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## CULTURE

# Ute women unite

By Maria Rivera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute women gathered together Friday, Oct. 13, at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort to discuss various aspects of being a Ute woman. Topics included: obesity, aging, child birthing, menopause and cancer. Licensed massage therapist, Sherry Wells provided the women with a free massage during the conference. Trae Seibel started the conference with an opening prayer and program emcee, Pearl Casias introduced guest speakers: Lynda D'Wolf, Linda Eagle and Sherry Wells.

One of the biggest health issues within Ute women is obesity. More than half of the elders are diabetic. Utes were hunters and gatherers before Europeans arrived and introduced them to salt, flour and sugar. "If we don't control our fat intake we will gain medical conditions such as: asthma, diabetes, eczema and all kinds of diseases," Lynda D'Wolf said. "It's never too late to make those changes, it takes a lot of strength and will." All the chemicals and processed stuff you put into your body will always have a side effect. Beef is one of the culprits of sickness, it is filled with antibiotics before it makes it to your plate. "What we shouldn't eat, should be a priority," said Pearl Casias. Diabetes can be reversed, Christine Sage and Pearl Casias changed their eating habits and now they do not have to take anymore pills.

Within the Ute culture there are many different beliefs regarding different aspects of life, such as



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Lynda D'Wolf (left) and Pearl Casias speak on obesity at the Ute Women's Conference held at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort Friday, Oct. 13.

childbirth. There are many rules and restrictions while bearing a child that some Ute women abide by today. It's harder to follow all the rules in this century where you now have to continue to make a living. "It takes commitment and determination to keep the culture and beliefs alive," Linda Eagle said. One thing a lot of women do is wrap their body after childbirth in order to keep everything tight. "[The hormone] relaxin is released once you become pregnant to relax cartilage and get the body ready for the birthing process," said Sherry Wells. Women should wrap their midsection for 30 days, which is the amount of time you should bond with your child and take care of yourself. The question arose about what women wrapped their bodies in; and back in the day women used wet willows and sheets. It kept the body tight and the organs in place.

Menopause was the subject all the ladies were very interested in and they all shared various experiences they went through. It varies from person to person, some people get extremely bad hot flashes while others

get little to none. Once you hit menopause you no longer have periods and can no longer bear children. To help with hot flashes, drink ginger water or teas almost everyday to help control your hot flashes; in the evening, peppermint and spearmint help as well. During menopause it helps if you have healthy habits, the better your diet the less your hot flashes.

Guest speaker Sherry Wells spoke on health and cancer. She stated that you should eat what you are able to hunt, grow and harvest on your own, as close to what your ancestors ate. Water is essential for good health, it hydrates your muscles, helps with wrinkles, blemish and flushes organs. "Water is the elixir of youth," Wells said. Hemp oil caps are the best source of omega-3s, it eats cancer cells and is great for your organs. Turmeric is also good for your body, it gets rid of inflammation and is also a cancer fighter. Apricot seeds are high in B-17 and fights cancer cells. It's important to stay away from flour, dairy, sug-

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## AIR QUALITY

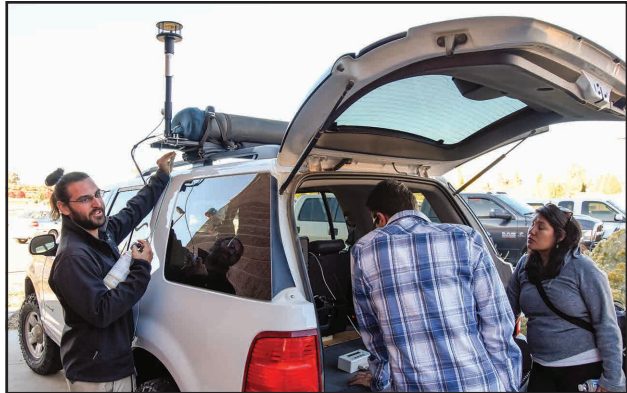
# Environmental Commission convenes in Ignacio

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Air quality was a hot topic during the Environmental Commission meeting held in Ignacio, Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Justice and Regulatory building. The Mission of the Environmental Commission is to oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive and effective program for the protection of air quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Peter Butler was voted Chairman of the Commission, where he will be starting his new position, Oct. 25, 2017.

Updates were presented from air quality monitoring sites, which now include a 'mobile monitoring station' parked at Lake Capote on eastern side of the Southern Ute Reservation.

"From what we have seen since we first started inspections is better compliance from sources as we continue the inspections," Air Quality Program Compliance Specialist, David Heermance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Air Quality Program has outfitted an SUV, dubbed the Methane Ranger, with state of the art equipment, to collect data and spot potential methane leaks within the Southern Ute Reservation boundaries. Since the vehicle is highly mobile, it adds accuracy, reliability and practicality to the collection of methane data in the field. The Methane Ranger was on display following the recent Environmental Commission meeting held in Ignacio, Wednesday, Oct. 11.

said. According to a NOAA and NASA study, roughly 70% of methane detected during the study is coming from south of the Colorado/New Mexico state line; the other 30% was detected on Southern Ute Reservation. Methane is mobile, and can travel great distances from the source. Detection of the gas does not necessarily mean the gas is from the

exact point it was detected. "Methane is their business, losing it is not what they want to do," said Karen Spray, who is currently serving as the Environmental Commission's Chair. Ambient methane monitoring report's values consistent with measurements across the U.S., and according to

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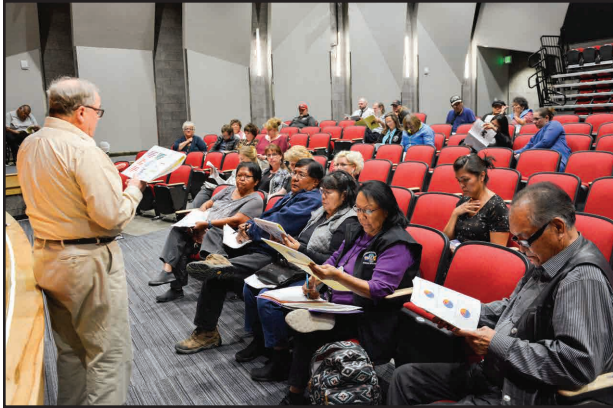
## EDUCATION

# Tribe, School District meet on Indian Policies and Procedures

By Maria Rivera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ignacio School District held a meeting for families and dignitaries to review the Indian Policies and Procedures, and join in a Q&A session, Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Ignacio High School. Employees from the school district, board members, Southern Ute Education employees, Title 6 board members, and a handful of parents attended the dinner and meeting.

The meeting started with an invocation by Chairman Clement J. Frost. Sundance Chief Byron Frost gave the opening prayer, and Director of Higher Education LaTitia Taylor made the introduction. Members of the Title 6, act that protects races from discrimination, were at the meeting to discuss their agenda. They are



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Superintendent for the Ignacio School District, Rocco Fuschetto explains testing scores and surveys for Native American students within the school district, Wednesday, Oct. 18 in the Ignacio High School auditorium.

introducing the program into Bayfield Schools where they will be offering tutoring services within the district, "It's a new program that has never been done before in Bayfield schools," Title 6 Board Member, Darlene Frost said. They are currently in the process of getting tutors and a bus driver.

At the High School level there are 89 Native American students and 34 of them are in advanced placement classes (AP). For the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing Curriculum and Assessment Director,

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Los Pinos Firefighters, Heather Chesser and Kevin Griego work together to test hoses and perform ladder-training exercises on Monday, Oct. 23 aboard Ladder Truck 81.

## EDUCATION

# Los Pinos partners with Higher Education

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Education Department has teamed up with Los Pinos Fire District to implement a one of a kind internship program for Southern Ute tribal members with ca-

reer interests in the field of firefighting.

"It's literally all facets of firefighting," Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Ratzman said. "This is a sponsored, paid position through the Southern Ute Education Department. If the youth excel in this program; ten

years from now they can be a captain, or fire chief."

This is a hybrid program, explained Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, adult education program manager with Higher Education for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe;

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## Fight against cancer



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Montessori Academy gather around Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Alex S. Cloud to let balloons go in prayer, hope or memory of someone fighting cancer at this year's Cancer Awareness Walk held Thursday, Oct. 19.

See more cancer awareness photos on page 4.



## CREDIT COMMITTEE

# Give yourself credit

By Maria Rivera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Credit Department and Committee has helped many tribal members build their credit, give them credit and buy new homes over the years. The committee consists of four members and they give the ultimate decision of approval. Tribal members are offered all their services and guidance for free.

Tribal Credit Division Head Daniel Larson has been working for the Tribe for over a year and has 35 years of experience in finance. He holds an undergraduate degree in finance, an MBA with an emphasis

in finance and is looking to get his Doctorate in Business Administration. He and the committee have been able to help many families get into new houses, build their own and help restore credit scores. "Dan has tribal members best interest at heart, he is not critical and wants the best for our people," said committee member Rudley Weaver.

The Credit Committee is there to help tribal members; whatever their financial needs are. The committee serves as bankers, as well as in decision-making and policy changes. They look at the tribal member's financial situation and utilize their resources to the best of their

ability and judgment to help each member. "It's amazing to see houses approved and they are beautiful and affordable. I've seen young people's drive to improve their credit and I see pride within them, older people too," said Barbara Scott-Rarick.

If you are interested in knowing your credit score, buying a new house on the reservation or a credit loan contact the Tribal Credit office to get started. "To have this opportunity is great and your able to learn about your credit from a professional. Come down to increase your credit rating. You cannot barrow your way out of debt, you have to pay in cash," Weaver said.

## Meet your candidates



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Candidates for Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe: Shelly Thompson, Ula Gregory, Tyson Thompson, Christine Sage, Shane Seibel and Howard Richards Sr., gather at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort to answer questions from the membership, Tuesday, Oct. 24.

## Many Moons Ago



## 10 years ago

A photo was not available from the 2007 edition of The Southern Ute Drum. Look for the Many moons ago, 10 years in the upcoming, Nov. 9 issue of the Drum.



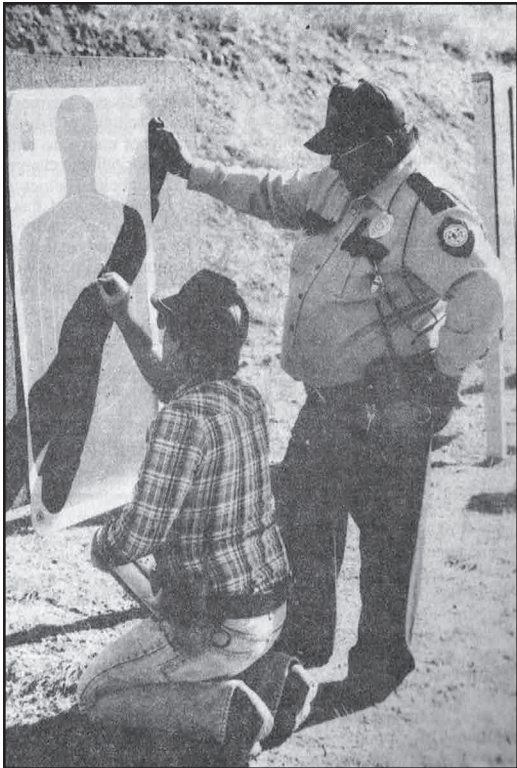
Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Fall is a time to clean and get rid of those unwanted items that you have been keeping around just in case you might need them someday. Ground Maintenance workers Tracy Pena and Roy O'John give this old mattress the heave-ho into the trash pile.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 24, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## 30 years ago



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Southern Ute Police Lieutenant, Elwood Kent observes his score.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 30, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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## 6th Annual Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest

### Geography of the Utes

**Categories:**

- K-1 Grade - Art Project
- 2-3 Grade - Art Project
- 4-5 Grade - Poem
- Middle School - 500-700 Word Essay
- High School - #hashtag Contest

**Grand Prizes:**

- K-1 grade - Fire 7 Kids Edition
- 2-3 grade - Fire 7 Kids Edition
- 4-5 grade - Razor Electric Scooter
- Middle School - Hoverboard
- High School - \$100 Visa Gift Card

**All entries must pertain to the theme.**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is inviting all elementary, middle school and high school students to participate in this contest!

It's a celebration of the life of a honest and highly respected leader, youth supporter and overall visionary for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Deadline to submit all work is Dec. 1, 2017, by 5 p.m. The Southern Ute Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch Building or P.O. Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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

**Contest Guidelines:**

**K-3 Grade**

- Art contest: All forms of art accepted. MUST RELATE TO THE THEME "Geography of the Utes".

**4-5 Grade**

- Poetry contest: Poems must be about:
  1. Colorado
  2. Hot Springs (related to the Utes)

**Middle School**

- Essay Contest - "Geography of the Utes"
- Essay must have a minimum of 500 words.
- Pick one of these Ute sites to write about: Pagosa Springs, Ute Council Tree, Garden of the Gods, Ute Trail, Huerfano, Co.

**High School**

- All questions must be answered in essay:
  1. Where is this site located?
  2. What kind of plants did the Utes pick and harvest in that area?
  3. How did the site acquire it's name?
  4. What year(s) were the Ute's at this site?
  5. Where do the Southern Utes reside today? Explain.
- Take a picture of Ute land past or present with a brief description of why you chose it and how it incorporates Leonard C. Burch: Use **#6LCBartandLit** MAKE SURE YOUR PROFILE IS PUBLIC!





## A royal introduction



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

The new Southern Ute royalty members (left – right), Little Miss Southern Ute, Myla Goodtracks Jr. Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage, and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Tauri Raines met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Tauri Raines and Little Miss Southern Ute, Myla Goodtracks smile before they meet with Tribal Council.



## Makin' pies



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Daisy Bluestar shows her finished pumpkin pies after the pie making workshop held at the Multi-Purpose Facility, Monday, Oct. 16. Denise Thompson taught the program.

## Elders breakfast



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Roberta Scott (left) and Connie Baker enjoy their senior breakfast at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose facility, Friday, Oct. 13.

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ar and corn as much as you can. "Read food labels, the first three ingredients on the list are the ones the products have most of," Wells said. Milk and red meats are filled with poison for your body and are the main causes of diabetes and cancers.

Another big topic in Ute culture is preserving the language. "There are a handful of people fighting to keep

the language alive but there are even more people who show no interest in learning the language," D'Wolf said. The Southern Ute Culture Department provides Ute language classes and education materials for learning the language. There is also a book and an App in iTunes for the Ute language. "Parents need to lead by example, educate your youth, it

gives you and them a sense of pride and belonging," said Miali Plentyholes.

Sherry Wells works at the Sky Ute Casino Spa and offers massage, detox, bio-energy healing, hot stone and cupping as well as answering all your health and wellness questions. "You only get one body, take care of it now before it is too late," D'Wolf said.

## National Endowment Appreciation

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department would like to thank the National Endowment for the Humanities for its longtime support of the Museum as well as cultural activities and events. Proceeds from the endowment allowed the Cultural Department to hold a variety of activities for both our Tribal Membership and the community. Programs such as regalia making, Bear Dance presentations, recording oral histories, the youth culture camp and many more events were made possible by this support.

*Tog'oiak,  
Edward Box III,  
Southern Ute Culture Preservation Director*

## CULTURE UPDATE

### 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.

## 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:**

**November: 7,14,21,28**

**December: 5,12,19,26**

**Subject:**

**Colors**

**Days of the Week & Seasons**

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



## Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner



**Saturday November 18, 2017  
Sky Ute Casino Event Center  
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**The Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members and Immediate family, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members**

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

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



## HEALTH

# Are antibiotics the answer?

By Paige Kapp  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

*“Take care of your body. It’s the only place you have to live.” – Jim Rohn*

The children are back in school, the sun sits low in the sky, and we are spending our days inside. It is this time of year when we gather to break bread and share stories. We share our germs, too. I am here to wish you good health, and give a few pointers to help you stay healthy, and stop the spread of germs that can cause infection.

- Wash hands often. The most important times are after touching your nose or face, after going to the bathroom, and before eating.
- Update your immunizations. Flu shots are now available at the Southern Ute Health Center. They are recommended for everyone over six months of age.
- Stay home when you are sick. No need to share.

- Drink plenty of water. Hydration keeps your eyes, nose, mouth, and skin moist, so they keep germs from entering the body.
- Get 150 minutes of physical activity every week. This helps keep your immune system in tip-top shape.
- Avoid smoking and second-hand smoke. This can put you at risk of getting sick easily, and may slow your recovery.

When you are sick and suffering, medications can help ... sometimes. Antibiotics will only help if your sickness is caused by bac-

teria. Unfortunately most coughs and colds are caused by viruses, and antibiotics don’t help. Taking antibiotics when they are not needed can put you at risk for infections that are harder to treat later. Below is a list of common infections, and what usually causes them, and whether antibiotics can help.

See your doctor if you are sick and have:

- Fever with a temperature 100.4 or higher
- You get sicker after several days, not better
- You have chronic illness like diabetes, high blood pressure, or kidney disease
- Age under 2 years

Bacteria	Bacteria or Virus	Virus
Strep Throat	Ear Infection	Cold
Tuberculosis	Sinus Infection	Flu
Whooping Cough	Bronchitis	Sore Throat
Urinary Tract Infection		
Antibiotics?	Antibiotics?	Antibiotics?
Yes	Maybe	No

## Girls on the Run



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Marissa Olguin, runs alongside Shay Vigil (far left), and Eternity Lucero during the pre-run or practice 5k at SunUte fields on Tuesday, Oct 24. Girls on the Run is a program designed to promote empowerment and inspire girls through running. The participants are also encouraged to discuss topics such as, friendship and treating people with respect. Girls run in preparation for the 5K run at Three Spring on Saturday, Nov. 4.

## Casino raises money for cancer



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

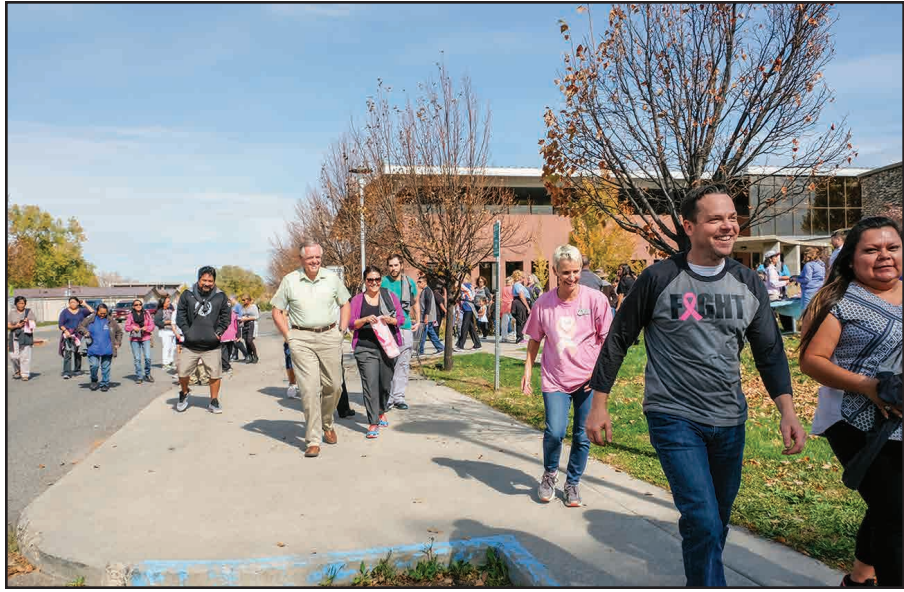
The Sky Ute Casino Resort held its 6th Annual Cancer Awareness fundraiser event, Thursday, Oct. 19. Casino employees and the staff members of the Cancer Coalition of Southwest Colorado (CCSC) stand before a pink ribbon and ice sculpture. The CCSC received the money donated from employees of the casino, who gave money in support of the coalition and the on-going battle against cancer. Donations from the money booth, games donations and matched money, raised a grand total of \$9,426 on Thursday.



Southern Ute Councilman, Adam Red hands Sky Ute Casino Resort Human Resources Director, Michelle Kress his match of the \$390 he snatched up in the money booth.

Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager Trainee, Krista Red tries her hand at the beanbag toss, one of the games set up to raise money during the Cancer Awareness event, as Tribal Planner Admin. Assistant, Sarah Taylor lends support.

## Cancer awareness walk



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Around 40 Employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe along with community members walk to bring about cancer awareness, held Thursday, Oct. 19.

Southern Ute Tribal employees gather and listen to the welcoming speech by Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Alex S. Cloud before the 2017 Cancer Awareness Walk.



# TAKE CHARGE! DIABETES CLASSES

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**NOVEMBER 14**  
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**NOVEMBER 21**  
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**NOVEMBER 28**  
Everything you wanted to know about medications And insulin but were afraid To ask! Paige Kapp, CDE, PharmD



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[casinodirector@suwvle.com](mailto:casinodirector@suwvle.com)





# Students visit Sutherland Farms



SUIMA's infant and toddler classes took the day off of school to visit Sutherland Farms Thursday Oct. 19.



Peyton Pierre-Louis, TJ Taylor and Mary Monte enjoy lunch after the pumpkin patch activities.



Lane Frost enjoys the feeling of the corn in the corn pit at Sutherland Farms, Thursday, Oct. 19.

Photos by Maria Rivera  
The Southern Ute Drum



Landon Miles enjoys the ride at Sutherland Farms.



Sammie Velazquez picks the perfect pumpkin.

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Kathy Pokorney stated that 29% of the students are college ready in language arts. Although the score is pretty low the staff plan on working with the students to better prepare then for the PARCC test. “State testing is here to stay, we have to prepare our students the best we can to succeed at these tests,” says Dr. Pokorney.

This year, LaTitia Taylor now oversees the Montessori School. She has collaborated with Ignacio public schools to make a smooth transition from Montessori into the public school system, as well as doing more testing to understand what it’s like. Montessori will be testing with star reader and math as well as Lexia Learning. The Lexia testing is still in the licensing stage at the Montessori but it has been in the public school. Boces provides services and testing in order to help students that have any type of learning disabilities. The student takes the test and the educators and parents come up with a plan that best fits the student.

“Educators, administration and parents are the most important and play a big role in the plan for each student with learning disabilities,” LaTitia Taylor said. Boces will be introduced into the Montessori School to make the transition easier for the children who have learning

disabilities, so they already have a plan and don’t have to go through another set of tests.

The Southern Ute Career Fair will continue to be held at the High School instead of the Sky Ute Casino. It’s good for the kids, but administration is working on getting more adults to attend. Director of the Upward Bound Program at the University of Colorado Boulder and Southern Ute descendant, Tanya Winder offers programs that allow students to meet with professionals, take college courses, and work for community service. If your child is interested, contact Ellen Baker, LaTitia Taylor, Tanaya Winder or visit the Upward Bound Website. Southern Ute Executive Officer, Ramona Eagle asked “what is the school doing for the kids who aren’t interested in college, such as ROTC or Job Corps?”

“It’s been the push to get a diploma and something else like ROTC, business, culinary, welding or woodwork,” High School Principle Melanie Taylor said. “We are working with the culinary staff at the Casino to give them experience. The more we can get the students into different aspects and environments that they may not have even shown interested in, [the better]” Eric Lancome said.

Ute language is offered at the high school level. There are 15 students in the class, one non-native and one non-tribal member. “Dr. Stacey Oberly teaches Ute language for the Montessori as well as the high school. She also mentors Nathan Winder so he can transition to the public school system [as an educator],” said LaTitia Taylor. With the help of Cultural Director, Edward Box III, they are looking into getting Ute language into the elementary and middle schools.

For the next meeting the staff would love to see more parents attend and hear what they have to say. The Ignacio High School staff will be looking into getting childcare so more parents will have the ability to attend the meetings. Higher Education and the Ignacio School District is also working to bring back the southwest alliance, which is a grant funded program; funding Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Durango, Ignacio, Cortez and Bayfield Schools to bring awareness and resources to build relationships between the schools and parents. “Utilize our staff members for tutoring and resources, we are here for the kids to succeed,” LaTitia Taylor said.

If you are interesting in learning more about what the Department of Higher Education has to offer please contact Ellen Baker.

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part scholarship, part internship. “It’s unique,” he said.

“The committee would interview to see who fit into the program and sign a contract,” Hunstiger said. The contract stipulates that if they do not complete the schooling, or the program, then a repayment agreement takes effect. Thus creating a level of accountability for those who choose to enter the program.

“I think this is good for the community and will focus [the interns] in a positive direction,” Ratzman said. “I want to make sure that people also understand that this is not just for youth.” The program is open to any eligible participant over the age of 18.

The internship has a few basic requirements: participants must complete a background check, have no criminal record, by over 18 years of age and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. There would be seven months of classroom time, which is spread throughout the two-year program. Los Pinos is in turn providing gear, tools and on the job experience. The aspects are hands on training, combined with fieldwork.

The position provides actual real world experience and interns would be an integral part of the team. During weekly shifts, interns would bunk at the firehouse in Ignacio and be ‘on call.’

In 2016, 51 percent of all Los Pinos Fire District calls pertained to Southern Utes tribal members or households.

“It’s important to under-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Firefighter/EMT Heather Chesser, Captain Seth St. Germain, Firefighter/Intermediate, Kevin Griego, and Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Ratzman stand together with Adult Education Program Manager, Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (center) on Monday, Oct 23.

stand what cultural aspects might be tied to this position, based on the community,” Hunstiger said. There are clear advantages to having a tribal member as part of the firefighting community, explained the fire station’s Deputy Chief; Ratzman welcomes the opportunity to work alongside someone with in depth knowledge of the Native American community, and it’s culture.

“Once applicants are accepted into the program, they would be expected to preform like any other employee,” Hunstiger said.

“This is a huge responsibility, the trust of the community and peoples lives are at stake,” Ratzman said, “I want the best fire department we can have.” The team members work together, and earn their place as part of the Los Pinos firefighting company.

The interns, once accredited, could continue their careers in Southwest Colorado, working as EMT’s, paramedics or wildland firefighters. They could go on

to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), apply to work as Federal firefighters, or as Denver area metropolitan firefighters. “That has huge potential in getting a job,” Ratzman said. “Denver alone is currently hiring 600 firefighters.”

The internship program is IFSAC accredited, which is a National accreditation; accepted in approximately 40 states across the U.S.

The program does not yet have a definitive start date, but is set to begin by Jan. 1; immediate enrollment is encouraged. The ideal scenario would be to have six interns at the same time, explained program coordinators, Hunstiger and Ratzman.

“My goal is to catch these kids while they are young; get them into a career that I love and that can help so many people,” Ratzman said.

Contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, Adult Education Manager for more information. Phone: 970-563-2784 Email: jhunstiger@southernute-nsn.gov

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## Sharing pumpkins



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Thank you to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Members: Simon Light, Marcianne Wing, Leandrew Begay, Tyrell Vicenti, Theo Ware, Christian Cohoe and Dejuan Augustine, who brought truckloads of pumpkins and assorted squash to share with Southern Ute Tribal Members.

Jamie Rivera, Jacoby Velasquez and Gabrielle Velasquez pick their pumpkins.

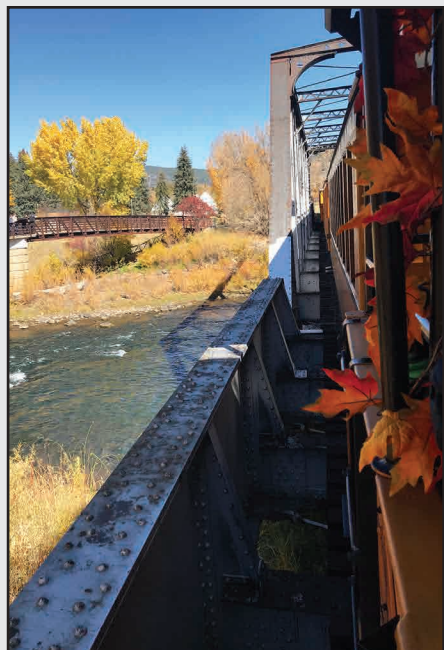


## All aboard the Pumpkin Express



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Aeden Richards smiles at the camera while getting his face painted, during the Great Pumpkin Patch Train Ride, Saturday, Oct. 21, in Durango, Colo.



The Great Pumpkin Patch Train Ride brought families together with ghouls & ghosts for a half day of fun. Even Batman and a Lego ninja made the trip.

Fall colors and the Animas River frame the scenic photo as the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad crosses a bridge in Durango, Colo.

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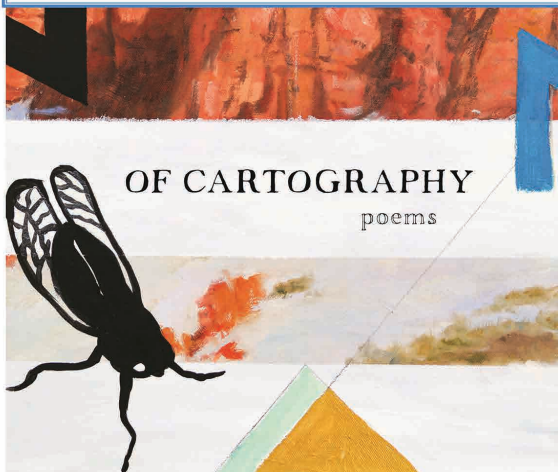
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Environmental Divisions Programs; Division Head, Mark Hutson and Michael Silverstein with the State of Colorado discuss the future of electric cars during the Commission Meeting.

the Commission, Colorado is far ahead of other states in regards to emission control. In an optimistic look at the future of energy, and its applications for business and economy, Michael Silverstein, administration and technical secretary for the Colorado air quality control commission shed light on the future of electric vehicles. He explained that grant programs now exist for the establishment of infrastructure relating to electric vehicles; charging stations for example. Some automotive manufactures have committed to making solely electric vehicles in ten years time according to Silverstein. In order to make that transition a reality, the idea is to get charging stations incorporated near gas stations across every state, which would give “range” to electric vehicles, whether that be funded by the public or the private sector is still to be determined. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has looked into replacing some of the company fleet with electric vehicles,” Environmental Divisions Programs; Division Head, Mark Hutson said. One concern brought forward in the meeting was whether there have been impact studies to the electrical grid, once electric cars come online en masse over the next decade. In short, power plants will most likely increase production to face regional demands, in addition to the growth in both solar and wind energy sectors.

SunUte gets new entrance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Gary Martin of Weeminuche Construction Authority, Towaoc, Colo. works on the front entrance of the SunUte Community Center, Tuesday, Oct. 24. The remodel will replace the existing glass doors with automatic sliding doors, for ease of egress and efficiency. The project is expected to be completed by the week.

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.

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IHS FOOTBALL

## 'Cats add season-ending gridiron opponent

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When John Mall High School decided recently to forfeit the final three games of its 2017 football season, it was an announcement that certainly didn't generate as much buzz as when Glenwood Springs was forced the next week to forfeit not only games already played, but won.

Four of them, to be exact – dropping the Demons from 4-3 overall and 1-1 in the 3A Western Slope, to 0-7, 0-2 at the time. Or in other words, about the same respective standing as the Panthers, who pulled the plug on their own season before facing 1A Southern Peaks powers Monte Vista and La Jara-based Centauri, with an Oct. 21 trip to Ignacio slated in between – leaving the Walsenburg-based program with final marks of 0-8 overall, 0-4 SPC.

But whereas GSHS' fate came as a result of having one too many players in uniform, JMHS' came

about due to not having enough – healthy, and/or at least academically eligible, and/or merely willing – to safely compete.

Though not having the easiest go of things either this fall, IHS – which improved to 3-5, 2-2 as a result of the Panthers' choice – still had hope of taking the field one last time.

"We're trying to get one more game for next weekend," said head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 18, mentioning the site being either IHS Field or even upon neutral ground in Alamosa, "and have that be our Senior Day. We'll see what happens in the next couple days."

Something did indeed happen.

Whereas Glenwood Springs – which passed its first test after having all earlier wins vacated, winning Oct. 20 at Frisco Summit – still had an Oct. 27 home game versus Rifle and a Nov. 3 trip to Gypsum Eagle Valley to finish out its original itinerary,

Ignacio has added a final opponent: Pueblo-based Dolores Huerta Prep.

Winless in eight tries – including a season-opening forfeit to Lyons, presently an Ignacio-like 3-5 overall – with just 28 points scored against a whopping 345 allowed, the Scorpions (0-4 in the 1A Santa Fe) will meet the Bobcats on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Alamosa High for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

"This ... is a pick-up game due to Center dropping its program in August," IHS Athletic Director Rocky Cundiff said Tuesday, Oct. 24, "leaving Ignacio with an open last week."

Sharing Dolores and Ellicott as common opponents with IHS this fall, DHPH had most recently taken a 53-0 Homecoming Week beating from Ordway-based Crowley County on Friday, Oct. 20, inside CSU-Pueblo's Eddie & Neta DeRose ThunderBowl.

DHS had prevailed 39-8, Sept. 15 inside the Dolores Coliseum, while EHS won 61-0 at home on Friday, Oct. 6.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avionne Gomez (10) spikes a ball off the block of Ridgway's Samantha Medina (7) during SJBL road action, Oct. 21 at RHS.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

## Volleycats end regular season one up, one down

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Beginning Game 2 with an overpass-kill, getting Ridgway's Samantha Medina off one service line while putting herself behind the other, Shoshone Thompson – whether she knew it or not – was about to stun a crowd already tucked out from a tense five-gamer the previous night.

What the Lady Demons' fans may not have known Saturday, Oct. 21, was that Ignacio had survived a full pull of their own the night before RHS outlasted Telluride, and that neither the Volleycats nor their own team really wanted to get caught up in another 2A/1A San Juan Basin League endurance test – no matter how thrilling.

Having seen Ridgway's Jessi Miller, one of four seniors playing their last home match, serve the home side out to a 7-1 lead in Game 1, Thompson dissected the Lady Demons with five service aces – including two sent senior Hadassah Gates' way and one targeting soph-

omore Michaela Messer, Gates' replacement – in almost singlehandedly staking the visitors to a vicious 10-0 start.

"It was crazy! Coach Cano was telling me where to serve – I just went where he told me to go – and everywhere ... it was an ace, a shank, or whatever!" said Thompson. "I don't know how ... but it was really exciting."

The only problem was it didn't last.

In much the same manner as IHS managed to claw back into Game 1 – tying the score at 15 after Thompson aced junior Hannah Waggoner twice and then sophomore Adli Gates (replacing Waggoner) – RHS rallied to tie Game 2 at 18-18 and use the comeback to prevail 25-23 with sophomore Emersyn Gentry acing senior Avionne Gomez.

"It's not a fun place to be in," Ridgway senior Hunter Gentry said, of her team falling prey to Thompson's precision. "But we fought back really hard and did end up winning – pretty close, but that just shows that our team's willing to

fight for it. So it was a good game for us."

And a match-changing game as the contest played out.

For even though Ignacio again started fast, taking leads of 5-1 with Gomez acing the younger Gates, and 10-5 with freshman Charlyze Valdez smacking an untouchable ace through the net, the Lady Demons countered with a crucial 10-0 run capped by an Emersyn Gentry ace akin to Valdez's.

"I think that was probably hard; I know that it's happened to us, for sure," said Miller, assessing the impact of both RHS comebacks from the other team's perspective. "So I think we really showed that we can come together and work: Put the ball down, get the pass. Even though we might be in our heads a little bit, our team comes together as a dynamic and ... pushes one [point] at a time until we get it."

"We ... tried to fight," Volleycat senior Caitlyn Mulcahy said. "A lot of times we kind of just end-

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## Cancer awareness



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Robin Duffy-Wirth talks about the seriousness of cancer and the effect it has on the community during the FLC Soccer meet and greet held Thursday, Oct. 19 at the SunUte Community Center.

Amanda Jacket (right) receives a gift for her niece, Kera Madril, who is currently fighting cancer. The Skyhawk soccer team gifted individuals battling cancer during the meet and greet, Oolcu Buckskin received a soccer jersey and ball on behalf of Margaret Hummingbird, and Yvonne Velasco represented Jocelyn Dutchie with a jersey and soccer ball.



## Wolverines on to post season



Joel Priest/SU Drum

Playing this fall for Bayfield High School, Ignacio's "Pepe" Loya (20) forcibly dispossesses a Bloomfield, N.M., JV player during Oct. 13 action at Mesa Alta Junior High in Bloomfield. The Wolverines won the match 8-0, then blanked Intermountain League rival Crested Butte 1-0 on the 16th, and edged arch-nemesis Telluride 3-2 in overtime on the 20th – securing the program's first postseason appearance in 12 years. Given the #21 seed in the 32-team Class 3A State Tournament bracket, BHS (12-3-0, 9-3-0 IML) was to first visit #12 Delta (12-2-1, 6-1-1 Western Slope) on Thursday, Oct. 26, with the winner then advancing to face either #28 Vail Mountain or #5 Denver Science & Tech – Stapleton. Loya scored one goal during regular-season play.

## Volleycats dominate the court



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Middle School's A-Team took to the volleyball court, dominating to win the San Juan Basin League championship, Saturday, Oct. 14. The Ladycats defeated the Telluride Miners in two games and the Dolores Bears in three games. Eighth grader, Grace Gonzales gets air for the spike against Dolores.



Ignacio Middle School, Eighth grader, Avaleena Nanaeto's aggressive play at the net, denies the Telluride Miner in action. The Bobcats defeated the Miners in two games.

Eighth grader, Alexis Pontine gives the smack down, in the final game against the Dolores Bears. The point, helped earn the Bobcats the championship in the San Juan Basin Middle School Volleyball League.





JV'ers come back to win



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio JV players Karely Mendoza (10) and Izabella Howe leap to block Ridgway's Emily Medina (8), Oct. 21 on the road at RHS. After losing the first game by a 25-23 margin, an unusual call on what appeared to have been the final point – initially scored by the Lady Demons – in Game 2 allowed IHS to regroup and nab a 27-25 win, then follow it with a 17-15 win in the tiebreaking Game 3.

VOLLEYCATS END SEASON • FROM PAGE 8

ed up, like, giving up or not focusing or not playing as a team. So that was our fault. But we played really hard and so did Ridgway, which is a lot of fun to play.”

A Mulcahy back-row kill brought the 'Cats back to 16-15, and after another Emersyn Gentry kill rebuilt the Lady Demons' advantage to 19-16, IHS fought back to 20-19 via an ace by sophomore reserve Bella Pena. Ridgway again answered and recreated a three-point pad, but the guests crashed it back down to just one, 22-21, after Valdez scored with a tip and then another unplayable serve.

“We get those lags and it's hard to come back, but we're doing a lot better,” said Hunter Gentry. “And just learning how to keep pushing, keep fighting and wanting to win is where we need to be at right now.”

Having taken Game 1, 25-20, and then the wild Game 2, RHS closed out a difficult sweep with a 25-21 Game 3 win, the final point coming when Gomez sent a cross-court spike just wide.

It was almost the same play as that successfully ended IHS' Senior Night (10/19) grinder versus Manco, when Gomez – whose back-to-back-to-back aces ending Game 1 had the Lady Jays reeling – smacked a Thompson set to finish off a 25-15, 24-26, 18-25, 25-20, 15-9 victory.

“We're still figuring out how to, like, connect with each other,” Thompson said, “but Avi and I connect really good, you know. She has really good hits ... off of any set, actually.”

Gomez and junior Misty Egger-Morris each totaled four kills against MHS (5-13, 3-11 SJBL), while sophomore Makayla Howell decked five as Thompson distributed 15 assists. Opposite number Emmalee Asnicar, however, logged 32 as junior Morgan Rose downed ten kills and sophomore Magdalena Halls nine.

Rose also came up with 14 digs for a double-double, while Halls (11 digs) came close. Sophomore Isis Jaime (7 kills) led all players with 21 ups – more than doubling Howell's IHS-best ten. In addition to totaling six aces in just 15 serves, Gomez came up with eight digs and Egger-Morris five, while Howell (5 aces) registered four solo blocks. Pena came off the bench to place three aces.

“It was so emotional for all of us since it's our last home game,” said Mulcahy, recognized alongside Thompson, Gomez and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Charlize Valdez (6) sends a shot over Ridgway's Hadassah Gates and Hunter Gentry (5) during SJBL road action, Oct. 21 at RHS.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Leela Rosa (left) offers her Senior Night bounty to parents Bobbie and Daniel during player recognitions Oct. 19 inside IHS Gymnasium.

Leela Rosa from the varsity (Allisianna Marquez-Baker was saluted in absentia), as well as JV members Gabrianna Creason, Karely Mendoza and Chamisa Edd.

“It was a lot of fun, and way cool to also win that ... and really be a team. It was a special moment.”

“That game was really good; we worked together as a team, finally knew how to mesh,” Thompson said. “And I think overall we did a good job against Ridgway; it was three close games, and we're still learning.”

Against RHS (13-5, 10-3 SJBL), Mulcahy landed six kills while Valdez registered five. Gomez and Egger-Morris were each held to three, while Howell was held to just one. Thompson finished with nine aces in her 22 total serves, while Valdez and Pena each totaled three.

In vying for a triple-double, Thompson also had nine assists and 12 digs. Valdez came up with 13, Howell 12, and Gomez eight – indicating none of the Lady Demons' kills, or even points

in general, came easily.

“It was hard,” said Miller, also discussing Ridgway's 20-25, 25-22, 25-18, 23-25, 15-11 home win over THS the previous night. “Our passing, we've found, is one of our biggest struggles as a team, so we really ... had to get our heads together; little mistakes happen, but let's overcome that and put it down!”

“We definitely need to fix, like, getting the free balls to the setter, letting the setter set us, and then putting the ball down right away,” Mulcahy said, noting a similar point of concern. “And just kind of focusing as a team.”

“If we have a free ball, we need to put the ball down,” concurred Thompson. “And our serve-receive, we need to work on a little bit. But other than that ... our serves are great, our hits are good.”

Which certainly bodes well for Ignacio (8-11, 7-6), minus sophomore Morgan Herrera in both matches, in the Dolores-hosted 2A-District 3 Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Skyhawk's dance and cheer



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Kataleya Pena, Jaelyn Alston, Amira Montoya, Kieley Whitethunder and McKenzie Swanemeyer perform the danced they learned for the FLC cheer and dance camp held at Fort Lewis College, Oct. 10-14.

Fort Lewis College cheerleader, and Ignacio Bobcat alumni, Shannon Meastas leads the little cheerleaders in a cheer during the FLC homecoming game.



YAFL 2nd graders win division



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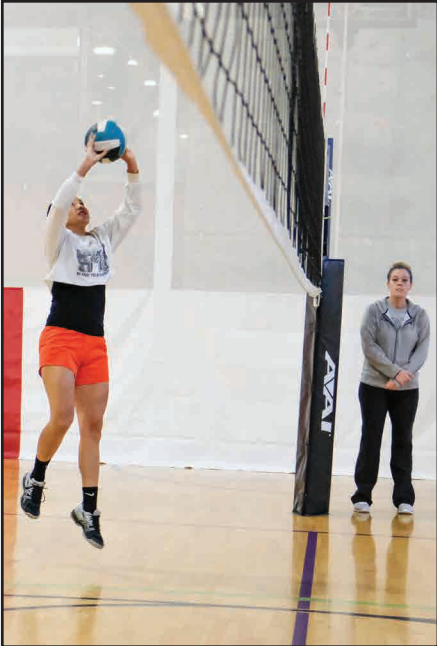
The Durango Youth Football, second grade team, won their division, defeating the Aztec Tigers, 7-0, Saturday, Oct. 21. in Bloomfield, N.M. Good job Demons!

Co-ed volleyball fills SunUte



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Courtney Baker-Silva gets low to set the ball up for Tasha Herrera to get the kill, on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at SunUte's Co-ed Rec Volleyball games.



Maria Rivera goes up for the set to send the ball over the net at SunUte's Rec Co-ed Volleyball League held Wednesday nights in the SunUte' gym.



Tasha Herrera bumps the volleyball over the net to get the point for her team, Smack That, on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at SunUte's Co-ed Rec Volleyball games.





# Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 31st- November 16th



The Boys and Girls Club and the PR Department of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe are collaborating again for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our goal is to help provide families in our community, with a Thanksgiving meal. Your non- perishable food donations can be dropped of at one of the following locations:

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# October Community Yard Sale

Sunday October 29, 2017

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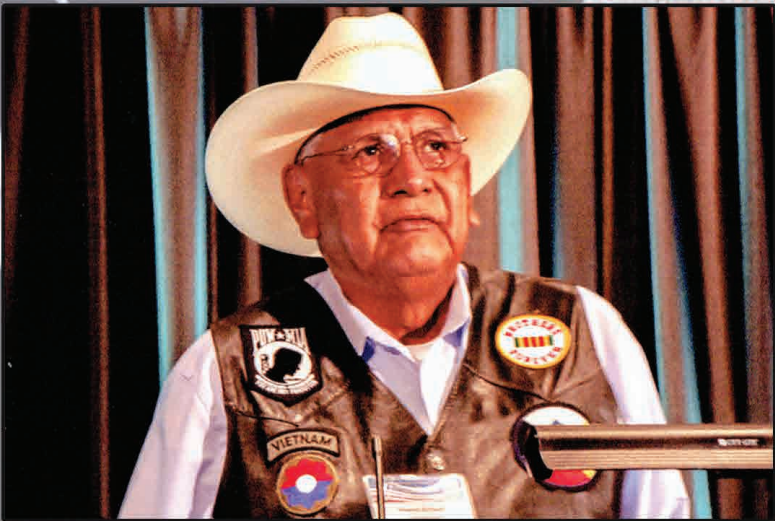
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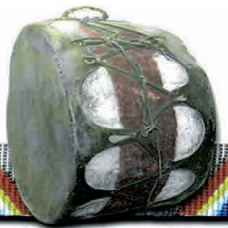
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# 2017 Southern Ute Indian Tribe ELECTION



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Christine Baker-Sage  
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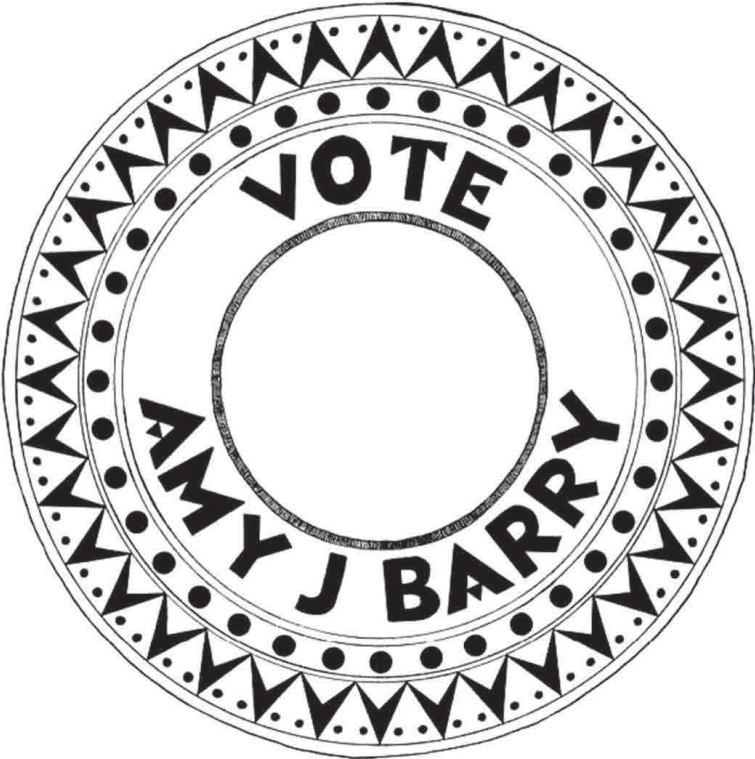
Dedra White  
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## 2017 General Election

Friday, November 3, 2017  
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SunUte Community Center, 290 Moache Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137

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

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Notice – Vote for Two (2)

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- ☐ Yvonne-Tree-Davis
- ☐ Matthew J. Box
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- ☐ Dedra White
- ☐ Cedric J. Chavez

NOTE: THE CANDIDATES(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY  
NUMBERS OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.



# 2017 General Election: Chairman Candidates

## SHELLY L. THOMPSON

Mique my fellow Southern Ute Tribal Members,

I am Shelly L Thompson and I am running for the position of Chairman within our Tribe. I would like to introduce myself. I grew up here in Ignacio and Fort Duchesne, Utah and in my late teens, twenties and early thirties I lived between Ignacio and Towaco, CO. I played sports for Ignacio Schools and in the community and I started working for the Southern Ute Tribe when I was 14. I quit to attend school in 1998 but continued to work temporarily or part-time as needed with Tribal departments while attending college. I earned, with a lot of hard work, my Associates in Criminal Justice, Bachelor's in Political Science, Master's in Social Work and Doctorate in Law. While obtaining my education I also completed internships at various agencies and Tribal departments that include, Mercy Medical Center, Southern Ute Head Start, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Southern Ute Legal Department and Native American Rights Fund, also known throughout Indian Country as NARF. Once I returned to the Southern Ute Reservation, I begin working for our Tribe again. I have worked in all departments of the Southern Ute Tribe with the exception of Housing, Construction and Project Management and Culture. I also own two business, one is an oil/gas well service and the other is grant writing for other tribes.

There are several reasons I am running to become Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe and the most important is that I want to help my fellow membership in having our Tribe supporting us and putting us first. I sometimes wonder if our Tribe has forgotten us and that is where my thought of let's GET BACK TO BASICS, TRIBAL MEMBERS FRIST was born.

My goal when I started school was to ensure that I used my education to help the Tribe in all ways possible, but especially to help Tribal members in their life. Along with having a book education, I also have an education that you can only get by going through hardships and heartaches in life, that along with living on the three Ute reservations, I saw and went through many hardships which helped expand my empathy, compassion and hard work to get through the toughest times in life. This last type of education is what is most valuable because if you have not been through a hard time in different areas of your life, you have cannot empathize with those who have had their lives turned upside down in a second. You also learn that you do not want others to go through what you have, so I will speak up for Tribal members, I will fight to ensure that policies are followed, I will insure that Tribal member concerns are listened to and a response is given in a reasonable time. I have a heart that is strong for our people, Southern Utes, and with my strong heart comes the ability to stand up against anyone who is harming our people in any

manner, whether it be by policy, actions and lack of action.

I will touch upon some issues that I see, as a Tribal member, that we need to deal with as the Southern Ute Tribe to ensure a better future for us and our children.

**Accountability** – when our leaders and employees are not accountable to our Tribal members, we become weak as a Tribe. When we are weak as a Tribe we are unable to properly care for our membership. Accountability ensures that Tribal members are receiving the best support, encouragement, care, and protection because we as a Tribe have the responsibility to provide these rights for the membership. Lack of accountability has many negative consequences such as wasteful spending, inequality, division of membership, and the most important liability.

**Equality** – we are all Tribal members, therefore we should all be able to receive the same benefits regardless of where we live. We also have to ensure that the services received are for all and not some. Creating a division amongst the members only adds to the limitations we put on each other. Lateral violence is a way to keep us fighting against each other instead of looking at the real issues facing our Tribe today.

**Culture and language** – in order for us to identify as Ute, we have to act and speak Ute. If we do not do this, we will lose our identity as Ute People and risk the loss of our status as the Southern Ute Tribe. This is probably the most important issue facing us as a Tribe today and will continue to be an issue until we can create a lasting program that preserves our language and our cultural traditions not just our cultural activities.

**Elder care** – besides our children our most important resource is our elders and how we treat them indicates the type of people we are. Right now, we throw them a bone, meaning money. We do not check on them regularly, we do not check their home to ensure it is safe, especially those that live alone, we do not show them we value them, we do not ask for their expertise, which is life as a Ute. There was a time that our elders were held with high regard within the Tribe, but that has changed. We need to create programs or update programs that enable our staff to visit and provide care for our elders. When we began to get money back in 1999, a letter was sent to the membership and in that letter, it stated that elder money would never be touched and it would continue to grow. Well that is not the case today, it has been decreased which I see as disrespecting our elders because we, the Tribe, made a statement and we are not following what previous leaders put in place. I believe we need to take a look at what their income should be and make it right.

**Veterans** – the Tribe offers many services to its members, but it seems that

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## SHANE SEIBEL

Hello relatives, family and friends

I am Pino Nuchu and my name is Shane Seibel I greet you in a good way. Creator has blessed us with another beautiful day to be alive.

I humbly ask for your support on the position of Tribal Chairman in the upcoming general election on November 3rd 2017. I am ready to serve the membership and be an advocate for transformation of our tribal organizations. I have a plan and platform:

1. Hiring freeze on all non-emergency jobs within the Permanent Fund and implement a Cost benefit analysis for each department by the Executive team.
2. Introduce new opportunities for the Growth Fund to increase revenue and job opportunities for Tribal members and community members.
3. Provide professional leadership and accountability.
4. Move the Elder's dividend to the Restricted Fund along with tribal employee 401k's.

I stand for the youth and those that have been abused and taken advantage of through sexual assault, drug and alcohol abuse.

I am voice of action for the tribal members that live off the reservation to be included in the benefits that are made available to tribal members living on the reservation.

I stand up for the native women of our tribe. I have coached High School Basketball for 20 plus years and the last 5 years I have mentored and coached the young ladies of our community, empowering them with a safe environment to be their best.

As a native Ute man it all starts with the woman. I was born from my mother Lillian Seibel and I was blessed to be raised by strong and courageous grandmothers Ruby Garcia Taylor and Euterpe Taylor. I also married my best friend Melanie Box Seibel ... she shared with me the importance of responsibility, spirit, and the true meaning unselfish love. These blessings has transformed me into a Ute Native man that encompasses compassion and true strength...that honors the Mother Earth and Creator.

Today presents many challenges and I am ready to offer my experience and professionalism. I have built and managed many projects on and off the res-

Tyson Thompson did not submit a Chairman's candidate statement for publication in the Drum.

YOUR VOTE!

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YOUR VOICE!



ervation including:

- Main sewer infrastructure for the Tribal campus and Ignacio
- One of the first Southern Ute Lease operators for Red Willow production company
- Installed 30 cisterns for the upgrade of clean water for tribal families.
- Managed the construction of the Growth Fund building, Museum and Three Springs.

As a leader character counts I am a college graduate from the University of Phoenix with an Associate's Degree and Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management from Fort Lewis College. Over 20 years of expertise in general contracting, oil and gas, land development, and real estate management. 8 years in executive management positions, including senior vice-president of operations for the Growth Fund Real Estate Group. 5 years owner and vice-president of ONE Enterprises LLC, a small minority owned business (8a) specializing in earth restoration.

I believe that we all want Quality of Life, to be healthy and happy.

I am ready to go to work and represent the Southern Ute Tribal membership with professionalism, courage, compassion, and strength.

The time is now to vote for strong leadership to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Thank you  
Shane Seibel

## ULA GREGORY

Hello to all Tribal Members,


My name is Ula R. Gregory I am a candidate for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairwoman. I am the youngest daughter of the late Naomi Rabbit Lopez (Ute Mountain Ute) and the late Virgil Eaton Red (Southern Ute) I identify myself as a Full-Blooded Half Breed. I have four children Sheila Nanaeto, Tim Ryder, Jake Ryder and Erica Howe (a gift from my sister before she returned to the Earth Mother) They have blessed me with Fifteen grandchildren whom I love, and I enjoy being a part of their lives. I kept my last name Gregory to honor my late husband Michael (Mic) Gregory. He helped me raise my children to be who they are today, and by sharing his knowledge of life with all of us. He was a good man. I am a graduate of Ignacio High School, an alumnus of Pueblo Community College and Southwest Indian polytechnic Institute with an Associates of Art degree.

I entered this leadership race in hopes of opening your eyes to the facts that you can achieve anything you put your mind to doing. When we as Ute people unite anything is possible, if we agree to get together and talk about the things that bother us. I will say this to each one of you. "We are in desperate need for a chairman or woman who will put the Ute people first, who will speak with kindness and understanding. A Ute leader who will have no fear of intimidation from those who believe intelligence or wealth makes them powerful. To be a qualified leader you must put all your personal views and assumptions of a Tribal Member aside and look at the facts, listen to them, see the appearance and the frustration to describe their dismal situation and even if they yell

or cry you as a leader must allow them to do so. Treat a tribal member with dignity, ask them to take the time to compose themselves. Your kindness and words are the true strength a leader should possess. Then make your Decision on what you witnessed and then respond to their situation. Make time to research and help that individual or the Ute people. Stop taking the word of your advisors who chase the money and quick to respond to the people as an asset in the business world and request you make your decision, "For the good of the people" remember the ancestors who fought and gave their lives to protect our gifts from Creator the water, air, land, natural resources and the Ute people. You the Tribal membership will elect me or another person to right to give direction to the Council to protect you and your family's safety, health and well-being. I will put the very old and the very young first, for they are true spirits that's why they need help to live on or to return to the Great Spirit. As Chairwoman I will commit my life for three years to open the eyes of the current Tribal Council and to keep you the membership informed on decisions that will affect you.

*Technically speaking* the Self Determination act states we can determine our futures and allows us to sell our allotted lands. Provide shelter, Food and clothing health, and the means to support the families through education or employment. On paper it reads well all the assistance we receive is adequate for us to live, work, and to support our loved ones. we can sell our land, water, and resources." It gives us no guarantee of a future, "once you sell your

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STRONG-CARING-COMMITTED-LEADERSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

# SHANE SEIBEL FOR CHAIRMAN

PLATFORM:

1. INCREASED TRIBAL REVENUE (THROUGH NEW EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE OWNED BUSINESSES & CREATION OF NEW TRIBAL INDUSTRIES)
2. CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING (REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING, PRODUCE A COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT & INSTILL PROFESSIONALISM AND EFFICIENCY FOR A STREAMLINED GOVERNMENT)
3. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY (I AM COMMITTED TO DO MY BEST TO BE HEALTHY IN MY MIND, BODY & SPIRIT)
4. CHARACTER COUNTS (23+ YEARS OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN GROWTH FUND ENTITIES, 20+ YEARS COACHING & MENTORING OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH, HUSBAND, FATHER & GRANDFATHER)





# 2017 General Election: Chairman Candidates

## HOWARD D. RICHARDS

Greetings,  
My name is Howard D. Richards Sr., I am a candidate for the position of Tribal Chairman in the upcoming general election. I am asking for your support and vote November 3rd, 2017. I will continue to address waste-ful spending in this year's budget across the board, I.E: **Permanent Fund** and **Growth Fund**. There needs to be accountability in all the tribe's finances [Transparen-cy]. As your Chairman it's my function to hold all staff accountable.

There have been concerns from the membership access to the 2 funds and casino, with a strong Chair-man these issues can be addressed which includes our Tribal Member Health. Our criminal justice system needs to be addressed, I.E: **Tribal Court, the South-ern Ute Police Depart-ment and Tribal Rangers**. Reservation maintenance,  
• Repairs of reservation roads.  
• Range needs to be iden-tified:  
Fences replacement & repair, Stock ponds and springs need protection, re-placement and repair.  
• Erosion of our Tribal Lands  
• Creation of an endow-ment fund can and should be created for the East Side Reservation.  
Growth fund need to il-lustrate a plan for reclama-tion of the westside where natural gas has been done.  
The above needs and will be done, our Creator has given us all this wealth for our membership that has come from Mother Earth. It appears that we've forget to take care of Mother Earth.  
• Completion of our Youth Services building that is



to house our Boys and Girls Club and other pro-grams that deal with our youth. There has been resistance for Tribal De-partment on this cause; monies have already been allocated for this.

- Consider possibilities of contracting function of the Southern Ute Agen-cy. Dialogue needs to start happening with the Southern Ute Agency's.
- I am asking for your vote ad support for the Chair-man of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in this upcom-ing General Election on November 3rd, 2017; for the above reasons and the following:
- **Proven Leadership**
- **Former Councilmember**
- **Former Vice-Chairman**
- **Former Chairman**
- **Assisted in the develop-ment of the Financial Plan and Health Bene-fits Plan**
- **Knowledgeable of Tribal Laws and Tribal Codes**
- **Worked with present Tribal Administration**
- **Will always work to meet the needs of the Tribal Membership**
- **Honorably Discharged Combat Veteran**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Howard D. Richards Sr.

## CHRISTINE BAKER-SAGE

My fellow Tribal mem-bers, Migue'  
On November 3, 2017, we are all going to vote for Chairman and two Tribal Council seats. Your vote is important that's why I would appreciate your vote for Tribal Chairman. Like I stated before I am a serious Tribal member, a strong Ute woman, and caring for all my member-ship. I feel that I am high-ly qualified for this very important position and so ready to start the challenge as Chairman of the South-ern Ute Indian Tribe if I am elected. I am not in this election for money issues for myself I'm here for my Tribal membership.

There are many issues that need attention, but the main concern is to get the respect and assistance back to the Tribal members that has been lost. I want to take this time to say a big "Thank you" to the mem-bers that attended my Meet & Greet dinner, the issues that you, the Tribal mem-bers are dealing with and felt comfortable informing me of these issues. I enjoy hearing your concerns and plan on taking time to as-sist you with these issues. The Tribal members that assisted with the food, and my family for all the sup-port with setting up, taking down the items, THANK YOU!

Here is my platform, "To give the Tribal admin-istration back to the Tribal members" with this I mean show the members respect,



concern, and the assistance that they are asking for. Go by the proper processes, mainly our Tribal Consti-tution this is the law of the Tribe. I strongly read, and ask questions with what I am presented. If I see some issues that are not going to benefit the Tribe or the future of my Tribe I will question these issues to the fullest. All these issues per-tain to the elders, the mid-dle aged, and the younger generations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. All Trib-al members should and will be treated equal nobody's better than anybody, we are all equal.

So really I ask of you the membership choose your leaders wisely don't make mistakes by voting for those who are not capa-ble of accepting these great challenges as your Trib-al Chairman and Council members. VOTE CHRIS-TINE BAKER SAGE FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN!

Thank you,  
Tavuchu-Tugwaiyak  
Christine Baker Sage

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## ULA GREGORY • FROM PAGE 12

birthrights you can never replenish them".  
Many of you have spo-ken to me of the health care provided by HIS or Health services. Its appalling to find out a wealthy nation can't or won't find a way to help pay for extra health supplies required to live. Accidents happen, and physical therapy is good for recovery but there is no guarantee you will receive it until you are complete-ly healed. Addiction to prescription drugs alcohol and heroine is at an all-time high on the rez. When you're an elder, physically or mentally challenged, or healing from addictions, there should be NO guide-lines to interfere with your medical treatment expens-es because they don't apply to the Health Care policies and procedures. choice to say no to western medi-cine and using traditional ways such as Sundance, sweat lodge, the Native American Church, or ho-meopathic medicines and supplements. I would like to get CBD's legalized on our reservation mainly for the children, they don't need to be drugged to help them live. CBD's are made from various strains of the Hemp plant, they do not contain THC which alters your state of mind. Differ-ent Cannabinoids are made into medicine for cancer, diabetes epilepsy, atten-tion deficient. We live our

lives divided and under the policies and procedures of the corporate world. Many of you whom I have had contact states the issues concerning the Health care for the elders' is negligent and poor because home care is provided through contract caregivers who assume they know what an Ute Elder is. Do any of you go and visit with an elderly person in their homes and take some food, tobacco and see how they approach obstacles in their daily lives? Listen to their childhood days of growing up, the good or bad things they did and to keep their personal, tragedies to your-self and learn from them.  
Education is a main con-cern of mine because with-out a Diploma or a GED you are destined to work in the service department of any business unless you further your education. Today I question the Mon-essori academy, where are all the First Nations teach-ers and teachers' aides we were promised years ago our Human resources can't or won't find them and hire them? I am not satisfied with the Ignacio School System as I have accom-panied parents who were not satisfied with the actions taken regarding their child and bullying. The principal responded by embracing a restraining order and stat-ing, "I love these things". students get the resourc-

es needed because they have attentive parents who stress a good education or good role models in their lives. What about our Ute children who must live with the stereotype enigma placed on their parent's de-cades ago. When will our students get counseling and guidance in the school system from native people who know the trauma these children are going through. They become the children who cause trouble, or be-coming introverted, turn to drugs and alcohol or speak of suicide.  
I have witnessed the uni-ty in tribal employees who quit their jobs due to Hu-man rights violations. all tribal employees must face the Administrative griev-ance committee with all your evidence to prove your innocence. That committee was put into action by the council in 2014, because our council says they "wish to not deal with its tribal membership." The com-tee leader is on a six-year contract for how much money? I believe we are paying for another lawyer. What do you think.  
The good neighbor policy must go. In my time com-munity meant the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. Today community means anyone who wants our mon-ey and our inherited ances-tral birthrights our people have protected for hundreds of years. We the Ute peo-

ple must come together and agree on the value we place on our own lives and put the money second. human rights from our leaders. We are kept divided by techni-cal terms used by those who want all we have. It's time to say no and ask our lead-ers for the things we need to make our people comfort-able regarding our standard of living and quality of life besides the money. Such as Child Care, Social Services, Housing, Corporate rules are not written to provide the necessities a wealthy Ute Nation deserves. Ex-ample: snow removal will be initiated after 6 inches of snow. I have foot deep snowdrifts I bonsai through every winter.  
Technically I have seen and lived a similar life be-fore in the 1970's no Long hair for the boys or they couldn't play sports, no Na-tive American youth orga-nization, no eagle feathers worn at graduation, until a few of us spoke up for equal rights to express ourselves and be proud to be Southern Ute people.  
Remember this win or not, I will be the same person you have grown to know, and I will still try to see a smile on all your faces.  
My name is Ula R. Greg-ory I WILL LISTEN TO YOU, I WILL SPEAK FOR YOU, I WILL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU.  
Have a Good Life!

## THOMPSON • FROM PAGE 12

one group tends to get less, which are the veterans. I have heard from several Tribal members that they have submitted their infor-mation for acknowledge-ment from the Tribe with a constant, well we cannot find your information, can you send it again. This type of behavior gives nega-tive light to the Tribe and should have consequences. Also, veterans are eligible for services outside the Tribe and someone should be available to assist Trib-al members with these ser-vices, not sent to Durango or have limited office time.  
**Health care** – we spend an enormous about of money on health and there are two things that we as the South-ern Ute Tribe need to look at to determine if changes are needed to provide good quality care as well as keep-ing the costs down. The first, is to analyze data to see what doctors our Tribal members are receiving care and if pos-sible contract those doctors to come to the Southern Ute Health Clinic to see their pa-tients. This would allow for us to control the cost through the contract but enable our Tribal members see the doc-tors they need. Second, deter-mine the level of descendants to be served at the Southern Ute Health Clinic, meaning do we continue to serve the 4th, 5th and 6th generation of Tribal members and see what the cost is associated with providing health care to those individuals.  
**Employment** – we need to provide support, en-couragement and opportu-nities for employment to our membership. This also means becoming creative in ensuring our membership is working. This could be part-time and shared/flex times because occasionally the reason Tribal members are not working is because they are unable to commit eight hours a day and 40 hours a week to work. The reasons could be based on care of family members, illness, disability, etc. We should not discriminate against any Tribal member who wants to work. We also need to ensure that Tribal members are giving the support to succeed, not to fail, along with giving opportunities to Tribal members to see their fit and passion.  
**Tribal members living off reservation** – those who run for office always talk about those who live off the reservation, but there is not any follow through. I have personally lived off the res-ervation and know the frus-tration of not being able to receive the services as those who live on the reservation or have the phone answered and not receiving any feed-back. One in particular is housing. We need to do bet-ter by updating policies to in-clude those who live off the reservation, including allot-ments in the Tribal Housing Loan Program. There should not be a division, which only helping those on tribal as-signments create, nor should Tribal members receive more than the others.  
**Review and update pol-icies** – there are so many old policies and policies that affect Tribal members nega-tively by which we live and run our government. It is time to update the policies to ensure Tribal members are receiving the best care, ser-

vices, and safety. Things have changed over time and we have to make sure that our in-terests are first and foremost. There needs to be review to see if changes are needed to promote the health and safety of the membership.  
**Membership** – I have an idea, which remember it would have to pass Tribal Council in order to happen, so it is only an idea. That is to have a registry of the descendants. This registry would include information that contains, the usual de-mographics such as name, date of birth, address, etc., but it would also include who the other parent is, the names of other Tribes they belong whether they are en-rolled or not, and what oth-er nationalities they are. We already give part of this in-formation for descendants to be seen at the clinic, we would just add more infor-mation and readily have it available if needed.  
**Tribal member respon-sibility** – I believe we all have a responsibility to our Tribe, it is not only our leaders' but also ours. I want a place where Tribal members will have a place to voice their concerns, be-cause only you have your voice and know your sto-ry best. The concerns you have could be one that af-fects the Tribe as a whole or individually, it could concern waste seen by the Tribal member, or it could be a compliment for an employee who has given exceptional service to the membership. I also want this place to share ideas with my administration so we can discuss, in a posi-tive manner, whether it is viable. These ideas could be to provide better com-munication between a de-partment(s) and the mem-bership, an idea for job opportunities, ideas for pre-sentations to our member-ship or youth, ideas about how to preserve our lan-guage and culture, and the list can go on and on. We are the voices of the South-ern Ute Tribe, we are the ones who feel the effects of the all the policies, all the employees, the services we receive, and the services we could receive.  
**Solution based decision** – I want all solutions to be the basis of discussions be-ing held with my adminis-tration. Without solutions, we will continue to have the same issues over and over, and we have lived for too long with the same issues. It is time for action to resolve these reoccurring concerns.  
My intention is to be the Chairman who you feel comfortable to approach as well as my administration with any issue, good or bad, and have the confidence that it will be handled with care, accountability with all those involved and a response in a timely manner on the out-come of the concern with a solution. Tribal members are most important and should be first to receive a benefit which includes a ser-vice from the Tribe, not be thought of after everything is gone. My promise to ev-ery Tribal member is to GET BACK TO BASICS, TRIB-AL MEMBERS FRIST.  
Thank you for your time and your vote to put you first.  
Vote Shelly L Thompson, Southern Ute Tribal Chair-man.



## 2017 General Election: Council Candidates

### AMY J. BARRY

Mique,  
Nunei nia Amy J. Barry,  
Nunei nuu-nia Puuchii-vi.  
I am seeking re-election to  
Tribal Council on Novem-  
ber 3, 2017. Nugat capote  
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chi-u wa. Nunei pia-n (p)  
Marge Barry. Nunei mua-n  
Ben Barry. Nunei caqxa-ci  
Preston Barry. Nunei tog-  
hochi-n Preciliano Barry.  
Nunei kaguchi-n Jeanette  
Joy Barry. Nunei kunuu-  
chi-n William S. Thomp-  
son. Nunei whchiichi-n  
Grace Rock.

I have worked for the  
Southern Ute Tribal Gov-  
ernment for 20+ years, the  
latest role as your Tribal  
Council member success-  
fully building relationships  
with families, individuals  
and employees within the  
Tribal community during  
my tenure as a Tribal lead-  
er, a former Co-Executive  
Officer with the late Chair-  
man Newton's Executive  
team and longstanding  
tribal government employ-  
ee. The relationships built  
during my tenure on Trib-  
al Council along with my  
colleagues, have continued  
to strengthen our commu-  
nication and advocacy with  
Government Officials on  
the Local, State and Na-  
tional level for the better-  
ment of the people.

My platform today is  
the same and remains sim-  
ple – to be the Voice of the  
Nuuciu, no promises. As  
a Council member, you  
are one vote and you must  
work with your colleagues  
to create results. Commu-  
nication between the Trib-  
al Council, Tribal Chair-  
man, Tribal administration  
and the people must be  
strengthened to serve the  
membership effectively.

A unified Tribal Council  
ensures membership is re-  
ceiving a quality education,  
quality mentorships, quality  
healthcare, quality services  
and competitive wages for  
jobs that are reasonably  
attainable according to  
**Article VII., Section 1 in  
the Southern Ute Indian  
Tribal Constitution.** Trib-  
al Council needs review  
policies with the entities  
and work with the Chair-  
man and his administration  
to MANDATE change to  
core services based on the  
need of the people, not just  
the need of the tribal gov-  
ernment while streamlining  
the budget. Measurable ob-  
jectives and initiatives must  
be documented and shared



with membership.

My continued efforts will  
be to continue to advocate  
for a youth facility that  
will address the education-  
al needs, physical activity  
and healthy lifestyles of  
our young people via SUIT  
BGC, walking paths, skate  
parks and/or motocross  
venues to promote positive  
tribal community interac-  
tion listening to the youth  
voice rather than dictating  
their needs. **Revive culture  
by contributing and lead-  
ing the charge as leaders.**  
We must all take ownership  
of our identity and foster  
cultural education amongst  
our own families, in the  
home and utilize our tribal  
culture department. **Tribal  
Health** is a vital component  
to sustaining our existence  
and identity. If our health-  
care is not a priority, we  
will not exist. Specialized  
care has been identified for  
chronic care, PT, Massage,  
Pediatrics and acupuncture  
within our Southern Ute  
Health Center. The Tribal  
Health Benefit Plan has also  
been enhanced based on  
the demand of specialized  
services. A comprehensive  
study of our health resour-  
ces must be done to ensure  
we are providing quality  
care at marginal costs.

**#4 Financial Plan** - Im-  
plement education of the  
Financial Plan, the history,  
and what the intent was. Al-  
though financial prosperi-  
ties have blessed this Tribe,  
the evolution of the finan-  
cial plan continues. Tribal  
Council must be account-  
able leaders of the Perma-  
nent Fund, Growth Fund  
and Casino and become  
engrained in the practices  
of all three tribal entities by  
enforcing quality manage-  
ment at the top level.

It is time for the young-  
er generation to now take  
the next step, become in-  
volved with your destiny.  
**Vote for your voice,** who  
is that leader that car-

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### YVONNE TREE-DAVIS

Tribal Members,  
I stand for the following:

- Employment and the changes in policy that will remedy the termination of Southern Utes and other natives within the permanent fund.
- Housing repair and construction services are important divisions within the permanent fund. I feel that these divisions need an increase in bud- get for materials as well as, additional employ- ees to meet the demands of all members. Policy needs to be changed to fit the needs of the peo- ple without the present constraints and divisions among the people. I would like to see consis- tent contracts for home building and infrastruc- ture accomplished by native owned businesses.
- I would like to see a hir- ing freeze and analysis of necessary employees for each department thus keeping in mind an over bloated government that needs to be brought back to essential positions and employees within reason for a tribe of 1509 mem- bers. Allocation of fund- ing to departments that clearly service the mem- bership vs. no or minimal service provisions. Con- struction services and housing would then gain funding while taking un- necessary spending from over bloated divisions.
- I would like to see the membership have more say in policy that effects the members by utiliz- ing a democratic forum through their vote. The process of changing pol- icy for each department to fit membership need

should be the right of the people to have a say in what affects them.

- Healthcare is essential to the membership, I feel that we need to aid our mem- bership in healing whether it means family support in house, while traveling, aiding a family member in getting to and from a doctor's visit to provide support. This is necessary while someone is under- going severe health issues in order to get better.
- I believe Council and its members need to be re- sponsible and account- able for their time and what their mission is. A three-year commitment to the membership to create change for the betterment of the tribe is good but what is the final outcome? What is achieved during that time? We cannot con- tinue to place our faith in leadership that continues to take from the tribe with no progressive change in lifestyle or advancement of the people. I've heard council members say that they are determined to create change for the many vs. the few. We all belong to the tribe, all of us are members, if you will work and advocate for the many you will also affect the few. We need to unite at this point and to work for the progression of the tribe as a whole and to stop separating us one from another. Because as long as we are willing to see each other as an en- emy. We are willing that our counterparts continue to run us, take from us and exploit us.

Respectfully,  
Yvonne Tree-Davis



### MATTHEW J. BOX

**Good Day Pino Nuche Citizens :**), I humbly request a moment of your day to ex- plain why I am a Candidate for The Southern Ute Tribal Council and share my plat- form for doing so. Thank you in advance for your time.

**Perspective:** Grandpa onced asked me, when I was young, a question like he al- ways did before giving me something profound to think about. He said, "Grandson, would you say that having those braids is what makes you Ute"? Of course I said "yes", as I pulled on them and said "these braids let the world know who I am". He wasn't smiling, as I was, when he said "No grandson, being Ute is not how you look to other people, but rather, how you look to the Creator". In other words, it's how you live your life. He went on to further explain "The Ute way of life is how you wake to greet our friend, the morn- ing, grateful for the blessing of being able to breath the air, walk amongst creation and live as Utes live". Lastly, He said "The Ute way of life spans the generations and all of time, no matter how tech- nology or the world changes. The Ute way of life is not only to help us in our own individual journey, but also the leaders and Southern Ute Nation as well."

**Application of Culture:** Grandpa later asked me, "Do you think that just because the times have changed we are not able to give back and hon- or our people like the warriors of long ago, who hunted buf- falo, risked life and then only took the bone marrow as the rest of the people survived with the warmth of the hide and nourishment from our relative the buffalo"? I said, "I don't see how we can be like those days of the past and those days are gone". This time he smiled, chuckled and said "Feel blessed grandson for you are a Ute and Utes survive as a people". He said, "Similarly to the warriors of the past, we Utes figured out quickly that the battles of to- day will be done with a pen and not a bow, pike, shield and arrow, but that doesn't mean they are useless tools." He told me, "If we under- stand the purpose of those tools, we can still provide for our people".

"Grandson, you can be a warrior and give to our be- loved people." He said, "Use this example: the warriors of long ago knew the buffalo was



necessary to provide a good healthy quality of life for the people and much more." He continued with: "What would that be for the people today?" He said, "Answer that ques- tion and then go hunt it for them and bring it back to the people, but remember, you do this for them and not yourself, so you may have only a cer- tificate of graduation, which I would say is similar to the healthy bone marrow each warrior was able to nourish themselves with, for the next hunt".

Today, I can close my eyes and still hear my grandpa tell me so many of these things. I also can hear his voice tell- ing me helpful things he nev- er mentioned. I've done my best to live a Ute way of life. Of course, I'm not Mahatma Gandhi or claim to be some spiritual leader or prophet. In times I have had to pick myself up to get back on the red road. But I tell you these things not to preach that you should do these things or live this way. I love all people for the part of creation that is in each and every thing and it is not for me to tell anyone how to do anything. I do this, so you may know what makes me tick, who I am, my guiding principles and what I would be like as your Coun- cilman.

Every decision a Tribal Council makes is easily start- ed with, how does this affect or effect all the Tribal Mem- bers in a way that is due all other Tribal Members? Is it good? Is it bad? What should it look like to benefit the many and not the few?

There are many issues worth dealing with, but here's an example of how we could apply our cultural teachings to any issue. The true en- emies of our world are anger, hate, greed, lust, and even drug abuse. Today it is meth. The Tribal leaders have the power to impact this greater than most communities, who suffer the terrible losses and

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# MATTHEW J. BOX

## FOR

# TRIBAL COUNCIL







# 2017 General Election: Council Candidates

## CHERYL A. FROST

Hello All,

My name is Cheryl Ardena Frost and I am a tribal council candidate in the 2017 Southern Ute Tribe General Election. Thank you Southern Ute Drum for this opportunity to say who I am, to explain why I am running for Council, and why I think you should vote for me on November 3rd.

First, for those who do not know me, my parents are Stanley Reed Frost and Shirley Ardena Red Frost. My paternal grandparents are Andrew Frost and Bertha Norris Frost and my maternal grandparents are Bird Colorow Red and Nana Eaton Red. My paternal great-grandparents are White Frost and Theodosia Frost (Andrew) and Anna Norris (Bertha); and, my maternal great-grandparents are Joseph Colorow and Caroline Colorow (Bird) and Peter Eaton and Mary Riley (Nana). In my DRUM write-up two weeks ago, I said my great-grandfather is Nicholas Eaton – he is my mom's uncle. I attribute this mistake to my mom but she will say it was my fault for not listening to her.

My sister is Vivian and my brother is Vernon. I have two brothers who passed on, Byron James Red, Sr., and Michael Andrew Frost and one nephew, Manual Myore, Jr. My nephews are James Red, Byron Red, Jr., Devin Frost, and Cameron Frost; and, my nieces are JoGenia Red, Kelsey Frost, and Marysa Frost. I have five great-nephews and three great-nieces. My sisters-in law are Alice Red, Joyce Frost, and Wahleah Frost. Two of my nephews are married and their wives are Charlotte and Klarissa.

The second most important detail you need to know about me is, I am a single, never-married Native American woman with no children. Yes, I am a cultural phenomenon but rest assured, my very non status is absolutely intentional. It was my choice and the choices I made, I set for myself at a young age.

Third, I have no campaign platform. I have no promises to make and I make no deals with or for anyone. I will not set a definite timeline to accomplish goals and I have no desire to compromise my



personal value.

Ultimately, I am running for Tribal Council because I am tired of sitting on the sidelines, looking in from the outside, and wondering how tribal decisions will benefit not only me and my family but all tribal members. Quite honestly, 89% of the time, I do not feel represented. And, I get it.

I understand that per the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council is the governing body on the reservation, authorized to make decisions that affect us all. I know the Chairman is the official speaker for and the governing leader of the Tribe. Still, I want my voice to be heard. I want to be asked my opinion and I think it important that once tribal members are elected to political office, they remember to ask us for feedback. Not just when policies are being changed or when each council member has their own constituent dinner.

Next, please Tribal Council, do not have meetings that keeps tribal members at a safe distance, where questions are censored with a timeline for no debate or elaboration. Give us a voice as much as we give you a voice.

I am tired of complaining about a political system that seems to award the bad behavior of a few tribal members while the rest of us are expected to continue to allow the shortcomings of the few. If the tribal government has policies, then please follow them. Also, the changing of or approving policies that punish tribal members for expecting departments to do their job, is unjustified. For those departments and personnel who consistently bend the rules or make decisions contrary to service to the tribal membership or who support the needs of one or a few members,

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## DEDRA WHITE

Maykh Pinunuuchiu.

Nunay nia Dedra White. Nunay nuunia 'Θawhichi.

My name is Dedra White and I live on the reservation in Durango, Colorado. My maiden name is Dedra Millich. This is my statement as a candidate for Tribal Council. I hope that Tribal Members will vote on November 3, to cast their vote for me in the election because I will **“Fight and do what is Right”** for each and every Tribal Member. I will stand behind these words because I was one of the petitioners that worked diligently for the Tribal membership to be able vote for the rest of the Sisseton Funds. In a history making election, you the membership came out and voted for what was right. So, together, (Tribal Members and Petitioners) we worked together to bring about change. If elected on Tribal Council, I will have that same passion and drive that I used on the petition, to make the changes needed in both the permanent and the growth fund. I want to increase the benefits, programs, and monetary distributions for both on/off reservation members: to increase our standard of living and the quantity and quality of life for all Tribal Members.

I ask you, Southern Utes, do you want a change or not? If you want change, then vote for Dedra White. Together, we can work toward the changes that we need as a Tribe.

I chose to run for Tribal Council because of my continued dissatisfaction with the government. I am completely appalled by the systematic division of the people, the loss of benefits or programs that directly help members, the “firing” and “not hiring” of qualified tribal applicants, the discrimination of certain groups of tribal members (allottees and assignees), the constant problems with IHS/clinic, and a bloated government with a budget of 93 million for 1,510 people.

### The Present Budget

At the last general meeting for the Tribal Members, the tentative budget was revealed at 93 million dollars for a membership of approximately 1,510 members. It was also re-



vealed at a Bluestone (HR consulting firm) meeting with Tribal Members that more than 65 million of last years budget was spent on just the employees, that included 1) salaries, 2) benefits, 3) bonuses, 4) increases in pay. I am guessing that the total for this years' budget for employee salaries and wages is 70 million. It is an approximate that of the total employees 602, 124 is tribal.

One of my main concerns is a budget of 93 million for 1,510 tribal members. So, as tribal members we are receiving approximately 35% of the tribal budget, while the employees (I'm not talking about the Tribal employees) consist of approximately 65% of the budget. Do you believe that you (as a Tribal Member) are receiving the kinds of benefits from a 93 million dollar budget? LaPlata County's budget is approximately at \$76.9 million for FY 2018. The approximate population of LaPlata County is 51,334 people (based on 2010 census).

I want to downsize the government by at least 40% and pass on those savings to the Tribal Members through programs, benefits, and increased monetary disbursements. Some of the savings could be used by the Permanent Fund to invest with the goal for more

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## CEDRIC J. CHAVEZ

Greetings Southern Ute Tribal Membership,

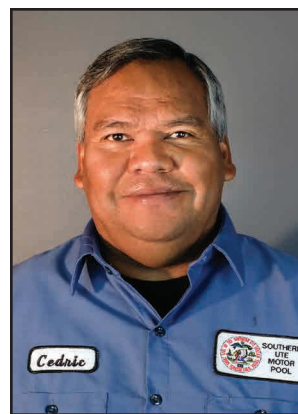
My name is Cedric J. Chavez and I am running for a seat on your Tribal Council. It is with great humbleness and respect that I am reaching out to you, The People of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I bring myself before you to ask for your vote and for your support to help bring a change to the path our government is on. We currently see less involvement, less information, and less accountability to the Membership from the Tribe and I would like to see that change!

I have the Membership in mind while running this campaign for a Council seat. Because like you, I have been waiting a long time for changes to occur that affect our Tribe in a positive manner. Changes that will continue to lead our Tribe into future prosperity for The People of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Changes that bring equality amongst us and bridges our divides so we as a people can work together to better ourselves, our families, and our Tribe. Simply put, we would like to see a change that makes The Southern Ute Indian Tribe responsible to us, its Members.

The Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe grants the Tribal Council and the Chairmanship “whole power”, “...to administer our Tribal affairs, to preserve and increase our Tribal resources.”, for the direct benefit of the Tribe and its Membership while exercising its right to govern itself.

That being said. We, the Membership, need to ask ourselves the following questions:

- Is the Tribe currently working to preserve and increase Tribal resources to directly benefit the Tribe and its Membership?
- Who is making the decisions that affect the Membership?



- Is the Tribe exercising its oversight on the Growth Fund?
- Is the Councils budget reduction going to affect the Membership more than it affects the Tribal government?
- Who is benefitting from Tribal ventures and what information to the success or failures of these ventures is being passed on to the Membership?

As Members of this Tribe we deserve answers. Not only to these questions but to all the questions we have. We are looking for transparency from the people we have put in place to manage our affairs. We are not looking to be called down or ignored. We are looking for and hoping for an open government!

We have been led to believe that as Members, we have no power. I can tell you now that we do have power! We have the power of our vote! From the vote that accepted our Constitution to the vote that passed the recent referendum. It was a vote that showed the power of the people for the people!

I encourage you to exercise your right to vote in our elections and to be a part of our government. Be heard! Together, we can be the change that we are waiting for!

I thank you for your support and I look forward to serving you!

*Respectfully,  
Cedric J. Chavez*

## Dedra White For Tribal Council



*“I will fight and do what is right for all Tribal Members!”*

*As your Council Woman, 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 and off of the reservation.



**Vote for me on November 3rd, 2017**

Call 970-759-1192 for more info.

# VOTE

## Cheryl A. Frost

# for COUNCIL

**Independent**  
**Funny, Resourceful**  
**Determined, Reserved, Imperfect**  
**Mighty, Well-Traveled Ute Woman**

### BREAK BREAD WITH CHERYL!

Please join me for conservation and dinner  
Monday, Oct. 30, Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building

Conversation – 4 to 5 PM  
Dinner and Questions – 5:30 to 8 PM

“Collaboration is key – Let us work together”

*Sponsored by the Cheryl A Frost Family*



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## CHERYL FROST • FROM PAGE 15

they need to be accountable not just within their departments, but all the way to Human Resource action, if necessary.

I am tired of complaining about the fact that for each tribal employee, two tribal members could be serviced by that one individual. We are a small tribe and I cannot understand how we have this astronomical fiscal budget? I remember back in 1999, the budget was roughly \$34M. The Council was conscientious back then. Now, we are at, what, double that amount? Triple?

It is concerning when Southern Utes are not hired for jobs within our own tribal government. I know how this feels. I am college-educated. I have work experience. I am a former Records Manager in the Tribal Information Services Department. From the time I resigned that position and was re-hired as the Benefits Coordinator at the Clinic, approximately two years went by with no interview for any of the other jobs I had applied. It is hard and extremely difficult to swallow your pride when your own tribe will not grant an interview or hire you for any number of reasons. All you can do is keep trying and hoping. Sometimes, that bitter pill is all you have along with faith and perseverance.

The tribal member medical benefit plan is helpful but troublesome when medical bills seem to not be paid by our plan carrier. The PL 93-638 governance the clinic operates under is confusing for many people. Scheduling appointments at the clinic and the hiring of permanent staff especially M.D.s has been troublesome. The refusal by some tribal members to not schedule or no-show appointments at the clinic or refusing to go to urgent care or refusing to find their own provider, choosing instead to go to the emergency room during business hours, causes high costs for the Tribe to pay. Maybe, tribal members should be responsible for co-pays if refusals or no-shows continue. Unless you are personally paying into a health care system, it is not insurance. What we have is a benefit plan the Southern Ute Tribe pays for each enrolled member and it costs money.

I currently work in the Tribal Health Department as a Benefits Coordinator. Prior to this position, I briefly worked with the Tribal Credit Program. I have worked with the Indian Health Service as a Medical Records Technician, Patient Registration, and Program Assistant.

Whether November 3rd

is my time to be on the Tribal Council or not, I am keeping the faith that the membership will vote for the best individuals. As a Tribal people, we need folks on the Tribal Council who will work effectively, productively, and without any thought to their own or their family's personal benefit. We need those tribal members who are unafraid to speak up and out and who are unafraid to ask questions. Individuals who will do their own research independent of the documents laid out in front of them. One cannot take for granted information contained in a document will always be factual and without error.

As a tribe, we have survived by helping one another. History proves this statement true. Our collective survival as individuals and as a Tribe depends on one another.

If you feel that I meet your criteria, then I ask for your vote. I would appreciate your support; but, in the end, vote your conscience. Vote for the individual or individuals you know will do the best job possible, thinking of our collective benefit, and who will make a positive difference in all our lives.

*Thank you.  
Cheryl A. Frost*

## MATTHEW BOX • FROM PAGE 15

issues that come from this enemy. Yet, some whom are entangled or addicted to meth are our people who we love and care for. This a very tough discussion. Regardless, being Ute is not lying on one's back like a turtle in the hot sun helplessly. It makes sense that the outer circle of meth is a "no brainer". The Tribal Council could ban, from the reservation, non-members whose presence may be found to be injurious to members of the tribe. (Article VII (g)) and set up a public web record of those individuals for the people to see.

Granted, I have questions I'm debating in my mind's mind about how will we lovingly save all those who are members and ask myself, "what would grandma and grandpa say or do?" But also, "what would the Ute way of life's teachings advise us in dealing with those other questions?" This is just one example we would not want to turn a blind eye to.

**Tribal Member Employment:** I envision another segment of the Growth Fund, separate at arms length from the Growth Funds requirements of rate of return, but with the same due diligence. Created with provision to not harm the big work engine "the Growth Fund". Please know this, the Growth Fund engine and what it is expected to provide for us does not work with cheap no-lead or shawdy preventative maintenance. Unfortunately it is not currently setup to provide discounts, services, or anything that mitigates the rate of return resolution nor liabilities needed to protect the Tribal Government, but I believe this segment or entity of the Growth Fund could be competently established to enhance the quality of community life, employment and preferably water and gas services the membership requires.

This segment, mentioned above, is similar to the business models of the Growth Fund, but it's only focus is in business that are beneficial towards the reservation, which may seem risky for such a smaller rate of return, but hear me out. Something like 10-12 percent for overhead may work. But let's consider, some of those endeavors could provide more than 10-12 percent like, like a community hospital or FDIC banking establishment. Why do I see this growth for the community? There are two reasons:

The first is this creates more employment than the three entities that exist today, thus creating a diverse working field with diverse human resource policies (think about that). Additionally, focusing at the community will create a healthy quality of life and I can see that a healthy community is a strong community.

The second reason is paramount, because we cannot control the environment we have faced in the chipping away of our sovereignty, nor the elimination or self-sufficiency pendulum of each president we see. Instead, we should focus at being self-sufficient though our sovereignty. Being a country for our tribal citizens. Being self-sufficient in our agricultural produce and our members energy needs. (I have great ideas on this subject, which starts at every homesites energy needs and minimal reliance on the grid.) Being self-sufficient in our health care with preputial sustainability and levels of service you only see at the Mayo Clinics or Children's hospitals around the world. This would also include our Justice system with updated Civil codes and enforcement powers of a sovereign nation (this is complex, but if you act and have core competent/ethical laws, like a democratic free world power, then it's hard to argue that you are not). Encompassing the above strengths the sovereignty of our nation for the future generations while enhancing the health, wellbeing and quality of life for our people now, today.

This builds to my platform. Everybody has great ideas and thoughts in determining what is the best for us all, but to navigate and apply that into a fruition is not so easy. We are humans and can argue or be personal. I tend to think this is what we signed up for, and disagreements will happen. It is best to find the end of the debate and get on to the resolution. If I could say my platform in a simple statement, I would say: Working together is the means necessary for the sustainability of the financial plan. Additionally, the nation building must go on with the ability to provide sufficiently the quality of life the people benefit from to date (both in revenues and services), but in a manner that remembers who we are and how none of that will matter if it does not incorporate our cultural teachings of history, and wisdom blessed to us by the creator through grandma and grandpa. Blessed to us through our Ute way of life.

Why do I believe in my platform and ability to do good work for my people? Because I ask the questions while in meditation. Because I actually have a desire within to wordsmith, to insure the words in policies and ordinances are not abused nor inadequate. Because I care for us as a people and our survival as a nation. Because I value the meaning of what I say and saying what I mean. While out of office, I have picked myself up and went into the workforce of the Administration to experience the disconnect of Council and the Administration in the field, so to speak. I have continued to be for the people and someday, when my braids are all white, I will go out to pasture, but that is not today. I humbly request your vote for election to the Tribal Council. I have the energy and love to stand fast for my people. I promise to keep the focus with my platform, our lands, and tribal citizens on and off the reservation. In the words my grandma taught us: "Let us be aware, be good to one another."

In closing, I wanted to demonstrate off the top of my head, how I would say all of the above in a resolution of the Tribal Council, it is as follows below. ***Please note it has not been through a legal review and is only drafted as an example of my abilities to speak "Tribal Council".***

## AMY BARRY • FROM PAGE 15

ries that through? **Let me help,** let us **become involved,** let us **continue to mentor,** and **let us have a chance at demonstrating the younger generation is capable of compassion, humbleness, mind-**

**ful decision-making and the ability to represent the people into the next generation.** We need to become one people, to mentor one another, to let the past and negativity go. Lead by example for the

Southern Ute leaders of tomorrow. November 3, 2017, vote for unification, vote to make a difference, vote for a voice, and vote to re-elect Amy J. Barry.

*Tavuchi Togoiaik!*

## DEDRA WHITE • FROM PAGE 15

individual capital growth for the Tribal Members.

I am concerned that Tribal Members living off the reservation do not have access to many of the benefits that Tribal Members have whom are living on the reservation. With a reduction in budget, the Tribe could increase benefits for those off reservation.

There is a saying, a nation will be judged on how they treat the youth and the elders. I want to see our elders have more of a voice and have their wisdom used in Tribal Council for decision-making; the Elders Committee needs to be reinstated. Also, an allocation of revenue that is used for the elders' dividend needs to be secured in an endowment, protected from use by the Growth Fund.

As a candidate I will work to revitalize and preserve the Ute language. As a Tribe we need to revitalize and preserve the Ute Language by using the fluent speakers to create curriculum, videos, apps, and other materials to ensure the protection of the language. I was instrumental in creating Ute Language 101 approximately five years ago. I am in a small group of committed students who are starting their sixth year. In the many years of studying the language, I'm still not fluent, but I continue to speak. I want to encourage the Southern Ute people to learn Ute, despite any negativity directed at them for trying. The Ute language was given to us by the Creator, and the spirit of this language is struggling to survive.

The youth have many opportunities and their futures should be secured. It is my intention as a candidate to ensure that the elders and youth are protected. They are both vulnerable populations. As a candidate for Tribal Council, the youth will remain important in programs, especially in education, with special attention on the Southern Ute Montessori School.

Tribal Employment

I have seen the HR Department have tremendous problems with retaining and employing Tribal Members. There needs to be more accountability and assessment of the policies and procedures to ensure that Tribal Members have the "right" to fill positions within the Tribe. I will ensure that the recommendations made by Bluestone Consulting to increase the performance of the Human Resources be implemented.

Tribal Housing and Tribal Credit

Tribal Housing continues to be an important issue. I want to work with Tribal

Members both on/off the reservation to ensure that all members have equal access to housing and housing loans. The current policies encourage divisions of the Tribal funds between on reservation, off reservation, and allottees.

All Tribal Programs need to identify all policies and procedures that are not fair to one group of Tribal Members, all programs and procedures should be based on equal access for everyone.

The Southern Ute Health Center and Health Department needs to be seriously assessed for continuous issues and problems. There is a lack of continuity of care for the members, especially for those with chronic and serious conditions. Again, we have to listen to the members and have the resources to create an incredible health department.

I have the utmost respect for all the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and I am committed to making the Tribal Members number one. The Creator has blessed us with a beautiful reservation, with a bounty of natural resources, and with economic prosperity; and as members of the Tribe this incredible wealth needs to be used for the membership.

*Uvus Agha  
Tuvuuchi Toghoyaah*

RESOLUTION NO.2017-xx

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
October 22, 2017**

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975, and August 27, 1991, to act for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1(e) of said constitution states specifically that the Tribal Council may enact ordinances and codes to protect the peace, safety, property, health and general welfare of the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the members of said Council recognize the culture and history embodies "the Ute way of life"(Ute way of life), which is respectful of all living things, the water, resources of the land, the ceremonies and the well being equally due all members of said Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is paramount and indicative that said Ute way of life be applicable in the decision making process discussed in worksessions and archived Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, intentional or unintentional discard of said Ute way of life applicability is unacceptable in the final draft of any resolution, policy, or code brought before the Tribal Council for their consideration of approval or enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges the core values and known ways of our peoples and the Ute way of life applicability is not meant to hinder, delay, or excuse the need for affirmative required action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hereby approves the utilisation of our Ute way of life in discussions, meetings, policies and enactments, to insure the spirit of the Tribal Constitution and the heart of our people remains into perpetuity for the future generations and hereby embraces the Cultural teaching that the Ute Way of life is applicable to the past, present and future generations, regardless of the changing times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

This resolution was duly adopted on the XX, day of XX, 2017

Mr. Chairman  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that there were (XX) of the regularly elected Southern Ute Indian Council Members present at the above meeting at which (XX) voted for, (XX) against, and (XX) abstained, it being a quorum and the above resolution was passed. The Chairman not being permitted to vote in this instance due to a Constitutional provision.

Ms. Recording Secretary  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council





## STARWHEELS

*Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"*

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

BRIGHT BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU SCORPIO! The winning trinity for November consists of the SUN, VENUS (after the 7th) and JUPITER. The HOT news is that JUPITER will rotate through your sign for the next 12 months. This is the enjoyment planet. Step lively SCORPIO people. When you snooze, you lose. The NEW MOON on the 18th sets a personal cycle into motion. With Thanksgiving a mere 5 days away you might want to have some plans, or goals in mind that can be put into action. This is your month, and you're a magnet for good luck.

### ♊ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Both SATURN and MERCURY in Sagittarius this month insure that you are determined to voice your opinions with much vigor. Saggies are the crusaders of the world, and are known for their, tell it like it is conversations. You may want to keep some things to yourself during the month. The SUN, VENUS, and your planetary ruler JUPITER, take command of the secretive section of your chart. Stifle impulsive, and snappy comments. November requires a little more diplomacy from you, particularly on the 23rd.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

This month the NEW MOON sets up a social aura that may have you spending more time with friends, and groups. An active agenda might suit you best CAPRICORN. Put your hopes and wishes into motion. There are options available to you that can enhance your lifestyle, and create a more imaginative daily routine. Inspiring, and surprising conversations with family members feed your ideas. They may even help you to shave some unnecessary expenses from your budget. Be resourceful and inventive.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

This may not be your best month AQUARIUS, but it won't be your worst either. All it takes is plenty of patience on your part. The intensity of this month's planetary pattern might have you losing your temper, or getting into arguments with the people who are closest to you. Try to be more considerate of their feelings. You can accomplish more if you actually listen to what others have to say. Both domestic and work related matters are a large part of NOVEMBER'S celestial pattern. Fulfill your obligations.

### ♐ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

The allure of travel and adventure is still very much alive in your November horoscope. You might even be tempted to visit relatives, in laws, outlaws, or grown children who live in another state. In case you didn't know, your planetary ruler NEPTUNE will follow you no matter where you go Little Fishes. There's a possibility of NEPTUNIAN rewards. They may surface on the 3rd, 16th, or 22nd. VENUS enters SCORPIO on the 7th and brightens your holiday expectations considerably.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

A satisfying relationship between SATURN and URANUS on the 11th improves your outlook ARIES. Optimistic, and lucid vision clear away the fog. Any doubts you may have regarding personal decisions are quickly put to rest. November begins and ends with the MOON in your sign. Love and luck could play an important role in your forecast. MARS is in your opposite sign of LIBRA for the whole month. It's likely to be on its best behavior, and will steer you into more loving situations.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

The FULL MOON on the 3rd in your sign sheds its light on relationships. The Solar System will be celebrating YOU as well, with a sparkly meteor shower on the 12th, and a VENUS/JUPITER connection on the 13th. Enjoy your popularity TAURUS. There are numerous opportunities to meet people this month. The 16th, 17th, 21st, 29th, and 30th look promising. MARS in the work, and health area of your chart denotes special attention should be paid to both of those interests. Maintain a sensible schedule.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Your quick wit saves the day on the 13th when MERCURY squares off with NEPTUNE. Confusion is bound to occur. There are people around you who may not be as truthful as you would like. They will put their best interests before yours. Pay attention to job related matters. Your diligence is necessary this month. Give your GEMINI curiosity free reign. Your natural instinct would be to explore the situation more thoroughly. The NEW MOON on the 18th represents a favorable turning point, and a fresh cycle.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

If you're a CANCER who cooks, chances are you've been looking forward to this Holiday all year. You might have some of your favorite recipes in a notebook, or stored in your imagination. Make no mistake about it MOON KIDS, when the big day arrives you will be ready! November's brisk air increases appetites and draws people together. No doubt you'll be sharing your bountiful table of delicious dishes with friends, and family. Enjoy the variety of entertaining activities offered to you this month.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

The MOON in your sign on the 9th, and 10th, might disagree with your domestic harmony. The planets are setting up a resistant atmosphere. Sustain a cool head Lions. No need to over react to loved ones, or spouses. A moderate approach is the best option. MARS in the fair-minded sign of LIBRA encourages agreements, and team work. Your words carry more influence this month. Choose them wisely LEO people. Knowing what to say, how to say it, and when to say it, is a positive advantage.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

There aren't many signs in the Zodiac that can handle an abundance of daily activities like you can VIRGO. November is one of those months. Yes, you can voice your opinions freely but resist the temptation to criticize. It's non productive, and won't be helpful. You might also have a helpful flow of energy during the first 3 weeks of the month. All that lively SCORPIO energy can be very productive for you. This month, the planets offer you an effortless chance to move forward with your objectives.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Cancel the pity party LIBRA. A celestial grouping of the SUN, VENUS and JUPITER activate the financial zone in your horoscope. You're on a money quest and MARS in your sign all month practically shoves you into action. Martian energy is difficult to ignore. It promotes a powerful drive to achieve your goals. From the 9th through the 14th SATURN and URANUS join forces to improve communications between you and your spouse, and loved ones. Be fair minded, and willing to meet them halfway.

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

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

### To my Cassidy Theresa

HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY sweetie!! You are such a smart, loving and gentle little girl. I am so blessed to have you in my life. Your beautiful Lil' soul brings happiness to whoever you're around & your smile lights up my world! I love you so much and everyday you make me proud that you are my daughter. May the creator forever bless you with love and happiness & always keep you from harm.

Mommy Loves you!

### Happy 3rd Birthday!

Cassidy Theresa Tahlo, You have grown into such a smart, funny & kind little girl. So full of smiles and giggles! You have brought much joy and laughter into our lives. Here's wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day! May the Creator always keep you safe and guide you all through your journey in life.

Love Always,

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

### HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY, Nah-ni-sits (Butterfly)

I wish to say "Happy 1st Birthday to my Great Granddaughter Myah Lyn Vigil, you are such a sweet, happy, lovable little girl who waves your arms around like a Butterfly wanting to fly. I can't wait to eat some delicious birthday cake and Ice Cream with you!! I love you very much Baby Girl. May the Creator always be at your side, bless you & keep you safe. Kisses & hugs, xxxxxxxx to you Sweetheart.

Love you Always,  
Greart Grams Darlene F.



## 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.: 2016-PR-0146  
Stanley Ellsworth Frost, 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 November 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 11th of October, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2017-NC-0121**

**Christopher Ryan Rizzo, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Ryan Rizzo has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christopher Lee Ryan. 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 **November 24, 2017 at 5 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2017.  
BY THE COURT, Kara Cuthair, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2017-PR-0117  
Leroy Taylor Pinnecoose, 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 **December 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 16th of October, 2017  
Paula Trujillo, 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 filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Augusta Sammi Torres. As of October 3, 2017 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Augusta Sammi Burch name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Augusta Sammi Torres.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2017.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2017-PR-0115  
Christopher Stewart Cloud, 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 **November 28, 2017 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 9th of October, 2017  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### 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

### On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

**149 County Road 517 P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Court Phone (970)563-0240, Fax (970)563-9570**

### 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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TO ELLIOT WOODY:

Take notice that the SUIT Division of Social Services has filed a verified petition in dependency and neglect naming you as a respondent, in the case of *In the Interest of I.T...*, 17 DN 94 (SUIT Tribal Court). You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **November 27, 2016, at 4:00 P.M.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, (970) 563-0240, for the purpose of advising you of your legal rights, which you are expected to attend. Termination of the parent-child relationship is possible if the allegations of the petition are proven. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.  
Peg Rogers, Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services  
P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-0100

## 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 started on 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**

## EARLY Drum Deadline

**Next issue:  
Nov. 9  
Deadline:  
Nov. 3**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [jschockey@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jschockey@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Property Management for Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified contractor to provide property management services, including rental administration, maintenance, and related services. This includes management of 25-2 and 3 Bedroom Townhomes under construction at Cedar Point in Ignacio, CO. A mandatory pre-bid conference and walk-through of the townhome project will be held on October 31, 2017, at 9 a.m. All interested parties will meet at the Tribal Housing building located at 15168 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Purchasing Office: Attn: Steve Govreau, Purchasing Manager, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: [sgovreau@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sgovreau@southernute-nsn.gov). Proposals will be received through November 6, 2017. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT. Published: October 27, 2017.

## NOTICE

### 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.

## Request for proposals

### Adverting and Marketing for Sky Ute Casino Resort

**Sky Ute Casino Resort**  
P.O. Box 340  
14324 Hwy 172 North  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
ATTN: Michael Broderick  
970-563-1750

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for advertising and marketing for the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Sky Ute Casino Resort, located at 14324 Hwy. 172 North in Ignacio, CO 81137 until November 20, 2017. Proposals received after that

time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Michael Broderick for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-1750 or Michael.broderick@skyutecasino.com. Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## House for Sale

4 bedrooms, 2 bath with new porch and a patio for \$104,000. Please call 970-563-3178 for an appointment to see it. Southern Ute tribal member only.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE/STATE OF COLO. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-4705 • Fax: 970-563-0384

**Commission Member Description:** Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colo. Environmental Commission. **Closing date:** Position Closes at 5 p.m. (MST) on Nov. 27, 2017. **Commission Purpose:** Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. **Summary of Commission Duties:** Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State; Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders; Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties

necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. **Preferred Commission Member Qualifications:** Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order; Knowledge of the Clean Air Act; Ethical, strong integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player. **Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions:** Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve three year terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. **Meeting Location:** Justice & Regulatory Administration Bldg., EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137. **How to Apply:** Send letter of interest to the: Air Quality Program Office, PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137 or Hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Bldg., Air Quality Program, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



### Board of Directors Vacancy



Applications due November 3, 2017

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO  
970.563.2694 or [bleclair@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:bleclair@southern-ute.nsn.us)

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.bgsu.org](http://www.bgsu.org)

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Promotional period October 1-October 28, 2017. Prizes are non-transferable. Vehicle make and model may vary from picture shown. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or better to enter casino.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### 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 meeting is on Monday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Dept. If you have any questions feel free to call for Ellen S. Baker at 563-0235.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has two (2) PowWow Committee Member vacancies. A committee member must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, or an interested Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian PowWow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interested individuals who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a Letter of Intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building. For further information contact: Joyce Delaware Ford, Southern Ute PowWow Chairperson at 775-671-5426. OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Seeking Southern Ute tribal members. KSUT is accepting letters of interest to fill three (3) Southern Ute Tribal Member seats. 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. KSUT is not owned or operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, KSUT is funded by it's listeners.

### 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. OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

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**Call today for more info 970-563-0118**





Southern Ute Growth Fund (SUGF) • Job announcements

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.

Landman I Trainee – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 11/3/17  
Trainee position is designed to provide training and experience for up to two years in order to learn and assume responsibility as a Landman I. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Business or related field is required. Must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. Must have basic computer skills in a Windows environment with word processing and spreadsheet programs. Must have strong organizational skills and the ability to prioritize projects. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist II – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closing date 11/5/17  
Works with limited supervision or independently to perform broad safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas

including writing safety policies and specifications. This position develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor of Science degree in safety management, engineering or science and five years' work experience in safety; OR a Master of Science degree in safety management, engineering or science and three years' work experience in safety is required. Must have three years working experience in the oil and gas industry. Must have proficiency in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including but not limited to Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Must have ability to develop and establish database systems for tracking compliance related tasks, documents, audits, and the status of abatement procedures. Must participate in a positive and productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
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Support Analyst II – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 11/9/17  
This position is responsible for configuration, installation, and support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, end user applications and responsible for production support of PeopleSoft, Kronos and other Shared Services applications for the end user/customer. Provide enterprise-wide applications support with emphasis on the functional view of production applications. Provides day-to-day end-user support related to PeopleSoft, Kronos, other Shared Services business productivity applications and end-user hardware. Minimum qualifications include: A high school diploma and four years relevant software, hardware or end-user support experience; OR an Associate Degree and two years relevant, software, hardware or end user support experience; OR a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Business/Finance; is required. Knowledge of Microsoft Productivity applications is required. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the vehicle insurance policy. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Business Systems Analyst II – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 11/10/17  
This position leads business system analysis, support, and use of Red Willow's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Business or related field and two years experience in business systems analysis, development or support OR a Master's degree in Computer Science, Business or support is required. Must have knowledge and experience in DBMS or systems development preferably in a client/server environment. Must

have knowledge and experience in the development of data base systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Must have knowledge of common Operating Systems. Must have knowledge and experience utilizing Query and Reporting tools. Must have strong problem solving and troubleshooting skills. 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.

Database Systems Manager – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 11/10/17  
Under general direction of the Vice President of Application Development, leads database development, management, and maintenance for all Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) enterprise functions including security, systems analysis, data algorithms, process integrity, reporting, training, and installation of upgrades. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance including backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the Growth Fund. Minimum qualifications include: Must have B.S. in Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics or related field. Must have seven years' experience in database management systems preferably in a Microsoft SQL Server Environment. Must have three years' experience leading and managing technical project teams in enterprise level development initiatives. Must have experience with Enterprise Data Modeling techniques. Must have knowledge of various levels of programming languages such as Python, SQL, Visual Basic. Must have knowledge of common Windows Operating Systems. Must have and experience in client configurations in a Local Area network environment. Must have strong customer service, troubleshooting and project management skills. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable through the tribal vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](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

Air Quality Technical Manager

Closing date 11/2/17  
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, manages the technical and regulatory tasks of the air permitting section and directs Air Quality Planning and Minor Source Program development of the Reservation Air Program. Pay grade 23; \$33.46/hour.

Alcohol Counselor

Closing date 11/2/17  
Professional position, acting as the primary alcohol/substance abuse counselor and evaluator for court involved youth and adults. Provides mental health guardian ad litem services when assigned by supervisor. Full-time position and is contingent on grant funds being available. Pay grade 19; \$44,347/annually.

Community Center Director

Closing date 11/6/17  
Day-to-day operation of the SunUte Community Center. Will use all of the resources of the Community Center and Multi-Purpose Facility to promote individual as well as Tribal awareness and pride. Provides coordination of resources between the Tribal Membership, Community Center, Tribal Organizations, local schools, and community members. Pay grade 24; \$78,315/annually.

Detention Officer

Closing date 11/3/17  
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Dispatcher

Closing date 11/5/17  
Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Grants Financial Analyst

Closing date 11/3/17  
Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Medical Assistant

Closing date 11/1/17  
Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

Closing date 11/3/17  
Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Physical Therapist

Closing date 11/2/17  
Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury. Pay grade 23; \$69597/annually.

Senior Water Quality Specialist

Closing date 11/6/17  
Develops and administers the Gold King Mine release water quality response and assessment for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator

Closing date 11/1/17  
Under direct supervision of the Program Manager for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, assisting in the organization and facilitation of Vocational Rehabilitation services to clients/consumers within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe service delivery parameters and for providing data and office management for the department. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Senior Water Quality Specialist

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Develops and administers the Gold King Mine release water quality response and assessment for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/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  
Responsible for 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/hour.

Controller

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. Responsible for the 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

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. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

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.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Open until filled  
Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a High School 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.

\*Night Auditor – Hotel (Full-time)

Open until filled  
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 pol-

icies and internal control procedures are followed. Department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They are the first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. 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/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.

\*Houskeeping Staff (Full-time, Graves)

Open until filled  
Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma or GED preferred; must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time, Graves)

Open until filled  
Retrieves, counts and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. It is the job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Must be at least 21 years old and have a High School diploma or equivalency. Must have cash handling experience and be computer and calculator literate. Must be able to lift and move up to 75 pounds frequently throughout shift.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

SUCAP – Job announcements

Complete job description/application at 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

Assistant Cook

Closing date 11/9/17  
Great benefits! Do you like working with AWESOME people? SUCAP's Ignacio Senior Center to help prepare Meals on Wheels & on site meals for their elder nutrition program. Great hours and weekends off! Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, Must obtain food handlers within 3 months of hire; experience cooking for large groups, 1 year experience working as a Cook or Assistant Cook in a business/restaurant setting Required. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid CO driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Multisystem Therapist (MST)

Open until filled  
SUCAP/Peaceful Spirit. Come join a newly forming team dedicated to making a difference in the lives of families in our region! Candidate will provide intensive family therapy throughout our region using the MST model. MA in a social work, counseling, or other behavioral health related field required. Must be willing to travel throughout La Plata and Archuleta Counties providing community based interventions. Reliable transportation required. MST training provided. Candidate's seeking licensure are encouraged to apply. For more information on MST got to [www.mstservices.com](http://www.mstservices.com).

EARLY DRUM NOTICE

Deadline: Nov. 3 / Distribution: Nov. 9  
Deadline: Nov. 16 / Distribution: Nov. 22



Fall produce has come and gone!



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Agricultural Department took orders from the tribal membership in late September and was ready to hand out produce, Friday, Oct. 13. Local produce such as potatoes from Farm Fresh out of Monte Vista, Colo., flour from Cortez Milling and beans from Adobe Milling out of Dove Creek, Colo., were among the ordering list, totaling up to 27, 366 pounds of produce ordered by approximately 130 tribal members.

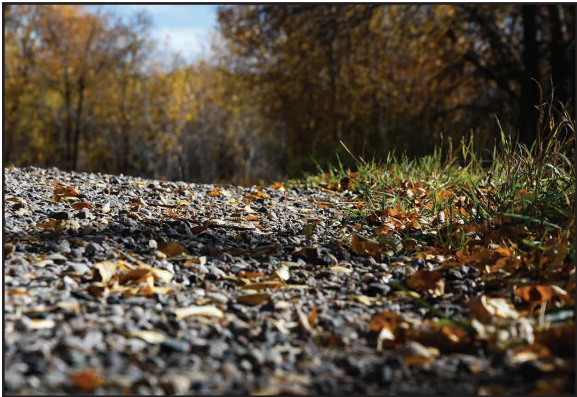
Clearing the path



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Recent improvements to the Scott's Pond access road and waterways came together as a joint effort between the Southern Ute Indian Tribes Water Resources and Division of Wildlife. Irrigation channels and metal culverts had become overgrown and choked with debris, which often resulted in seasonal flooding across the dirt road leading to Scott's Pond.

In a project funded by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, drainage was improved, along with road improvements. "It was a good effort between wildlife and water resources," Soil Conservation Technician, Preston Abeyta said. The project was spearheaded by Fisheries Biologist, Ben Zimmerman, who felt the improvements would benefit tribal members, fisherman, and other Scott's Pond users, such as the Southern Ute Montessori Academy.



TERO Department

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Ignacio, Co. 81137

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Lawn Maintenance Program Guidelines

This program is to assist the Southern Ute Tribal Elders/handicap who reside on or within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and at their primary residence. The program assists with Spring/Fall Clean up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, small tree/shrub trimmings, raking, assisting with heavy lifting/removal of furniture and appliances and tilling of garden plots. **This program service is not available for secondary homes: ONLY for the primary home.**

Lawn Maintenance: [April-mid Oct.]

- ❖ Mowing and trimming of lawns up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting of weeds up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting weeds around zircons, propane tanks, wood sheds, garages and other stationary buildings up to 50 feet, making a 15 feet wide path to home.
- ❖ Leaf rake, bagging and disposing of leaves within the 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Minor small tree/shrub trimming and pruning and disposing. **We do not cut down trees or remove trees, need to call a professional tree removal company.**
- ❖ Wood Chipping – Call Forestry for assistance 970-563-2910 (Marcella Gomez-Forestry Admin. Asst.) and/or 970-563-2911 (Brian Gideon-Forestry Division Head).

Garden Plot: [April-Sept.]

- ❖ Tilling of garden plots are 50x50 feet.
- ❖ If assistance is needed to place a barrier around, we can assist.
- ❖ We will not seed or cover seeds placed or weeding, raking and watering.

Snow Removal: [Nov.-Feb.]

- ❖ Shovel sidewalks and make walk ways to the propane tank, wood shed, garages and/or other buildings needing to get to 15-20 feet wide and garage entrance areas.
- ❖ The lawn service scheduled listing will be used daily for service.
- ❖ Roof raking will be provided as a safety precaution.
- ❖ Snow will be shoveled 15-20 feet from home after falling from the roof, as a safety precaution to the primary homeowner (elder/handicap). This safety precaution is so the snow don't pile up and accumulate icy walk ways or porch areas.
- ❖ Ice melt will be placed down after shoveling.

Other Services: [As Requested]

- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of furniture(s).
- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of outside fixtures.
- ❖ Assist with Fall/Spring cleanup. [Fall-Oct; Spring-April]
- ❖ With approval from TERO Supervisor on other requests, i.e. mowing empty dog pens; trash removal to dump; etc. on a case-by-case request and approval.

Effective 9/1/17



FREE DEALER CLASS

Three Card Poker  
Roulette  
Blackjack

Where: Sky Ute Casino & Resort  
When: October 16th - November 17th, 2017  
Monday — Friday

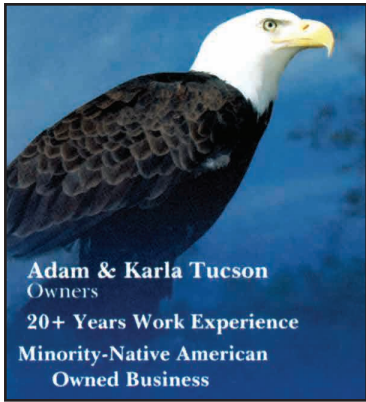
Two Classes Offered : 1-5pm or 6-10pm

To register please contact Miali Plentyholes at (970) 563-1872 or  
Miali.Plentyholes@skyutecasino.com

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



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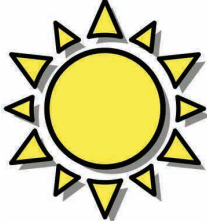
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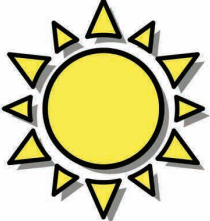
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Oct. 27



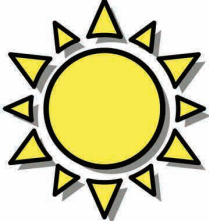
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Saturday, Oct. 28



60°F sunny

Sunday, Oct. 29



64°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from 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).

Southern Ute Health Center and Pharmacy

\*New Hours\*

Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 5:30pm

Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

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

FLU SHOTS ARE HERE!

AVAILABLE NOW AT THE SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY