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## 2016: The Top Ten

***As we enter 2017 we take a look back at last year's the top events, stories and trends. Last year, we saw the reorganization of some tribal entities and the departures of some long time key employees of the tribe. The tribe also started expanding housing on the reservation at Cedar Point; breaking ground in October. The tribe also received national recognition for the work done by the Air Quality Program. For the full list of top news trends of 2016, see pages 4-5.***

### Cedar Point housing



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

### Museum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

### LCB Day: Town holiday



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

### Growth Fund



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

### COUNCIL CORNER

## Frost and Red dive into weeklong orientation

By Lindsay Box  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

*Editors Note: Council Corner is a returning feature of The Southern Ute Drum that features reports directly from Southern Ute Tribal Council staff about the activities of council members.*

The morning of December 19 was one to remember for incoming Tribal Council members Kevin Frost and Adam Red. After the congratulations, they dove right in beginning a weeklong orientation. The orientation served to help ease the transition into their new roles. The tribe's Strategic Planner, Eric Thayer, worked with the Executive Office and all tribal entities to schedule informative presentations. Various departments provided staff and position introductions, departmental history, current projects and/or services, and a vision for the department's future.

"I am very appreciative to be a part of this inaugural orientation. This is a step in the right direction, a new way to conduct affairs to lessen the learning curve for newly elected officials," Frost said.

This was the first time such an extensive overview was provided for the newly elected officials. The Southern Ute Constitution, adopted in 1936, requires "the carry-over members shall



Tribal Councilman  
Kevin Frost

see that new members have a correct and clear understanding of the constitution, the management of tribal and reservation affairs and the rules governing the conduct of the council".

Each of the sitting Council members were also in attendance for various presentations, providing their support and adding to the discussion. Permanent Fund Departments, the Growth Fund, the Sky Ute Casino Resort and Southern Ute Shared Services presented throughout the week providing in-depth overviews of their operations.

The Departments of Natural Resources, Human Resources, and Legal (presented on Tribal Constitution) presented Monday afternoon. Tuesday morning was spent entirely on the Growth Fund businesses while the afternoon was devoted to



Tribal Councilman  
Adam Red

Environmental Protection Department and the Executive Office. The Executive Office brought its departments that needed shorter presentation times: SunUte Community Center, Boys & Girls Club, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Education, Tribal Information Services, and Construction & Project Management.

"After working 21 years for the tribe in Department of Natural Resources, Tribal Rangers, and the Growth Fund's Department of Energy, the orientation was a great refresher. For me the presentations from the Chief Financial Officer and Council Affairs, provided knowledge on procedures I hadn't previously been aware of," mentioned Red.

On Wednesday, presentations were given by the Legal Department, this time

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Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost signs a Tri-Ute Council resolution of support for presidential designation of the Bears Ears National Monument, Tuesday, June 14 at Ute Mountain Ute Casino. Left to right: Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee member, Cummings Vanderhoop and Ute Mountain Ute Vice Chairwoman Juanita Plentyholes.

### BEAR EARS

## Ute tribes help win national monument for Bear Ears

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On December 28, President Obama used the Antiquities Act to designate Bears Ears National Monument in Southern Utah to preserve 1.9 million acres of ancestral land on the Colorado Plateau.

Sister tribes Ute Mountain and Northern Ute were apart of the Inter-Tribal Coalition that helped make the designation possible. The coalition also included the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Pueblo of Zuni.

The coalition was formed in an effort to protect cultural

sites in the region that have been vandalized, looted and desecrated over the years.

In June 2016, the Tri-Ute Council met in Towaoc, Colo. and discussed the coalition's efforts. In this meeting Ute Mountain and Northern Ute reached out to the Southern Ute Tribe for support to preserve Bears Ears.

At that time the coalition had been receiving support from several tribes and had asked for the Tri-Ute Council's support.

"It's important that we do show support for Bears Ears," Southern Ute Chairman, Clement J. Frost

said at the Tri-Ute meeting. "Look at the ties that band us together as Native Americans; it's important we continue to support things like this."

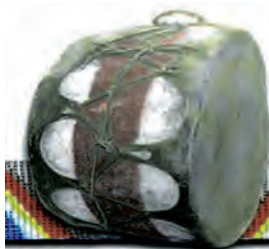
The support from Southern Ute led to the passing of the first joint resolution by the Tri-Ute Council.

Fast-forward six months and the coalition's efforts and hopes paid off, President Obama designated Bears Ears a National Monument.

"Today's actions will help protect this cultural legacy and will ensure that future generations are

**Bears Ears page 3**





TRIBAL CAMPUS

Security project continues with new signage

By Lindsay Box  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

A new year will bring new signs throughout the tribal campus to improve the security of the tribal buildings. The security committee, established in 2013, strives to ensure the protection of tribal properties and employees throughout the Permanent Fund tribal campus. Installation of new surveillance signs will be posted at the entrance of each tribal property. Priorities have been placed on ensuring safety as well as reducing expenses for the Permanent Fund. Throughout the last three years, the security committee has upgraded the security systems in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Sun Ute Community Center, as well as the Justice & Regulatory, Leonard C. Burch, and Education buildings. The upgrades include a common system for alarms, badge readers, and cameras. The next phase of this project will begin this month. The entrance of each tribal property throughout the Permanent Fund tribal



campus and the Casino will now have a sign informing visitors of surveillance cameras in use. “This is a proactive measure taken by the security committee after discovering that there were different security measures for each building upon their construction and completion,” Kathi Gurule Emergency &

Risk Manager said. Upgrading each building with the same security measures cuts costs, while simplifying the response protocols. The project is expected to be completed this month with the exception of Lake Capote and the Youth Camp, which will occur in the spring.

SUPD

Children are breakable

Staff report  
SU POLICE DEPT.

We have all seen the videos. A child runs into a wall, bounces off, smiles and runs away. Another child collides with a big dog, gets knocked flat, smiles and runs away. We think of children as pliant, resilient and very indestructible when it comes to immovable objects. The darker side of childhood is the number of children that meet the interior of a vehicle at force multiplied by speed. The child passenger safety technicians from Southern Ute Head Start and Southern Ute Police Department conducted more surveys recently. The results were worse. We found that out that the adults were not protecting themselves. 73 percent of the drivers and 75 percent of the passengers at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy were unbuckled. At Ignacio Elementary, 48 percent of the drivers and 31 percent of the passengers were unbuckled. Statewide in Colorado, the failure rate for buckling up is an average of 15 percent. If the adults don’t do well buckling up themselves, does it

reflect in the care for their children? Children protected by infant seats and forward facing car seats failed by 31 percent at the Academy and 42 percent at the Elementary School. The older children under eight in booster seats or over eight and seat belted failed by 94 percent at the Academy and 85 percent at the Elementary School. Many things can be said about the failure rates. Many excuses can be given. Tribal law enforcement has heard all the excuses. “The weather was cold.” “We were only going a short distance.” “The speed limits were low.” “My child fights the car seat or cries when buckled.” Excuses cannot protect in a crash. We witnessed several children sitting in the front seat in front of a live airbag. A deployed airbag can kill a child in a 5-mile an hour crash hitting a parked car. It does not take much to kill a child in a vehicle crash. Over a thousand children under the age of 14 will die in a vehicle crash this year. Even seat belting a small child into the back seat, instead of a booster seat can severely injure a child.

Booster seats are designed to work with a seatbelt to hold the belt across the two hardest parts of a young child’s body: the hips and the sternum. A plain seatbelt across a smaller child will allow a crash to slide the belt into their soft belly or across their neck and throat. The violence of a crash will leave a smaller child with permanent injuries or death. And no seat belt at all will usually result in death in just a moderate crash. The Southern Ute Police Department would like for everyone to protect their children in the best possible ways. Child passenger safety seats are fairly inexpensive and they upgrade the designs regularly to protect children with the best science available. SUCAP Head Start is a car seat fitting station with low cost car seats available. Head Start has two technicians and the Southern Ute Police Department has one car seat technician. If anyone in the community needs help in installing car seats or questions about their fit and usage, Head Start can be reached at 970-563-4566, ext. 29 and the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-0246.

TRIBAL INFORMATION

Tribe asks for feedback from membership

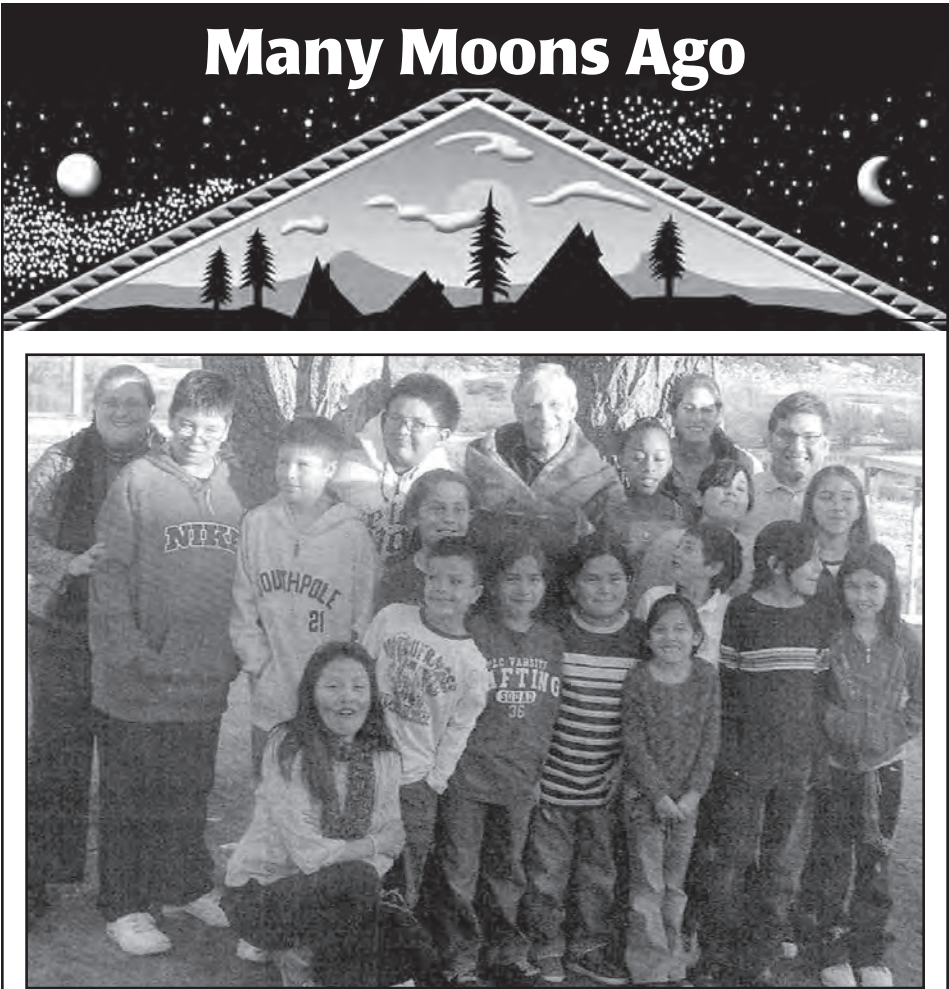
Annual satisfaction survey underway

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.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Teaching chess was the easy part, but the students did the hardest part, they had to play other opponents, sometime winning, sometimes losing. John took some of the SUIMA students to Durango for various chess tournaments. John Mical taught the SUIMA Chess Club for 3 years. Darien Neskahi and other students from the chess club presented John with a Pendleton blanket embroidered with his name, they all took a final picture with John and shared refreshments. John’s last day was January 3, 2007 he is going to pursue challenges in California.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 5, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Durango City Bowling Tournament Trophy Winners. Front row, (l-r) McGarey Stone, Jenny Frost, Diechman Hudson. Back row: Sarah Hudson and Faren Burch.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 9, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

The uglier the better



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Christmas has its perks, holiday meals galore, holiday vacations and a joyous time for the tribe. Employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe competed in an Ugly Sweater Contest on Dec. 22 and 23 in the Hall of Warriors of the Leonard C. Burch building.

Ugly Sweater winners

- 1st place overall: Constance Lehi
- 2nd place overall: Precious Collins

Group 1:

- Most Creative: Constance Lehi
- Most Original: Edward Box III
- Funniest: Landri Waunka

Group 2:

- Most Creative: Precious Collins
- Most Original: Francis Richards



Edward Box III (right) Southern Ute Culture Director won with his reindeer pierced sweater for Most Creative.





## Blessings for the new year



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

On Dec. 31, 2016 the Kent family ended the year with a New Years Celebration at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The family and many guests enjoyed a potluck dinner and then gathered around the drum to bring in the new year.

## KSUT Seeks Tribal Member For Board Of Directors

DO YOU ENJOY MUSIC AND RADIO?

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION,  
DO YOU ENJOY VOLUNTEERING FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS?

KSUT is seeking to fill a "Southern Ute tribal member at large" vacancy on the KSUT Board of Directors. Interested candidates can submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org), call 970-563-0255 for info.

## The Ute Dictionary is available

The Ute Dictionary is available to tribal member head-of-households at the Southern Ute Culture Dept., located on the second floor, in the Southern Ute Museum. Call 970-563-2983 for additional information.



## 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.

## BEARS EARS NAT'L MONUMENT • FROM PAGE 1

able to enjoy and appreciate these scenic and historic landscapes. Importantly, today I have also established a Bears Ears Commission to ensure that tribal expertise and traditional knowledge help inform the management of the Bears Ears National Monument and help us to

best care for its remarkable national treasures," Obama said in a statement.

The Bears Ears Commission a first-of-its-kind tribal commission made up of representatives from the five tribes of the coalition will help manage the park alongside the Bureau of

Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. National Park Service.

There will be a celebration of the Bears Ears Monument Saturday, Jan. 7 starting at 9 a.m. at the Monument Valley Community Center in Ojibato, UT hosted by Utah Dine Bikeyah.



map courtesy/bearssearscoalition.org

## Ute Mountain Tribe Proudly Presents "2017 COMMUNITY ROUND DANCE" Saturday, Jan. 7 • Community Center in Towaoc, CO

Announcer: Jr Keeswood- Hogback NM  
Stickman: DJ Keeswood- Towaoc CO  
Feast at 5 p.m.

Dance to follow with Cake Walk, 50/50, Spot Dance, raffles and more!  
UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL INVITES EVERYBODY, SINGERS AND DANCERS TO COME JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR.

contact: Jacob Colorow 970-560-1996 for more info.

**\*\*Alcohol and Drug free event\*\***

ANNUAL NEW YEARS

2017

Vintah River High School  
Fort Duchesne, Utah

January 6th & 7th  
Feet Starts: 7p.m.

# ROUND DANCE

**MASTER OF CEREMONY**  
**Reffel Kanip**  
Yellowstone Subdivision, Utah

**Bruce Pargeets**  
Coonsville, Utah

**VENDORS**  
**\$10.00/Day**  
Contact Reffel Kanip at (435) 401-3125

**GIVEAWAY**  
Midnight Giveaway on Jan. 7th.  
Spring Bear Dance will be Announced.

**BISON DINNER**  
Dinner at 7 p.m.  
Jan 6th & 7th.  
Donated by UTE Bison.

This is a drug and alcohol free event. URHS will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. If you have any questions, please call Reffel Kanip at (435) 401-3125.

**ALL DANCERS & SINGERS ARE WELCOME**

Join us for a Family Friendly Night of Song and Dance to Celebrate and Welcome the New Year On January 6th & 7th at Uintah River High School

Please bring chairs, if possible.

## CULTURE UPDATE

### 105 UTE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. Classes start at 5:30, to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

- Jan. 9, 23, 30
- Feb. 6, 13, 27
- March 6, 13, 20, 27

(All classes dates may be changed or canceled.)

### UTE WORDS: WINTER SEASONS

Cold - sat'i'l  
Frost - kawa-chi  
Frozen - para'si  
Frozen fingers - ma-sat-t-kuna'a  
Frozen Toes - ta-sat-t-kuna'a  
Snow - natvwa  
Winter - temo-tu  
Windy - nua-kwi

### TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Tribal Membership Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Craft room. Classes start at 1, to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

- Jan. 9, 10, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31: Gloves & Mittens
- Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 21, 27, 28: Ribbon Cloth Dress – Woman/Girls
- March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28: Ribbon Shirt – Men/Boys

Class is limited to the first (20) participates who Sign up, Early sign -up is recommend that we can plan for class materials

### Tribal Elder Department Events

For more information contact Tribal Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

### Southern Ute Cultural Department

Contact Hanley Frost Sr., Cultural Education Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or 970-563-2306. Email: [hffrost@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:hffrost@southernute-nsn.gov).



# The Southern Ute Drum presents:

## 10. Healthy is the way to go



Damon Toledo/SU Drum



Trennie Collins/SU Drum



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the community pushed health initiatives to a new level in 2016. We saw the whole month of October dedicated to not only the awareness of breast cancer, but of all cancers. Shining Mountain Diabetes Health and Wellness Program hosted “Just Move It” events year round as well as building a herb garden outside the Southern Ute Health Center with the help of the Youth Council.

## 9. Celebrating milestones



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Trennie Collins/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

In 2016 the Ignacio community celebrated SunUte Community Center and the Southern Ute Career Action Programs (SUCAP) reaching key milestones. In October, SUCAP, which provides the community many programs including Head Start, Ignacio Senior Center, The Training Advantage, Peaceful Spirit Treatment Center, SUCAP Youth Services and Road Runner Transit, celebrated its 50th anniversary. In December, SunUte celebrated 15 years of providing the community a place to better their health, minds and body.

## 8. Supporting Standing Rock



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Much of the community came together to show support for Standing Rock, including the tribe. The tribe sent a letter of support to Standing Rock Sioux in September and the Tribal Administration hosted a supplies drive to be donated to the water protectors. The community also hosted an awareness walk offering prayers and songs for those up north.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

## 7. Language always a priority



Damon Toledo/SU Drum



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ute Language remains on the list from last year. In 2016, we saw the release of the revised Ute Dictionary, the return of the “Let us all wake up and speak Ute” conference, the continued language classes at the Culture Department and the retirement of Georgia McKinley, SUIMA’s Ute Language Design Coordinator who taught the Ute language to SUIMA students for the past 15 years.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

## 6. Environmental excellence



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Division under the tribes J&R Department was in the news plenty in 2016. Whether it was for following up on the Gold King Mine Spill, hosting environmental meetings or winning awards. Top of the list would be the EPD’s Air Quality Program receiving the 2016 Clean Air Excellence Award for Regulatory and Policy Innovation.





# The top ten events and news of 2016

## 5. Ute Museum progresses



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The progress of the revamped Ute Indian Museum in Montrose was in the news a lot the latter part of 2016. The tribes and History Colorado spent the year working towards the June 2017 opening. The tribal representatives have been involved in the process since the beginning helping with the layout and content that will be featured in the new museum.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

## 4. Growth Fund reorganization



Sacha Smith/SU Drum



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

With the retirements of Operating Director Bob Zahradnik and Executive Director Bruce Valdez the Southern Ute Growth Fund changed its organizational chart around hiring two directors to fill the Operating Director position. Albert Brown and Patrick Vaughn were announced as the new directors in July – Brown focusing on Energy activities and Vaughn on non-energy activities.

## 3. LCB becomes town holiday



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

A year ago this month Mayor of Ignacio Stella Cox signed a proclamation declaring that the Town of Ignacio would observe Leonard C. Burch Day – December 10 – as a Town holiday. In December the Town and the local schools were closed in observance of the new holiday.

## 2. Transition of the Museum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

In spring of 2016 the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum officially dissolved as a nonprofit corporation and transferred its remaining assets to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This all came after a memorandum of agreement between the tribe and museum expired and the museum did not have enough funding to continue operating. Now the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center is running under the tribe improving each day with more consistent operating hours, new exhibits and an engaging family exhibit, Mountain Lion!.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

## 1. Cedar Point adds housing



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The lack of housing on the reservation has long been a topic of discussion. But in 2016 we seen significant progress made by the tribe providing more housing options to the membership. The Cedar Point Housing Initiative Team hosted membership meetings on phase 1 of the need-based project, which includes 25 townhomes and 23 single- family lots. In October, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in Cedar Point beginning the work expanding the subdivision.





TRIBAL HEALTH

Cold and flu season is here

By Paige Kapp  
SU HEALTH CENTER

The flu is spreading around the United States, including Colorado. The CDC reports that the most common strain of influenza virus this season is H3N2, which can cause worse symptoms that last longer than other types of flu.

On the bright side, the vaccine for this season appears to be a good match, providing a high level of protection for those who are vaccinated.

If you have not had your flu shot this fall/winter, it is not too late. Flu shots are still available at the Southern Ute Health Center, as well as

local pharmacies.

If you are young and healthy, and feel that you may not be at high risk for the flu, it is still important to get a flu shot to protect the children, pregnant women, and the elders in your family who could get very sick if exposed to flu.

The signs and symptoms of flu can be a lot like the common cold. The important differences are fever, body aches, and fatigue that makes it hard to get out of bed.

See your healthcare provider as soon as you have symptoms of the flu. There is medication available to treat influenza if the virus is caught early.

**Prevention is the key to slowing the spread of influenza, stomach flu and colds, so remember to:**

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing, after using the bathroom, and before eating.
- Always use disposable tissues when you have a cold.
- Get rid of tissues as soon as you've used them.
- Do not go to work or school if you are feeling sick or have a fever.
- Make sure you are up to date on immunizations, including a yearly flu shot.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF THE FLU	SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COMMON COLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cough</li><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• Runny or stuffy nose</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Fever</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• Muscle or body aches (often severe)</li><li>• Fatigue (tiredness)</li><li>• Sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cough</li><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• Runny nose</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Sneezing</li><li>• Watery eyes</li></ul>

HEALTH UPDATE

FREE ASSISTANCE WITH HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

The public is invited to a health insurance onsite enrollment event in Durango at the La Plata County Fairgrounds on Jan. 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. coordinated by the La Plata Family Centers Coalition. Open enrollment ends on Jan. 31. No appointment is necessary and trained enrollment specialists will provide free application assistance. For more information including which documents you should bring to the appointment, call 970-385-4747 or email to [www.lpfcc.org](http://www.lpfcc.org).

**Advertise in the Drum!**  
Call today for more info 970-563-0118.

Elk raffle winners



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Thursday, Dec. 29, the Boys & Girls Club hosted a drawing for the 2016 Elk Tag Raffle winners, a special drawing that brought in a total of 358 entered tickets. Boys & Girls Club members Cyrus Naranjo, Tavian Box, and Alyssa Atencio joined program aide Cassandra Sanchez as they chose the winning names out of the pool of hundreds. The winners include Brian Larry, who was rewarded a custom bench knife donated by tribal councilman Tyson Thompson, Kristen Watts, who won a dinner for two at Seven Rivers Steakhouse, and James Owens who won a two-night hotel stay at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Other winners include Tim Riggle and Juan Martinez, who each won a cow elk tag. Boys & Girls Club aide Cassandra Sanchez (left) joins club members Cyrus Naranjo, Tavian Box, and Alyssa Atencio as they draw names for the 2016 Elk Tag Raffle Drawing.

**DO YOU have an event coming up you want media coverage on?**

**Call The Southern Ute Drum**

**970-563-0100**

**Or come visit us!**  
**We are located in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Admin. Bldg.**  
**356 Ouray Dr.**  
**Ignacio, CO 81137**

2016 ELK TAG RAFFLE WINNERS

**Custom Benchmade Knife-** Brian Larry  
**Dinner for 2 to Seven Rivers Steakhouse-** Kristen Watts  
**2 Night Hotel Stay @ Sky Ute Casino-** James Owens  
**Cow Elk Tag-** Tim Riggle  
**Cow Elk Tag-** Juan Martinez

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for supporting the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe!  
**Special thanks to the donors for this event:**  
Southern Ute Division of Wildlife  
Sky Ute Casino & Resort  
Councilman Tyson Thompson

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Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan Survey

- This very important survey of Tribal Members is currently underway
- Access the survey online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comprehensive\\_planning](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comprehensive_planning)
- Mailed surveys will be sent to all Tribal Members during the month of January 2017
- Completed surveys due January 31, 2017

About the Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan Update

The purpose of this survey is to gather information from Tribal Members regarding uses of Tribal buildings, spaces, programs and departments. With your feedback, we will identify the following to help guide the master plan development.

- Buildings and areas of high-use and low-use
- Where inefficiencies can be improved
- Needs of Tribal Members and areas currently underserved
- Common routines, routes and access points to Tribal campus facilities
- Places of congestion, inefficiencies and problematic circulation
- Best location of departments and programs to serve Tribal members
- What's needed
- Prioritization of needs and wishes

What's Next?

Options for the comprehensive master plan will be presented for your feedback in April 2017. With your help, planning for the best use and efficiency of buildings, spaces, programs and services within the reservation of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will aid in the long-term planning of your buildings, lands, programs and services.

Contact Tribal Planning Department with questions at 970-563-0100, extension 2270.

Survey Giveaways!

To thank you for your time, we are raffling off four gift certificates to these local retailers:

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**\$100 - Ignacio Floral and Gifts**  
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Thank you in advance for your feedback and opinion!



# Title 28: Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code – Expungement

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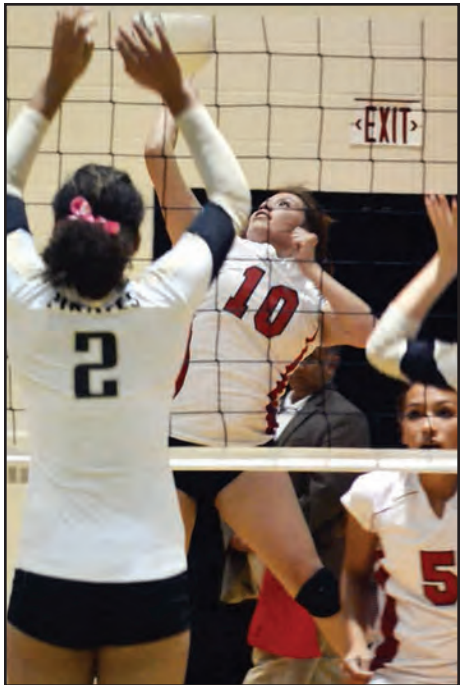
VOLLEYBALL

# Spikers adjusted to college game in '16

*IHS alumnae active in D-II volleyball*



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**  
Former Volleycat Chrystianne Valdez jump-serves on the road at Nucla during the 2013 season. More recently, she spent 2016 learning NCAA Division II ropes as Fort Lewis College reserve under head coach Kelley Rifilato – still the University of Idaho’s career service-ace leader.



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**  
Former Volleycat Angela Herrera (10) attacks against 3A Pagosa Springs inside IHS Gymnasium late in the 2013 season. More recently, but after a year spent adjusting to the collegiate game, Herrera saw action in 2016 as a redshirt-freshman at NCAA Division II New Mexico Highlands University.

*By Joel Priest*  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As if they didn’t know each other’s potential well enough after playing alongside each other at Ignacio High School, former Volleycats Angela Herrera and Chrystianne Valdez certainly had to relish the chance to see each other sporting NCAA-grade gear in 2016.

Held in reserve while she translated her talents into the collegiate game after graduating IHS this past spring, Valdez and Fort Lewis College swept Herrera and New Mexico Highlands University on Oct. 28 in Durango. But after surviving a similar maturation process in ’15, the latter libero enjoyed the last laugh when Highlands ended the season handing the ’Hawks a 25-20, 23-25, 25-17, 25-14 defeat on Nov. 11 in Las Vegas, N.M.

That happened to be Senior Night, when Herrera (a 2014 IHS graduate, now 20) saw one of her fellow defensive specialists – Lexis Satele, cousin of NFL center Samson Satele – suit up for the last time, opening the window of opportunity to earn more playing time in 17 a little wider.

Majoring in Pre-Professional Allied Health, Herrera did see action in four

matches and six games for the Cowgirls as a redshirt-freshman in 2016. She booked two assists, five digs and one block assist while also backing up sophomore Bryanna Lopez, a squad regular in ’15 as a true freshman out of 6A Rio Rancho (N.M.) Cleveland who logged an impressive 424 digs (4.71 per game).

Finishing 4-14 in the NCAA Division II Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, Highlands ended up 7-16 overall after going 3-1 at the season-opening South Central Classic hosted by Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla. NMHU’s last three matches at the event each went five games, with the team winning the final two – over Southern Arkansas University and Cameron University – and setting quite a tone for the year.

Under head coach Dwight Combs (previously skipper at UC-Santa Cruz, where he took the Banana Slugs, part of the Association of Division III Independents, to its first NCAA D-III Tournament in 2013 – while Herrera played her final prep slate), the Cowgirls had eight full pulls all told but won just those early two.

Five five-game losses occurred during RMAC work, and the team took at

least one game from an opponent in all but four of its 23 matches as a dark-horse threat constantly pressing the issue.

Still up 47-35 in the all-time head-to-head series with New Mexico Highlands, FLC finished 5-13 in conference and 6-20 overall in 2016, with Valdez & Co. under the tutelage of Kelley Rifilato – twice a Second Team All-MWAC (Mountain West Athletic Conference) pick at the University of Idaho, where between 1982-85 she recorded the Vandals’ career service-ace record (220) and an assist count (4,744) which presently ranks second.

Senior DS/L Ally Dell’Amico paced the Skyhawks with 437 digs (4.91 per game) in ’16, while sophomore outside hitter Hannah Martinez and sophomore setter Kendra Swackenberg also topped 200 with 252 and 203, respectively. And like NMHU, Fort Lewis saw several five-game matches this past fall, and posted a 2-3 mark in those contests while being outscored by a combined 64-62 margin.

Requests made through both FLC’s and N.M. Highlands’ Sports Information Departments for official player/coach comment had not been answered as of press time.

## Shooting into ‘17



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

Using a screen set by teammate Ocean Hunter (32), Ignacio junior Kruz Pardo (23) plants a foot and achieves firing position over Basalt’s Pablo Rivera (right) during the Montezuma-Cortez “Rumble in ‘The Jungle’” tournament championship back on Dec. 17. Readying themselves for the New Year since losing 58-47 to the 3A Longhorns, the Bobcats’ first action in 2017 will take place Friday, Jan. 6, beginning 4A Durango’s two-day 4 Corners Classic. Opposing them in the 5 p.m. battle will be 3A Bayfield, which was first to host 5A Kirtland, N.M., Central on the 3rd (results were unavailable at press time) in non-league interstate action. The hosting Demons will meet 3A Montezuma-Cortez to wrap up day one’s varsity play, and day two will begin with IHS – ranked No. 9 in the last CHSAANow.com Class 2A Boys’ poll of ’16 – playing ‘host’ to M-CHS at 5, before BHS dons its road purple and faces DHS. Due to a full non-league schedule, Bayfield will not participate in the Classic’s junior-varsity division. Ignacio, however, will play M-CHS’ JV on the 6th at 7 p.m., then challenge Durango on day two at the same time (DHS will have met M-CHS in the preceding game).

## Patiently waiting



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

Eager to rush out for pre-game warmups earlier this season inside IHS Gymnasium, junior Avionne Gomez (left) and her fellow Lady Bobcats will have to wait just a little longer to resume competition in the New Year. The Ignacio girls’ first contest in 2017 is currently set for Jan. 10 at 3A Bayfield, with 2A/1A San Juan Basin League road trips to Ridgway (1/14) and Telluride (1/17) to follow. THS, coincidentally, will get underway Saturday, Jan. 7, at BHS in a seldom-seen encounter, giving IHS’ personnel an opportunity to scout both the Lady Miners and Lady Wolverines.

## BOBCAT SPORTS



Look for full Bobcat sports coverage, including box scores and additional photos, at the Southern Ute Drum’s website at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)  
**GO IGNACIO BOBCATS!**

### IGNACIO WINTER SPORTS SETTING THE TABLE(S) Standings as of January 2, 2017

BOYS' BASKETBALL								GIRLS' BASKETBALL									
2A/1A San Juan Basin League								2A/1A San Juan Basin League									
Team	OVERALL				SJBL				Team	OVERALL				SWL			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	W		L	T	Pct.	W	L	T		
IGNACIO	3	1	0	.750	2	0	0	IGNACIO	3	1	0	.750	2	0	0		
Ouray	3	2	0	.600	0	0	0	Norwood	3	2	0	.600	0	0	0		
Dolores	3	3	0	.500	1	1	0	Ouray	3	2	0	.600	0	0	0		
Telluride	2	2	0	.500	1	0	0	Nucla	3	4	0	.428	1	0	0		
Mancos	2	4	0	.333	1	1	0	Dove Creek	2	3	0	.400	1	1	0		
Norwood	1	4	0	.200	0	0	0	Telluride	1	3	0	.250	1	0	0		
Nucla	0	2	0	.000	0	1	0	Mancos	1	5	0	.167	0	2	0		
Dove Creek	0	4	0	.000	0	0	0	Dolores	1	5	0	.167	0	2	0		
Ridgway	0	5	0	.000	0	2	0	Ridgway	0	4	0	.000	0	0	0		

**CHSAANOW.COM CLASS 2A BOYS' POLL (Dec. 19, 2016):**  
1. Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County, 2. Ault Highland, 3. Paonia, 4. Del Norte, 5. Peyton, 6. Akron, 7. Holyoke, 8. Greeley Dayspring Christian, 9. IGNACIO, 10. Fowler.

**Others Receiving Votes:** Colorado Springs School, Sargent, Sanford, Collbran Plateau Valley, Burlington, Byers, Ordway Crowley County, Walsenburg John Mall, Pueblo Dolores Huerta Prep, and Hotchkiss.

**CHSAANOW.COM CLASS 2A GIRLS' POLL (Dec. 19, 2016):**  
1. Paonia, 2. Wray, 3. Yuma, 4. Oak Creek Soroco, 5. Del Norte, 6. Haxtun, 7. Lyons, 8. Colorado Springs Evangelical Christian, 9. Swink, 10. Ault Highland.

**Others Receiving Votes:** Peyton, Calhan, Kremmling West Grand, Akron, Ellicott, Fairplay South Park, Hoehne, Sargent, Center, Evergreen Clear Creek, and Simla.

– compiled by Joel Priest

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WEDNESDAY: 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
SATURDAY 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 4  
Saturday, January 7  
Basics of 3D Printing  
Learn to use ICL's Makergear M2

Wednesday, January 11  
Saturday, January 14  
Model Rockets. Explore the world of model rocketry. We will launch weather permitting


Wednesday, January 18  
Chaos Tower. Work as a group to make a marble obstacle course.

Saturday, January 21  
Robotics. Zeb Shields will share lessons learned from his Robotics project

Wednesday, January 25  
Saturday, January 28  
Paper Airplane Launcher. We will build a cool paper airplane launcher and test the results of our construction.

Retro Gaming Afternoon  
Monday January 9th, and 23rd at 4:00 pm.  
Come down to the library for some "old school" gaming fun. We will dust off some of the classics of the 1980's and 90's.

Inklings Book Club  
Tuesday Afternoons  
4:00 - 5:00 pm  
The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli is the next reading selection for the Inklings Book Club. This book is written in short poetic chapters with the main themes of finding your place and handling new adventures with courage and joy.  
Teen Book Club meets Wednesdays at 2:15 pm



Mystery Book Club  
Monday, Jan. 9  
12:00 PM  
If you've enjoyed Hillerman, Coel or Doss, now is the time to try out ICL's mystery book club. We are reading Dark Reservations by John Fortunato. We meet the second Monday of the month, sharing lunch, books and conversation. Bring a brown bag lunch, the library will provide dessert and drinks. We would love to have new members for the new year.

Developmental Asses of the Month  
Asset #35 Resistance Skills/ Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.

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## STARWHEELS

*Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”*

### ♊ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20) HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAPRICORN!

An array of celestial activity puts the emphasis on personal matters. At times it may be less than satisfactory because MERCURY is in retrograde until JANUARY 8th. Fortunately VENUS promotes a more social agenda, and spreads its cheer in a multitude of ways. It takes up residence in the sign of PISCES on the 2nd. The NEW MOON on the 27th ushers in a refreshing cycle regarding finances, and spending. Use your intuition, and your practicality CAPRICORN. They work well together.

### ♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

The NEW MOON in your sign on the 27th, sets off a cycle that is certain to please. Motivating conversations might offer novel ideas to initiate a new outlook to go with the NEW YEAR. URANUS your planetary ruler is all about change. Before you go with that, tie up loose ends left over from the past year. A planetary grouping sits waiting in the wings, all poised and ready, just waiting for MERCURY to turn direct on the 8th. That's when the action begins, and your spirits start to rise again.

### ♊ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

You might be the last sign of the Zodiac PISCES, but this month you may be first in the hearts of your friends. It's a real gab fest when you all get together. Topics might include constructive practical advice, or maybe more artistic ventures. This may all begin with a great party to celebrate the arrival of 2017. This year you can do something entirely new. The whole idea of the NEW YEAR is to leave all the old baggage behind, and journey forward to experience fresh ideas, and make new discoveries.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Listen up ARIES people. January may have its unpredictable moments as well as its rewards. Sitting at the pinnacle of your star chart is the SUN, MERCURY, PLUTO and the MOON. They are all in harmony with your ruling planet MARS. No need to revisit old failures RAMS. This month calls for decisive action. Career ambitions, and goals should be put on hold until after the 8th when MERCURY comes out of its retrograde slumber. JUPITER, SATURN, and URANUS, send you off on wild adventures.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

VENUS in dreamy PISCES this month promotes wishful thinking. But there's more you can do to make some of your wishes become a reality. NEPTUNE'S connection to MARS on the 1st launches a friendship laden energy that might get you actively involved in a creative and imaginative project. On the 2nd the SUN, MERCURY, and PLUTO join forces in the sign of cousin CAPRICORN to further your objectives. Naturally your practical TAURUS nature will steer you in the right direction.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Inquiring minds want to know ... what's the deal with this crazy MERCURY retrograde cycle? For starters MERCURY is now in a money area. Anything financial, or pending should be completed. That is one of little MERCURY'S BIG rules. Begin the NEW YEAR with a clean slate if possible. It will leave your mind open to clear thinking, and better ideas. Current relationships may be undergoing a test thanks to SATURN'S influence. Its job is to see if you are committed to a relationship or not.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

People, and daily activities always seem to have more drama during the FULL MOON. This month's lunation in the sign of CANCER (on the 12th ) sets up an opposition mode that might have you taking a different view from your partner, spouse, or other associates. There are methods of responding that are less contentious. Pluto's forceful presence in the partnership zone might have you reacting to the demands of others in a clash of your will power over theirs. Adopt a more neutral, or unbiased position.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

MERCURY turns direct on the 8th in friendly SAGITTARIUS. It sends a supportive message, and it has your back through the 11th. Use that time period wisely Lions. Advancement of your creative goals are possible. Once MERCURY slips into CAPRICORN on the 12th, you will be back into work mode, and more practical matters. Improvements in your work routine, and health habits may put you on a fast track to a more successful, healthier year ahead. An open mind is your best friend LEO people.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

So you think all the holiday fun is over. Not so fast VIRGO, JANUARY'S grouping of the SUN, MERCURY, and PLUTO in a romantic and love filled section of your HOROSCOPE indicates that the good times are still rolling. There may be additional opportunities to launch favorable partnerships, or create congenial connections with associates. NEPTUNE in your opposite sign requires that you think BEFORE making any serious commitments. You may not be seeing the complete picture.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Most of this month's activity is centered around your domestic area. There may be long term influences related to household improvements, and beneficial changes. There is nothing written in stone that says you have to do anything you don't want to do. You are in charge LIBRA. MERCURY turns direct on the 8th and its forward motion clears away hesitation and doubt regarding family decisions. No need to get into heated arguments. VENUS slips into peaceful PISCES and soothes away discord.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

With your ruling planet PLUTO taking command in the communication sector of your chart, it's important to think about how you respond to others. As you may know, tiny PLUTO encourages regeneration, and progress. After the 8th it may become easier for you to expand your short trips, and make more frequent visits to relatives. Favorable days for you in January include the 2nd, 3rd, 10th 11th, 19th, 20th 21st, 29th and 30th. The planetary pattern is encouraging an active lifestyle.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Concentrate on finances SAGITTARIUS. You'll have the chance to expand your income after the 12th. Prior to that date, devise a plan. Yes, you are usually a creature of spontaneous action, but this month it might be in your best interest to actually think things through before deciding on a specific plan. Ask questions, and be willing to listen and learn from your advisors. SATURN in your sign can be a great asset. There's work to be done Saggies. Play time is over.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



She was a Southern Ute tribal member and graduated from high school in Tucson, AZ.

Blossom earned her associate degree in massage therapy in Albuquerque, NM.

In 2000 she met Ted Lucas and they were married in Durango, CO in 2001. Together, they had one daughter, Cree.

Blossom enjoyed spending time with family and her animals, she liked to color, and was a powwow dancer.

Blossom is survived by her husband Ted Lucas; daughter Cree Miller; mother Victoria and Jonothan; brothers Steven Ray Herrera, Eduardo James Herrera, Aleksandr Bearsoldier Gill; grandmother Effie Monte; aunt Sherry Salazar; uncles Victor, Drake and Steven Monte; close friends Kathy and April Lopez; cousin and best friend Sandra Redd Ryder and family; numerous nieces and nephews; and her beloved pets Nico and Audrey.

She was predeceased by her uncles Sgt. Johnny Monte and Norton Monte, and her grandfather John Monte.

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio, CO.

**MONTE** – Blossom Monte Lucas passed on Dec. 20, 2016 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango, CO, surrounded by family.

Blossom was born in Ignacio, CO on March 19, 1970 to Victoria Monte Gill.

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

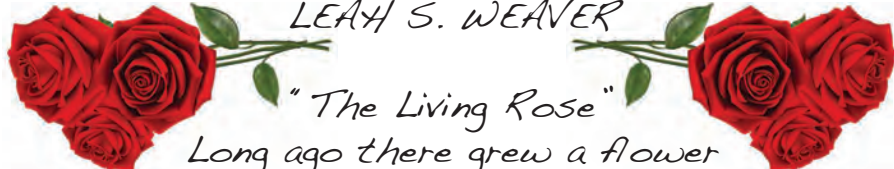
**Happy 3rd Birthday to our Daughter  
Shayne Morning Star Roubideaux**

Shayne,  
You have brought so much joy and happiness to us all.  
You're such a smart, beautiful and lovable little girl. We  
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Daddy Seth and Mommy Heather*



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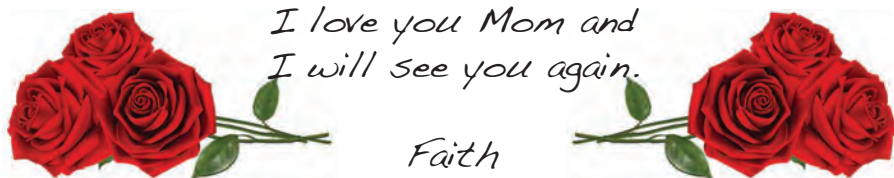


*“The Living Rose”  
Long ago there grew a flower  
That had a fragrance to cherish.  
Such as greed could not devour  
And in death refused to parish  
This fragrance grew then spread wide  
Its scent was sought by so many  
For it was found that it had not died.  
But was a treasure.  
Kings and Angels had bowed to greet,  
The aroma of this tender seed.  
For they knew none could defeat  
This Living Rose that fills all needs.  
Our hearts went with you,  
and our souls wait to join you.*

*Faith, Anthony  
& Leane*

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MOTHER  
VICTORIA W. TAYLOR*

*If Roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms,  
And tell her they are from me.  
Tell her I love her and I miss her.  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day.  
But there's an ache within my heart,  
That will never go away.*



*Faith*

**Maiku,**  
Greetings fellow Southern Ute Tribal members, I would like to say thank you to those members who voted, supported and had faith in me during the runoff election. I am very grateful and appreciative to each of you.  
May the creator watch over and keep us safe in our daily lives from the youngest to the oldest. The New Year is upon us and I hope this will be a great year for all the membership.  
Happy New Year!! Thank you!

*Togoiak,  
Joycelyn Dutchie*



## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
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**Jan. 13**

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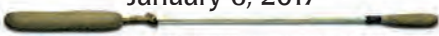
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## NOTICE

### Draft Expungement Code & Request for Comments

At the direction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, the Tribe's Legal Department is seeking comments on a draft Expungement Code, a copy of which is attached.

- Deadline for submission of written comments:** Please provide any written comments on the draft code by Tuesday, Jan. 31. Please submit your comments to James Washinawatok or Anthony Maestas, Legal Department, by one of the following methods:
- E-mail: [jwash@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jwash@southernute-nsn.gov) or [amaestas@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:amaestas@southernute-nsn.gov)
  - Mail: James Washinawatok or Anthony Maestas, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.
  - Hand delivery: Legal Dept., Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
  - Phone: 970-563-0100, ext. 2210 or 2143

**Summary of draft code:** The draft Expungement Code would be a new Title of the Tribal Code. The Code "provides the grounds and procedures to expunge Southern Ute criminal records where a petition is authorized under this Code. This Code's

purpose is to provide an opportunity for people who rehabilitate themselves, and who now live their lives in a manner consistent with our community's standards, to have a second chance to live without the stigma and legal disabilities from a criminal record." To that end, the Expungement Code provides a process that allows a person who meets strict eligibility requirements, and where the Tribal Court determines that granting the expungement is not contrary to the interests of public safety, to have his record of arrest, investigation, detention, and conviction expunged.

The draft Code was developed by reference to other tribes' similar codes and with participation by representatives from the Tribal Court, Department of Justice and Regulatory, and the Legal Department. The draft Expungement Code has been reviewed by the Tribal Council and authorized it for proposal to the Tribe's membership. For further information contact: James Washinawatok or Anthony Maestas, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-0100 (ext. 2210 or 2143); e-mail [jwash@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jwash@southernute-nsn.gov) or [amaestas@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:amaestas@southernute-nsn.gov).

## 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](mailto: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.

## Southern Ute Utilities Notices

### TRASH PERMITS

The Southern Ute Tribal Member trash permits will soon be expiring for 2016. The new trash permits will be available for 2017 after Jan. 15, 2017. Please stop by the Utilities office to acquire the new trash permits. If you have any questions, call the Southern Ute Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

### TRANSFER STATION CONSTRUCTION

Construction maintenance will begin on the Southern Ute Transfer Station approximately Dec. 19, 2016 and will last approximately 2 months. Use caution while utilizing the transfer station during this time. If you have any questions, call the Southern Ute Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

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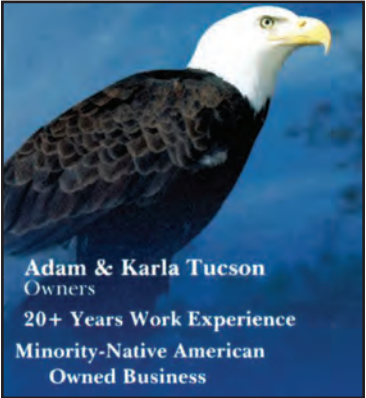
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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### TWO ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill TWO vacancies for "Alternate Member-At-Large" on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members NOT employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way by Jan. 27, 2017. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### GAMING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### 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](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled.

### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letter of interest from one Southern Ute Tribal member at-large and one commissioner with Tribal Energy Resource Development to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund. Not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen years of age or older; Good Character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of interest to the TERO Division by 3 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way.

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## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

### President & COO – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing date 1/10/17

Provides leadership on day-to-day activities of Red Cedar, including administrative and supervisory oversight to employees and project activities. Responsible for achieving established P&L and complying with environmental, safety, and commercial requirements. Directs company activities to achieve approved goals and objectives; provides recommendations and reports to the Red Cedar Management Committee; authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval; serves as company spokesperson in external relations; works with other business enterprises to identify and capture business opportunities.

Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Geology, Business, or other industry related field and 15 years progressively responsible and diverse experience in the oil and gas industry; OR Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Geology, Business or other industry related field and a Masters in Engineering, Geology, or Business Administration and 10 years progressively responsible and diverse experience in the oil and gas industry is required. Must have seven years supervisory experience within the oil and gas industry. Must have computer experience with working knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing, specifically Excel and MS Word. Must also be fully competent in MS PowerPoint for presentation material. Must have knowledge and understanding of the processes of natural gas, treating, gathering and compression. Must have high level experience in business development work with good negotiation skills. Must have experience with budget preparation and compliance. Must have understanding of basic accounting methods, project economics, and financial statements including the ability to develop economic models to evaluate a project, or evaluate existing models, and determine project risks and rewards. Must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Tribal Officials, Tribal staff and managers, Kinder Morgan and Growth Fund Management and staff, coworkers, BIA, outside agencies, partners, and the public. Must have the ability to reconcile differing viewpoint and build consensus solutions. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under Red Cedar's vehicle insurance policy.

Must pass criminal history check and pre-employment drug test.

Security and Network Architect – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 1/20/17

Responsible for high-level network planning, design and optimization. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Business Computer Information Systems or Network Engineering is required. A Bachelor's degree in another discipline may be considered with appropriate and relevant security and network engineering experience. Ten years of related experience in a large enterprise or service provider environment is required. Must have strong, current Check Point experience at the enterprise level. Experience with enterprise firewalls at the edge and the data center installations, including highly available clusters is required. Experience with Cisco Router ACLs is required. Experience with Microsoft Active Directory is required. Must have strong troubleshooting, problem-solving and analytical abilities including packet capture analysis. Strong in-depth technical knowledge in security engineering, computer and network security, strong authentication and security protocols is required. Knowledge of network routing and security protocols and implementations: TCP/IP, SSL, IPSEC VPN, SSL VPN, VLANs and BGP is required. Demonstrated ability to direct a team to design, implement and operate complex networks and systems to successfully achieve service level agreements. Must have Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Security Information and Event Management (SIEM). Experience in building network management tools and creating detailed documentation is required. Must be able to create documents, spreadsheets, and detailed drawings in MS Office Suite and Visio. Must be able to work well under pressure, grasp new ideas quickly and be able to thrive in a dynamic and diverse environment. Excellent oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills is required. Must be customer service oriented. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have a valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the SUSS vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

### \*Craps Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 1/6/17

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

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

Closing date 1/6/17

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.

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 1/6/17

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.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2016-NC-0161

**Rochelle Heidi Davette Florri Aguilar, Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Rochelle Heidi Davette Florri Aguilar has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Rochelle Heidi Davette Florri Mills. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 10, 2017 at 5 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2016.  
Kara Cuthair, Court Clerk

cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on JAN. 23, 2017 at 3 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2016  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2016-PR-0155

**William John Monte, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 016-0158-CV-NC

**Krista Waukene Red, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krista Waukene Red-Garcia. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than FEB. 6, 2017 by 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2016.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

## 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](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

### Detention Division Head

Closing date 1/10/17

Under general supervision of the Justice and Regulatory Department Director, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility. Pay grade 24; \$78,315/annually.

### Detention Lieutenant

Closing date 1/18/17

Under general supervision of the Detention Director, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Serves as acting Director of the Detentions Center in the absence of the Detention Director. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

### Food Distribution Stock Clerk

Closing date 1/17/17

Provides assistance to the Program Manager in identifying, stocking and unloading shipments, cleaning of overall program building; maintaining adequate inventories, assisting in issuing, loading, and distribution and transporting commodities to eligible recipients and provides clerical support. Pay grade 11; \$9.92/hour.

### Ute Language Teacher Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal member)

Closing date 1/20/17

Apprentice Program is designed to provide a Southern Ute Tribal Member with the educational skills and training to teach the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA).

### 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. 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.

### 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.

# NEW EMPLOYEES



### Lakota TwoCrow

**Job title:** Part-time lifeguard

**Description of duties:** Responsible for lifeguarding activities and responsibilities at SunUte Community Center.

**Family:** Trennie and Precious Collins

**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe

**Additional comments:** I look forward to seeing members of the community enjoying their time in the pool.

### Quetzal “Kat” Smith

**Job title:** Referral Coordinator

**Description of duties:** Schedules appointments based on necessity, by offering the earliest available with each provider, making urgent visits a priority. Initiates and coordinates referrals of patients to appropriate contracted sources for medical care and services that cannot be provided.

**Hobbies:** Reading, writing, singing, play with my kids, family time, and watching movies.

**Family:** Husband, Karl. 9-year-old daughter Bellaluz. 2-year-old son Tenor.

**Additional comments:** I look forward to contributing to the community.



## 2017 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINES

DEADLINE DATES	Publication dates	Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures
Dec. 30*	Jan. 6	New Year's Day (1/1), Tribal offices closed 1/2
Jan. 13*	Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day (1/16), Tribal offices closed 1/16
Jan. 30	Feb. 5	
Feb. 13	Feb. 17	Valentine's Day (2/14)
Feb. 27	Mar. 5	President's Day (2/20), Tribal offices closed 2/20
Mar. 13	Mar. 17	
Mar. 27	Mar. 31	
Apr. 10	Apr. 14	Easter (4/16)
Apr. 24	Apr. 28	
May 8	May 12	Mother's Day (5/14)
May 22	May 26	Memorial Day (5/29), Tribal offices closed 5/29
Jun. 5	Jun. 9	Father's Day (6/18)
Jun. 19	Jun. 23	
Jun. 29*	Jul. 7	Independence Day (7/4), Tribal offices closed 7/3-7/4
Jul. 17	Jul. 21	
Jul. 31	Aug. 4	
Aug. 14	Aug. 18	
Aug. 28	Sep. 1	Labor Day (9/4), Tribal offices closed 9/4
Sep. 11	Sep. 15	
Sep. 25	Sep. 29	Indigenous People's Day (10/9)
Oct. 9	Oct. 13	
Oct. 23	Oct. 27	Halloween (10/31)
Nov. 3	Nov. 9	Veteran's Day (11/11), Tribal offices closed 11/10
Nov. 16*	Nov. 22	Thanksgiving (11/23), Tribal offices closed 11/23-11/24
Dec. 4	Dec. 8	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), Tribal offices closed 12/11
Dec. 18	Dec. 22	Christmas (12/25), Tribal offices closed 12/25
		<i>*Denotes an early deadline</i>

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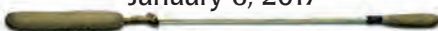
## NOTICE

### Southern Ute Tribal office closure

Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Offices will resume office hours on Tuesday, Jan. 17





## FLY-FISHING

# Redfish, oysters and old guys

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



What could possibly go wrong when six old guys go on an unsupervised, no wives included, fly-fishing road trip? Absolutely nothing, yeah right. The group, having read my last column, thought it would be a good idea to take a three-day fly-fishing trip to Rockport, Texas. The collective age of our bladders, about 400

years, plus everyone needing to be in charge of the direction we would drive, would have us still on a highway. So, we made it an air trip to fly fish for redfish. Rockport is an old village that is now part of the Fulton Beach, Aransas Pass, Corpus Christi Metro area. Back in the 50's and 60's, Rockport was primarily inhabited by hardcore bait fishermen, duck hunters, and retirees. I know this because my grandparents retired there. It was great fun to visit them. This area has now expanded to include bird watchers, (we saw whopping cranes) celebrities, art galleries, fly fishermen, and lots of good restaurants.

While people have been able to wade the shallow flats along the beaches for a long time, I believe the advent of the modern flats boat, and fly-fishing guides to pole them, has been a driving force behind the fly-fishing-for-reds industry. I caught my first redfish, ever, some 15 years ago in Rockport, from a flats boat.

The Rockport area, similar to any town on the Gulf Coast, can have unpredictable winter weather,

Therefore, like us, plan a multi-day trip. Our first day in the area was spent drinking coffee until the no-go decision was made by our guides. We had high winds, rain, and cold temperatures. After the "abort a fishing day" call was made we spent the day touring the area, sampling the restaurants, smoking cigars, and planning the next day's fishing. The second day dawned bright and sunny, warm, and no wind.

The fun began at 8:30 a.m. We had three boats head out in different directions with all three boats reporting reds caught by 9 a.m. In fact, the most senior of the group, who had never been red fishing before, caught a red on his first cast. My guide told me not to cast at the small fish, around 5 pounds, because it would spook the bigger fish, around 15 pounds. The entire day was like that for all three boats. With a clear day and very little wind, the clarity of the water was really good. Having clear water meant we were sight casting, not blind casting.

The weather for the third day of fishing was colder,

windy, and cloudy. However, my guide was able to put my fishing partner and me on fish. While a lot of the casting was blind casting, the guide knew where the fish were and where to have us cast. She even managed to put us on some fish tailing in the shallows.

For equipment an 8-weight rod worked really well in the light wind. For the third day, with the wind, a 9-weight would have given me a little extra punch. Our reels were loaded with floating lines and 200 yards of backing. A 15-pound red will take you well into your backing. Leaders were tapered, 9-foot, 25-pound test. Attached to the end of my leader was a size 12 white streamer. I also had the reds hit a small red and white popper.

Old men do not live only on fly-fishing. Part of the trip was dedicated to locating the best seafood restaurants we could find. In our quest we found a restaurant that served shrimp piled on paper towels in front of each person. They were so juicy we had bibs (getting ready for the nursing home) instead of napkins. Another restaurant had gumbo that was a little spicy and full of unidentifiable ingredients, true gumbo. The jackpot came at a restaurant that had raw oysters for \$4.50 a dozen. The sound of six old guys slurping nine dozen oysters washed down with several bottles of white wine was scary but delightful.

If you're looking for a laid back, easy to-get-to place to fly fish for reds, and have lots of good seafood, give the Rockport area a try.

## EXPUNGEMENT • FROM PAGE 7

### 28-1-106. CONTENTS OF PETITION.

A petition for expungement shall be signed under oath by the petitioner and shall include the following:

- (1) Petitioner's full name, all other legal names or aliases ever used by petitioner, petitioner's date of birth, and social security number.
- (2) All of the petitioner's physical addresses from the date of the offense or alleged offense, in connection with which an expungement order is sought, to the date of the petition.
- (3) An FBI Identity History Summary or proof that one does not exist. If any physical address provided under subsection (2) above is located on an Indian reservation, for each such reservation address, a certified criminal history record from the Tribal Court or the law enforcement agency having criminal jurisdiction over the petitioner and over the territory where the physical address is located, or proof that such a record does not exist.
- (4) The reason(s) for which the petitioner requests expungement, if it is for employment, licensure, or other purposes, and why it should be granted.
- (5) A statement that the petitioner meets the eligibility requirements in this Code.
- (6) Details of the offense or arrest for which expungement is sought, including the date of the occurrence, the court file number, and the date of conviction; either the names of any victims or that there were no identifiable victims; whether there is a current order for protection, restraining order, or other no contact order prohibiting the petitioner from contacting the victims or whether there has ever been a prior order for protection or restraining order prohibiting the petitioner from contacting the victims.
- (7) For expungement of convictions, a statement on what steps the petitioner has taken since the time of the offense toward personal rehabilitation, including treatment, classes, employment, or other personal history that demonstrates rehabilitation.
- (8) Petitioner's criminal conviction record indicating all convictions under the laws of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; all convictions in any state court, federal court, tribal court, or foreign country; and whether the convictions occurred before or after the arrest or conviction for which expungement is sought.
- (9) Petitioner's criminal history, indicating all prior and pending criminal charges against the petitioner under any state court, federal court, tribal court, or foreign country, including all criminal charges that have been continued for dismissal or stayed for adjudication, or have been the subject of pretrial diversion; and
- (10) All prior requests by the petitioner, whether for the present offense or for any other offenses, in the Tribal Court or any other tribal, state, or federal court, for pardon, return of arrest records, or expungement or sealing of a criminal record, whether granted or not, and all stays of adjudication or imposition of sentence involving the petitioner.

### 28-1-107. SERVICE OF PETITION.

- (1) The petitioner shall serve the petition for expungement on the Tribal Prosecutor.
- (2) If the case for which expungement is sought involved a victim, the Tribal Prosecutor shall make reasonable efforts to serve the victim with a copy of the petition for expungement and notify the victim of the right to respond to the petition by filing a recommendation, an objection, or statement with the Tribal Court and the right to testify at the hearing.

**28-1-108. OBJECTIONS, RESPONSES, AND SETTING.** When a petition for expungement is filed, the Tribal Court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition and shall give notice to the petitioner, or his attorney if represented, the Tribal Prosecutor, and the victim, if applicable.

- (1) Within 21 days after receipt of the petition, the Tribal Prosecutor shall file a consent or objection to the petition and serve copies on the petitioner or his attorney, if represented.
- (2) The victim, if applicable, may respond to the petition by filing a recommendation or objection with the Tribal Court at least seven days before the hearing on the petition.
- (3) A hearing shall be set within 45 days of service of the petition upon the Tribal Prosecutor.

### 28-1-109. HEARING.

- (1) At the hearing, the parties shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard.
- (2) Any person who may have relevant

information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing.

- (3) A victim of the offense for which expungement is sought has a right to submit a written statement to the Tribal Court or testify at the time of the hearing, including the victim's recommendation on whether expungement should be granted or denied.
- (4) Following the hearing, the Tribal Court shall enter an order granting or denying the petition within 30 days.
- (5) The Tribal Court shall issue an order of expungement if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that:

- (a) The petition and petitioner's eligibility are sufficient under the provisions of this Code;
- (b) The record for which expungement is sought is the type eligible for expungement under the provisions of this Code; and
- (c) Expungement of the record is not contrary to the interests of public safety.

- (6) If the Tribal Court grants the petition for expungement, the Tribal Court shall enter an order directing expungement that includes the following language:

*This expungement order releases the petitioner from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the offense with which petitioner had been charged or convicted and removes those disabilities that otherwise would be imposed under applicable law.*

*Any entity in possession of the criminal records expunged by this order shall physically seal and conspicuously indicate on the face of the record, or at the beginning of the computerized file of the record, that the record has been ordered expunged. Access to or disclosure of the contents of an expunged file is allowed only by Tribal Court order.*

- (7) If the Tribal Court denies the petition for expungement, the Tribal Court shall enter an order denying the petition and stating the reasons for the denial.
- (8) The granting or denying a petition is an appealable final order.

### 28-1-110. EFFECTS OF EXPUNGEMENT ORDER.

- (1) Expungement shall be effectuated by physically sealing and conspicuously indicating on the face of the record or at the beginning of the computerized file of the record that the record has been designated as expunged. Access to an expunged file is allowed only by Tribal Court order.
- (2) An expungement granted by the Tribal Court regarding a conviction releases the petitioner from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the offense for which petitioner had been charged or convicted and removes those disabilities that otherwise would be imposed under applicable law.
- (3) The fact that the person has been charged with or convicted of the expunged offense shall not be included in the person's criminal history.
- (4) For all purposes, including responding to questions on any application for employment, license, civil right or privilege, or any question when testifying as a witness, a person whose conviction of an offense has been expunged under this Code may state that such person has never been convicted of such offense.

### 28-1-111. DISTRIBUTION OF EXPUNGEMENT ORDER AND PROHIBITION ON FURTHER DISCLOSURE OF EXPUNGEMENTS.

- (1) A petitioner who is granted an expungement order under this Code shall be responsible for delivering a certified court copy of the expungement order to all affected agencies and officials, including the Southern Ute Police Department and the Southern Ute Detention Center.
- (2) Within 15 calendar days of granting an expungement order, the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of the expungement order to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Services Division to ensure that the criminal history records with the National Crime Information System and related databases are expunged.
- (3) Every Southern Ute Indian Tribal entity that receives the expungement order shall expunge the petitioner's identifying information contained in records in its possession relating to the incident for which expungement is ordered.
- (4) Once the Tribal Court grants an expungement, Southern Ute Indian Tribal entities are prohibited from disseminating or disclosing that record.

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focusing on the ethics code. The Finance Department presented on investments, financial literacy, and the budgeting process followed by a presentation from Treasurer Lorelei Cloud. Jeffrey Fingert, Chief Financial Officer, continued presenting information on the Finance Department Thursday morning. Thursday's session

also included Strategic Planning and Justice & Regulatory. Administrative leave was given in the afternoon due to inclement weather, and the remaining departments were rescheduled for the following week.

Many of the presentations went into discussion, which was also very beneficial for both departments

and officials.

"It was good to hear what the departments are doing and engaging in discussion with them gives a snapshot of the direction the department is headed. It also allows for the individuals in the departments to get to know me as well, to build an effective working relationship," Frost said.

### 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.



**"Anybody can succeed if they put their mind to it!"**

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.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

### Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Jan. 6



28°F mostly clear  
20% chance of snow in a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7



33°F mostly sunny

Sunday, Jan. 8



38°F partly sunny

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)



### Ambient Monitoring:

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

### Air quality: As of 1/5

AQI – Ignacio: 27  
AQI – Bonadad: 29

