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# The Southern Ute Drum

## WILDLIFE

## Keeping harmony with bears

Staff report  
SU WILDLIFE DIVISION

This year the Southern Ute Tribal Wildlife Division has been taking an unprecedented number of calls from tribal members regarding nuisance bears on the reservation. Typically the calls revolve around a bear getting into a trash cart that has not been secured and kept out of reach of bears or other wildlife.

Trash is a major attractant to bears, especially this time of year. We are just a couple of months away from the bears going into hibernation, so they are trying to consume as many calories as possible at this time.

2017 has seen natural food sources crash. Acorns, chokecherries and a variety of berries are simply not available to bears in the quantities they need. Therefore they are turning to trash, grills, bird feeders, pet food and anything else they can get from human sources.

There is confusion about

what the Tribal Wildlife Division's response should be to a "bear in trash" call. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep attractants out of reach of bears and all other wildlife. In the overwhelming majority of cases, if an attractant is taken away, the animals will move on.

When the Wildlife Division gets a call that a bear was in a tribal member's trash, the first response will always be to discuss how the trash is being stored. The expectation is that all trash, as well as all other potential attractants, must be secured out of the reach of animals. A lockable shed, garage or outbuilding is a good option for storage, and only bring the trash out on the morning of pick-up. If secure areas aren't available, then trash can be taken to the Tribal Transfer Station as it is produced.

Division staff are happy to visit with homeowners to



Mike McLaughlin/SU Lands Division

The fates of bears often hang in limbo, especially when natural food sources become scarce. Homeowners can do these wild animals a service by removing common attractants around their property such as: trash, pet food and bird feeders. Without proper incentive to roam urban areas in search of an easy meal, the bears will most likely return to their natural habitat.

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## LEGAL

## Continued success for Tribe's Attorney Training Program

By Lindsay Box  
SU COUNCIL AFFAIRS

This fall the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Legal Department will gain a new attorney when Julianne Begay transitions from the In-House Attorney Training Program to become a full-time employee and member of the Tribe's in-house legal team. Julianne is originally from Arizona, and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. She received her B.A. in Native American Studies and Government from Dartmouth College. In 2015 she earned her law degree from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. While attending law school, Julianne clerked at DNA People's Legal Services in Window Rock, Arizona, as well as for the United States Bankruptcy Court in the District of Arizona. She gained valuable experience during law school as a student attorney at ASU's Indian Law Clinic. Before attending law school she worked at Fort Defiance Indian Hospital, where she assisted with the Hospital's transition during the first two years that it operated under a 93-638 contract.

"Julianne has excelled while taking part in the In-House Attorney Training Program. While receiving brilliant mentorship under Maynes, Bradford, Shippis & Sheftel and the Tribe's Legal Department Director, Mrs. Lorelyn Hall, she has demonstrated a thorough understanding and respect towards the history and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ms. Begay will be an asset for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe," Southern Ute Chairman, Clem-

ent J. Frost said.

Like many tribes, Southern Ute has its own legal department. The Legal Department handles day-to-day legal matters and coordinates the work of general and special counsel, who focus on a variety of specialized areas of law. The Tribe's Legal Department has four full time attorneys, three of whom are Native American. The attorneys in the Department represent the Tribe in a variety of ways, ranging from reviewing contracts and disciplinary actions and responding to questions regarding compliance with applicable law to drafting congressional testimony and talking points for trips to Washington, D.C. The in-house attorneys represent the Permanent Fund and the Casino in termination appeals and unemployment appeals. They also review proposed federal regulations and legislation and coordinate the Tribe's comments. This year the legal team assisted with drafting and promulgating a revised Ethics Code and a brand new Expungement Code. Work continues on a much-revised Traffic Code, as well as the TERO Code, Gaming Code, Land Code, and Permanent Fund Personnel Policies.

The Tribe's Legal Department was established in 2005 after the Tribe and its long-time general counsel, Maynes, Bradford, Shippis, & Sheftel, partnered to create the In-House Attorney Training Program. The intent of this partnership was to create a team of in-house attorneys who would be easily accessible to tribal staff and officials and who

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## TRIBAL AFFAIRS

## Tribe, Growth Fund host General Meetings

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a set of back-to-back meetings to update the tribal membership. The Southern Ute Growth Fund Tribal Membership Meeting, and the General Meeting for Tribal Membership, held Thursday, Sept. 21 and Monday, Sept. 25, respectively. The meetings were hosted by the Sky Ute Casino Resort & Event Center.

"In 2017 we have experienced the benefits of diversification," said Patrick Vaughn, Growth Fund Operating Director – Non Energy responsible for overseeing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's off-reservation real estate and private equity business units. De-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost gives opening remarks to the tribal membership during the Growth Fund General Meeting held at the Sky Ute Casino, Thursday, Sept 21.

spite fluctuations in gas and oil prices, the Growth Fund continues to perform well since its inception in 2000.

"The Tribe created the Growth Fund as an exercise in Sovereignty," long time tribal attorney, Tom Shippis

said. In 1984 the Southern Ute leadership wanted in-

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## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Mock drill brings agencies together at Williams

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Williams-Ignacio Plant was the site of a mock emergency, following a theoretical explosion on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Williams implemented this interagency action drill in an effort to improve communication and response times between local authorities and the energy production facilities. "This drill is an opportunity to learn in a no fault environment," said Tim Gott, Emergency Preparedness Specialist for Williams in charge of Wednesday's on site exercise.

The scope and scale of the drill was impressive; the half day training exercise incorporated numerous



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Los Pinos Fire Protection District had a fire engine on site for the Williams-Ignacio Plant emergency drill, which took place on site at the production facility, Wednesday, Sept. 20.

agencies, and energy operators including: Los Pinos Fire, Durango Fire & Rescue, Ignacio Police Dept., Southern Ute Tribal Rangers, SUPD, The Southern

Ute Indian Tribe, Red Cedar, Red Willow, BP, Trans Western, Kinder Morgan, and La Plata County emer-

*Mock drill page 2*

## Library commemorates 10th



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Folklorico dancer Aspen Naranjo proudly twirls her colorful dress at the Ignacio Community Library 10th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 15.

See more ICL photos on page 3.



Mock Drill • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Ignacio Police Department set up road blocks in accordance with the emergency action plan set in place for the Williams-Ignacio Plant emergency drill.

gency response coordi-  
nators. “We are trying to  
make this as real as possi-  
ble,” Williams Operations  
Technician, Jack Ellis said.  
The Southern Ute Indian  
tribe’s Incident Comm-  
ander, Germaine Ewing, was  
on site to oversee the oper-  
ation and ascertain where  
improvements could be  
made for future scenarios.  
Ewing is also the Division  
Head for the Tribe’s Lands  
Division.

“We are trying to get the  
best information possible  
to determine the best re-  
sponse,” Ewing said. The  
interagency effort was fo-  
cused on response time and  
communication according  
to Ewing. “Everyone has a  
significant role in this.”

Following an early morn-  
ing briefing by the man-  
agement team, the scenar-  
io was set in action with a  
single report of suspicious  
activity. This was quickly  
followed by another radio  
report, citing an explosion  
within the natural gas pro-  
duction facility at the Wil-  
liams-Ignacio Plant for the  
purposes of the simulation.  
Emergency crews respond-  
ed, evacuation procedures  
commenced and a set of po-  
lice road blocks were put in  
place. Everyone had a role;  
whether inside the plant, or  
on the periphery.

Williams’ Tim Gott out-  
lined the specific objectives  
associated with organizing a  
large exercise of this nature.  
Objective one; testing of all



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Commander, Germaine Ewing, observed Tim Gott and Williams conduct the emergency drill, Wednesday, Sept 20.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The emergency drill included the possibility of a life-threatening explosion perpetrated by terrorist actions.

emergency response plans  
and how they integrate into  
a larger consolidated plan  
for all the operators in the  
area. Objective two; under-  
standing the roles and re-  
sponsibilities during a large  
scale event. Objective 3;  
testing the evacuation pro-  
cess at the plant, headcount  
and accountability. Objec-  
tive 4; testing the interoper-  
ability capabilities between  
multiple agencies.

In the “after-action” hot-  
wash that followed the drill,  
Gott cited communications  
as the challenge area for im-  
provement; also commend-  
ing those involved on how  
well they handled it under  
these circumstances, which  
were created as part of the  
emergency drill. The target  
is to ensure an on site train-  
ing exercise of this size and  
scale takes place very three  
years, he said.

Many Moons Ago



RC Lucero/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Once again it was time for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Tree Powwow and Cultural Festival in Delta, Colorado, this year held September 14-16, 2007. Pictured here are the Flag Carriers/Color Guard and Head Staff during the Saturday afternoon grand entry.

This photo first appeared in the Sept. 28, 2007 edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

AnnaBelle Eagle’s signature bead work adorns a doll’s cradleboard.

This photo first appeared in the Sept. 26, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Dewitte Baker signs on as the new Southern Ute patrol officer.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 2, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Bear In The Trash • FROM PAGE 1

evaluate ways to secure at-  
tractants and to recommend  
measures to eliminate po-  
tential sources of wildlife  
conflicts. Often times, call-  
ers to the Wildlife Divi-  
sion request the immediate  
trapping and removal of the  
bear. However, the Wildlife  
Division only uses remov-  
al and relocation as a final  
step. The reality is that if  
a bear is removed and the  
trash problem is NOT ad-  
dressed, another bear will  
soon arrive to take advan-  
tage of the same attractants  
and the cycle starts over.  
The Tribal Utilities Di-

vision is working with the  
local waste service provider  
to provide bear-proof carts  
to Southern Ute tribal mem-  
bers who want them. Used  
properly, a bear-proof trash  
cart will keep bears out of  
your trash.  
Unfortunately, 2017 has  
been such a busy year with  
bears region-wide that these  
carts aren’t immediately  
available. Utilities and the  
Wildlife Division both en-  
courage tribal members to  
call and get on a waiting  
list for a bear-proof cart.  
By next summer you’ll  
have one of these carts

and will be on your way to  
bear-proofing your property.  
We expect continuing  
bear activity in the Ignacio  
and surrounding areas over  
the next two months. Please  
do your part to keep your  
property cleaned up, for  
both you and your neigh-  
bors’ peace of mind. The re-  
ality is that this needs to be  
a neighborhood effort, but it  
starts with you.  
Please call the Wildlife  
Division with any questions  
at 970-563-0130. Call the  
Utilities Division at 970-  
563-5500 to request a bear-  
proof trash cart.

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## Elders enjoy food & fitness



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Sherry Salazar and Effie Monte work out before lunch. Exercises were lead by Tim Velasquez and Abel Velasquez, trainers from SunUte Community Center.



Marjorie Borst prepares her plate during the elder's luncheon. Borst also cooked the meal Friday, Sept. 15 for the first elders breakfast.

## Presentation for SUGF retreat



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Eddie Box Jr. explains the traditional dances to the Growth Fund employees during the Growth Fund retreat at the Southern Ute Museum on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

## LMSU attends Comanche Fair



photos courtesy Stephanie Goodtracks

Little Miss Southern Ute Myla Goodtracks takes a photo with 2017-2018 Comanche Princess, Tristan McKayla Wauqua (above left) at the Comanche Fair in Lawton, Oklahoma, which took place September 22-24. Little Miss Southern Ute Myla Goodtracks (above right) dances for the last grand entry of the Comanche Fair, Sunday, Sept. 24.

## ICL celebrates 10 years



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty: Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage, Miss Southern Ute, Lorraine Watts and Southern Ute Brave, Dominick Goodtracks represent the Southern Ute Tribe at the Ignacio Community Library 10th anniversary held, Friday, Sept. 15.



Zoe Velasquez with partner, William Mendoza perform a Forklorico style dance.

A plaque featuring Russell Box Sr. was displayed at the Ignacio Community Library for their 10th year celebration. Box was interviewed by Ignacio Community Library staff and was featured along with other tribal elders such as Rod Grove, Pearl Casias, and Ronald Yellowbird.

## CULTURE UPDATE

### Heritage Dancers needed for upcoming events

- **Oct. 7:** Culture Dept. is looking for participants, dressed in regalia, interested in walking in the Durango Poetry Motorless Parade. If you are interested in this event please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985.

**Senior Breakfast**  
**Friday October 13, 2017**  
**Multi-Purpose Facility**  
 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

**9:30 AM- 11:00 AM - Gathering Room**

Join us for some light chair exercises, good healthy food and great conversations. All Senior Citizens are welcome to attend

Contact: 970-563-4784



## Beginning Ute Language Classes 2017



**Instructor: Hanley Frost Sr.**  
**Cultural Education Coordinator**

**Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM)**  
**Large Classroom**

**Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Dates:**

September: 5,12,19,26

October: 3,10,17,24

November: 7,14,21,28

December: 5,12,19,26

**Subject:**

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Money

Colors

Days of the Week & Seasons



For more information please contact: Hanley Frost (970) 563-2306



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mindful Eating ... what’s it all about?

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN  
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Mindful Eating.  
You have probably come across this term in the news lately or read about it in newspapers and magazines. So why is this being thrown around like a Frisbee?  
Well, in simple terms, because it can help give you better awareness around the food you are eating and why. If you have ever meditated, it is somewhat like that. When you meditate, often you focus on your breath. When you practice mindful eating, you focus on the food and what it is providing.  
How do you do it? Experts in the field have many different ways of incorporating mindful eating to improve your relationship with food. Some of the principles of mindful eating are to be aware of your body. Are you hungry or are you eating due to stress or boredom? What does the

food taste like? Is it sweet, salty, savory? How does it feel? Is it smooth, crunchy? It also incorporates how you feel about food.  
Are you making judgments about what you are eating? Is it good for me or bad for me? With mind-

ful eating, you would just notice the food without judging yourself and then feeling bad. When you eat mindfully, instead of “good or bad”, ask if it is nourishing your body in a healthy way? Are you enjoying your food? Are you satisfied?

There are numerous ways to practice mindful eating. Here are some tips to help you on your way:

1. Are you hungry or just want to eat out of boredom or emotion?
2. Sit at the table.
3. Shut off distractions: cell phone, TV, computer.
4. Take your time, eat slowly. Don't rush.
5. Notice the taste and texture of your food.
6. Wonder about who picked your food or who grew it or where it came from.
7. Talk with your loved ones if they are there, tell about your day or what you are grateful for.
8. Enjoy yourself. Talk positively to yourself and those you love.
9. Wait 10 minutes before taking seconds, listen to your body, are you really still hungry?

These are only a few tips to help you practice mindful eating. To learn more, try these websites:

- [www.thecenterformindfuleating.org/](http://www.thecenterformindfuleating.org/)
- [eatingmindfully.com/](http://eatingmindfully.com/)

Or make an appointment with your friendly neighborhood dietitian!

TRIBAL HEALTH

Your life matters!

By Maria Rivera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The month of September is suicide prevention month across the country. Over 41,000 individuals die each year by suicide. It is the third leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 10 and 24, and the Native American population has the highest rate of death by suicide of all cultural groups according to Indian Health Service. As of August 2017 there has been 13 deaths due to suicide in La Plata County. According to The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, one person dies from suicide every eight hours in Colorado. The state has the ninth highest suicide rate in the country and La Plata has the highest rate in Colorado counties with a population of at least 30,000.

Suicide attempts are a cry for help, but can be prevented. There is help available locally and nationally. Throughout the month there were several suicide prevention events going on around the country, Irish Embassy Pub in Durango, Colo. launched a suicide awareness campaign called “Clovers for Courage.” 25 rocks were painted and hidden along the Animas River Trail and if they were found and taken back to the pub they receive a prize. For each rock that someone hides and post to the Irish Embassy Pub’s Facebook page the restaurant will donate five dollars to Southern Ute Community Action Programs Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) program.

QPR trains people to engage with those at risk of suicide and help connect them with professional help. Heartbeat is a peer support group offering empathy, encouragement, and direction following the suicide of a loved one. They meet every second Wednesday of each month at the La Plata County Fairgrounds to help families cope. During suicide prevention month Heartbeat held an event called “You Are Enough” at The Fort Lewis College to raise awareness on mental health, suicide prevention.

November 18th is International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day where people from around the world meet



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Harlene Russell gives a Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) certification training to Red Willow workers and families Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Red Willow building.

at the same time to comfort and share their stories. Heartbeat will be holding events throughout the state of Colorado. There will be a gathering at the Nobel Hall at Fort Lewis College from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. where people can join and share their experiences and they will be showing a documentary called The Journey, which is about suicide loss and experiences after suicide.

There’s no single cause for suicide. It most often occurs when stressors exceed current coping abilities of someone suffering from a mental health condition, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, insomnia or any type of stress; especially when unaddressed, there is an increased risk for suicide. The main concern for changed behavior is usually related to a painful event, loss or change. “Studies have shown that people don’t want to die, they just want the pain to go away,” said SUCAP’s Suicide Prevention Coordinator Harlene Russell. “They want help, they are looking for help and QPR has saved lives.

Suicide is closely linked with mental illness and substance use disorders and shares risk and protective factors with other types

of self directed violence and other related problems. Some people do not show any signs of suicidal thoughts or action and others will show signs of hopelessness, mood swings, no reason to live, anger, increase drug or alcohol use, withdrawn or talking about death or suicide.

If you see signs of suicide talk to them and be willing to listen, recognize it is serious, don’t pass judgment, reassure them that help is available, don’t panic and don’t leave them alone. If you are interesting in getting certified as a QPR Gatekeeper contact SUCAP’s Suicide Prevention Coordinator Harlene Russell.

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**SUCAP Administration**  
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**Peter Tregillus**  
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**\*Closing at noon the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month\***



It seems like it was yesterday when we learned to ride our bikes **together**, discovered that we both liked to dance and speak our language. It seems like we were **never apart** and everyone knew **we were best friends**. When we decided to go to school, we made sure we were going to be roommates. When you finally landed that first job after all your hard work, I was the first to say “**congratulations.**” When you said you wanted to help the youth on the reservation, I said, “**Let’s do it together.**” Then came a time when you told me that you have a **mental health problem, like depression and anxiety**. Now I know that anyone can experience mental health problems, even **Native People**. We thought we knew everything, yet I really didn’t **understand** what a **difference** my support can make in your recovery. Well, I am here for you. I **will be** here for you. And—as always—**we will recover together.**



Visit [www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov/native](http://www.whatadifference.samhsa.gov/native) to learn how you can help support a friend.



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**Wednesday**  
**October 11, 2017**  
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**Roll on by the Southern Ute Health Clinic and Stick It to the FLU!**

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**No appointment necessary. For ages 18 years and older**

**Must be a Tribal member or a Patient of Southern Ute Health Center**





PEACEFUL SPIRIT

New happs’ at Peaceful Spirit

By Esther Belin  
PEACEFUL SPIRIT

Erik Foss started his new position as the Division Director at Peaceful Spirit, October 2. Mr. Foss holds a Master’s Degree in Community Counseling and is both a Licensed Addiction Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Foss has lived and worked in Southwest Colorado for the past 13 years, including the communities of Alamosa, Cortez, Durango, and Pagosa Springs. His previous work experience in both traditional behavioral health disorders and substance use disorders involved providing services to and developing programming to meet the needs of people seeking help.

Foss has spent the past 11 years working for Axis Health System, where he started as a counselor and advanced to manager over regional programming where he supervised multiple substance use and behavioral health programs.

Outside of his professional interest, Foss enjoys being a father and husband. He is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys all that the Southwest has to offer, including: hunting, fishing, camping, winter sports, and climbing. Integrating his personal and professional passions is what attracted Foss to join the team at Peaceful Spirit.

In this new role, Foss is excited to get to know another community of Southwest Colorado and looks forward to supporting



Erik Foss  
Peaceful Spirit Director

Peaceful Spirit in its mission to aid in the creation of a community dedicated to sobriety and recovery.

In addition to a new Division Director, Peaceful Spirit also welcomes three new residential counselors to the staff: Meg Dunn, John Oberly and Morrika Wolford.

Oberly earned his Master of Arts degree in Education at The College of Santa Fe. He has worked in a variety of settings in Colorado and New Mexico delivering family therapy, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence treatment, and trauma-informed care treatment. He utilizes Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Multi-Systemic Therapy, The Matrix Model, Mindfulness, the White Bison Medicine Wheel teachings, and the Seeking Safety model for addressing trauma and addiction.

Wolford earned her Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling through Naropa University. By combining mindfulness, transpersonal psychology, and

nature-based activities, Wolford helps others return to a more natural and fundamental state of being and connectedness; and assists them in the process of healing, growth and empowerment.

In lieu of our annual Recovery Dinner celebration held in September, we will be planning an Open House later in the year for community members to meet our new staff members.

Meg Dunn MA, CAC III. Dunn holds her MA in Counseling Psychology. She is a Certified Addictions Counselor III. She uses person centered and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy approaches to counseling.

Dunn joined Peaceful Spirit on September 18, 2017. She comes by way of Pagosa Springs where she loves enjoying all the seasons in the mountains with her husband and two children and their giant Malamute. Her interest in humanitarian and cultural studies has led her to live and work in various countries.

Meg is honored and excited to be immersed in Native American culture at Peaceful Spirit and to walk beside the people who have taken on the challenge of their addictions.

“The path of recovery is a steep and challenging way, and those that journey it cannot, not be changed for the better. That change calms and strengthens their spirit, which in turn strengthens their family and community. To me that is an honorable undertaking,” said Dunn.

CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

23rd annual 5K Journey of Hope to be held, Oct. 14

Staff report  
MERCY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

In support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, Mercy Health Foundation invites the community to register for the 23rd annual 5K Journey of Hope fun run/walk, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The event will start at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to Mercy Regional Breast Care Center, 1010

Three Springs Blvd. in Durango, Colo. and will finish on Mercado Street in the Three Springs neighborhood, where there will be live music by Million Dollar Highway Band. Food, kids’ activities, and prizes for participants.

Proceeds from the 5K Journey of Hope benefit Mercy Health Foundation’s Journey of Hope Fund, which provides free screening mammograms to residents of Southwest Colorado who need financial

assistance. Participants can register online at [www.mhffnd.org](http://www.mhffnd.org). The entry fee for either event is \$25; early registration is recommended. Early packet pick up is available on Friday, Oct. 13, from noon to 6 p.m., in the main lobby of Mercy. Packet pick up and registration is also available the day of the race beginning at 8 a.m. at the event start. For more information, call Mercy Health Foundation at 970-764-2800.



JOIN THE 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL JOURNEY OF HOPE.  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Race Start: 9:00 a.m.  
(Runners first, followed by walkers)



**Post Race Fun at Three Springs**  
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**Entry: \$25**  
**Register: [www.mhffnd.org](http://www.mhffnd.org)**  
**More information: (970) 764-2800**

Early registration and packet pick up is on Friday, October 13, noon - 6:00 p.m., in the Mercy Regional Medical Center Lobby, 1010 Three Springs Blvd.

Proceeds benefit Mercy Health Foundation Journey of Hope Fund providing free mammograms to residents of Southwest Colorado needing assistance.




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Three Springs




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- EAT BREAKFAST 5-7 TIMES A WEEK
- REACH OUT, AND MENTOR SOMEONE YOUNGER
- MAINTAIN GOOD PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH
- LET OTHERS KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT THEM
- AVOID DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
- TALK ABOUT YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS

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**FLU SHOTS ARE HERE!**

AVAILABLE NOW AT THE SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY







Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman, Clement J. Frost and Lynda D'Wolf give a presentation to Prescott College visitors at the Sky Ute Casino, Wednesday, Sept 20.

# Cultural tour for Prescott College

**Southern Ute elder, Lynda D'Wolf led an educational and cultural tour for the Prescott College; Cohorts Program from Prescott, AZ. Members of the program were introduced The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, given history lessons and a full tour of the Animas La Plata Project in it's completed state. D'Wolf is a member of the Cohort Program affiliated with Prescott College. The reservation tour took place from Sept. 19 – Sept 21.**



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Lake Nighthorse filled to capacity going into the fall season, viewed from the top of Ridges Basin Dam, Tuesday, Sept 19.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Lynda D'Wolf stands among her Prescott College 'Cohorts' during a facility tour of the Animas La Plata Project (ALP).



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Distant Learning Coordinator for the Southern Ute Education Department, Nicole Cabral, (center) helps lead a cultural tour for the Prescott College; Cohorts Program.

**Southern Ute Education Department**

**Bad News: COMPUTER LAB IS CLOSED**

**Good News: Computer Lab is Being Updated!** 😊

**We are getting new computers and furniture. Lab is scheduled to open the end of September.**

**If you need computer access, Nicole can help! We still have 2 computers available for your convenience.**

**Thank you!**

*Distance Learning Programs Coordinator, Nicole Cabral (970) 563-0237 (ext. 2785)*

**ATTORNEY TRAINING PROGRAM • FROM PAGE 1**

would assist in handling the Tribe's ever-growing legal needs. The Department is staffed by attorneys who have successfully completed the Training Program, which involves two years of training and mentoring with the attorneys at the law firm, as well as close work with tribal staff, Tribal Council, and other tribal officials.

Entry into the Training Program is extremely com-

petitive. In 2015, when the program was most recently accepting applicants, over 60 attorneys from around the country applied. Applicants are selected by Tribal Council and the law firm after an intensive, multi-staged interview process. Once hired, the tribal attorney trainees work closely with the firm and the Legal Department, alternating each week between offices

in Ignacio and Durango. Each trainee completes a series of training "tracks" that include work with Tribal Council, Growth Fund, Casino, and the Permanent Fund departments. These tracks involve attending meetings, researching legal issues, handling legal services requests, and assisting the firm and Legal Department attorneys in representing the Tribe in litigation.

**BATTLE OF THE BBQ COOK-OFF**

**IGNACIO FFA**

Harvesting Leadership BBQ with all proceeds to benefit the FFA Scholarship Program

| ENTRY FEE                      | CATEGORIES   |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Pre-Registration Deadline      | Pulled Pork  |
| Is October 1, 2017             | Beef Brisket |
| \$250 for Meat Entrée          | Baked Beans  |
| \$100 for Bean Entrée          |              |
| \$300 for Meat and Bean Entrée |              |

- Teams are comprised of no more than 3 people and will have a team name or company name
- There are only three teams per entrée and it is first come-first served
- Meat will be provided to the teams. Those entering beans will purchase their own beans.
- Teams will be given the meat the Wednesday before the event to season. All cooking must be done at Hunters Run Golf Course and ready to serve at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Competition will be from 1-4 p.m.
- Teams will be given t-shirts and cash prizes.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Meat Division \$200 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Bean Division \$75 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Meat Division \$100 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Bean Division \$50 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Meat Division \$ 75 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Bean Division \$25 |



Sunday, October 15, 2017 1-4 p.m.

Hunters Run Golf Course

Come and enjoy a BBQ meal to include meat, beans, baked potato and dessert

VIP Tickets to the event \$40 (limited tickets-includes a basket of goodies)

General Admission to the event \$15

To enter contest or purchase tickets contact:

Kara Pearson 946-6296  
Janet Reinhardt 749-2447  
Bridget Roderick 769-0288

**EDUCATION UPDATE**

**IGNACIO SCHOOLS SECURITY MEETING**

Ignacio School Board will be holding a community meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss security in the schools and seek input on Resource Security Officer and carrying concealed weapons in the school district. Community members are encouraged to attend and comment on the topic. Ignacio School Board has changed their October Board meeting to Oct. 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room.

**32 Hour Combined Surface/Underground New Miner**

**By McCraren Compliance**

**Course Description:**

This course covers basic mining instruction required for New Miners prior to working at metal, non-metal, and coal mines. Students competing the 4 days of training will receive one certificate for Surface New Miner training and one certification for Underground New Miner classroom training.

It covers how to recognize and avoid hazards inherent to mines, emergency response procedures, and miners' rights and responsibilities.

**Place:** Ignacio SUIT Education Dept. at 330 Burns Ave.

**Date:** Nov. 13 – 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Class fees:**

Combined Surface/Underground New Miner classroom training \$600.

Surface only New Miner Training \$450.

**To Register**

- call Karla Pilar to register at: 520-398-4697 x2

Or Glenna Smith at: 520-405-9776

- Southern Ute Tribal Member are eligible for a scholarship: Call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger at 970-563-2784 to apply.





# Back to school!



SUIMA does a performance, singing a song to their families and friends at the Multi-Purpose Facility Monday, Sept. 18 for the Back to School BBQ.



Kai Roubideaux wins a GoPro Hero during the raffle presented to him by Dr. Pokorney, Curriculum & Assessment Director.



Southern Ute Tribal Member, Gloria Watts and her grandsons get a plate of Backyard BBQ provided by the Southern Ute Education Dept.

Photos by Maria Rivera  
The Southern Ute Drum

## Economic Summit Conference

The La Plata County Economic Development Alliance is holding its 11th Economic Summit conference on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Sky Ute Casino Resort from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join regional business colleagues in celebrating Leadership: The Power of Us with cutting-edge topics that empower our community. Keynote speaker Kimber Lanning, Founder and Executive Director of Local First, Arizona, will present Local Economies and Livable Places: The Case for Collaboration. Dynamic breakout and workshop sessions, exhibitors, and networking opportunities will change the way you lead your organization. Call 970-259-1700 or go to [events.bizzabo.com/2017EconomicSummit](http://events.bizzabo.com/2017EconomicSummit) for more information and to register. Cost is \$75 if you register now or \$90 at the door.

## VETERANS SERVICES

# Veterans Stand Down 2017

By Richard S. Schleeter  
LA PLATA COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICES

The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being and potential.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. There is a wide range of benefits available for our nation's veterans. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.

Your CVSO can assist you in any matter pertaining to the Department of Veterans Affairs. These services are free of charge. Please visit the La Plata County web site at [www.co.laplata.co.us/](http://www.co.laplata.co.us/) for more information about what the La Plata County Veterans Service Office can do for you.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Office is co-located with the Durango VA Clinic at 1970 E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 102, Durango, Colo. 81301. For clinic appointments, call 970-247-2214.

The Veterans Service Office phone number is 970-759-0117. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, except holidays, and appointments are encouraged. Call 970-382-6150 to schedule an appointment.

## WHAT IS A STAND DOWN?

Stand Down is a military term that was used when soldiers returned from combat and needed a safe place to recover and regroup before heading back into battle. They were provided warm meals, showers, and clean uniforms.

The first stand down for homeless and at-risk low-income veterans was hosted in 1988 by the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. Robert Van Keuren was a Vietnam Veteran who saw many homeless veterans and their struggles, and he wanted to help these homeless veterans.

Van Keuren created an event like the military stand downs to offer hope, direction and support to the many homeless veterans in his community. Many were apprehensive about getting any help, so he created an environment that was safe, encouraging and uplifting.

As a result of his efforts, Stand Downs are held each year across the county to help homeless and at-risk veterans regain their self-esteem and direct them in a positive direction, in a caring way, away from the struggles and hardships they

have been carrying around for so long.

Stand downs can last from one to three days. They provide immediate relief and short-term or long-term assistance, depending on the needs of the veteran. The services provided include but are not limited to showers, warm meals, haircuts, drug and alcohol counseling, medical and dental care, employment counseling and referrals, warm clean clothing, help with legal and tax problems, VA benefits counseling and assistance, housing services, and counseling.

The annual Four Corners Veterans Stand Down is an opportunity for the community to come together to support these men and women who gave their all to protect our way of life, and to show them the resources and support available to them in their communities.

We are seeking volunteers to provide resource tables for the veterans this day. For more information about this event or how you can help, you may contact either Peggy at 970-247-8589 or Jana at 970-749-1673 or email them at [standdowndurango@gmail.com](mailto:standdowndurango@gmail.com). Or visit the web site at [www.standdowndurango.com](http://www.standdowndurango.com)

## Four Corners Veterans Stand Down 2017

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 at the La Plata County Fairground's Exhibit Hall, Durango, Colo. from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MEETING**  
**IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**IGNACIO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**455 BECKER STREET**

**The Ignacio School Board and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council would like to invite all parents/guardians of an American Indian student, who attend Ignacio Public Schools, to an Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) Meeting on October 18, 2017 at 6 pm in the Ignacio School Administration Building at 455 Becker Street.**

**Dinner will be provided; please RSVP by Friday, October 6, 2017 at 563-0500 ext 225 or by email to [cpollock@ignacioschools.org](mailto:cpollock@ignacioschools.org).**

## 2017-2018 IPP (INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES) CALENDAR

Note: Following is the timeline established by the Board of Education Indian Policies and Procedures K-1.0, revised September 14, 2017

- AUGUST**
  - Review IPP
- SEPTEMBER**
  - Adopt and Distribute IPP calendar
  - Notice of Indian Education meeting
- OCTOBER**
  - Distribute Impact Aid Survey both online and mailed
  - Indian Education meeting, Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Ignacio School District Board Room
  - Establish Task Force if necessary
- NOVEMBER**
  - Distribute Survey results
- DECEMBER**
  - Distribute October meeting report
  - Impact Aid application hearing/December Board meeting
- JANUARY**
  - Distribute Impact Aid application and summary of previous year's count and funding
- FEBRUARY**
  - Task Force report if necessary
  - Tribal Council/Board of Education meeting—if requested in October
- MARCH**
  - Response to Task Force if necessary
  - IPP Committee if necessary
- APRIL**
  - IPP Committee Report if necessary
- MAY**
  - Board response to IPP Committee if necessary

**SECTION K**  
**IMPACT AID POLICY AND PROCEDURES**  
Revised: August 3, 1998  
Revised: March 11, 1999  
Revised: November 16, 2000  
Reaffirmed: September 9, 2004  
Revised: January 15, 2009  
Revised: September 15, 2011  
Revised: September 20, 2012  
Revised: September 12, 2013  
Reaffirmed: August 14, 2014  
Reaffirmed: September 15, 2015  
Reaffirmed: September 19, 2016  
Revised: September 14, 2017

## Resolution 2017-10 Cancellation of School Board Election

WHEREAS, the only matter before the electors at the regular biennial school election on November 7, 2017, is the election of two persons to fill two offices of school director; and

WHEREAS, two individuals have nomination petitions with sufficient signatures to qualify as candidates; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing an affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate has passed with two individual(s) filing such an affidavit; and

WHEREAS, state law at *Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-208(1.5)* authorizes the Board of Education by resolution to cancel the election and declare the candidates elected if at the close of business on September 5, 2017 there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ignacio School District has determined that the prerequisites for canceling the election have been met so the 2017 regular school biennial election is canceled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Janet Reinhardt, the designated election official for the regular school biennial election, is authorized to take all necessary and appropriate steps to cancel the election, including providing notice of the cancellation by publication and by posting notice at each polling location, in the office of the designated election official and in the office of the county clerk and recorder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designated election official shall officially notify the county clerk and recorder of this action so that election expenses to date can be pro-rated accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby declared elected by acclamation: Kara Pearson and Lisa Ruybal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designated election official shall notify these candidates of the cancellation of the election and of their resulting election by acclamation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that between Election Day and the next regular meeting of the Board of Education or the Board's organizational meeting, whichever comes first, the designated election official shall provide these candidates with certificates of election after which they shall each take the oath of office within 10 days and will thereafter be qualified to participate in meetings of the Board of Education.

Approved this 14th day of September, 2017.

By a vote of  
Ayes 5  
No 0  
Abstain 0

By:   
President, Board of Education

Attest:   
Secretary, Board of Education





COUNCIL CORNER

Tribal and State leaders attend quarterly CCIA meeting

By Lindsay Box  
SU COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the quarterly Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) meeting at the Southern Ute Growth Fund on Friday, September 22, 2017. Leadership from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe were in attendance alongside members of CCIA, various State and local officials, and members of the community.

The quarterly CCIA meeting is held to bring together state and local officials to meet with the two Tribes that reside in Colorado. Although, state government does not provide oversight on the Reservation, there are many instances where local, state, and tribal government are required to collaborate.

Discussions were held on law enforcement and judicial services, insurance, human resources, education, infrastructure, and finally health and environmental services. Chairman Frost spoke on the recent cutting of the Council Tree in Delta, CO. "It is very unfortunate that the City of Delta and Delta Historical Society moved forward with the removal without consulting with the three Ute Tribes. The Governor's office should expect a letter from the Ute Tribes soon regarding the Ute Council Tree," stated Chairman Frost.

"Among other issues, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Chairman Clement J. Frost, Lt. Governor Donna Lynne, Ute Mountain Ute Councilwoman Prislana Rabbit, and Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Executive Director, Ernest House, Jr. pose with the members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council after a successful CCIA meeting held at the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

Council is very concerned about the decline in mental health support and prevention programs. It is sad to see our Tribal Members in this mental state," pleaded Councilwoman Prislana Rabbit.

Tribal communities throughout the country seem to collectively see a staggering disparity between the members in the community and law enforcement officers. The CCIA voting members in attendance unanimously agreed to write a letter encouraging the U.S. Attorney's office to fully staff the Durango office, to better serve the citizens on the two reservations as well as in the area. Member-At-Large, Lucille Echohawk added, "I recommend the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes pass resolutions in support of this letter." The motion and comment

was also echoed by La Plata County Commissioner, Julie

Westermdorff, who stated she would advocate for this addition at the county level.

Another large discussion was held on the Colorado Department of Education's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan. It was shared, the Office of Indian Education requires consultation to take place with both Tribes. The representative from the State of Colorado also shared that throughout the state there are "grey areas" where Native American students reside and are not receiving benefits they are eligible for.

The meeting concluded with various funding opportunities through Human Resources, Department of Transportation, and Public Health & Environment. These funding opportunities will be available department websites.

The second quarterly meeting will be held in Denver, CO on Dec. 8, 2017.

Getting down to Indian BIZ



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Representatives of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Indian Biz Expo take a photo before the start of the Expo, which included: Howard Richards, Raymond Baker, Eric Thayer, Kevin Frost, Lorelei Cloud, Shadana Sultan, Alex Cloud, Colleen Brave, Adam Red and Don Klein.

Southern Ute Councilman, Kevin Frost gives the welcoming remarks for the Indian Biz Expo held at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort Thursday, Sept. 14. President of Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of commerce Shadana Sultan also recognized Lindsay Box for her contribution to the expo.



NEW EMPLOYEES



Angela Whitehorse

**Job title:** Tribal family therapist – Treatment therapist

**Description of duties:** Direct services at Division of Social Services, treatment, therapy, counseling for families.

**Hobbies:** Gym, running, hiking, research, beading, fishing and traveling.

**Tribe:** Navajo – Diné

**Comment:** I am a Graduate School of University of Utah from Blanding, Utah.

SKY UTE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

BLIND MELON

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28, 2017  
Sky Ute Events Center • Doors open 7PM • Show 8PM

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Halloween Carnival

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TUESDAY 31st Oct. 2017  
6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

GAME BOOTHS • PRIZES • RAFFLE • COSTUME CONTEST

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE BUT WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS AT THE DOOR. BOOTHS MAY CHARGE A FEE. PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES! PLEASE CONTACT LISA OLGIN @ SKYUTE FOR BOOTH INFORMATION AT 970.563.2654. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT BGC AT 970.563.4753 OR SLBP AT 970.563.2816.

Costume Contest starts at 7:30 PM

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Mateo retires



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Carmenaros shares laughter with a group of guests Friday, Sept. 15 at the Southern Ute Agriculture Building where employees and guest gathered to show appreciation for all his hard work over the past 15 years.

Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman Cloud shows her appreciation for Carmenaros and all he has done for the tribal membership over the years.



Ute Mountain shares bounty



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe delivered two trucks full of corn to the Southern Ute tribal membership, Thursday, Sept. 14. Marciannne Wing, Simon Light, Zach Lang, Aleel Wells, Matias Root all played a role in making the distribution happen. The corn was harvested at the Farm and Ranch Enterprise in Towaoc, Colo. Southern Ute Executive Officer, Andrew Frost (above left) picks his corn, Thursday, Sept. 14 delivered by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Ramada Cloud (above right) takes advantage of the free corn distribution.

ATTN: SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

Motor Pool Vehicle Auction

There will be a Vehicle Auction held here at the Southern Ute Motor Pool starting Monday, October 9 and ending Friday, October 13 at 5 pm. It is a closed bid and all sales are final and sold “AS IS, NO WARRANTY”. The winners will be notified as soon as soon as the bids are opened. If there are some vehicles that do not sell it will then be open to the public for a second auction. Contact Leigh M Sage, MPDH 970-563-0100, ext. 2941 for additional information.

Tribal Members Annual Fall Clean-Up  
October 16 – October 21

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and BAG THE TRASH for pick up. Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, AND LUMBER to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at 563-0100 Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP. ONLY 4 tires per household will be picked up, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Tribal Elders: if you need assistance, please contact the TERO Department at 563-2291. Thank You

OLD VEHICLE REMOVAL – Contact Building Maintenance at 563-0265 regarding any old vehicles needing to be removed, please provide title to old vehicles.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL – Contact Environmental Programs Division at 563-0135 for disposal of hazardous waste.

UPPER AND LOWER TRIBAL, AND BIA CAMPUS AREA: All Tribal, BIA, HIS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start, and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash; call Building Maintenance at 563-0265 and Grounds Maintenance at 563-0272.

SUIHA: All Southern Ute Public Housing and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. SUIHA homeowners, renters and Senior Center are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority at 563-4575. Also Ignacio Peak, Jefferson Drive, Sunset Circle, Northridge, South end Housing Authority units, Shoshone Apartments, Shoshone Houses, Senior Center call Southern Ute Housing Authority.

PROPERTY & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: (Building Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance & Motor Pool) Tribal homes located North of HWY 172 and West of the Pine River including Breen and Red Mesa areas, call Motor Pool at 563-0280. Tribal homes in the area of C.R.314, 315,316 and 311 call Building Maintenance is 563-0265. Tribal Homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area call Grounds Maintenance at 563-0272.

TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES: Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of HWY 151 to Arboles. Contact Construction Services at 563-0260.

Place Your Wood Orders

It is that time of year again when the snow will start to fly and a nice fire would be great. The Forestry/Fuels Program will start up Oct. 2, 2017.

Wood pick up days will be Mondays & Wednesdays and wood deliveries to the Elders & Members with disabilities will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

PLEASE CALL 970-563-4780  
TO PLACE YOUR WOOD ORDERS

SOUTHERN UTE AG DIVISON TRIBAL MEMBER FALL PRODUCE

Southern Ute Tribe

Tribal Members

Agriculture Division

Produce Orders FY 2018

Pick up Date 10/13/17

Deadline to Order is Oct. 06, 2017!!

Final Pick Up Date 10/18/17

Please complete the following to order Produce!!

970-563-0220

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Checks payable to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe--Thank you! Sorry No Credit Cards

ALL Items MUST Be picked up by 10/18/17 or they will be sold--Unless prior arrangements have been made.

Adobe Milling Beans

| Pinto  |         |          |        | Anasazi |         |          |        |
|--------|---------|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| #      | Price   | Quantity | Amount | #       | Price   | Quantity | Amount |
| 2#     | \$2.00  |          |        | 1#      | \$1.50  |          |        |
| 4#     | \$3.50  |          |        | 4#      | \$5.00  |          |        |
| 10#    | \$8.00  |          |        | 10#     | \$11.00 |          |        |
| 20#    | \$15.00 |          |        | 20#     | \$20.00 |          |        |
| 50#    | \$32.00 |          |        | 50#     | \$50.00 |          |        |
| Totals |         |          |        | Totals  |         |          |        |

| Totals   |          |        |
|----------|----------|--------|
| Item     | Quantity | Amount |
| Beans    |          |        |
| Potatoes |          |        |
| Flour    |          |        |
| BCM      |          |        |
|          |          |        |

Farm Fresh Potatoes

| Red    |         |          |        | Gold   |         |          |        | Russet |        |          |        |
|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| #      | Price   | Quantity | Amount | #      | Price   | Quantity | Amount | #      | Price  | Quantity | Amount |
| 5#     | \$1.75  |          |        | 5#     | \$1.75  |          |        | 5#     | \$1.00 |          |        |
| 10#    | \$3.00  |          |        |        |         |          |        | 10#    | \$1.75 |          |        |
| 50#    | \$15.00 |          |        | 50#    | \$15.00 |          |        | 50#    | \$9.00 |          |        |
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| Totals |         |          |        | Totals |         |          |        | Totals |        |          |        |

Unbleached

Cortez Milling Flour

| Red Rose |         |          |        | White Rose |         |          |        | Blue Bird |         |          |        |
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| #        | Price   | Quantity | Amount | #          | Price   | Quantity | Amount | #         | Price   | Quantity | Amount |
| 5#       | \$2.25  |          |        | 5#         | \$2.25  |          |        | 5#        | \$2.50  |          |        |
| 10#      | \$4.00  |          |        | 10#        | \$4.00  |          |        | 10#       | \$4.50  |          |        |
| 25#      | \$9.25  |          |        | 25#        | \$9.25  |          |        | 20#       | \$7.25  |          |        |
| 50#      | \$18.00 |          |        | 50#        | \$18.00 |          |        | 50#       | \$18.00 |          |        |
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| Blue Corn Meal - Unroasted |        |          |        | Whole Wheat Flour |        |          |        |
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| #                          | Price  | Quantity | Amount | #                 | Price  | Quantity | Amount |
| 3#                         | \$2.25 |          |        | 5#                | \$2.25 |          |        |
|                            |        |          |        | 10#               | \$4.00 |          |        |
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Total Produce: \$

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Beans: Adobe Milling in Dove Creek

| Pinto           | Anasazi         |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2# --- \$2.00   | 1# --- \$1.50   |
| 4# --- \$3.50   | 4# --- \$5.00   |
| 10# --- \$8.00  | 10# --- \$11.00 |
| 20# --- \$15.00 | 20# --- \$20.00 |
| 50# --- \$32.00 | 50# --- \$50.00 |

Potatoes: Farm Fresh in Monte Vista

| Red Potatoes   | Yellow Potatoes | Russet Potatoes            |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 5# --- \$1.75  | 5# --- \$1.75   | 5# --- \$1.00              |
| 10# -- \$3.00  |                 | 10# --- \$1.75             |
| 50# -- \$15.00 | 50# --- \$15.00 | 50# --- \$9.00             |
|                |                 | Bakers 50# Box --- \$13.00 |

Flour: Cortez Milling

| Red Rose (Unbleached) | White Rose     | Blue Bird      |
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| 5# --- \$2.25         | 5# --- \$2.25  | 5# --- \$2.50  |
| 10# -- \$4.00         | 10# -- \$4.00  | 10# -- \$4.50  |
| 25# -- \$9.25         | 25# -- \$9.25  | 20# -- \$7.25  |
| 50# -- \$18.00        | 50# -- \$18.00 | 50# -- \$18.00 |

| Blue Corn Meal – Unroasted | Whole Wheat Flour              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3# --- \$2.25              | 5# --- \$2.25 & 10# --- \$4.00 |



# Southern Ute Indian Tribe GENERAL ELECTION

Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
at SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, Colo.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION – Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017**  
*Election Code 11-4-102 (1)*

Election Board shall post notices of the election within the Southern Ute Reservation at least Thirty days (30) before each election.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 by 5 p.m.**  
*Election Code 11- 1- 104 (1)*

Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualifies to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE – Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 by 5 p.m.**  
*Election Code 11-5-102 (2)*

The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

**EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE – Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 by 5 p.m.**  
*Election Code 11-5-107 (1) (2) (3)*

- A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an Emergency Absentee Ballot if:
  - He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests; or
  - He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests.
- The written request shall contain the following:
  - The voter's name and address;
  - The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and
  - The voter's signature
- An emergency ballot may be requested any day after the day of the absentee ballot deadline but prior to the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

## Tribal Council Chairman Candidates

- Shelly L. Thompson
- Shane Seibel
- Tyson Thompson
- Ula R. Gregory
- Howard D. Richards Sr.
- Christine Baker Sage

## Tribal Council Candidates

- Amy J. Barry
- Yvonne Tree-Davis
- Matthew J. Box
- Cheryl. A. Frost
- Dedra White
- Cedric J. Chavez

# DEDRA WHITE

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE

**My name is Dedra White**

**I am running for Tribal  
Council.**

**I will FIGHT and do what  
is RIGHT for all Tribal  
Members!**

**I AM ASKING FOR  
YOUR VOTE ON  
NOV. 3, 2017**



**I will:**

- Work for you.
- Work for reducing Tribal budget.
- Work for taking budget savings and creating more benefits for Tribal Members.
- Work for revitalization and preservation of the Ute Language.
- Work towards listening to all Tribal concerns.
- Work for Tribal Members living on/off the reservation.

**970-759-1192**

## TRIBE, GROWTH FUND MEETINGS • FROM PAGE 1

dependent development in order to make better decisions regarding resources. “Once that molecule is extracted and sold off the reservation, it’s gone forever,” Shipps said, referring to the extraction of natural gas and other fossil fuels. “Diversification is the means to secure these opportunities for the Southern Ute people; long after natural gas.”

“The Tribe became economically sovereign,” Shipps said.

Red Willow President, Rex Doyle listed current operations based in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and the Deep-water Gulf of Mexico. “In order to maintain operation, we have to look at new areas,” Doyle said in regards to production levels. Expansion of natural gas extraction on the eastern side of the Southern Ute Reservation is also in the works. Red Willow Production Company also named the recent Samson Assets Acquisition as a means to maintain production numbers locally within the Tribe’s reservation boundaries.

The Growth Fund also introduced an approved plan with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, to keep dividends flat across a four-year period, which allows for better planning. Maximizing tribal employment and career development are also high priorities for the Growth Fund entities. The apprenticeship program, which started in 2003, continues to bring membership into the organization.

In terms of energy production — oil, natural gas and NGL productions are all tied together. The strategy going forward, as presented by the Southern Ute Growth Fund is to operate the assets safely, profitably, and in environmental compliance.

We are a voice for Indian Country,” Southern Ute Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud said. “We have to maintain the reputation.”

GF Properties Group and GF Private Equity, each play a significant role in maintaining a diversification of income for the Tribe.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal attorney, Tom Shipps delivers a statement regarding the inception of the Southern Ute Growth Fund and it’s role in the Tribe’s sovereignty.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association posts the colors during the General Meeting, Monday, Sept. 25; (front to back) Raymond Baker, Dr. Jim Jefferson and Bruce LeClaire.

Properties has new projects underway, with property in Oceanside, CA; apartments in Austin, Texas; continued developments in Three Springs. Private Equity recently integrated with Southern Ute Alternative energy, and continues to seek investments in areas other than energy and real estate.

“We have to think about the future of the young people, the tribal youth,” Southern Ute Chairman Clement Frost said.

Eric Thayer, Director of Strategic Planning, began Monday’s General meeting by introducing the Tribe’s Strategic plan; as a way of establishing a vision, or process for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe going forward. The strategic plan encompasses cultural considerations, the economic landscape and much more, while embracing core values such as sustainability, accountability and heritage. “This is a collective, collaborative effort,” Council Kevin Frost said. “We’re looking for sustainability, especially for

the Permanent Fund.”

In regards to the strength and resilience of the Southern Ute people, Chairman Frost emphasized the importance of the Tribe’s constitution. “We must always protect our sovereignty through our constitution,” Chairman Frost said.

Southern Ute Executive Officer, Ramona Eagle spoke on the topics of health, education and natural resources. “I believe we should support the youth in the initiatives they wish to pursue.” Education was a leading topic for the General Meeting, with Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Talyor emphasizing the value and importance of scholarships available to Southern Ute tribal members.

Taylor announced the introduction of cultural programs in the public school system; Ute History will make its debut throughout the state of Colorado for fourth graders. Both meetings were streamed live via Web-Ex for those unable to attend in person.

**Vote Christine Baker Sage  
For Chairman of  
the Southern  
Ute Indian Tribe  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>,**

**2017**



**“I am for my  
Tribal  
Membership.”**





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Swarming Montezuma-Cortez receiver Vincent Conklin (6), Ignacio's Dustin Sanchez (24), Natoni Cundiff (72) and Marcus Chapman (10) converge for a tackle during the Bobcats' Homecoming Week game, Friday, Sept. 15 at IHS Field. The run/pass-balanced 2A Panthers prevailed 38-14, though 1A IHS scored the contest's first and last touchdowns.

IHS FOOTBALL

Pounded in Pagosa, Bobcats dip to 1-3 overall

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

You wouldn't know it from looking at the Golden Peaks Stadium scoreboard, but visiting Ignacio actually came out ahead last Friday night in one of football's oft-indicative statistical categories: Takeaway margin.

Whereas Pagosa Springs' Keaton Laverty managed to snare junior Lawrence Valdez's fake-punt pass attempt inside the third quarter's last minute, setting up what would be the non-conference game's final score, IHS freshman Joseph Garcia stopped the Pirates' last first-half drive with a fumble recovery, and sophomore Clay Campbell smothered another late in the fourth frame –likely preventing PSHS from ending their first home game this fall with a snap to quarterback Cade Cowan in 'victory formation.'

foreboding lightning filled the skies and the 1A Bobcats were immediately at a disadvantage against the

Pirates, who were eager to improve their standing this season in the Bayfield-dominated 2A Intermountain.

Against their shorthanded foe, Pagosa Springs unfortunately mimicked the Wolverines' modi operandi, scoring five touchdowns of 25-plus yards offensively, and defensively forcing six Ignacio punts and a turnover-on-downs (by snuffing out a fake-punt Valdez run with 10:11 left before halftime) in a thorough 49-0 rout.

The 'Cats also had possessions cut short by intermission and the final horn, but did show an ability to gain yards, two to four at a time, directly behind senior center Natoni Cundiff via fullback dives with junior Dustin Sanchez (unofficially 9-21 rushing) or QB sneaks with senior Marcus Chapman.

Trailing 14-0 after Cowan trucked in a 27-yard touchdown and Keaton Anderson boomed the second of seven successful point-after kicks through the uprights –barely two minutes of real

time before frequent flash-es overhead necessitated a 30-minute weather delay –Ignacio picked up eight yards on three Sanchez totes up the gut, but Valdez was summoned to punt on fourth down.

Later in the first half, after PSHS' lead doubled via 11-yard and 24-yard scores by senior Ty Kimsey, the Bobcats (1-3, 0-0 Southern Peaks) embarked on what would be their most consistent, forward-moving march. Five carries between Sanchez, Chapman and Valdez netted 11 yards out to the IHS 31, and Chapman then zinged a pass to right-hand slot receiver Mike Archuleta for 24 yards into Pirate property.

Sanchez then plowed ahead for two more yards, but after the second of two subsequent Chapman incompletions, Valdez was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. And with the ball moved back to the Bobcat 42, Chapman punted out of

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IHS VOLLEYBALL

Simla Invite a wake-up call to Volleycats

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A postseason sneak-peek: Thad Cano's Volleycats met stiff resistance at the six-team Simla Invitational, Sept. 23 out in far-off Elbert County.

With action commencing barely 36 full hours after Ignacio's 25-21, 19-25, 25-17, 25-14 road win at Mancos, the team had the unlucky fate of facing the tournament hosts bright and early. As one of three teams ranked in that week's CHSAANow.com Class 2A top-ten, the #5 Lady Cubs efficiently dealt IHS an 18-25, 13-25, 13-25 defeat.

Sophomore Morgan Herrera was credited with six kills, and classmate Makayla Howell five for Ignacio, while SHS senior Jerraldawn Rector smashed a match-best 17 and had support from juniors Kegan Hamacher (8) and Riley Maranville (8).

Senior setter Shoshone Thompson registered four kills and 12 assists for IHS, while Simla counterpart Chloe Duffy, also a senior, distributed 32 assists.

The 'Cats then concluded pool play the right way, stopping Oak Creek Soroco –the only crew not either ranked in the poll or in its 'Others Receiving Votes' section –in a 25-15, 17-25, 25-20, 17-25, 16-14 thriller.

Stepping her game up a level, junior Kiana Valdez paced Ignacio with 11 kills. Herrera was right behind with ten, Howell followed with nine, and senior Caitlyn Mulcahy eight as Thompson logged 31 assists. Defensively, Howell came up with eight digs –one of five players with five or more (Herrera and junior Misty Egger-Morris each booked six) –and Valdez



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Mancos sophomores Talissa Bahr (1) and Magdalena Halls (3) defending, Ignacio junior Kiana Valdez (2) cleanly sets an attack Thursday, Sept. 21, during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action inside the Mancos Performance Center.

posted three solo blocks.

But as fate would have it, Ignacio drew eighth-ranked Hoehne in the resulting third-place match. Having qualified along with Simla for last fall's State Championships in Denver, the Lady Farmers (8-3 overall) increased their pace after a 3-1 win over Wray and logged a 25-14, 25-18, 25-8 triumph.

Herrera managed six more kills and Howell four, while Thompson served five aces to go with 12 assists. Howell came up with seven more digs, but Mulcahy and Herrera recorded just three apiece while Valdez –fast becoming a fixture in the Volleycats' middle –was limited to just two putaways offensively.

Requests made of Soroco skipper Jeannie Logan and HHS' Tyrel Mincic-Barry for their teams' statistics were still unanswered as of press time, as were requests of all head coaches for post-match comments.

Greeley-based and #3-ranked Dayspring Christian, reigning 2A State Champions and thus the third (of eight) State-bound teams last year attending the 2017 Invitational, improved to 9-1 and earned first place via a 13-25, 25-16, 18-25, 25-20, 15-12 grinder over Simla (10-2).

A 'Receiving Votes' bunch along with the 'Cats coming in, WHS rose to 3-5 overall via a 25-12, 25-

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Youth ballers, winning



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The third grade Durango Demons youth football team face off against the Bayfield Wolverines on Saturday, Sept. 23. The third grade Demons will face off against Bloomfield at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 30 and against the Farmington Saints at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7 both games will be played at Miller Middle School in Durango.



Ignacio third grader, Keevin Reynolds bolts through the line for a touchdown behind effective blocking from his Durango Demon teammates, Saturday, Sept. 16 in Kirtland, N.M.

Ignacio third grader, Keenan Aragon looks ahead for the goal line as he shakes a Kirtland Broncos' tackle. The Durango Demons defeated the home team in Kirtland, Saturday, Sept. 16.

IMS Volleycats represent



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

8th grader, Lexi Young of Ignacio Middle School's B-Team, dives for the ball during a volley against St. Columba of Durango at the Ignacio Middle School, Thursday, Sept. 21. The B-Team won best two out of three, defeating St. Columba Academy. The final home game for the Mid School volleycats will be Thursday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.



7th grader, Harmony Reynolds of Ignacio Middle School's B-Team returns a volley from St. Columba as team-mates Alexis Ortiz and Lexi Young ready themselves for additional hits.

8th grader, Monica Lucero of Ignacio Middle School's A-Team, jump serves for one of her aces against St. Columba Academy, Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Ignacio Middle School gym.



CROSS COUNTRY

# IHS sophs are Wolverines’ No. 1, 3 XC runners

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

At most stops along the way during the high school cross-country season, a time around 18 minutes of ten – particularly in Class 3A – has one running either amongst the leaders or very close to them.

Competing for Bayfield High School this fall, Ignacio’s Jonas Nanaeto recorded such an effort on Sept. 9, and his 18:00.24 was far and away his best showing yet. But upon the Cattails Golf Course grounds in Alamosa, a route designed for speed, the sophomore found himself crossing the finish line at the heels of 3A Zuni, New Mexico’s Dominic Yuselew ... in a sprint to decide 59th place (out of 229 finishers, however).

Just for comparison, 5A Littleton Dakota Ridge’s Connor Ohlson clocked a winning 15-minute, 26.72-second timing at the Joe I. Vigil Open, bettering teammate Austin Vancil’s 15:30.11. 4A Durango’s Aidan Fitzgerald was fast, but another 26.08 ticks behind in third.

Still, without Nanaeto willing to gain experience competing against large-school talent, Bayfield wouldn’t have been able to manage anything close to its 11th-place team score of 303 points (DRHS won with a meet-low 27, DHS took second with 46, and 3A powerhouse Alamosa was third with 116).

Without multiple Bobcats running as Wolverines in 2017, BHS’ program would be in trouble. For what the harriers may lack in accumulated year-to-year experience, they’re already making up for in consistency.

“So far ... they’ve done a lot for us,” head coach Josh Walton declared recently. “It’s really ... they found out about us, and not so much we found out about them. Since I started coaching four years ago, I’ve been working with IHS athletic director Rocky Cundiff, trying to get kids from Ignacio that want to run to come ... run for us.” That want has been evident from Day 1 and the first starting gun.

Most recently, at the 3rd Annual Southwest Sunset XC Classic on Friday night, Sept. 15, IHS sophomore Elco Garcia, Jr., was the Wolverines’ top finisher with a 33rd-place 17:39.25. Still not yet up to full speed due to a nagging injury, BHS senior Sloan Mazur crossed next in 61st (18:19.55) with Nanaeto – who’d turned 16 a couple days earlier – close behind in 64th (18:22.15) out of 209 entrants.

Looking at their times, the improvement is evident.

At the season-opening Cheyenne Mountain Stampede (Aug. 25) in Colorado Springs, Garcia had paced the Wolverines with a 21st-place 18:47.1, and Nanaeto was 61st in 20:16.1. At the next weekend’s Lake County High Altitude Challenge in Leadville, Garcia again led the way with a 16th-place 19:33.2 and Nanaeto again was BHS’ #3 – following Mazur again – with a 48th-place 20:54.5.

Garcia then clocked a scorching 17:22.45 at the Vigil and led the crew with his 30th-place result.

“Elco, our number-one runner currently ... he has improved a ton from last year,” said Walton. “My primary example is, last year he ran a 21-flat in Leadville and this year he ran 19:33 on the exact same course! A minute and a half ... is huge!”

“I see lots of potential in him; he just keeps improving and putting in the time.”

“I see Sloan coming into form as we get further into the season as his Achilles tendon heals – got a little tendinitis in it,” Walton continued. “But Elco and Sloan really ... run together. When we’re doing intervals or we’re doing regional-repeats or stuff, Jonas will kind of hang with Sloan and Elco – but I kind of let them run at paces they feel comfortable.”

“Nanaeto...he’s our number-three right now, running very well. And he’s involved with the Tribe doing Bear Dances... That’s good training for cross-country.”

Also new to the squad is freshman Nakai Lovato. Though not yet with as much competition mileage under his soles as his fellow Bobcat brethren, he has seen action through the season’s first half – registering a varsity 164th-place 20:48 at the Sunset XC Classic, and a junior-varsity 30th-place 24:04.5 at the HAC (elevation 10,000+).

“He’s still young – well, they’re all still young – and that’s helpful to the future of our team,” said Walton.

After recuperating over the Sept. 22-23 weekend, the Bobcats and Wolverines will resume work at the 9/29 Sweitzer Lake Invitational in Delta, followed by the Oct. 14 Eric Wolff Invitational out in Monte Vista.

The 3A-Region I Championships are set for 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, on Delta’s fast Confluence Park course. And for those fortunate to qualify, the State Championships then await on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Norris-Penrose Event Center – tracing the same route as the Stampede- in Colorado Springs with the 3A boys’ race starting at 12:40 p.m. and the 3A girls’ at 2 p.m.

## BOBCATS POUNDED IN PAGOSA • FROM PAGE 1

a non-punt look –netting 36 yards after the kick was downed at the Pagosa 28.

Garcia then recovered junior Connor Aragon’s fumble on the fifth play of Springs’ resulting series, setting IHS up at their own 36 with 2:51 remaining before halftime, but after Chapman hit Archuleta for 17 yards and Ian Weinreich for six, Valdez took an 11-yard sack attempting a halfback-option pass, and Chapman was then sacked for another eight yards.

A personal-foul infraction against the Pirates (2-2, 0-0 Intermountain) on the play re-advanced the ball back to midfield, but Ignacio couldn’t get a desperation snap off before the 15-minute respite.

Having already gained 12 yards on the third quarter’s fourth play, Kimsey (unoff. 3-97 rushing) blasted out of an apparent pile-up at the 50 and flew along the near sideline for a momentum-assuring 62-yard TD. Anderson nailed the PAT, and with 10:30 left Pagosa Springs’ lead stood 35-0. And after a Valdez punt, PSHS drove 56 yards in four plays and 2:08, with Cowan (8-143 rushing; 1-for-4 passing, 32 yards, TD) sprinting the last 32 yards.

Anderson was again accurate, and the running-clock mercy rule took effect.

Following Laverty’s pick, Aragon rumbled 34 yards on first down, and with 0:00 remaining in the third, Anderson’s right foot forced through the Pirates’ 49th unanswered point.

Able to mount one last ball-control push beginning the fourth quarter, seven run plays netted just five yards out to the Bobcat 40, and Valdez then punted one last time. Campbell then fell upon a Pagosa fumble at the Pirate 45 with 4:22 left, but the game’s last actual play saw Chapman (3-of-12 passing, 47 yards) take a hard hit from PSHS defensive end Mitch Lewis, forcing a final misfire.

Up next, Ignacio will begin conference play hosting Monte Vista (2-2, 0-0) on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7:00 p.m. The ‘Cats will then travel to Dolores on Oct. 6 (7 p.m.), and to La Jara on Oct. 13 (7 p.m.) to face Centauri.

## SIMLA INVITE A WAKE-UP CALL • FROM PAGE 1

11, 25-17 sweep of Soroco (4-9) in the fifth-place clash.

Up next, Ignacio (4-7, 3-4 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) resumes SJBL work with Nucla visiting IHS Gymnasium on Saturday, Sept. 30, with action set to begin at 11 a.m.

No stranger to a tough tournament, having finished 2-2 at the Northeastern Junior College assembly, Sept. 9 up in distant Sterling, the Lady Mustangs stood 3-7 overall, 1-4 in league prior to visiting non-league Collbran Plateau Valley on the 27th. Results were unavailable at press time.

IHS’ October itinerary then begins with a 10/3 trip to La Jara and test against 3A Centauri, with a 10/10 drive to SJBL nemesis Dolores – which cracked the 2A top-ten Monday morning, Sept. 25 – to follow. The ‘Cats will then challenge both Norwood and Telluride in an Oct. 14 triangular at THS.

### CHSAANOW.com Class 2A Volleycat Poll (updated 9/25)

- Yuma, 2. Lyons, 3. Greeley Dayspring Christian, 4. Simla, 5. Swink, 6. Paonia, 7. Denver Christian, 8. Dolores, 9. Hoehne, 10. Wiggins.

(Others Receiving Votes – Meeker, Lafayette Dawson School, Fowler, IGNACIO, Walsenburg John Mall, Greeley Union Colony, Rocky Ford, Wray, Telluride.)

## Cats sweep jays



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Following their win in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play, the squad – standing 4-3 overall, 4-2 SJBL – traveled with the varsity to the Sept. 23 Simla Invitational. With fellow junior Shyanne Vigil (26) looking on (left), Ignacio JV member Briana Duran (22) sets an attack at the net. With both sophomore Larissa Gallegos (12) and head coach Katrina Richards looking on (right), Ignacio junior Izabella Howe (27) goes for a spike during the junior varsity’s 25-16, 25-23, 15-8 sweep of the Lady Jays Thursday evening, Sept. 21, inside the Mancos Performance Center.

## SETTING THE TABLES

Standings as of Sept. 25, 2017

### VOLLEYBALL: 2A/1A SAN JUAN BASIN LEAGUE (SJBL)

| Team           | OVERALL  |          |             | SJBL     |          | SETS      |           |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                | W        | L        | Pct.        | W        | L        | W         | L         |
| Telluride      | 9        | 2        | .818        | 5        | 2        | 25        | 15        |
| Dolores        | 8        | 1        | .889        | 6        | 0        | 23        | 6         |
| Dove Creek     | 8        | 2        | .800        | 4        | 0        | 27        | 8         |
| Ridgway        | 4        | 4        | .500        | 3        | 2        | 17        | 13        |
| <b>Ignacio</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>.364</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>25</b> |
| Nucla          | 3        | 7        | .300        | 1        | 4        | 11        | 24        |
| Norwood        | 3        | 9        | .250        | 1        | 6        | 12        | 28        |
| Mancos*        | 2        | 7        | .222        | 1        | 5        | 10        | 20        |
| Ouray*         | 1        | 6        | .143        | 1        | 2        | 6         | 20        |

\*Results from 9/23 Ouray at Mancos match not yet reported

### FOOTBALL: 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS CONFERENCE (SPC)

| Team           | OVERALL  |          |             | SPC      |          | SCORING       |  |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|--|
|                | W        | L        | Pct.        | W        | L        | US/THEM       |  |
| Centauri       | 5        | 0        | 1.000       | 0        | 0        | 145/377       |  |
| Dolores        | 2        | 2        | .500        | 0        | 0        | 108/74        |  |
| Monte Vista    | 2        | 2        | .500        | 0        | 0        | 74/78         |  |
| <b>Ignacio</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>.250</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>43/127</b> |  |
| John Mall      | 0        | 4        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 14/146        |  |

– Compiled by Joel Priest

## Additional Ignacio Bobcats coverage

Check out The Southern Ute Drum online at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com) for additional Bobcat coverage, including photos, scores and standings.



### POOL CLOSURE

SunUte Community Center will close the pool area for approximately 3 months beginning Saturday, August 5th for maintenance on the pool deck and pool liner.

ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE FACILITY WILL REMAIN OPEN.

### Members have the following options:

#### 1. Use other areas of the facility

(Try our group ex classes, use equipment on the fitness floor or other programs)

#### 2. Freeze membership until pool area is open.

(Freeze your membership until the pool area opens– ONE time freeze ONLY-NO FEE)

### UPDATES WILL BE POSTED.

We appreciate your patience and hope you will enjoy the upgraded pool area.





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HURRICANE HARVEY  
DONATION DRIVE

The Southern Ute Growth Fund organized a donation drive to provide aid in Houston, TX after Hurricane Harvey left devastating impact. Funds raised will be sent to the American Red Cross – Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The Southern Ute Growth Fund donated \$5000 towards this drive, and collected a total of \$7750. The donation drive ran a total of 2 weeks. Walmart operates a match gift program, Double the Donation, where funds are eligible for leverage up to a certain dollar amount. Mr. Pat Vaughn, Southern Ute Growth Fund Director of Non-Energy, reached out to Walmart with hopes to match the Growth Fund’s donation drive, unfortunately Walmart had reached the capped dollar figure and the funds were not matched. However, this was still a successful donation drive. The Southern Ute Growth Fund would like to thank all those who chose to contribute to the Hurricane Harvey donation drive. *Southern Ute Growth Fund*

SUPPORT FOR RED  
(HUMMINGBIRD)

Greeting fellow Friends, Relatives and Member of our Community, My name is Daisy Blue-star, and I am reaching out to you for support of one of our Native relatives. She is a mother, sister, aunt and friend to many; her name is Margaret Red also known as Margret Hummingbird. Margaret has recently become a victim of cancer. She has phase four cancer known as Glioblastoma also called GMB. GMB is a type of brain cancer that is the most aggressive cancer but is known to be slowed down, but often not cured. As a support to Margaret, I am reaching out to gain support to her and her family. Her husband is Rodney Red, her children are April Watts, Rena Watts and Megan Watts. Margaret is originally from Oregon and grew up in Oakland CA. She came to Ignacio in her younger days and she grew her roots to our community. She is a very strong woman in her beliefs of creator and has a strong spirit in fighting this cancer, and if anything, prolonging it to the fullest of its course. Margaret attends sweat lodge, travels to Sun Dance’s, participates in sobriety function for our community, supports many walks of life during their search for recovery. She is strong in her words and fights with her heart for the spirit of sobriety. She believes strongly in family and unity. Margaret has made many friends who are now considered family. Margaret has relatives in other states that she would love to see again. Her wishes are to support her family in traveling to Colorado. Our

reasoning for fundraising is to help her wishes come true and help with the expenses for her relative to travel to see her. Since the news of her cancer she has had family support fro those who are able to travel, as well as those who live in our community. From my experience with Margaret, she has had a full house every day. Her home is filled with loves ones who help her function from a day-to-day basis, as well as children all around. The goals in fund raising is to help not only with the relatives who she wishes to see, but to help maintain a strong healthy experience for the to support her. It is my honor to be able to help reach out to our community for assistance in honoring Margaret’s wishes. I humbly write this to you and hope it reaches your heart in good spirits and understanding. Lets help someone reach their wishes during this trying time in life and create a sense of completeness in our loved ones life. *Thank you for your time, Daisy Bluestar and loved ones of Margaret Red (Hummingbird)*

**DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERS**

My name is Yvonne Tree-Davis, I am an enrolled Southern Ute Member. My father was Joseph Peter Tree, my mother was Mabel Head Casias. Both were Southern Ute and are now deceased. My immediate family consists of my sister Renee Tree, brother Thomas Tree who are both enrolled Southern Ute members and my brother Richard Tafoya who is Jemez Pueblo. I came home in 2012 four years after my mother’s passing and found the reservation to be a very different and peculiar place from what I remember. It used to be a place of family, community and culture. You knew you were home because everyone recognized you and welcomed you back, not so, now. As the tribe’s prosperity grew so did our government. To the point that now we have given our power over to a vast government made up of the permanent fund and of the growth fund and its myriad of employees. I am running for Tribal Council because I feel we as members are no longer being heard by our leadership, if we cannot speak, how then will they know what our concerns are? They have proven to us with their reluctance to listen to the people, even after the people voiced their opinions through a vote for the Sisseton Settlement funds. They continue to harass the people for having voted and received the funds. The people have the right to voice their opinion and their views through a democratic process and vote. I would venture to say that they also received the same funds through the same vote and did not return their portion to the tribe yet, they are

still mad. Recently, they have reiterated their intolerance of membership opinion with their removal of the microphones at meetings. They refer to those of us who try to initiate change for the betterment of the membership as the “few” vs the “many”. However, through your willingness to vote for the Sisseton Settlement funds all of the tribal membership was able to benefit from the damages caused by BIA. For me this settlement was a bittersweet victory. My census number as well as, my sister and brother began in the 500s, many of us elders endured hardships of a different kind. We were the first Southern Utes. The natives that experienced life on and off the reservation before the money, we were the natives without water, without a vehicle, with no jobs, with children displaced in boarding schools who were raised by whites who were racist and determined we would not thrive. We were the natives who upon graduation from high school were allocated a position picking strawberries, apples, or oranges. We were agriculture’s free labor until we determined that in this nation we were free. Many of our first nations people ran to go travel when called to war. My father was in the service for 32 years and he experienced and saw the world before he returned home and succumbed to alcoholism, he perished at 65. He diligently fought for the freedom we now enjoy during WWII. As members that very freedom is now being compromised by our own leadership. They were elected to protect our interests not to dictate our present and our future. We the people have the power to get involved through our vote to change the current political climate back to the people. We can utilize our constitution to initiate change. I am humbly asking our Southern Ute members to stop allowing the current leadership from giving away our house and to aid us in returning what belongs to us, as a tribe, back to the tribe and its people. That means prioritization of employment, education, training, apprenticeships, transparency within government and among leadership, housing, land allocation, prioritization for change in outdated policy that affects the membership negatively, funding, service provisions, the trimming of the fat within departments that show little or no production, and finally, but most importantly the voice of the people must be returned, this tribe belongs to its people. I come to you in humility requesting your vote in the November election for one of the two seats available on council. *Respectfully, Yvonne Tree-Davis*

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**  
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS LIBRA. The SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON influence your personal agenda this month. While the FULL MOON of the 5th takes aim at relationships. Your planetary ruler VENUS inspires confidence, and promotes a closer bond between couples. Take this encouraging opportunity to initiate a fresh beginning LIBRA. JUPITER leaves your sign on the 10th and rolls into SCORPIO, your money area. Remember, where ever this planet transits in your chart, growth and expansion generally follows.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**  
Surprises might be in store for you as JUPITER makes a major move and enters your sign on the 10th. There it will stay for about a year. Now you can move forward with bigger goals. A FULL MOON on the 5th might have you trying something new that is related to artistic work or a hobby. Count on VENUS and MARS to aid and abet the whole venture. Later on the 24th the annual ORIONIDS meteor showers come back to add sparkle to your Birthday merriment. There’s a fun month ahead for you SCORPIO.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**  
Maintain your positive attitude after the 10th Saggies. Allow your excellent intuition to guide you when striving to make a wise decision on the 8th. A very full and spectacular Harvest Moon illuminates a section in your chart known for fun and good times. It may send you chasing more inventive, and productive pursuits. JUPITER your sign ruler enters intense SCORPIO on the 10th giving you a green light to calm things down a bit. Shift your thinking to enlightened, and mind expanding subjects.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**  
Job, Business, and professional matters are all part of this month’s celestial pattern. The SUN and MERCURY open your mind to more productive thoughts regarding the above situations. Don’t discount JUPITER’S big move to the compatible sign of SCORPIO on the 10th. There are many options to explore after that date. The section of hopes, wishes, and dreams will be set into motion, and activated in a positive way. Take advantage of this CAPRICORN, more can be accomplished with a dream to pursue.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**  
Dreams of travel may call to you while the SUN, MERCURY, and JUPITER until the 9th all occupy your travel zone until the 9th. It doesn’t matter if you venture just a few miles from home, or far away. There are relatives or friends who will be happy to see you. The NEW MOON on the 19th commences an optimistic cycle. Count on the SUN, and MERCURY in like minded LIBRA to inspire fresh ideas. Leisure family interests are fun and have favorable results. Keep it light. Best days are, 8th, 12th, 16th, 18th.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**  
Being the kind and generous person that you are, this month you may reap the rewards of someone you have helped in the past. After the 10th, JUPITER’S arrival in the water sign of SCORPIO supports your interests. Late October through late November may have you learning more regarding travel. The 17th, and 22nd are productive learning days. You might feel inspired to create a costume that represents the area you want to explore. Dare to be different. Use your imagination and artistic abilities Little Fishes.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**  
The SUN and MERCURY currently in harmony loving LIBRA champion affectionate relations between established couples. Single folks can make progress after the 14th when VENUS glides in to her home sign of LIBRA. Strengthen close ties, and count your blessings. There is so much more that can be gained with a cooperative attitude. Meet others half way. The results are almost instantaneous. JUPITER in your financial zone after the 10th might launch more lucrative results involving money.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**  
An optimistic energy takes hold on the 10th when JUPITER rotates into your opposite sign of SCORPIO. Relationships improve, and growth is possible. MARS in VIRGO until the 21st is doing its best to mix things up. On the 11th the Red Planet enters into a standoff with SATURN. Frustration and opposition with mates is a possibility. Your job this month is to maintain peace within the household. Use your TAURUS diplomacy. As with each day on the calendar, there are good days, and not so good days.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**  
There’s more going on this OCTOBER than just the leaves turning to gold. Good luck JUPITER enters a work zone and endows you with beneficial opportunities. Finances may take a turn for the better after the 10th. You might also find that spending some of that loot on kids, or grandkids, can be a fun way to celebrate Halloween. Help them to create costumes of their choice. Health and work related sections of your Horoscope can also be expanded and improved. Focus on non stressful fun GEMINI.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**  
There are certain times when your plans don’t turn out exactly as expected. This month an early start might work better for you. From the 2nd through the 7th, VENUS and MARS work together to encourage thoughtful and well planned family events. Use this promising time period to share ideas. Your words are likely to carry more encouragement. Later in the month you may run into resistance until the 10th. That’s when JUPITER enters SCORPIO. It’s almost a guarantee that your party will be successful.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**  
October’s harmonious influence begins early in the month as the SUN and MERCURY move through the congenial sign of LIBRA. Happy family times are likely after the 10th when JUPITER spins its way into the home and family section of your Horoscope. There it will remain for the next several months. You can expect more in the way of productive activities, and happiness. Growth, and progress become the norm. A SUN/JUPITER connection on the 26th may offer up opportunities that are too useful to resist.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**  
Personal possessions are the focus for OCTOBER. The SUN and MERCURY highlight their importance in your life. Both are in the sign of LIBRA, and signify a fondness for your favorite things. Gathering more collectibles might be irresistible. With JUPITER entering SCORPIO this month your curiosity is aroused, and you might find yourself playing amateur detective regarding family heirlooms. Where did they come from? Is it time to sell? Or is it time to add to the collection. It’s strictly your decision VIRGO.

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| • Nov. 3 (Friday)    | Nov. 9, 2017           | Veterans Day (Nov. 10)          |
| • Nov. 16 (Thursday) | Nov. 22, 2017          | Thanksgiving (Nov. 23 & 24)     |

- Southern Ute Tribal Office closures**
- Nov. 10, 2017 – Veteran’s Day observance (Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11)
  - Nov. 23-24, 2017 – Thanksgiving holiday (Thanksgiving, Nov. 23)
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## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



### Board of Directors Vacancy



Our Board of Directors is seeking to fill two vacancies.

One seat must be filled by a Tribal Member. The Board Members meet 2 times a month (Regular Board Meeting and subcommittee meeting)

Applications available at:  
www.bgcsu.org

Applications due November 3, 2017

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO  
970.563.2694 or bleclaire@southern-ute.nsn.us

## Housing Interest Cedar Point Subdivision

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Cedar Point Housing Initiative Team would like to remind Tribal Members about the availability of the upcoming homes and town-home rental units. Construction should initiate sometime in early spring of 2018 for the single-family homes. The town-home rental units are currently being constructed and should be available in early 2018. At this time we are requesting that you please contact the Tribal Credit Division and obtain your pre-qualification status for a mortgage loan to purchase a home in Cedar Point. Please feel free to share this information with any Southern Ute Tribal Members (eligible to receive an assignment) whom you believe might also be interested in living at Cedar Point. More information will be available in the next few months regarding the homes and we look forward to continuing with this important project.

Thank you for your time and please call 970-563-4744 or 970-563-4710 for additional information or if you have any questions.

## Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building – EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/ Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, Commission Updates, CDPHE Updates, Coal Fired Burner Complaint Update, Open Discussion/ Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Ms. Marlene Scott-Jewett at 970-563-4705 or visit the Commission website at: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission/)



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT  
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FILE FOR  
GOLD KING MINE INTEGRATED DISCHARGE CONTROLS REMOVAL ACTION  
AT THE BONITA PEAK MINING DISTRICT SUPERFUND SITE  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO

The Administrative Record file (AR) for the Gold King Mine Integrated Discharge Controls Removal Action includes the documents considered or relied upon for the action. This action includes: drilling a horizontal well within the Gold King Mine adit; installing a flow control structure within the adit; and building a berm outside the historic level 7 adit. This work is intended to reduce the potential of an unplanned discharge from the mine. Additional documents, including the comments received on the AR and EPA's response to significant comments, may be added at a later date.

EPA encourages the public to review and comment on the AR.

A copy of the AR file is available at the  
**Silverton Library, 1117 Reese Street, Silverton, CO 81433**

The AR file is available online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xR6tP>

To request copies of administrative record documents, call the EPA Superfund Records Center: (303) 312-7273 or (800) 227-8917 ext. 312-7273 (toll free Region 8 only).

Comments on the AR file may be submitted in writing until **October 16, 2017**, to:

Rebecca Thomas, Remedial Project Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1595 Wynkoop Street, 8EPR-SR  
Denver, CO 80202-1129



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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### ELECTION BOARD

Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) full-time Board Member and one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 at 5 p.m. Qualifications 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation, Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered. And, you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Submit Letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical location: 356 Ouray Drive/ LCB 2nd floor East wing. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100, ext. 2303/2305 or via email at [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov).

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) has three openings for committee member. In order to be Eligible for the JOM committee you have to a student(s) in the Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District. The student(s) has to be registered with the JOM program and if you have not yet done this please do so. Write a letter of interest as to why you want to be on the committee. This position is a volunteer position. If selected, you will served on the committee for 2 years. The next upcoming meeting is on Monday, Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Department. If you have any questions feel free to call the office at 563-0235 and ask for Ellen S. Baker.

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KSUT is accepting letters of interest to fill seats for the following: Two Southern Ute Tribal Member seats and one "Native American at Large" seat. For the "Native American at Large" seat, applicants must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe. 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. Open until filled.

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

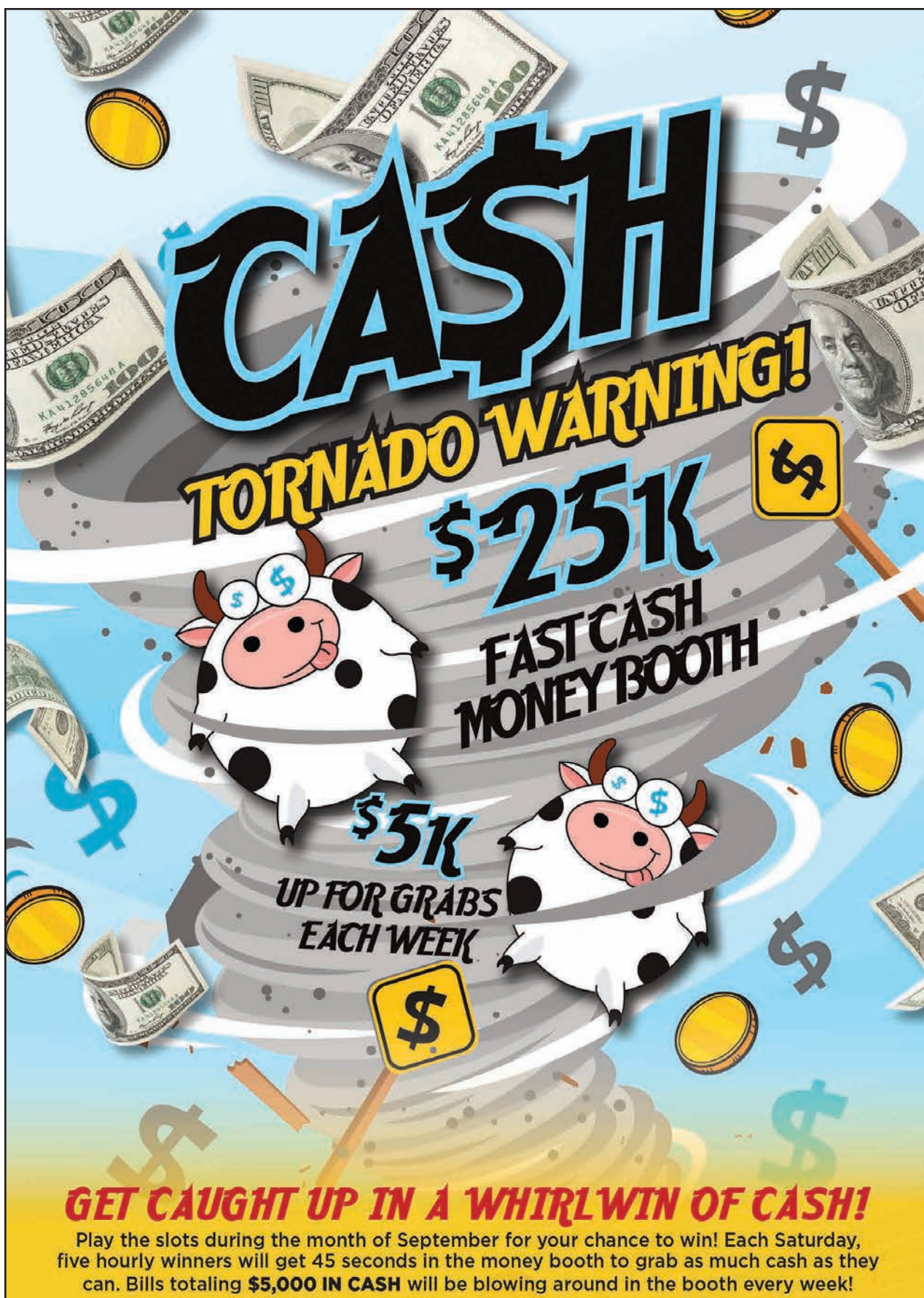
Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. Three positions are open for 1 elder member and 2 former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

### WILDLIFE ADVISORY YOUTH BOARD

Youth Needed For Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

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Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

Solid Waste Monitor – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 10/2/17  
Under general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, performs duties necessary to operate the Tribal Solid Waste Transfer Station operation, the Tribal Customer Polycarts system, and assists with other duties at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must be willing to learn how to operate a backhoe for the purpose of compacting trash in dumpsters. Must be willing to work shift work, holidays and Saturdays. The ability to operate heavy equipment is desirable. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Energy Land Manager – Dept. of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 10/10/17  
Providing accurate and current land information and analysis for all aspects of Southern Ute Growth Fund Energy operations. Provides administrative and supervisory oversight for land staff within the Department of Energy. Coordinates with Manager of Energy Department and E&P Manager new and/or updated energy projects within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Petroleum Land Management, Business Administration, or closely related area and 10 years' experience in oil and gas land assessments and/or land related issues is required. Must have experience in evaluating title and preparing mineral and/or leasehold ownership status. Five years supervisory or management experience is required. Must have experience in contract negotiation and preparation. Ex-

perience in computer software programs in the Windows Microsoft environment, to include Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Must have experience reading and interpreting maps, GPS, and legal documentation. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

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

Closing date 10/16/17  
Under the direction of the Gas Control Supervisor, this position monitors natural gas production volumes; nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/statements; enters daily gas sales and production data; maintains gathering and transportation contracts; controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances; works with the Marketing Specialist to forecast natural gas sales volumes. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in accounting, business, or other relevant field; OR an Associate degree in accounting, business, or relevant field and two years oil and gas industry work experience; OR High school diploma or equivalent and four years oil and gas industry work experience. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must be able to demonstrate a practical, intermediate working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Word, Outlook and Access in a window based operating system. Must be able to perform 24/7 on-call responsibilities when required. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the RWPC vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)  
Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Cook – SUCAP Head Start

Closing date 10/1/17  
(1) Full-time, (1) Part-time M-F, menu planning, knowledge of nutritious meals. Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, must be able to lift heavy pans and food. Experience in cooking for large groups preferred. Must pass background checks/obtain food handlers permit.

Head Cook – SUCAP Senior Center

Closing date 10/13/17  
Senior Center in Ignacio. Directing all phases of meal preparation. Weekdays, Meals on Wheels & on site meals for elderly nutrition program. Must have a current health certificate and food handlers' card; experience developing menus. 2 years experience as a supervisor and commercial cooking. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid CO driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Maintenance/Janitor – SUCAP Head Start

Closing date 10/6/17  
An excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Full-time position. Maintenance and janitorial experience one year minimum required. High School Diploma or GED preferred. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs.; stretch, bend and stoop to adequately perform duties. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

MST Supervisor – SUCAP Peaceful Spirit

Closing date 10/13/17  
In Ignacio, working with families in La Plata and Archuleta Counties. Implement the

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Substitute Cook – SUCAP Head Start

Closing date 10/15/17  
Assist staff in preparing meals for children and adults. Must have a High School diploma or GED. Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, experience cooking for large groups preferred. Must be able to lift at least 30 lbs./pass background checks/willing to obtain food handlers permit. Regular, dependable attendance is a must.

Teachers – SUCAP Head Start

Closing date 10/15/17  
Essential first steps in children's education is our mission. We provide a warm, loving environment to build children's self-esteem and prepare them for school. If you believe in our mission this is the place for you! Hiring now for preschool Teachers, Teacher Assistant, infant/toddler Early Care Educators and substitutes. We offer coaching, educational opportunities and excellent benefits. Take the first step in your career with the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start program.

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.  
**ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE 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

Dispatcher

Closing date 10/9/17  
Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Closing date 10/2/2017  
Professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Family Court Counselor

Closing date 10/9/17  
Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational class for youth in local school system. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Health & Safety Officer

Closing date 10/4/17  
Under the direction of the Risk and Emergency Manager, manages and oversees the planning, design and development of an occupational safety program in order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and to reduce work-related injuries and accidents. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Victim Advocate

Closing date 10/2/17  
Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Water Resources Technician

Closing date 10/8/17  
Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Water Quality Technician

Closing date 10/5/17  
Under direct supervision of the Water Quality Program Manager and general supervision from the Senior Water Quality Specialist-106, performing field data collection, computer data input, and other duties associated with water quality management under the \$106, \$319, and wetlands water quality programs. Grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Boys Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled  
Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Community Health Representative

Open until filled  
Providing assistance in the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally handicapped Tribal members. Provides transportation, health, and health related homemaking services. Performs community health representative duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Pay grade 13; \$12.

Controller

Open until filled  
Responsible for the integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Payroll, Fixed Assets and Contracts and Grants.

Home Health Care Aide

Open until filled  
Under general supervision of the Home and Community Health Services Manager, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. Provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. May include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Human Resources Director

Open until filled  
Under general direction of the Executive Officer, responsible for management of the Human Resources Dept., Employee Benefits Division, and the Health and Safety Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of the HR Dept. and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Dept. Oversees the operational, administrative and strategic management of Permanent Fund's Human Resource programs, policies, and procedures. Ensures recruitment and employment; compensation and benefits; automated and manual record-keeping systems; employee training; employee relations; policy formulation and implementation; and performance development and evaluation programs are maintained in accordance with established tribal and federal laws, regulations, policies, and procedures. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

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 SunUte Rec. Dept. Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay grade 20; \$21.32/hour.

For Sale Camper trailer

2015 Prowler Resort camping trailer, Model: 39BH. Includes 4 leveling jacks, insulated water hose and skirting, \$32,000. Please call 970-563-0209 to make an appointment to see it.

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.

Busser – Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 10/4/17  
Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. 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 and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 14 years old. Preferably 16 years of age. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able read and write at an 8th grade level.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 10/2/17  
Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a HS diploma/equivalency. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Café Cashier – Shining Mountain (Full-time)

Closing date 10/2/17  
Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving any and all foods necessary for the Café kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Café Cashier will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

\*Night Auditor – Hotel (Full-time)

Closing date 10/05/17  
Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers, promotes the Casino hotel to the guest throughout all stages of the guest's stay. Answering phone calls, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled  
Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is

responsible for guest and employee safety on property. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field and acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment. Computer skills preferred. Must be able to work all shifts, nights, weekends and holidays.

\*Multi-Games Dealer – Table Games (Full-time and On-call)

Open until filled  
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

\*Player Development Staff – Marketing (Full-time)

Closing date 10/5/17  
Performs all administrative functions of a Player's

Club Staff, enrolls new members and services current members. Develops and creates a long lasting experience for all Club Card members. Assists all guests' accounts with points, rewards redemptions, daily promotions, weekly drawings and entries. Answers any other questions our guest may have. Maintains a thorough understanding of all player's information. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalency; college degree preferred but not necessary. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a minimum of 2 years' experience in customer service. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) experience preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills.

\*Room Inspector/ess – Hotel (Full-time)

Closing date 10/4/17  
Inspects the performance of floor attendants to assigned rooms, while ensuring that all procedures are completed to the standards of the hotel. Assist where necessary to ensure optimum service to guests. Must be at least 21 years old and have a High School Diploma or GED. Must have 3-5 years' experience as Room Attendant. Prior Supervisor experience preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays and have excellent attendance.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*



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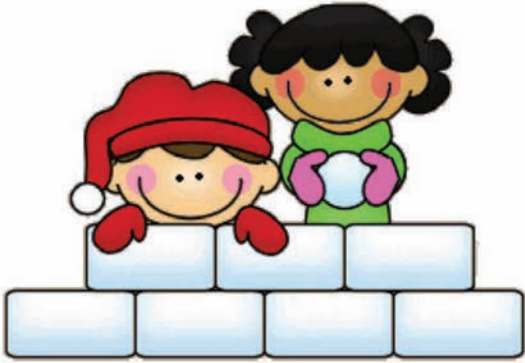
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**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

With the cold season upon us,  
please remember to plug in your

Heaters in your pump houses or water systems area.

Have a safe and warm winter!!



**FREE DEALER CLASS**

**Three Card Poker**

**Roulette**

**Blackjack**

Where: Sky Ute Casino & Resort

When: October 16th - November 17th , 2017

Monday — Friday

Two Classes Offered : 1-5pm or 6-10pm

To register please contact Miali Plentyholes at (970) 563-1872 or

[Miali.Plentyholes@skyutecasino.com](mailto:Miali.Plentyholes@skyutecasino.com)

**All Participants must be twenty- one (21) years of age and have a valid photo ID.**

**LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER**

**Your weekend forecast!**

**Friday, Sept. 29**



**67°F partly sunny**  
40% chance of precipitation

**Saturday, Sept. 30**



**70°F partly sunny**  
30% chance of precipitation

**Sunday, Oct. 1**



**72°F mostly sunny**  
slight chance of showers

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/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring).

**IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL**

**A Bobcat Homecoming**



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Announced as Homecoming King at halftime of the Friday, Sept. 15 football game versus Montezuma-Cortez, Ignacio quarterback Trace Lovelace (11) tries smiling alongside Queen Karely Mendoza (escorted by little brother William Mendoza) while fighting the pain of a seriously injured left ankle sustained minutes earlier. It would soon be encased in a protective boot and Lovelace did not play the second half of a 38-14 loss. IHS' freshman royalty pair was Shelcie Gosney and Dylan Labarthe, with Morgan Herrera and Diego Valencia representing the sophomore class, and Heile Pearson and Joe Herrera the juniors. Named Senior Class 2nd Attendants were Allisianna Baker and Kruz Pardo, with 1st Attendants being Leela Rosa and Marcus Chapman. (It was later revealed that due to a mix-up, Chapman was actually named King and Lovelace 1st Attendant.)



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

The Ignacio High School's sophomore float depicts a boxing match during the homecoming parade, Friday, Sept. 15 on Goddard Avenue.



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

SUCAP brings suicide awareness to the parade.



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Jade Howell and fellow Ignacio Elementary students, await the Ignacio High School's homecoming parade.

**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 PROBATE**

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2017-PR-0099**  
**Tiffany Ramona Box Howe, 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 **OCTOBER 30, 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 25th of September, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No: 2017-NC-0098**  
**Augusta Sammi Burch, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Augusta Sammi Burch has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Augusta Sammi Torres. 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 **5 PM, OCTOBER 2, 2017**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
Dated this 28th day of August, 2017.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2017-PR-0082**  
**Jerry Geronimo Romero, 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 **OCTOBER 2, 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 14th of August, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

**On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**Case No: 2017-0100-CV**  
**Priority Sales and Rentals vs.**  
**Rochelle Heidi Davette Florri Aguilar**

The undersigned are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Money Demand before the above named Court on **December 4, 2017 at 10 AM**.

Kara Cuthair, Southern Ute Tribal Court, September 26, 2017