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TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Tribe selects Baker as Growth Fund Executive Director

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is pleased to announce the selection of Raymond A. Baker as the new Executive Director for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund. Baker will assume the responsibilities of directing the Growth Fund with the objective of providing maximum profit and return on invested capital while meeting the current and long-range goals approved by the Tribal Council.

In commenting on his new position, Baker stated, "The Growth Fund is a vitally important part of the Tribe and a model of success in Indian country. I am looking forward to joining a great team of dedicated workers who have contrib-

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IHS WRESTLING

Pena paces Ignacio at Melton Invitational

Led by 160-lb champ, Cats take seventh

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Admittedly overjoyed to have ever-vocal Cody Haga as his top assistant coach, Ignacio skipper Jordan Larsen's voice left him sometime early during the Bobcats' 2017 Butch Melton Invitational.

That either meant a long day of wrestling, and/or a great day of wrestling.

Sure, hosting Pine River Valley neighbor Bayfield for a non-league dual – and a close 33-27 one at that – just a night earlier may have had something to do with his diminished volume, but when all was said and done Saturday, Jan. 28, Larsen hoarsely growled how proud he was of the event.

Expanded this year to 17 schools and 18 total teams – 5A Aztec, N.M., brought its varsity and a designated 'B' squad – the Melton had IHS Gymnasium roaring



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lorenzo Pena grins at the referee's comments after Pena defeated Monticello, Utah's Paul DeAnda, left, 4-2 to win the 160-pound division at the 2017 Butch Melton Invitational (Sat., Jan. 28) inside IHS Gymnasium. Pena went 4-0 at the meet with two pins, and was chosen for the Outstanding Wrestler (Upper Weights) Award.

for nearly 12 hours straight. And the Bobcats, billed #10 in last Friday's revised On The Mat Class 2A poll, were a big part of the reason.

Leading the way, #1-ranked senior Lorenzo Pena earned a repeat Outstanding Wrestler Award at the annual meet, as he received the Upper Weights'

nod due to a 4-0 run to the 160-pound division title. Last to attempt resisting the grinning grappler was 1A Monticello, Utah's Paul DeAnda, but Pena managed to control the action from on top in the match and prevailed 4-2.

Senior Stocker Robbins finished second at 132, but not for lack of trying as his clash with 3A Montezuma-Cortez's Matthew Broughton went into overtime tied 8-8 after six regulation minutes.

Amazingly back in action after blacking out and wracking his neck up in Paonia at the previous weekend's Screaming Eagle Invite, Robbins would ultimately lose a 10-8 outcome as Broughton managed to drive through him at the mat's edge and briefly render him horizontal.

Senior Ethan Appenzeller had definitely had most eyes in the house upon him as he stepped in against BHS' Ryan Nava in the 145-pound finale. Working with a right hand/thumb well wrapped, 2A's No. 2 Appenzeller still nearly managed what would have been a key takedown at the end of the second period.

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DEPT. OF ENERGY

BP begins drilling new well

By Lindsay Box

SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

In recent days, BP has begun setting up infrastructure to drill on the Southern Ute Tribal K1/K4 behind Powwow Circle Drive. According to the Department of Energy (DOE), drilling will occur from Feb. 2 - Feb.15. The location is very visible to the residents on the bluff as well as to the Tribal campus. Residents living on Powwow Circle, Sunset Meadows, County Roads 314 and 315 and possibly Northridge, will be able to see part of the well operations.

BP will be drilling horizontally to reach the Fruitland Coalbed methane using an aerated drilling method. The aerated drilling method uses a combination of air and water, in proper ratio, to achieve full circulation returns. Drilling with this method has minimal impact to the environment. This method also requires a process called flaring. There is a possibility of intermittent flaring throughout this operation.

Flaring is the burning of the natural gases that the well is producing but not capturing. These gases that rise from the well will be contained and burned off as a safety precaution. Intermittent flaring is a normal part of operations, and is in fact a vital part of safe and responsible drilling operations. If the gases were released into the air, it cannot be contained and has the potential to com-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

This well can be seen atop the hill just northwest of Tribal campus, scheduled for "flaring".

bust and become flammable if contact is made with the appropriate sources. Methane is also a greenhouse gas and burning reduces the overall impact to the environment.

This is a temporary measure during drilling only and once completed the gas will be routed to a production line.

The downside to the flaring process is the visible flame.

Measures are being taken to protect the residents from the light produced by mobile light towers that are required for the employees to work overnight. Unfortunately, there is not a way

to protect residents from the visibility of flaring. The Bureau of Land Management approves venting/flaring for up to 30 days; this well is scheduled to flare potentially half of that time. BP has committed to minimize as much flaring as possible without impacting site safety.

The Tribe's Environmental Programs Division Air Quality Program has been made aware of the new well location and will continue working with the DOE. If the membership has any questions or concerns, they can reach Karen Spray with DOE at 970-563-5556.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

New councilman hosts tribal member meeting

By Sacha Smith

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, about 40 tribal members met at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility for a tribal membership meeting coordinated by newly elected Tribal Councilman, Kevin R. Frost. The meeting was held to give Frost and fellow councilmembers a chance to hear tribal member concerns. Council members Lorelei Cloud, Tyson Thompson and Adam Red joined Frost for the meeting.

"The meeting is not about me, it's about the membership," Frost said in his opening remarks.

Tribal members didn't hold back either, as much of the meeting was spent with the microphone in the tribal members' hands, not the councilmembers. Those in attendance brought up their personal matters as well as more generalized concerns shared amongst the many including concerns with tribal health, tribal housing and elder needs.

Much of the time tribal members were discussing problems they have encountered with their health, the tribe's Health Department



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal member Edward Box III voices his concerns during tribal membership meeting hosted by newly elected Tribal Councilman Kevin R. Frost on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

and the clinic. Many said they felt the department and clinic were not providing adequate care or services to the membership. Some discussed their personal health struggles saying they felt the tribe was not doing enough to make sure the membership's health needs were taken care of.

Tribal elder, Marge Borst said she thinks the Health Department needs to be revamped.

Edward Box III agreed saying that, "the clinic hasn't changed in years" and that he chooses to go elsewhere for his health care needs.

Another topic of concern was tribal housing. Many

argued that tribal housing isn't sufficient in size, quantity or quality. Others mentioned the home loan program and the excessive time it takes to be approved and to get a home built. Some felt the program isn't ideal since it doesn't benefit all tribal members.

Tribal elders and their role in the tribe, was another widespread concern at the meeting. Some elders felt they were being left out and advocated for having council bring back the Elder's Committee.

"The Elder's Committee needs to come back," tribal member Dedra White said.

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2017 BUTCH MELTON INVITATIONAL STANDINGS

1. Cedaredge 164.5, 2. Aztec (N.M.) 131, 3. Bayfield 129, 4. Pagosa Springs 98, 5. Montezuma-Cortez 87, 6. Farmington (N.M.) Piedra Vista JV 76.5, 7. **IGNACIO 66.5**, 8. Monticello (UT) 62, 9. Durango 44, 10. Dolores 37.5, 11. Mancos 36.5, 12. Gunnison 25, 13. Blanding (UT) San Juan 22, 14. Shiprock (N.M.) 11.5, 15. Newcomb (N.M.) 10.5, 16. Aztec 'B' 10, 17. Rangely 7, 18. Dove Creek 0

2017 BUTCH MELTON INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS

106-Shawn Higgins, Montezuma-Cortez; 113-Josiah Griego, Aztec; 120-Sean Dale, Cedaredge; 126-Cody Candelaria, Aztec; 132-Matthew Broughton, M-CHS; 138-Tate Hinger, Pagosa Springs; 145-Ryan Nava, Bayfield; 152-Austin Littlefield, Aztec; **160-LORENZO PENA, IGNACIO**; 170-Macoy Michaeli, Bayfield; 182-Jacob Bartley, Farmington Piedra Vista JV; 195-Tre LaBossiere, Cedaredge; 220-Taj Van der Linde, Cedaredge; Hwt-Sam Westbrook, Bayfield

CLASS 2A TEAM RANKINGS (1/27)

1. Rocky Ford, 2. Meeker, 3. Hotchkiss, 4. Norwood-Nucia, 5. Paonia, 6. Ault Highland, 7. Walsenburg John Mall, 8. Sedgwick County-Fleming, 9. Limon, 10. **IGNACIO**

COUNCIL CORNER

Tribal Council Regular Meeting restructured

By Lindsay Box
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Tribal Council has long recognized that business is continuously being conducted by all Tribal entities, but historically the Regular Meeting has centered exclusively on the Permanent Fund and Executive Office updates. In an effort to be increasingly efficient and all-inclusive, Tribal Council has modified the existing format beginning in January, to incorporate action items and executive level updates from the Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) during the 2nd and 4th week of each month. The new design will be beneficial for communication across all operations to allow for support and collaboration among entities and Council oversight in one setting, as opposed to several scattered meetings on Council's calendar. As always, the tribal membership is encouraged to attend the regular meetings and with this new structure, can now acquire a wider overview of current business matters. Regular Meeting agendas are posted on the tribal member only website each Friday prior to the meeting held on Tuesday.

TRIBE SELECTS BAKER • FROM PAGE 1

uted to its success.” Baker, who is a member of the Tribe, is currently employed with the Growth Fund’s Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group, a position he assumed after retiring from a successful career in the United States Navy. Baker served with distinction during a career spanning over three decades, most recently as Officer-in-Charge of Specialized Research Diving Detachment. He brings 30 years of upward progressively responsible leadership, from a Junior Enlisted Sailor to a Commissioned Naval Commanding Officer. Upon completion of his honorable naval service he received personal Letters of Appreciation from Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, Ronald Regan Presidential Library, and Jimmy Carter, and Governors from the states of Florida, Connecticut, Washington and Colorado. Personal awards earned: Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Presidential Unit Citation, and various other unit citations and personal awards. Baker is a graduate of Durango High School and Mustang University (Naval Officer Commissioning School, FL), he has also attended City College of Chicago, (IL), Gulf Coast Community College (FL), and Coast Line Community College (CA). Chairman Frost stated, “The Tribe looks forward to the exciting future for the Southern Ute Growth Fund under Mr. Baker’s leadership.” Baker will assume the new position on Monday, Feb. 6, 2017

COUNCILMAN HOLDS MEETING • FROM PAGE 1

“There needs to be a spot on council for the elders to give advice.” Tribal elders Judy Lansing and Evalyn Russell agreed. Russell discussed the history of the committee and how it was dispelled without any notice given to the elders, she said. Lansing said it’s worth bringing up the committee again since the “elders know the past” and could help guide Tribal Council. Wrapping up the meeting, the question was asked, “What will happen from here?” Tribal members wanted to know what council was going to do after hearing all the concerns. Councilman Frost said that this is the first of many meetings and asked the tribal members to give council time to review all the concerns. Looking forward he sees these meetings becoming more regular and said the next one could be held within the next four to six weeks. Frost said he also invited the Executive Officers and hopes to see them join in the future. A general consensus at the meeting was that the tribal members in attendance were thankful to Frost for hosting the meeting. Many said it was nice to have a platform to voice their concerns outside of a General Meeting setting.

Many Moons Ago



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Ute Tribal elders Austin Box and Terry Knight raise the flags at the Colorado History Museum on Saturday Jan. 20.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 2, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Jr. High student Candace Watts feels what being a Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer is about. Capt. Cuthair, Southern Ute Wildlife and Larry Garcia, Ignacio District Wildlife Manager, gave a presentation to students about their careers.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 31, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute Youth Group performing at the Chili Cook-Off during Snowdown festivities. (left to right), Sheila Ryder, Betty Box (background), Sarah Hudson, Tonietta Baca and Sadie Frost. Front row- Theodosha Frost and Rhonda Frost.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 6, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Financial Literacy Course Series

The Small Business Development Center will be offering FREE financial literacy courses to Southern Ute Tribal Members
Courses begin in the spring, 25 spots available per course, RSVP required.

All Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the Financial Literacy Course Series. This series is brought to the reservation by Small Business Development Center and Mrs. Liz Ross. Space is limited, so interested tribal members will need to register and may only register for one course at a time.

There will be two sessions. The first course for Young Adults (ages 16-21) and second for Adults & Elders (ages 22+). All information shared will be the same.

Participants will be entered into a raffle at the completion of each course.

Course Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – Basics of Money Bank Services

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – Money Management Tools and Tips

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Using Credit to Your Advantage/Planning for the Future

Time:

Young Adult – 5:30-6:30 PM

Adult & Elders – 7:00-8:00 PM

Location:

Buckskin Charlie Room,

Leonard C. Burch Building

TO RSVP OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

Lindsay Box, Communications Specialist – 970.563.0100

This series does not replace or fulfill the Financial Literacy course required for Tribal Credit and Tribal Education Programs. This financial literacy course does not constitute financial advice and is not a substitute for advice from a Certified Financial Planner or Financial Adviser.

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Divorce Care Group for adults/kids

This 13-week Christ-based group will meet from Feb. 24 – May 19 at the First United Methodist Church in Durango from 6 – 8:30 pm. Participants will find hope, support, and healing from the emotional stress and pain of divorce and separation. Cost for the adult program is \$25 to register (scholarships are available). If needed, a companion program for Kids (DC4K) and/or childcare are also available for free. For more information, please call FUMC Durango 970-247-4213. www.divorcecare.org



February 11, 2017

Between High School Games

& Guns N Hoses Game

Ignacio High School Cafeteria

The art of glove making



photos Cree Lopez/SU Culture Dept.

Tribal elder, Effie Monte works on a pair of gloves during a Gloves and Mittens class on Tuesday, Jan. 10. For more information on upcoming culture classes call 970-563-2306.



Tribal elder, Sherry Salazar sews a piece of buckskin that will soon become a pair of gloves during the Southern Ute Culture Department's Glove and Mitten making class. The next tribal member culture class is set to begin Monday, Feb. 6 and will be focused on making ribbon and cloth dresses.

Jim Jefferson Jr. looks at a pair of gloves he is crafting in the Culture Department's Glove and Mitten making class last month.

Moccasin making



photos/SU Drum

Tribal elder, Denise Thompson beads a rose design that will go on her moccasins once completed on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Thompson and other tribal elders have been taking a moccasin making class sponsored by Elder Services.



Tribal elder, Elise Redd headed up the elder craft class helping fellow elders make and design moccasins.

CULTURE UPDATE

ATTENTION DANCERS & SINGERS

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to invite all interested powwow and bear dancers/singers to a get together to discuss upcoming events that we will be attending this year. Some of these events will involve traveling. This meeting will take place on Feb. 8 at the SUCCM Big Classroom starting at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call 970-563-2985.

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.

- Feb. 6, 13, 27
- March 6, 13, 20, 27

(All classes dates may be changed or canceled.)

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. Mon. and Tues.

- 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) participants 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: hfrost@southernute-nsn.gov.

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.



Valentine's Gourd Dance & Social Powwow

Saturday, Feb. 11
Multi-Purpose Facility
Ignacio, CO • All drums welcome!

1 – 5 p.m. • Gourd Dance
5 – 6 p.m. • Supper Break (potluck)*
6 – 9:30 p.m. • Social Powwow

HEAD STAFF

MC: Andrew Frost

Co-Gourd Dancers: Tom Alires, Lyndreth Wall

Drum: Ramon Yazzie

POTLUCK

Buffalo Stew & salad
**bring your favorite side to share*

SPECIALS

Cake Walk & Raffle
and more to be announced

Sponsored by the Four Corners Gourd Dance Society
Info: Dr. Jefferson 970-749-4922 or Mr. Tucker 970-553-0134

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MONDAY 6, 13 & 27, 2017

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MENU

Brisket on Fry bread with Green Chile
Indian Tacos – Green Chile Stew - Frito Pie –
Fry bread – Chile Beans – Meat Pies – Pop -
Fried Potatoes –

Special– Feb. 6 – Smoked Pork Rib Sandwich
Feb. 13 – Green Chile Enchiladas
Feb. 27 – Pinto Beans or Beef Stew

FOR MORE INFO: ELISE REDD 970-779-8149



TRIBAL HEALTH

Prediabetes and insulin resistance

By Paige Kapp
SU HEALTH CENTER

What is prediabetes?

Prediabetes is a condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not as high as it is in diabetes. About one third of Americans have prediabetes, but most of these people don't know they have it.

When we eat, carbohydrates like bread, pasta, and sweets are turned into glucose during digestion. Then the pancreas, an organ which sits just below the stomach, makes insulin, which helps the glucose to be used by our muscles, fat and liver.

High body weight and not enough exercise can lead to insulin resistance. That is when muscle, fat and liver cells no longer respond properly to insulin, and the pancreas has to make more insulin to do the job. Over time,

the pancreas loses its ability to keep up, leading to high blood glucose (sugar), prediabetes and type 2 diabetes.

Why should I care about prediabetes?

Having prediabetes increases your risk for developing diabetes. It also puts you at risk for heart attacks, and strokes. Other things that put you at risk for developing diabetes are:

- age, especially if you are 45 or older
- Native American, Asian, Hispanic or African American ethnicity
- having family members with diabetes
- history of diabetes while pregnant, or giving birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- being overweight or obese
- being physically active less than 3 times each week

What can I do about it?

While some of these risk factors are out of your control, studies show that you can ward off diabetes, even if you already have prediabetes. Here are 4 things you can do.

- See your doctor and get screened for diabetes and prediabetes.
- Eat a balanced diet with plenty of vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats.
- Lose 5-7% of your body weight if overweight or obese. If you weigh 200 pounds, that would be 10 to 15 pounds of weight loss.
- Strive to be active at least 150 minutes every week. That is 30 minutes of brisk walking, swimming, lifting, or active work at least 5 days each week. Contact your doctor or a personal trainer for more suggestions.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Raising cervical health awareness

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Health Services held a Cervical Cancer Awareness luncheon for the community on Tuesday, Jan. 31. January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and the luncheon served as a way to educate women of all ages on the risks and ways to prevent the cancer.

Southern Ute Health Center Nurse Manager Susan Turner, headed up the luncheon with a presentation. Turner stated that due to late diagnoses American Indians and Alaska Natives as a group were three times more likely to die of cervical cancer than members of other races. She also said that the number of cervical cancer deaths combined have decreased over the years due to early screening tests.

The Southern Ute Health Center provides Pap tests to their patients, which screens for cervical cancer.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal employees and tribal members listen as Susan Turner discusses the risks of cervical cancer and the importance of getting screened at a Southern Ute Health Services Cervical Cancer Awareness luncheon held at SunUte Community Center on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Keeping up with your routine exams can help identify the cancer early on when it's easiest to cure. The clinic has been offering gift cards to women who visited the clinic for their Pap tests. The clinic also provides the HPV vaccine for the younger female patients. Turner said girls and women ages 9-26 could receive the HPV vaccine. The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) causes most cases of cervical cancer.

Next month, the Health Center will be offering another class on breast cancer awareness. The Health Center will also be hosting mammogram parties, taking women to get screened in Durango and buying lunch for those who go. For information or to set up an appointment to get screened please call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581.

CO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Strong Women – Healthy Hearts Program for Women!

Staff report
COLO. STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION – LA PLATA COUNTY

Colorado State University Extension in La Plata County is working with Tufts University to provide an exciting opportunity for women

to improve their heart health through an active, educational program and workshop. If you are a woman, over 40, body mass index over 24, and exercising less than once a week, please join us!

Strong Women, Healthy Hearts is a 12 week program

that will focus on nutrition, heart disease prevention and low to moderate intensity exercise. Orientation is Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 pm and classes begin Monday, March 6. All classes are held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, Extension Building.

Cooking matters



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Deanna Frost (center) assists customers on how much fat is contained in various dairy products. On Friday Jan. 20, the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program paid a visit to Farmers Fresh Supermarket to lecture about the importance of keeping a proper diet. Program aides ShawMarie Tso, Erin Jolley, Rebecca Fleming, Jenny Pritchard, Grace Heglund-Lohmon, and Betzi Murphy assisted customers in showing them the amount of fat contained in certain foods. Customers who visited all four booths pertaining to the different food groups were given a \$10 gift card to Farmers Fresh.



Rebecca Fleming (right) from the Cooking Matters program assists customer Sandy Seely.

ShawMarie Tso gives a demonstration of how much fat is contained in certain breads.



Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Breastfeeding Program

Please come join us for our Monthly Breastfeeding class!

WHEN: February 8, 2017
WHERE: SunUte—Capote Room
FROM: Noon—1:15 PM
Please RSVP by February 3, 2017
Before 5:00PM

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(970)563.0100 ext. 2163
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Tristian Benally, RN, CLC
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Jan. 24th-Feb. 14th



Boys & Girls Club

Any questions please contact the Boys & Girls Club @ 970.563.4753



Locations

- Farmers Fresh
- El Dorado
- 7-2-11
- Ignacio Floral
- Garcia Chiro & Wellness
- Walker True Value
- Bayfield Physical Therapy
- El Amigo
- The Rose
- Thriftway

EXPANDED HOURS AT SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

In an effort to meet the growing needs of the Southern Ute Tribal Community the Southern Ute Health Center and Pharmacy has expanded its hours of service. The new daily schedule is:

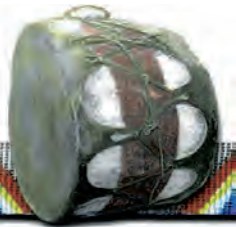
Monday –Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
(open through lunch)
Closing at noon the 1st Thursday of every month

- Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled appointments.
- Bringing all medications and glucometer to every appointment helps your provider give good care.
- To avoid conflicts with another patient appointment patients more than 10 minutes late will be asked to re-schedule.
- Please call 970-563-4581 if you have any questions OR if you need to cancel an appointment.

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

*Clinic, Pharmacy and Dental Closure the first Thursday of each month, from 12 to 5 p.m. for Clinic Staff Meetings and Education to improve the Care we give to you.

If you have any questions, please call 970-563-4581.



BCG shares crafts with SUPD



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Officer, Richard Herrera paints his hand with Haiden Valdez during Craft Day hosted by the Boys and Girls Club. The Craft Day is just one way BGC is collaborating with SUPD to help build a supportive relationship.



SUPD Officer, Rylan Pahe fastens up a key chain at the beading craft table during BGC's Craft Day with SUPD on Wednesday, Jan. 25. BGC aims to host one activity a month giving club members a chance to interact with SUPD.



Southern Ute Police Department Lieutenant Juan Martinez and BGC club member Keona Whitey share a conversation while working on their individual crafts.

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.

The Southern Ute Drum
Raffling used (as-is) darkroom equipment

The Southern Ute Drum will be raffling miscellaneous, used, as-is darkroom film developing equipment to interested Southern Ute tribal members. All equipment is used, as-is, no guarantees or returns. Winners must remove equipment, no deliveries. Your name can be entered into the raffle at The Southern Ute Drum Office starting Jan. 23. SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY! Winners will be announced in the March 3 issue of the Drum. For more raffle information or to be entered into the raffle please call the Drum office 970-563-0118.



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Miscellaneous items

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Mystery at Mr. Thorne's



photos Trenie Collins/SU Drum

Mr. Thorne, played by Lakota TwoCrow, speaks with the students at his school at the play "The Mystery at Mr. Thorne's School for Troubled Teens", which was written and performed by the Drama Students of Ignacio High School on Monday, Jan. 30 in the high school auditorium.

Students look through the spell book trying to figure out a way to get Opal, played by Emerald Owens, out of the mirror in the play "The Mystery at Mr. Thorne's School for Troubled Teens".



Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth
Advisory Council



Opportunities:

- Voices Heard
- Address important issues
- Volunteering Leadership Skills
- Responsibility

To Qualify

- Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Member
- Ages 11-17
- Attend High School/Be in an accredited home school program/Striving to complete GED

For Further Information Contact

Natelle Thompson
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Dept.
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2786
nthompson@southernute-nsn.gov

Process

- Write a letter stating why you would like to join
- Fill out Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Leadership Application Packet

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS TODAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 3.

GUNS N HOSES
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SATURDAY
FEB. 11, 2017
4PM

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SUPD

SUPD and Rangers to host Coffee with a Cop on Feb. 17

Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues

Staff report
SU POLICE DEPT.

On Friday, Feb. 17, officers from SUPD and Tribal Rangers and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 7:30 until 9 a.m. on Feb. 17 at Willows Cafe. Please contact Don Folsom with questions at 970-563-0246.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in tribal neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with



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Southern Ute Police Dept. officers and tribal rangers met for coffee with community members on Oct. 11, 2016 in the Willows restaurant at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

"With the success of the first Coffee with a Cop, we hope that more community members attend and feel comfortable asking questions, bringing concerns, or simply getting to know our officers," said Chief of Po-

lice Raymond Coriz. "We enjoy interacting with our community members and partnering with them to serve our community."

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers, rangers, communications technicians, animal control, community resources, victim services and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

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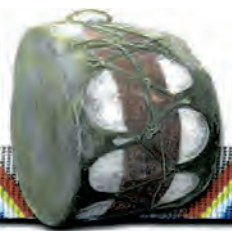
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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats double up Demons on the road

Ten threes fall for IHS in 74-37 triumph

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Jimmy Saville got his team on the board with a three-pointer.

And the Ignacio Bobcats immediately – as in back-to-back-to-back treys by junior Kruz Pardo, blowing open a 17-3 advantage – reacted as though he’d committed copyright infringement most foul.

Which wasn’t really a bad thing; friend and foe filling inside Ridgway High School Gymnasium Friday night, Jan. 27, all got to see IHS’ expected explosiveness in a 74-37 domination of the re-developing Demons, whose experience was greatly depleted by graduation after last season.

Pardo finished with four triples and 14 of his 18 points during the first half – after which the visitors led 39-14 – and sophomore Lawrence Valdez caught fire starting the second with two threes and ten of his game-high 22. He’d knock down two more from long range in the fourth quarter, which began with IHS cruising 60-23, as the Cats (7-3, 5-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) canned ten all told.

“Our coach just put it on us. He was like, ‘If you’re going to take the shot, make sure it’s the right shot,’” said Valdez. “And he was like, ‘If it’s not there, attack the basket – create for the others!’ And that’s what we did; it came out well.”

“When somebody gets hot we’ve just got to try and get him the ball!” head coach Chris Valdez said. “And we saw that with Valdez and with Pardo in the first half. Defensively, we got a lot more aggressive in the second half but we also got a lot more lackadaisical with the ball – we ended up, still, with close to 20 turnovers against a team that is not of high caliber.”

“We’re pressing, we’re trapping, and we’re trying to get into transition ... get easy layups,” he continued. “And we’re making some bad passes in transition where we could be getting easy layups if we’d just attack the basket instead of trying to make real tough passes.”

Ten of the eleven Bobcats who saw court time each scored at least two



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Calvin Levato (10) outstretches Ridgway’s Blake Rutherford (24) for a rebound during SJBL road action on Friday, Jan. 27.

points in the road rout, as opposed to only six of former Demon Jake Coulter’s youth-heavy squad.

Junior regulars Cole McCaw and Johnny Valdez – who punctuated the first quarter with a breakaway layup, expanding the guests’ lead to 19-3 after eight minutes – each registered six points. Sophomore Calvin Levato again shone off the bench with five, including an acrobatic, twisting catch and conversion of a Pardo lob, which Pardo admitted afterwards, was anything but awesome.

Junior Kai Roubideaux contributed four points, as did Ocean Hunter and Juanito Medina off the bench. Enjoying a quiet night, senior Joaquin King finished with three points in his usual beyond-the-arc style, and sophomore Clay Seibel cleaned up a fourth-quarter miss for his two.

“Everyone’s coming together,” Lawrence Valdez said. “And everyone can come off the bench and play; it’s not like we’re losing something if someone comes out. We’re always energized and ready to go.”

Able to capitalize upon Ignacio’s work-in-progress zone defense after the first frame, Saville finished with an impressive four treys, went six-of-six from the foul line, and totaled 22

points for Ridgway (0-10, 0-5). Reserves Ty Kraft and Byrd Williams each chipped in four, while starters Colin Kraft and Blake Rutherford booked three and two, respectively.

RHS finished 9-of-10 from the charity stripe, and IHS was 4-4 in a contest with just 16 total fouls called. A humorous twelve went against the Bobcats.

“There’s a lot to work on here,” said Chris Valdez. “Obviously we got the win and that’s most important, but our message to them is we’ve got to cut the turnovers down, we’ve got to get better at valuing possession.”

“We had a hard practice yesterday – it didn’t matter we had a game today – and we’re going to have a hard practice Monday because we have the Mancos game [Tuesday, Jan. 31],” he added, looking into the near future.

“We’ll have a hard practice Wednesday because we’ve got the Dolores game [Thursday, Feb. 2], and we’ll have a hard practice Friday because we’ve got the Norwood game [Saturday, 2/4]! We cannot take a day off; we have got to get ... in better shape and we’ve got to be able to ... just play through everything!”

Results from the aforementioned away dates were unavailable at press time.

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats rip through Ridgway, Nucla

Girls score weekend SJBL sweep away

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fortunate to receive another chance on the enemy’s ensuing third-quarter approach, Ridgway’s Anza Connaughton clutched a Makayla Howell miss as though she was one of the aggressive guests.

Unfortunately, she’d just gained first-hand knowledge of just how badly Ignacio wanted a road win.

With the Lady Demons already hopelessly down by 30 on their home court, Connaughton – one of five freshmen on a roster also counting three sophomores and only two seniors – thought she’d gripped a defensive rebound, only to find IHS junior Avionne Gomez, on her knees, forcibly repossessing the ball.

Not wanting to give any official a chance at blowing their whistle and calling her for a walk, Gomez instinctively launched a near-vertical, two-handed push shot which swished through – setting a tone for not just the rest of the contest, but for the next day’s expected physical battle at Nucla.

“I didn’t want to turn around and travel, and I didn’t see one of my players; they were all behind me!” Gomez said. “So I just went for it and shot it!”

And with starter Caitlin Sanchez having already



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Ignacio’s Kiana Valdez (2) quickly re-gains her dribble before Ridgway’s Ara Norwood (11) can creep up to make the steal during SJBL road action Friday, Jan. 27.

fouled out not long before, going up against a rugged front line of Howell, freshman Morgan Herrera and senior Alejandra Lujan, Gomez’s demoralizing hoop couldn’t have come at a worse time for the home team in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League battle Friday, Jan. 27.

Senior guard Ara Norwood and freshman/possi-

ble heir apparent Geri-June Hall managed to drop 19 and ten points, respectively, but with Gomez pumping in 24 and Herrera 17, the Lady Bobcats breezed to at least a 30-point victory (the scoreboard showed 68-38, IHS’ scorebook showed 69-38, and this reporter’s figures –

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JV bounce back after losses





Ignacio sophomore Randall Doyebi, right, skies over 2A Sargent’s Jermaine Charlie (20) to swipe a rebound away during non-league, junior-varsity home action inside IHS’ auxiliary gym Thursday, Jan. 19. The Bobcats lost by a point to the Farmers, but would soon make amends.



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Jaylynn Herrera (44) prepares to put some extra arc on her shot over the oncoming Sargent defenders during non-league, junior-varsity action on Thursday, Jan. 19. The Lady Bobcat JV lost to 2A SHS, 29-20, but more recently bounced back into form with a 25-16 road win at Ridgway (Friday, Jan. 27) in SJBL play.

2017 SUNUTE YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULES

4 – 5 YEAR OLD DIVISION		6 – 7 YEAR OLD DIVISION			8 – 9 YEAR OLD DIVISION			10 – 11 YEAR OLD DIVISION	
Full Court			Red Court	Blue Court		Red Court	Blue Court	Full Court	
Monday, Jan. 30		Tuesday, Jan. 31			Wednesday, Feb. 1			Thursday, Feb. 2	
6:00 pm	Bulls vs Warriors	6:00 pm	Bulls vs Pacers	Nuggets vs Wizards	6:00 pm	Lakers vs Thunder	Spurs vs Warriors	6:00 pm	Nuggets vs Suns
6:30 pm	Nuggets vs Lakers	6:45 pm	Nuggets vs Pacers	Cavaliers vs Bulls	6:45 pm	76ers vs Nuggets	Bulls vs Lakers	6:30 pm	Thunder vs Bulls
Monday, Feb. 6		Tuesday, Feb. 7			Wednesday, Feb. 8			7:30 pm	Clippers vs Warriors
6:00 pm	Warriors vs Nuggets	6:00 pm	Pacers vs Wizards	Cavaliers vs Nuggets	6:00 pm	Thunder vs Spurs	Warriors vs 76ers	Thursday, Feb. 9	
6:30 pm	Lakers vs Bulls	6:45 pm	Wizards vs Bulls	Pacers vs Cavaliers	6:45 pm	Nuggets vs Bulls	Spurs vs Lakers	6:00 pm	Thunder vs Clippers
Monday, Feb. 13		Tuesday, Feb. 14			Wednesday, Feb. 15			6:30 pm	Bulls vs Nuggets
6:00 pm	Bulls vs Nuggets	6:00 pm	Wizards vs Cavaliers	Bulls vs Nuggets	6:00 pm	76ers vs Thunder	Lakers vs Nuggets	7:30 pm	Suns vs Warriors
6:30 pm	Lakers vs Warriors	6:45 pm	Cavaliers vs Bulls	Nuggets vs Wizards	6:45 pm	Spurs vs Bulls	Thunder vs Warriors	Thursday, Feb. 16	
Monday, Feb. 20		Tuesday, Feb. 21			Wednesday, Feb. 22			6:00 pm	Nuggets vs Warriors
NO GAMES		6:00 pm	Pacers vs Wizards	Cavaliers vs Nuggets	6:00 pm	Warriors vs Lakers	Bulls vs 76ers	6:30 pm	Bulls vs Clippers
PRESIDENT'S DAY		6:45 pm	Nuggets vs Pacers	Wizards vs Bulls	6:45 pm	Nuggets vs Spurs	Bulls vs Warriors	7:30 pm	Suns vs Thunder
Monday, Feb. 27		Tuesday, Feb. 28			Wednesday, March 1			Thursday, Feb. 23	
6:00 pm	Bulls vs Warriors	6:00 pm	Bulls vs Nuggets	Pacers vs Cavaliers	6:00 pm	Nuggets vs Thunder	Lakers vs 76ers	6:00 pm	Clippers vs Nuggets
6:30 pm	Nuggets vs Lakers	6:45 pm	Bulls vs Pacers	Wizards vs Cavaliers	6:45 pm	Warriors vs Nuggets	Thunder vs Bulls	6:30 pm	Bulls vs Suns
<div><div><div>2017 SunUte Youth Basketball</div></div></div>					7:30 pm	76ers vs Spurs		7:30 pm	Warriors vs Thunder
					Attention Parents!			Thursday, March 2	
					Team photos will be the week of Feb. 6 – 9. Please be at SunUte 30 minutes prior to game time.			6:00 pm	Clippers vs Suns
								6:30 pm	Nuggets vs Thunder
								7:30 pm	Warriors vs Bulls

Attention Parents!

Team photos will be the week of Feb. 6 – 9. Please be at SunUte 30 minutes prior to game time.

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nearly identical to Ignacio's ledger – had it 70-38).

"It was good for all our players," said Gomez. "We had awesome defense, and ... we got better this game."

Freshman Larissa Gallegos supported well her side's big guns and logged, according to this scribe's play-by-play, 14 points including a three-pointer (entered in the team's book as a two) which put Ignacio up 14-3 in a first quarter ending with the visitors already in the 1-and-1 free-throw bonus and ended by Gomez cleaning up her own missed shot just before the buzzer.

Gallegos' second trey, coming late in the second quarter, was a second-chance try from right in front of RHS' bench. Having just missed from the spot, she'd quickly get the ball back as Gomez scrapped for the offensive board and kicked it out. With none of the Lady Demons heeding head coach

Nate Firkins' urgent calls to defend her, Gallegos fired again and connected as IHS' lead approached 20 points before intermission.

"I honestly thought nothing," Gallegos said. "It was kind of, like, a reflex: You're open, you shoot!"

Howell and senior Rachel Cooper each finished with five points in the win, while Ridgway's Ashley Medina managed as many in defeat. Each crew was 11-of-24 from the charity stripe, but the Lady 'Cats knew freebies could be vital at NHS the next afternoon.

"It's going to be a rough game," said Gallegos. "Mentally, be prepared and don't be nervous."

Despite foul-line accuracy being only marginally better at 16-of-33, Ignacio managed to complete their weekend SJBL sweep with a 52-41 win over the 1A Lady Mustangs. Held scoreless in the first quarter by an alert Nucla defense, Gomez

went off for a team-leading 18 points during the next three quarters.

Happy to be off concussion protocol, Howell netted a key 13 as Herrera – who fouled out, along with Gomez and Lujan (four points) – scored just eight (her first sub-10 showing this season) and Gallegos five.

Nucla (6-8 overall), which trailed 11-10 after one quarter and 27-20 after two, got 16 points from senior Taylor Sickels, 11 from sophomore Taryn Sickels and eight from senior Carlie Wytulka, but was just 14-of-31 from the stripe. Taylor Sickels and senior Karlena Skees both fouled out, as 50 total fouls were called in the game.

Standing 7-3 overall, 5-0 in league as of Monday, Jan. 30, the Lady Cats were scheduled to visit Mancos on the 31st (a rescheduled date from the 24th), Dolores on Feb. 2 and Norwood Feb. 4. Results were unavailable by press time.

Youth take to the courts



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The 2017 SunUte Youth Basketball League officially began, Monday, Jan. 30 in the SunUte gymnasium, with the 4 and 5-year old division teams taking the court for their first games. The 6 and 7-year olds played Tuesday evening, Jan. 31., on two courts – rec and blue respectively. **See youth basketball schedules on page 7.**



In the 8 and 9 year-old division, the Nuggets faced off against the 76ers, as Nataya Lovato dribbles down the court in their first game Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Players from the Bulls and Cavaliers begin their game with a jump ball, the two teams in the 6 and 7-year old division begin action with the toss by referee Ben Martinez, Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the SunUte gymnasium.

BOBCAT SPORTS



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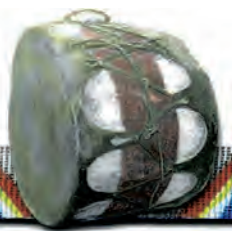
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STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♈ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AQUARIANS! The atmosphere around you might be changing, but it's important for you to maintain your confidence. Stand your ground and let your dazzling personality shine. MERCURY in your sign on the 7th joins with the SUN to enhance your reputation as an intellectual who continues to search for answers. Yes AQUARIUS, you most certainly will be noticed. Count on the LUNAR ECLIPSE/ FULL MOON (10th) to draw recognition to you, and your activities. Romantic opportunities may pop up before the 14th.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**

Let's get right to the point PISCES. The NEW MOON/SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 26th (in your sign) signals a favorable time to initiate change. If you've been waiting for things to shift this eclipse might trigger movement. Money maker VENUS enters your personal money zone on the 3rd, teaming up with MARS and URANUS the planets of motivation and swift change. Pay attention to financial matters PISCES. Stop and think before you act. VENUS, MARS, and URANUS will be in impatient ARIES.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**

Boredom has never been one of your favorite activities. It's unlikely you will be experiencing any of that during the month of FEBRUARY. A social set of planets group together in your sign, and enliven your personal agenda. The fun-loving SUN, JUPITER trine on the 11th is a precursor to CUPID'S special day. A less than difficult opposition between JUPITER and URANUS after the 16th adds interest to your relationships. It's been said that opposites attract, and that may be what you're looking for.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**

VENUS, your stunning planetary ruler spins into a low key area of your solar chart on the 3rd. But don't expect it to just sit there and be a calm and quiet influence. Not this month. It has some celestial work to do. You'll need to practice a little patience TAURUS, because the current position of VENUS might put your Valentine plans on a slow track. After the 25th the planetary pattern eases and progress is possible. There are excellent opportunities developing near month's end for you to pursue your goals.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**

Swift moving MERCURY is energizing your FEBRUARY Horoscope with an abundance of talk, ideas and plans. You just can't sit quietly by and let the plans of others rule your life. Travel has always appealed to you, and you need a break from the same old, same old. It doesn't matter if it's not to some far off exotic locale, or to the next town to see a nearby relative. If it offers a little freedom, that's for you. There are playful adventures to be had. Well... don't just sit there GEMINI ... go somewhere.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**

Normally cautious, your sense of practicality might fly out the window when VENUS, MARS, and URANUS gather at the top of your chart. They could also set off rushed action on your part just to be doing something new and different. Slow it down MOON KIDS. The Eclipse on the 10th may impact shared finances with a partner. The FULL MOON is illuminating this area for a reason. Rely on your sharp instincts to safely navigate you through the money maze that will be part of 2017's craziness.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**

LEO is the sign that rules the heart. Love is an all encompassing emotion for Lions. This is a special month for LEO'S as they enjoy attracting attention. Others are bound to notice you during the FULL MOON in your sign on the 10th. Remember your partner would like equal attention, so don't hog it all. Sweet romantic Valentine cards are the way to go. You could also find some cute, funny ones, and hide them in unusual places. Like the refrigerator, or the silverware drawer, or near the dishes. Have fun.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**

Relationships are the main focus this month. They consist of your connections with those who are closest to you. Things will move at lightening speed, so pay attention VIRGO people. Prompt action might be called for. Financial decisions can be made on the 13th and 14th. The MOON will be in the fair-minded sign of LIBRA. That's important, as MARS is in the forceful sign of ARIES, and money matters may have a tendency to become more intense. After the 26th a more efficient plan can be implemented.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**

FEBRUARY is a happy month offering entertainment and exciting changes. The planetary pattern is in basic harmony with your sign LIBRA. But occasionally opposition may arise with partners or others close to you. Diligence and attention to detail may be required when dealing with legal contracts on the 21st, and 25th. JUPITER is still hanging out in your sign and will rotate back into retrograde mode on the 5th. Check important paperwork. A creative job offer might surface on the 26th. Think it over LIBRA.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**

New found friends may come knocking at your door SCORPIO. They might be part of a group of like-minded people. Fix up your personal space, make it more comfortable. Clear out old stuff, and create a space you'll enjoy living in. It's a brand spanking NEW YEAR. Make some changes. Think about expanding your activities. Include places to explore, new books to read, metaphysical, or intuitive studies. The options are boundless. Self education can be enlightening, pleasurable, and beneficial.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**

Stopping a SAGITTARIUS from going out and about is like trying to stop a speeding train. Motivation is the key force driving your actions this month. You have one clear goal. It's called forward motion. VENUS the charmer slips into self-assured ARIES on the 3rd giving you the green light to go after what you want. JUPITER your JUMBO planetary ruler will go into its celestial retrograde dance on the 6th. It may decelerate your plans SAGGIES, planning ahead whenever possible might help.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**

Some of you may not have any SET IN STONE plans in mind for your FEBRUARY goals. The emphasis falls in your 2nd house of money. The SUN, and MERCURY encourage being prepared. This might be a favorable month to devise a plan regarding property matters. Be especially diligent about fire prevention. The RED planet, MARS in the domestic sector could distract you. Tolerance is the best way to deal with family members, and to prevent discord. Practice tact and diplomacy CAPRICORN.

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS



JEANNETTE "JENNY" RAE FROST June 28, 1979 – January 15, 2016

It has been over a year since you left us. We will never forget what a blessed gift you were to our family. Your smile and laughter was always with you even when times were tough, your smile shined through and made everything better. Your smile never faded. You had the most beautiful loving spirit that everyone loved. Your heart was so big that you loved everyone and still had room for more. You were one in a million. It was heartbreaking to see you leave but you are now with our Father Our Lord – Rest in Peace and fly with the Angels.

The family thanks everyone that was with us and Jen in Denver, we appreciate your support and love. We would

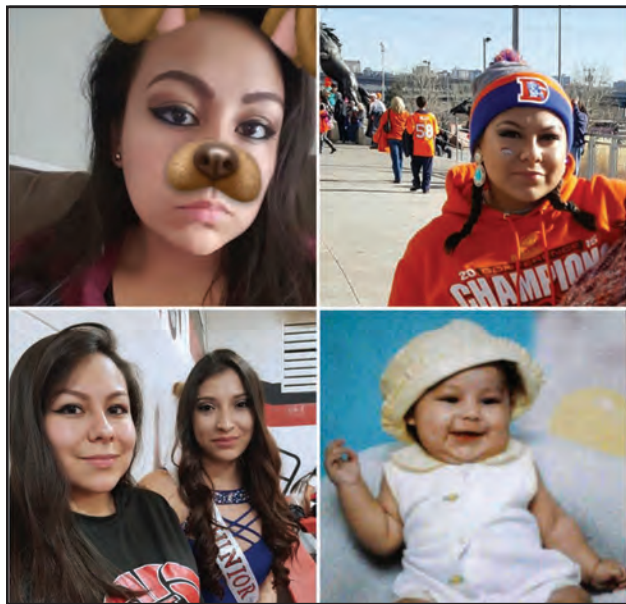
also like to thank the Joe Gonzales family for preparing the meal, Ben Watts along with his singers and drummers, the Jake Ryder singers and drummers, for all the beautiful songs, and a grateful thank you to the Pallbearers. We would also like to thank those who paid their last respects to our beautiful daughter, we will never forget you.

The Raymond Frost Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLISIANNA

Happy 17th Birthday to my beautiful daughter Allisianna Baker on February 1st! May you have a wonderful year and continue to thrive to reach your goals. Even with all the obstacles you have gone through this year it's only going to get better from here. You have grown up to be a beautiful and talented young woman with a strong personality to keep fighting for what you want. I'm truly blessed to be your mom.

*Love you! Alli-B
Always, mom*



HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY AMONNIE!

We want to wish Amonnie a Belated Happy 2nd Birthday! We hope you had a great day with all your family and loved ones. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing, smart, loving, fun lil boy like you to call our baby! Thank you for picking us to be your family!

*Lots of Love and Kisses,
Mom, Dad,
Ez and Kandin*



HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY BOY JESSE D!

As mothers we always want our children to be more than what we have become and I am very proud of all the accomplishments you have made in the 23 years you have been on this earth. You worked hard and graduated High School, you found the love of your life and got engaged, you worked hard and became a young Police Officer, you witnessed the birth of your two precious babies and through it all you have held your head high, you have been strong and you live an honest life. All I have seen in you I watch with a happy and blessed heart & you truly deserve all the blessings life has given you and more. So today I wish you good health, prosperity and happiness! I love you my boy and I will always have your back!! Happy 23rd birthday on February 9th.

Love Mom

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Wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day!

May the Creator always watch over you as you grow into a strong young boy.

*Love Always,
Grandma Cookie,
auntie Natalie, auntie Mavis,
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Happy 3rd Birthday Ahkeem! (Jan. 29)

Happy Birthday Miracle! (Jan. 25)

Happy 7th Birthday Keelyn! (Jan. 7)

Love – your family!



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. 3	
Feb. 13	Feb. 17	Valentine's Day (2/14)
Feb. 27	Mar. 3	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	
Nov. 3	Nov. 9	Halloween (10/31)
Nov. 16*	Nov. 22	Veteran's Day (11/11), Tribal offices closed 11/10
Dec. 4	Dec. 8	Thanksgiving (11/23), Tribal offices closed 11/23-11/24
Dec. 18	Dec. 22	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), Tribal offices closed 12/11
		Christmas (12/25), Tribal offices closed 12/25
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Civil Construction Services For Cedar Point Housing Project – Phase 1B

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 Civil Construction Services for the Cedar Point Housing Project – Phase 1B. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Dept. located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, CO 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, on Feb. 21, 2017. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference located at 116 Memorial Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137, followed by a site visit on Feb. 9, 2017 at 2 p.m. 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS SunUte Swimming Pool Improvement Project

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
SunUte Dept.
P.O. Box 737
390 Mouache Circle
Ignacio, CO 81137
ATTN: Ian Thompson
970-563-2657

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Construction Services for the SunUte swimming pool improvement project. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's SunUte Dept. located at 290 Mouache Circle in Ignacio, CO 81137 until April 3, 2017. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and

will be returned unopened. Contact Ian Thompson for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-2657 or ithompson@southernute-nsn.gov. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on March 6, 2017 at 9 am at 290 Mouache Circle, Ignacio CO, 81137. 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.

Ignacio Community Library and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start present

Family Reading Circles

Thursday nights beginning February 27

from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

8 Sessions meeting on
February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27

April 3, 10 and 17

This program uses quality children's literature to help parents read effectively with their children and

initiate discussions of the books and increase family communication.

All families are welcome.

Call the library at 563-9287 to sign up.



Do you have Questions about your Indian Mineral Ownership or Royalties?

Department of the Interior Oil and Gas Royalty Question and Answer Sessions

Thursday, Feb. 9

- BIA - Southern Ute Agency, Ignacio: 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Southern Ute Senior Center, Ignacio: 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

You are invited to have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Bring any documents you would like to discuss. Information, call the Office of the Special Trustee at 970-563-1013 or the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.



Serve Your Community

Board Member Wanted

KSUT seeks an individual to fill the open
Southern Ute Tribal Member seat
on the Board of Directors.

Did you know...

The Southern Ute Tribe was one of the earliest pioneers of Native American radio? When KSUT signed on for the first time on June 14, 1976, it was one of only eight tribal stations in the country.

Interested?

Please submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at tami@ksut.org or mail to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. This seat will be open until filled.

MENDING/ALTERATIONS

call Susan Couch 719/588-0177

Replace zippers in pants or jackets

Hem pants/jeans/skirts

Take in clothes for smaller size

Flip worn out collar in shirts for new look

Patch/mend ripped clothing

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

GAMING COMMISSION

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; Must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of 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 PM, Friday, March 17, 2017. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in helping other tribal members fulfill their dream of home ownership, the Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for you. If selected to serve on the Committee, your service will be needed for a three (3) year period. In turn, you will be compensated for your time. Per new IRS guidelines, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe. There are some requirements: committee members must be 18 years old; have personal integrity; be reliable; honest; and more importantly, have the ability to always try to make decisions that are non-biased. Keeping information confidential is most important, as is, being fair to others as you would hope others would be to you. A willingness to become familiar with the objectives of the Committee is important and you should make the effort to maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. A reference check and a background check will be necessary. The duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Committee Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold bi-weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested tribal members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you should have any questions, please speak with Dan Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEW TEAM

Team Member Vacancy. The Southern Ute Water Quality Program has one (1) opening for Tribal Member Team Members to serve on the Water Quality Standards (WQS) Review Team. Tribal Members will serve alongside SUIT Staff from other agencies to help protect water quality on the Reservation by developing water quality science and policy. Members must be 18 years old, and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe, Tribal Youth are encouraged to apply. Individuals seeking to serve on the Team must demonstrate knowledge and/or personal interest in water quality, fisheries/natural resource management or related field. Team members will serve a one year term and are compensated for meeting attendance at a rate of \$20 per hour and requires about 4 hours a month. Please submit all letters of interest to the Water Quality Program, PO Box 737 #81 Ignacio or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by June 15. All letters of interest will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and Team Member selection. Contact Curtis Hartenstine 970-563-0135 charten@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions.

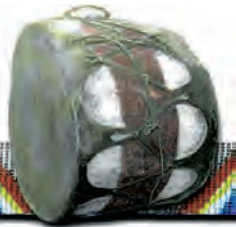
KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



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Sweet Hearts Giveaway: Promotional period January 29-February 25, 2017. Drawings every half hour on Saturdays from February 4-25, 2017 from 5PM-9:30PM. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details. 5X Tuesdays: Promotional period January 31-February 21, 2017. Tuesdays only from 6AM-MIDNIGHT. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Joint Interest Billing (JIB) Accountant II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/8/17
Under direct supervision of the Assistant Controller, this position performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow’s oil and gas exploration operations.
Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business and two years relevant accounting experience in oil and/or natural gas is required. Must have basic understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes. Must have strong organizational skills and the ability to handle large volumes of work and multiple projects simultaneously. Must have demonstrated attention to detail and accuracy in the workplace. Must demonstrate initiative, resourcefulness, and adaptability; must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have ability to identify and resolve accounting issues. Must have ability to prepare statistical and other reports and documents for dissemination. Must be proficient in Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid driver’s license and be insurable under RWPC’s vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Royalty Audit Supervisor – GF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/10/17
Supervise royalty audits of the Southern Ute Tribal Oil and Gas royalty concerns in accordance with applicable federal regulations.
Minimum qualifications include: BA/BS degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or appropriately related discipline is

required. One year audit review experience is required. Five years oil and gas accounting/auditing experience is required. Must have supervisory experience. Must have extensive computer experience in database, word processing, spreadsheet and network software applications. Must have knowledge of industry practices, laws, regulations and guidelines related to the reporting and disbursement of royalties. Must be bondable and able to pass both Growth Fund background check and a Federal security investigation of personal, financial and criminal history. Must have a valid Driver’s License for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Mechanic II – Aka Energy (Cheney, KS)

Closing date 2/15/17
Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.
Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have one year experience in the maintenance of natural gas engines and compressors. Must have working knowledge of electronic and pneumatic control systems for natural gas engines. Must be proficient with hand and power tools as they apply to equipment maintenance and repair and to plant maintenance and repair. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must be able to work a rotating workweek on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

AP/AR Clerk

Closing date 2/8/17
Vendor Setup and maintenance and filing of documents relating to vendor setup. Assists with processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO’s and receivers, and generating checks. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Education Assistant

Closing date 2/6/2017
Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Reporter/Photographer

Closing date 2/8/17
Under general supervision of the Media Manager, photographs and documents articles for the Southern Ute tribal newspaper. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Chief Medical Officer

Open until filled
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. 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

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

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

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)

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

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at 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 2/3/17
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.

Fine Dining Busser (Full-time)

Closing date 2/3/17
Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by performing multiple duties to maintain cleanliness, orderliness and sanitation of dining room and/or other related dining areas. Busser job duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates: glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers, dishwashers and bartenders perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 16 years old. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Previous experience bussing in a restaurant and/or fine dining environment is preferred.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 2/3/17
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 2/3/17
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.

*Security Officer (Part-time w/benefits)

Closing date 2/3/17
Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They are the first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

**Must be at least 21 years old.*

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2017-NC-0010
Shawnda Chipeta Baker-Diaz, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Shawnda Chipeta Baker-Diaz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shawnda Chipeta Baker 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 **March 3, 2017 at 5 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 25th day of January, 2017.
Kara Cuthair, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2017-PR-0002
Blossom Lucas, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:
Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.
You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **March 6, 2017 at 9 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear

and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 24th of January, 2017
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2017-0003-CV-PR
Laddie Taylor, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:
Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.
You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **Feb. 13, 2017 at 10 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 11th of January, 2017
Lester Valenzuela, Deputy Court Clerk

ATTENTION

WATER USERS

PINE RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

MEETING @ BAYFIELD TOWN HALL

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2017

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

AGENDA

- * Overview of the WIIN act
- * Funds Availability Discussion
- * Implementation Strategy
- * Consultation Questions/Discussion

SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY
BUREAU OF THE INDIAN AFFAIRS

Have a new years resolution to become a homeowner?
Ready to move on from renting?
Don’t know where to start?

Come to this FREE meeting to learn about local resources to get you started.

SunUte Community Center • Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 P.M.

- Hosted by HomesFund - A local housing non-profit offering
- *FREE Financial Counseling
- *FREE Homebuyer Education
- \$\$ Down Payment Assistance to those who qualify



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Pam Moore NMLS #406234

Radon informational class to be held at La Plata Fairgrounds

Sponsored by Colorado State University - La Plata County Extension Office.

What is Radon, why do we care, and what to do with the information after your home has been tested. Classes at Fairgrounds Extension Bldg., 2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO

Classes are free and to be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Please contact Wendy Rice at the Extension Office at 970-382-6461 for more information or to pre-register. A limited number of radon screening tool kits will be available free of charge for those that have pre-registered for the class.

FLY-FISHING

Ten things to do when the snow is at PhD levels

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I was sitting at my desk, looking out the window, and I realized the snow is at what I call PhD levels. That is, it's piled higher and deeper. Sort of like the advanced degrees one can get at institutions of higher learning. That's how one of my college professors referred to his PhD. The difference in the two is the PhD snow will eventually go away, while a PhD of higher learning is always with you. Knowing several people with PhD's of higher learning, I sometimes wonder which is better, being smart, or having lots of water in which to fly fish. No, I know which is better.

The large amount of snow, ice, lousy road conditions, and cold weather has stranded many fly fishers indoors. So what is a dedicated fly fishing person to do in these types of situations? Don't despair; having seen this situation before, I have come up with ten things to do that will help.

You can put on your snow boots, grab a snow shovel, and drive due south until someone asks you what you have on your feet and what is that funny looking shovel for? It is at this location that no one has any idea of what PhD snow is, and you should stop and fish.

Tie flies, the fly shops will love you for this activity. To date I have tied enough flies, in a favorite pattern or two, to last a lifetime. I am now experimenting in creating my own patterns with the material left over from tying my favorite patterns. I'm not sure an emerging royal elk hair



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caddis will catch anything, but if it does I'm patenting it and making a fortune.

Watch fly-fishing shows on television, or a rerun of A River Runs Through It. You can also get the sound tract from "The Fly Fishing Movie" and play it endlessly in your truck.

For men, my favorite two things to do are reorganize the silverware drawer and she who must be obeyed's closet. I guarantee you this will get you a three-day pass to where it is warm and sunny.

If you are a writer, or are thinking of becoming one, you should head to the

southern most Florida Key. At this location you should buy and smoke some of the great cigars the immigrants from Cuba are rolling. You should also study why having five-toed cats can make you a better writer. You might even be able to get a PhD in this study.

Buy more equipment. This speaks for itself.

Check your equipment, especially your waders, to see if a mouse has eaten holes in them. If you find holes, patch them, if the holes are small enough. Also, check the feet to make sure a little creature hasn't made a new home in one of the boots. If they can't be patched see item number 6.

Plan your area summer fly-fishing trips. Be sure and figure the delay in getting started due to the high runoff we will see this spring. With the expected high runoff this might be a good time to use number 6 to buy a bass boat or float tube. With all the runoff headed our way the lakes should be good fishing all spring, summer, and fall.

Practice your casting in the street. Since the streets are covered in snow you won't hurt your fly line on the concrete or big rocks. Also, with all the snow there won't be much traffic to snag your back cast.

Be thankful for all the moisture. I will remember the years when we were at drought levels.

I have found that when looking at high walls of snow the above ten steps help you make it to mud season. When that season arrives, I'll print the ten steps to help you make it through all the mud.

PENA PACES IGNACIO • FROM PAGE 1

But 3A's No. 3 Nava locked in a clinching three-point near-fall with only 15.1 seconds left in the third to win 6-2 and more or less revisit the dual's deciding match (which he won by pin).

Led by its leading trio, Ignacio piled up 66.5 points – good for seventh place overall. 2A Cedaredge captured first with 164.5, and AHS – including 126-pounder Cody Candelaria, the Lower Weights' OW – came in second with 131. Bayfield (129), 3A Pagosa Springs (98) and M-CHS (87) rounded out the standings' top five.

Also active at the Melton for the 'Cats was senior Dalton Mickey. Also competing at 160, Mickey rebounded from an early loss to reel off three straight wins and take fifth place. Senior Timmy Plehinger-Williams wasn't as fortunate at 152; a damaged left rotator cuff from an initial loss to Aztec's Austin Littlefield hampered him, and he finished 1-3 after injury-defaulting to 4A Durango's Austin Albrecht.

Foreign-exchange team member Pablo Garcia Garcia had the unlucky honor of facing Nava right off the bat and finished 0-4. Dustin



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ethan Appenzeller, right, listens as former Bobcat Ray deKay explains the contents of a commemorative card presented him in honor of placing first at 126 pounds at the 1987 CHSAA Class A State Championships. Former Bobcat Chris deKay – that season's State Champion at 119 – was also on hand to receive his 30th Anniversary card at the 2017 Butch Melton Invitational inside HIS Gymnasium. Ray won his title 4-3 over a Wray Eagle, after Chris had pinned his Kremmling West Grand foe – helping the Bobcats place sixth as a team.

Sanchez, though, managed eighth-place points at 138 after going 2-3, and 113-pounder Hunter Robbins also earned points for the cause with his 1-2 mark.

Finally, Cesar Pedregon also scored for the squad, as he followed a first-round 'bye' at 170 with a 1-3 mark including an elated pin of 2A Mancos' Cameron Fury for all to see on the middle of three mats.

The final push for Pep-

si Center and the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships is now all that remains on IHS' 2016-17 schedule, and it began Feb. 2 in Nucla with the San Juan Basin League Duals.

The 2A-Region I Championships are set for Feb. 10-11 at northerly-distant Hayden H.S., where four individuals per weight will earn the right to represent their team Feb. 16-18 in the Mile High City.

Meet the royals



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Flanked by father Anthony Archuleta at far left and great-grandfather Richard Schmidt at far right, "SnowComing 2017" Winter Royalty Queen Tori Archuleta is joined by King Bryan Gram during the halftime presentation at the Bobcat boys' varsity basketball game Jan. 19 versus Sargent inside IHS Gymnasium. Gram, a senior and son of Robert and Juliet Gram, is involved in cross-country (for Bayfield H.S.), track and National Honors Society. A senior and daughter of Anthony and Maria Archuleta, Archuleta participates in basketball – she underwent surgery less than a week later on a damaged right ankle upon which she still managed to walk out – soccer, football (manager) and NAYO.



Named 1st Senior Attendant(s) presented at halftime. She is the daughter of Joe Gonzales, Jr., and Jessica Evensen, and he the son of Mossy and Shasta Pena.



Junior Royalty honorees Marcus Chapman (right) and Leela Rosa – escorted by father Daniel Rosa, Jr., at left – choose which cameras for which to mug. She is the daughter of Daniel, Jr., and Bobbie Rosa, and he the son of Steve and Yvonne Chapman.



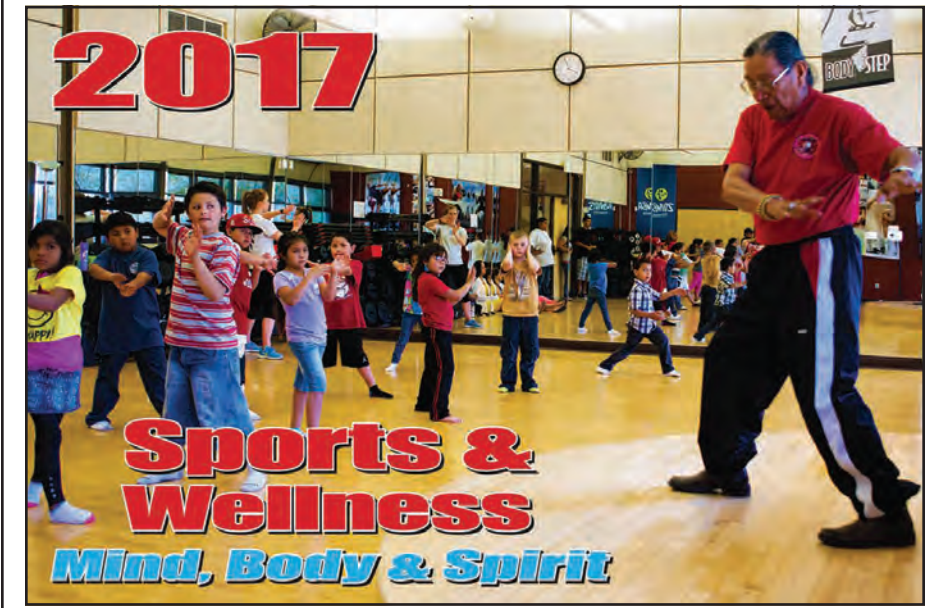
With father Brandon Pearson, left, enjoying the moment, Heile Pearson receives her Sophomore Royalty sash from Clay Seibel. She is the daughter of Brandon and Kara Pearson, and he the son of Shane and Melanie Seibel.



Dressed to the nines for the occasion, Hunter Frost (left) bestows upon Rachel Cooper the 2nd Senior Attendant sash. She is the daughter of David Cooper and Corie Bray, and he the son of Jack Frost, Jr., and Bobbie Sage.



The Freshmen Royalty at Ignacio High's festivities were Elco Garcia, Jr., (right) and Autumn Smith. Smith's mother, Cedra Etesam, looks on proudly at left. Autumn is the daughter of Danny Smith and Cedra Etesam, and Elco the son of Elco Garcia and Naomi Russell.



The 2017 Southern Ute calendar is now available

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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Feb. 3



44°F partly sunny

Saturday, Feb. 4



43°F mostly sunny

Sunday, Feb. 5



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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.

Air quality: As of 2/1

AQI – Ignacio: unavailable ☐
AQI – Bonadat: 31 ☒