frequent fly-shop-buyer points to buy it. So, what will I do while everyone else is unwrapping their gifts? I’ve decided that as each gift is unwrapped, I am going to give myself a mental gift.

To start with, I am giving myself the gift of lots more casts. I hate reading where someone has made their final cast. I’m not looking for the last cast; I want lots more of them. Of course to make many more casts I will have to spend many more days fly-fishing. I want those days to be done on fly-fishing trips that take several days. They don’t need to be to far-off exotic places but can be easily accomplished in locations no more than a day’s drive from



home. These types of trips will be easy on my body and bank account.

While on these excursions I promise myself not to be overly concerned with the technicalities of casting. I have spent way too much time analyzing my cast. It is what it is. That means when my loops are large enough to drive a truck through, so be it. It takes too much energy to fuss at myself and lose the reason I am on the water. The fish aren’t scoring my casts. I’ll get the fly where it needs to be. It may not be pretty, but it works. Another part of my cast that I will stop beating myself up about is the left-breaking delivery of my fly. When I’m just enjoying the day, not concentrating on the cast, maybe a little distracted with everything around me, my fly will break left just before it touches the water. If I were a major league pitcher that breaking cast would be worth millions. That’s what I’ll keep telling myself.

For 2017, I am going to use slower and softer rods (might

have to go buy a new one). I’ll do this to remind myself to slow down, don’t be in a hurry, enjoy being on the water. And while on the water, I will expand my horizons. I will, from time to time, use a nymph. I still won’t use a bobber, but maybe I’ll tie on a big dry fly that will also work as an indicator. Since I am not going to be in a hurry, I’ll give my fishing partner an extra 15-minutes on the casting platform. Or maybe, I’ll just sit on a rock beside a river, enjoy my cigar, and think about a good adult beverage for the end of the day. Then when I have refreshed my spirit, mind, and body, I’ll show all the young whippersnappers on the water who is the best fly fisherman they have seen. It’s my hope that by moving slower, enjoying the moment, being more aware of all the beauty of fly fishing, that my final fly fishing trip will be a long time in coming.

My gift for fly-fishing in 2017 is doable. I also hope that when political discussions heat up all participants will take the afternoon off and go fly-fishing. It’s good for what ails the soul. So, in closing, I want to use my annual politically incorrect statement. (I only make one a year.)

I wish everyone Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid al-Adha, and of course Merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then may whatever touches you heart with hope be with you all of 2017.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

DEAR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who put their trust in me and voted for me. I am deeply moved by your expression of confidence. Although I did not make it, I continue to hold each and everyone in my prayers. Thank you! This year’s Southern Ute election has been intense and as a result we are spiraling to a run-off! Congratulations to the remaining four.

Relatives, it is highly important that we stand up and voice our concerns to the

Tribal Council; for it is their responsibility to follow the Tribal Constitution and support/serve the membership. We need a fair and balanced system; whether it is employment, education, health services, or social services, we need to be informed and updated on policies, regulations, and guideline changes.

We are faced with many challenges in today’s society and we need to elect responsible leaders that will help shape our future. Not only for our young people who need to be guided in many areas but the middle age and our elderly. The right leader

will instill the fortitude and encourage us. Challenges? No doubt, we are beginning to see and understand what the future will hold for Native People under a Trump Presidency. Therefore, let us unite through strength and undivided support for one another. We will triumph over adversity.

Be well and may our Creator shine upon us.

Marge Borst

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched ... but are felt in the heart.” – Helen Keller.

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

GREETINGS FROM JOSEPH RAE L JR
Hope you had a very wonderful and happy Thanksgiving Sheila and Jake and Families.

From, Bowdee

God bless you Southern Ute Tribe.

From, Bowdee

God bless you Vince and Julia and family. Also to Shane, Melanie and family. Take Care.

From, Bowdee

Drum Deadline

Next issue: Dec. 23

Deadline: Dec. 19

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Request For Proposals (RFP) Professional Design And Construction Services For Cedar Point - Residential Home Construction

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for professional design and construction services for residential homes at the Cedar Point Subdivision in Ignacio, Colo. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in

Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on Jan 12, 2017. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo, Project Manager, for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



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* Not all internships offer tuition support, some internships are for summer employment only.

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- Biological Sciences
- Forestry
- Wildland Fire
- Agriculture and Rangeland
- Engineering and Architectural
- Physical Science
- Legal and Business

INTERNSHIP SALARY				
Hourly Rate - Rest of United States Locality Pay Table				
Grade	Step 1		Step 10	
2	\$ 11.30	-	\$ 14.22	
3	\$ 12.33	-	\$ 16.03	
4	\$ 13.84	-	\$ 17.99	
5	\$ 15.49	-	\$ 20.13	

Previous education and/or experience may be evaluated to determine the highest grade / step level for which the individual is qualified

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Show they are enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe using Form BIA - 4432
- Must maintain a security clearance
- Sign and maintain a Participant Agreement
- Good academic standing
- Fully Successful or above performance ratings
- Some positions may also require a medical exam, drug testing, and a valid driver license and specific education certification or degree requirements

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must be accepted for enrollment or enrolled and seeking a degree (diploma, certificate, etc.) in a qualifying educational institution, on a full or half-time basis. Because internship varies; please refer to the job vacancy announcement on USAJOBS for positions qualifications and requirements.

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GS-4 grade level: Completion of 2 academic years of post-high school study or associate's degree leading to a bachelor's degree in related academic discipline
GS-5 grade level: Completion of 4 academic years of post-high school leading to a bachelor's degree or equivalent degree

One year of education is defined as 30 semester hours or 45 Quarter hours

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Office of Trust Services
Youth Program Coordination Office

1849 C Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20240

All BIA Intern Job Opportunities are Posted to [USAJOBS](https://www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads/)
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Correction

In the November 10 issue of the Drum Southern Ute tribal veterans: William Bean, Harvey Frost Sr., Lawrence South Weaver, Daniel Baker, Arthur Johnny Weaver, Vernon S. Frost, and Raymond Wells Kuebler were unintentionally left out of the front page tribute to tribal veterans. We apologize to the veterans and their families for the mistake.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

SUIT TRIBAL MEMBER – WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY

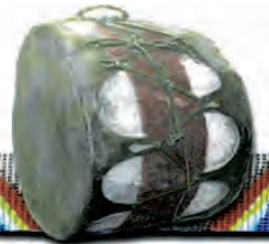
The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to fill ONE vacant seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This is a special recruitment to fill the remaining eight months of a three year seat, with the option of applying for a full three year term beginning in Aug. 2017. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, Dec. 30.

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.

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.

Gas Chromatograph Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing date 12/13/16
Maintaining and calibrating all Red Cedar natural gas chromatographs, obtains required well analysis samples as required by producer contracts.

Gas Volume Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/13/16
Under the direction of the Gas Control Supervisor, provides training to Gas Volume Analyst I, monitors natural gas production volumes, nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines, reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/statements, creates and distributes customers' gas purchase invoices, enters daily gas sales and production data, assists in drafting and maintaining gathering and transportation contracts, controls and corrects errors as needed on wellhead and pipeline imbalances, monitors and corrects contracts, corrects errors as required on gas imbalance reports, and works with the Marketing Specialist to forecast natural gas sales volumes.

Production Accounting Technician I – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/14/16
Under the general direction of the Production Accounting Supervisor, provides basic support to assist with ensuring that timely, accurate production volumes for all operated and non-operated oil and gas properties are available in company operated software programs and databases.

Operations Tech I – Aka Energy Group (Cheney, KS)

Closing date 12/15/16
Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner, for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated

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Senior Reservoir Engineer – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/16/16
Requires expert application of reservoir engineering petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills. Works collaboratively with Basin Teams and partners to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Utilizes appropriate risking techniques and economic analyses to optimize the quality of investments.

PeopleSoft HCM Analyst – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/16/16
Directing the internal PeopleSoft Human Capital Management developers and users groups, developing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support.

Gas Volume Analyst I – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Administrative Assistant – Housing

Closing date 12/16/16
Performs administrative support for the Housing Department, including secretarial duties, receptionist, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

After School Guide (Part-time)

Closing date 12/19/16
Regular, part-time position, providing education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Assistant Cook

Closing date 11/13/16
Assisting the Head Cook/Kitchen Manager to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Education Floater

Closing date 12/13/16
Supporting the SUIMA through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Legal Assistant

Closing date 12/15/16
Under general supervision of the Director of the Legal Department, reception, administration, and scheduling of departmental tasks, assisting with the work of the Legal Department's attorneys. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Chief Medical Officer

Open until filled
Full time position, organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical

programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. Will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Will require providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties.

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 Department. 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

Multisystemic Therapist (MST)

Closing date 12/15/16
SUCAP Peaceful Spirit. Minimum Requirements: MA in Psych, Social Work, Counseling or related subject(s) plus two years of experience in field study. Provide intensive family therapy using the Multisystemic Therapy model as your method of intervention; provide your own vehicle, willing to travel, and attend share holders meetings in Pagosa Springs. Precise record keeping skills is a must. Training provided in MST model.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Lester Valenzuela

Job title: Deputy Clerk
Description of duties: provide clerical support to judges and public. Prepare and maintain case files, data entry.
Hobbies: Wilderness and pets.
Family: Husband and two children.
Tribe: Jicarilla Apache Nation
Comment: Thank you for this opportunity.



Nicole Cabral

Job title: Distant Learning Coordinator
Description of duties: Works in coordination with tribal organizations, universities, colleges, local schools and community members to provide long distance telecommunications and educational resource information.
Hobbies: Hike, bake, travel and knit.
Comment: I am very excited to be working along side the Southern Ute community.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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Barista (Full-time)

Closing date 12/9/16
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Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Closing date 12/8/16
Performs multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. Must be at least 18 years old. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have 3 months of previous dishwashing experience.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 12/12/16
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.

*Player Development Staff (Full-time)

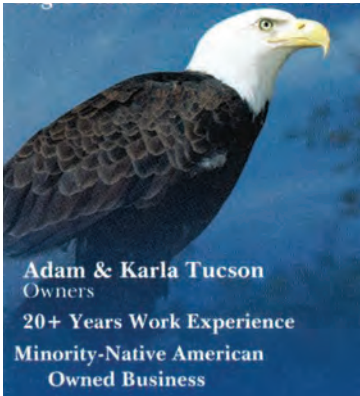
Closing date 12/9/16
Performs all administrative functions of the Player's Club, enrolls new members and services existing members, promotes card usage from existing members through club benefits and promotions, assist guests with accounts, point redemption, promotion entries and any other questions. Maintains a thorough understanding of all player tracking software, promotions and rules in order to convey pertinent information to Casino guests, while having a pleasant and outgoing customer service demeanor. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in customer service. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) experience preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills.

*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 12/12/16
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

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On the Southern Ute Reservation
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2016-NC-0133
Laurie Luciana Monte-Watts, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Laurie Luciana Monte-Watts filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Laurie Luciana Monte.
As of November 22, 2016 at 9 a.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Laurie Luciana Monte-Watts name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Laurie Luciana Monte.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2016.
Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Leonard C. Burch Day

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

Southern Ute Tribal Offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 9 in observance.

The Blue Babies: Pt. 2

By Ronald YellowBird

Editors Note: “The Blue Babies” by Ronald Yellow-Bird has been divided into two parts, this is part 2 of 2.

I am the oldest son of the late John S. Williams (Mouache Capote) and Wanda Accuttroop American Horse (Uncompahgre). My beginnings start at Little Chicago in Ft Duchesne, UT. I lived there with all my Ute grandmothers & aunties, all the grandfathers & uncles, and through their teachings have I realized how much we have lost.

PART 2

A fire was burning when “Sees The Mountain Lion” appeared from the shadows and went straight to his relatives. Motion to sit down was recognized by uncle. Grandfather Raven began by smudging all those that came. I am asking those men who is father to unborn children to kneel in a circle, shoulder to shoulder. I will begin by placing a mark of the red earth upon your forehead and this will assist you to open your mind. Breathe good and let your insides settle down, remove all thoughts and think with me. For a long time now, we have been blessed to live in a beautiful place and we have enjoyed a good life. Most of us have lived well into the years, reaching into the reflection of the past. Our existence only continues because of our strong beliefs, in and through our children. My relatives from the southern border have told me of changes in the wind, it blows much drier and hotter from the west. The rains which gives us all life will be no more, I can only send a prayer in ceremony to the Creator. I can only tell you what you must do as men of the Red River People. With all the females of this earth, only they can give life and you as men can easily take it away and soon you will be put to the test. This has always been true in the past and will continue to happen in the future. Those of us who live here in the Shiny Mountains live by the rule that all life is holy. That is going to change, your wives and mothers will not forgive you. But for the good of those present we can make our own decision. Now without the life given rains, our lives that we know, will become much harder. Our last meals are coming and with that hunger pains in our families. Who will suffer the most is what I have come to tell you, this is what the men must prepare for.

In this day and the next

you will feel a little different. Those men who have entered the medicine lodge will encounter the same spirit. The same Spirits of the Earth that bring the rains and clouds. The Red River People who been living a good life, have forgotten the way of the old Ute Traditions. The path has been made easy and the nuch-u are lost in having too much. Their old ways of helping each other in time of need, does not exist today. Instead, all become complacent of the respect given to those who have earned it. Now the aa-nuch, just walked by the wounds of the earth, without realizing what would happen to them if they just stopped. Look inside and see yourself of what you have become. Is this a way of doing for self, not having approval from those on the other side. Grandfather Raven, explained that the spirit inside is released, their impulse of energy becomes a small part of what we know to be the living earth. Our beliefs of coming from the earth and returning back. The circle of life will be completed for your part and in an instant the feeling of floating with the ability to travel at the speed of a dream.. Theres where the physical of you lies, in the bed, or on the ground or wherever you may have succumbed to the disease, trauma, old age or an accident that was meant to be. At that moment in the space of the tranquility and the effortlessness movement by your conscious takes place. We all find others suspended in the air, in the trees, in the water and watching is the Creator. Embracing our lives to become all that is good. You can feel this spiritual energy when we travel to the high country and you stand there amongst the natural elements of this earth, a mortal being with a gift to create another life. We were placed here to always sacrifice, and understanding that, the taking of another life was inhuman. In this kind of behavior, we have become lost and invisible to the Creator’s laws. All that is in the past for thousands of years, is destroyed in the last 300 years. We cannot breathe the air, we cannot drink the water or eat the fish, cannot eat the plants or creatures of which was placed here by the Creator for our survival. .In grandfather raven’s nightmare, the world as we know it, will be no more and the place all Utes hate to venture and are deeply afraid of is the underground. The mouth of a great serpent

and echoes of another life gone by. The nuchu have always been told to stay away from the entrance of the underground and not to be seen by many of the remains left of the Little People. Those who have a house of stone and the trail to their homes are too steep for a big Ute to follow. They are scattered about in the sandstone canyon, where a great pool of water existed. They are long gone now and are remembered by the storytellers of the winter nights. How many times have I sat there in the darkness, to see a light coming from the distance. A familiar voice instructing me to follow the light and to enter the round stone house set in the ground. In the middle is a fire of pinyon and human figures covered in earth paint are sitting there around the light. They are chanting and others are in deep meditation with visions of another denomination. They, the spirit of us, are on the opposite plane and they have little worry of the bones, muscles, tendons and what makes us the physical being. Rather, they exist in the energy of what makes antimatter and matter, those countless molecules. In the physical of us we give it color, mass and independence from others. Until the vulnerable body ceases to be and that energy that is inside is released. Even then we are bound to the earth and exist in a sphere that protects our beginnings from the cold of the universe. Our physical presence here with all the living explains the reasons why we co-exist with all the living. We have laws that are handed down from those who came here long before any of us was born. My memory of the old lady and her sister’s sitting on their bedroll pad and talking of years gone by. The fire reveals our history drawn into their faces and hands. As they speak the air stands still and those who sing in the evening are quiet. A warm calm comes over me, lying there knowing I was safe and protected. They spoke of goods that were accepted warmly and would have sincere thoughts in their presence. I can feel the kinship of the earth and my inner self, that part of me where reasons are justified. Can I project myself as the Grandfather Raven that he has learned to do, traveling in a blink of an eye and all the while gathering knowledge. It would appear as day and night to me, when it only existed in mind and imprinted in memory. The words from Grand-

father Raven echoes across the canyons, above these red sandstones smoothed over from the elements. On both sides of the river that runs red, are the forest and grasslands. The winter winds flow over the protected valley, with the solstice warming the canyon sides. The people of Red River feel blessed and realize how the Creator shaped the surroundings for them. That the witness of their daily lives, their struggles, their births and deaths are and have become, a people that endures all. It is their prayers that are heard by a higher power, for their prayers truly come from their hearts and minds. Much like a child’s prayer which is simple and not clouded by adult problems, nor are their little hearts full of anxieties and hate. The nuchu have always believed that the Creator was always watching over them and those events that were meant to be was a sign. There is an old Ute man, aa-nua-puch, who gets up before the sunrise ceremony and prepares himself for the new day. Water, earth and eagle whistle are within his palms. First, the water a natural element, it’s clear, cold liquid coming from the same place as all the life. and is plentiful. Carried in willow basket made by someone related and the aa-nua-puch finds his place. Behind him to the west the first rays of the sun light the La Plata’s and soon the power of the distance sun peeks over the ridge line of the H & D’s. It is a familiar sight passed on by a memory of those who have stood there thousands of years ago. In a cupped hand he pours water atop his head for he has become a plant and needs the sun to grow. Secondly, he has a little of the earth in his hand as he smudges himself. Suddenly he sees the chickadees landing on the hallowed ground beside him and they are staring at his feet and moving up his body.

They see the spirit from within emerge. The earth from where he comes from he goes back to, and finally, the eagle bone whistle calls attention to all the living spirits.

Hear me, it is aa-nua-puch your son, see me and bless me with all the good things of life and bless all the living life that helps me with my travels, well into the day and night. I ask you to watch over all the humans of the earth and give them guidance in their everyday beliefs. Watch over all the life and the next generations to be. Watch over and bless those who have gone on to a spirit world, those relatives who have traveled here to be with us, all of the grandfathers and grandmothers. That blesses me the strength to make sacrifices of myself and make good decisions in our everyday life. See me when I am hungry in my spiritual and physical life. Show me a sign of where the game are, where the edible plants grow and warn us of all predators in our travels. Protect the People of the Red River Valley and all those who live around the center of the universe. Grandfather Raven, has foretold of a time when the great winds will change and we will feel the pain of hunger and maybe starve. He has said that the ultimate sacrifice in life, now will be judged by how many children they are willing to set aside or place them in the front of the line. Forgive, us of the thought in taking the life of the next generation and see us when we are saddened as one of our own journeys to the afterlife. This decisive act will be conducted only by the man and will happen when there is no bond between him and his infant child. Unforeseen is the description of the trauma in our emotions as we take the little soul to the river world. They

are thrown in without haste and become a part of the river and all the life of what the river gives. The littlest ones are seen in the deep part of the river and become the blue babies. Their little spirits exist as one can hear them crying at night, down by the dark of the river. This sacrifice is without their consent. They do understand that their death continues the survival of the family, community and the people among us. So in a time of plenty, the children and old eat first and then the rest. In some societies the men are at the front of the line and women follow with their children. The old are helped by the oldest grandchildren and they remain with them in their daily lives. As each day arrives the transfer of stories, lessons, singing of old songs is done to comfort them in the closing of their eyes. Approaching is the messenger of death, he cares not of how we lived nor of our great deeds or what we have witnessed, our struggles or our innocence. He comes to claim the physical body, but he cannot hold the spirit within, for the “inner you” travels to the spirit world and to the great beyond, there to remain for eternity in watching over the earth with the Creator by your side. We will all be there some day and some will travel past the great beyond, there in the universe, the endless night and cold of the dark, to see past the stars, and maybe to be reborn in another dimensions. Some of us have great inner strength and we touch those around us with good memories, every time we are remembered. We remain just beyond your touch, watching from the past and hidden in the consciousness of every thought. The most memorable of us remain here and watch over all.

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the hoop.

“It was all about transition,” Roubideaux said. “We’ve got to get down the floor, get down the floor ... got to pass, got to pass. And we’ve got to make easy buckets off the transitions; the ball game’s right there.”

“We don’t want to give up defensively and in years past, we have. When we got big leads we just kind of let the other team score on us, got lazy, and these guys value the defense now,” said Chris Valdez. “That was the biggest problem – I thought – with this team, the defense, and they showed me a little bit more than I was expecting. I’m just happy that they got a win early.”

Sinking two fourth-quarter threes, Delano-Martinez finished with ten points for Dove Creek (0-1, 0-1 2A/1A San Juan Basin League). Senior Cody Kennedy managed four, but classmate Scott Gatlin finished with zero.

“I think our chemistry is getting a lot better; we’re all starting to click ...glue together,” said Roubideaux.

After a long time spent refining that blend, the Bobcats (1-0, 1-0) will next see action on the December 13 at home versus Dolores, then compete Dec. 16-17 at the Montezuma-Cortez Panther Invitational.

TWO GOOD WHEELS

On the receiving end of several quick looks to the baseline, resulting in easy lay-ins, Roubideaux’s play in the paint was definitely one of the brightest posi-

tives gleaned from the visit to DCHS.

“Kai, you know.... Freshman year, torn ACL. Sophomore year, a broken foot – right after his ACL healed. He got a few games in last year, but never really got any major time,” recalled Valdez.

“So for him to come out and play good – he’s worked his butt off, gotten in shape ... It’s just we’re not deep. We’re missing six varsity players that could really be out here – we added a couple younger guys to our mix to play this game – but if they don’t come back or come in later, we’re going to make it work until that happens.”

“I’m starting to trust my body,” said Roubideaux. “Wasn’t holding back – just trust my body and attack!”

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Player-of-the-Year Larissa Gallegos, a freshman outside hitter. Sophomore middle Divine Windy Boy was named Most Improved Player, and junior middle Gabrianna Creason received the Coaches’ Award for top grade-point average.

Arla Duran-Velasquez followed next with the JV awards, and revealed freshman OH/MB Isabella Pena to be her team’s MVP and senior OH Lea Monroe as the MaxPreps.com POY. Monroe also earned the GPA-based Coaches’ Award, and junior libero Karely Mendoza received Most Improved.

Head coach Thad Cano then presented the varsity’s individual laurels. The Coaches’ Award was shared by multi-position freshmen Morgan Herrera and Makayla Howell, and Herrera also copped Most Improved. Senior Alex Forsythe, pressed from a hitting role back into setting later in the season in place of sophomore Shoshone Thompson, received

MVP and MaxPreps.com POY honors.


Nominated for, but ultimately not named to one of the two Colorado Coaches of Girls’ Sports All-State, Class 2A crews, Forsythe was also named Second Team All-San Juan Basin League, with senior middle Kelly Campbell receiving Honorable Mention All-SJBL.

“To the entire volleyball program, thank you for a wonderful season,” said Cano.

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Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Dec. 9




41°F partly sunny

Saturday, Dec. 10




43°F mostly cloudy

Sunday, Dec. 11



38°F mostly sunny

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