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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribe bids warm farewell to Pearl Casias

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Councilwoman, Pearl Casias was surrounded by friends, family and close colleagues on Friday, Nov. 30, in the Hall of Warriors. Casias finished a partial term on Tribal Council, which marks her fourth time serving on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Casias came on board in June of 2018 to fill a vacant seat. “Pearl Casias has done us a great honor in representing the Tribe,” remarked Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage. “She has been a mentor.”

Sentiments that were echoed by Southern Ute Vice-Chairman Cheryl Frost, “I am eternally grateful for this opportunity to have served with you on Tribal Council.”

Deeply respected throughout her community, Casias previously served as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Chief Judge for 12 years. Casias also made history as the first woman to be elected as Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 2011. “She has a lot of history; the elders have a lot of knowledge — I respect that,” Councilman Melvin Baker said.

“Pearl Casias brings a sense of fairness, honesty and integrity. I have seen this in every position she has ever held,” remarked Charley Flagg, General Manager for the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Many of the Tribe’s employees have had the honor to work with Casias over the years, in one respect or another. Judge Paul Whis-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman, Christine Sage wraps outgoing Councilwoman, Pearl Casias in a Pendleton blanket as a token of gratitude, during a farewell ceremony held in the Leonard C. Burch building, Friday, Nov. 30.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Bertha Box speaks with passion, and pride; highlighting her mother’s dedication and commitment over the years — serving four terms on Southern Ute Tribal Council and as the Tribe’s Chief Judge.

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EDUCATION

Head Start reimagined

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Hoping to start the new year off on the right foot, the Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) will be opening the new Ignacio Early Learning Program (IELP) in early 2019. This will be a new fee-based program that offers pre-school and toddler classes. The new program is “a somewhat seamless transition for the kids,” Program Director Melanie Brunson stated. The early learning program will be moving into a new facility that is owned by the Ignacio School District. “There’s a partnership here, the school owns the building, but we’re renting the space and making it our own,” Head Start principal, Shar Shank explained. “They are going to be doing some remodeling and hopefully be open in January,” said Ignacio School District Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto.

While the school is in this transition, “It’s going to be hard for families, but



if they need help they can come to the staff and we can help,” SoCoCAA Executive Director, Eileen Wasserbach stated.

The school is going to be providing child care and early education services by a staff of six, year-round, for a total of 48 kids each day. “We do know that there will remain a lack of service in the community,” Wasserbach stated. “But we will accept all, if availability allows.”

The children will be taught by using a creative curriculum and the Teaching Strategies GOLD that will focus on children’s direction of study, their curiosity and cognitive learning. “Through these powerful teaching tools, we can help students,” Wasserbach said. “We will be state licensed

as one of two child care providers in the region, families can rely on that.”

The daily tuition rates for preschool aged kids will be \$36 and the toddler rates will run \$38 per day. “We currently have slots available and families can find the application on the SoCoCAA website,” Brunson encouraged.

“I believe that early education has always been an integral part of education — hopefully it (IELP) expands to the same numbers as before and maybe even more” Fuschetto said.

Throughout the moving, rebranding and kickoff of this new program, staff members have been keeping up the moral and “we’re excited to get the doors open,” emphasized Brunson.

EDUCATION

Boswell takes on apprenticeship for Southern Ute Education

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Tribe’s apprenticeship program seeks to train Southern Ute tribal members to fill roles of leadership and vision, within the tribal organization. Passing down knowledge from seasoned management to up and coming leaders through hands on, real world experience.

Southern Ute tribal member, Amber Boswell stepped into the role of apprentice on November 5, under the guidance of Southern Ute Education Department Director, LaTitia Taylor. Following two years of paid training under Taylor’s expertise, Boswell would assume the role of the director, overseeing day-to-day operations for the Tribe’s Education Department.

“We want to teach her and expose her to our programs, help her better understand our tribal government and how our department works within that,” explained Taylor. “Right now, she’s my right hand. I want to let her come into her own and give her own personality [to the role], try new ideas and take it to the next level — especially with the Southern Ute Montessori.”

The Southern Ute Education Department oversees three main programs: Higher education, Public education and Montessori education. While working primarily in Ignacio, the programs also collaborate with regional high schools such as Durango, and Bayfield, serving Southern Ute tribal members.

“It has always been a



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Amber Boswell
Director Apprentice
Southern Ute Education Department

passion for me to get my education and come back and help my Tribe.” Boswell said. “I see this job as a way to advocate for the kids, to be a leader.”

Boswell sees one of the biggest challenges ahead, as being able to bridge the gap between education and employment. “One of my goals is to help make that more attainable — facilitate those dreams into a reality of employment.”

“I want to know what kids are interested in and connect that to the education opportunities,” emphasized Boswell. “To show that tribal members can leave and come back.”

One of the aspects that makes Boswell an ideal

candidate for this position is her familiarity with the Southern Ute educational opportunities. She started young, taking advantage of summer youth employment programs and educational field trips. Southern Ute Higher Education helped her with scholarships to pursue educational opportunities right out of high school.

Boswell has a Bachelor’s degree from Missouri Valley College, where she double majored in Exercise Science and Athletic Training. She followed that with a Master’s degree from the University of Texas, earning her degree in Healthcare Administration.

Cloud welcomed back



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Lorelei Cloud takes the oath of office on Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers. This will be Cloud’s second term serving on the Southern Ute Tribal Council as the treasurer.

Tribal Council Receptionist, Candi Johnson follows the line while attending the reception for the swearing in of Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud.



FINANCIAL LITERACY

Pana-qarꞑ ‘urꞑ ‘apagharꞑ “Money Talks”

By Lorelei Cloud, Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

How you manage money affects your ability to meet your family’s present and future needs. When you make choices about managing your money, it’s important to consider all of your options. Sometimes we don’t consider a certain option, because we don’t have any information or experience with it. Checking and savings accounts are often not used in Native communities, although these accounts are the safest and least expensive ways to manage money.

Financial institutions offer checking and savings accounts, so you have a safe and secure place to keep your money. You can deposit and withdraw money from both checking and savings accounts.

Common features of an account include the following:

- 1. Checks** – Checks are used for paying bills and making purchases when you do not want to use cash or debit cards.
- 2. ATM** – An ATM, or an automated teller machine, is a machine you can use anytime to handle your financial transactions. Many ATMs allow you to electronically do the same transactions you do at a teller window such as withdraw cash, make a deposit, check account balances, receive a copy of your statement, and transfer money between accounts. Be careful to guard your PIN number when using ATMs and pay attention to the fees being charged for ATM use.
- 3. Debit Card** – A debit card is a plastic card, sometimes called a “check card”. It is branded with either a VISA or MasterCard logo that can be used at a Point of Sale (“POS”) terminal to pay for goods or services.
- 4. Online Banking/Bill Pay** – Online banking allows access to your savings and checking account to view account activity, view statements, make payments, transfer funds between accounts, and see copies of checks you’ve written. This service is efficient, paperless, and available 24/7.
- 5. Direct Deposit** – Direct deposit allows paychecks to be directly deposited into your bank account. Your deposit is available immediately.
- 6. Mobile Banking** – Mobile banking allows access to your accounts via your smartphone, similar to online banking, but from anywhere.



Lorelei Cloud
Treasurer
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

- 7. Money Orders/Cashier’s Checks** – Money Orders and Cashier’s Checks are similar to personal checks, you can use them to pay bills or make purchases when cash is not accepted. There is a fee to get them, however.
- 8. Loans** – A loan is money you borrow with the intent to repay the financial institution at a later time. With a loan, the financial institution will charge you fees and interest to borrow money.
- 9. Check Cashing** – If you don’t have a bank account, cashing a check can cost a lot of money. Businesses such as check cashing stores, grocery stores, and casinos will almost always charge a fee for this service, usually a percentage of the check’s total. However, banks will cash checks for free, if you have an account with them.

Just keep in mind that some accounts have fees and others do not. When you open your account with a financial institution they will provide you with a list of fees related to your account.

Sometimes a financial institution will pay you for keeping your money in an account at their institution. This payment is called interest. The interest you receive is calculated as a percentage of the total funds you have in your account. If you do not take money out of your account, the balance continues to grow. Interest is a powerful tool, because it’s money you don’t have to work for. Instead the money in your account does the work for you.

The interest rates that banks pay on deposits can change periodically. Sometimes bank accounts earn quite a bit more or less interest than other times. The overall economy has a lot to do with how interest rates are determined, and through much of the current decade interest rates on any types of bank accounts have been under one percent. Regardless of how low interest

rates might be, don’t let them discourage you from saving money.

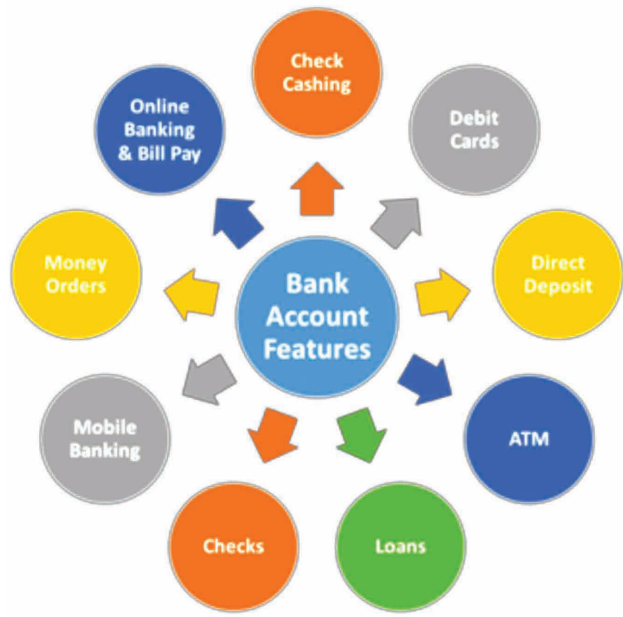
Research suggests that children who have a bank account do better in school (especially in math), are more likely to go to college, and are more likely to be financial savvy as adults than those who do not. Therefore, a parent or guardian should consider opening a child’s first savings account by no later than his or her fifth birthday.

OPENING AN ACCOUNT

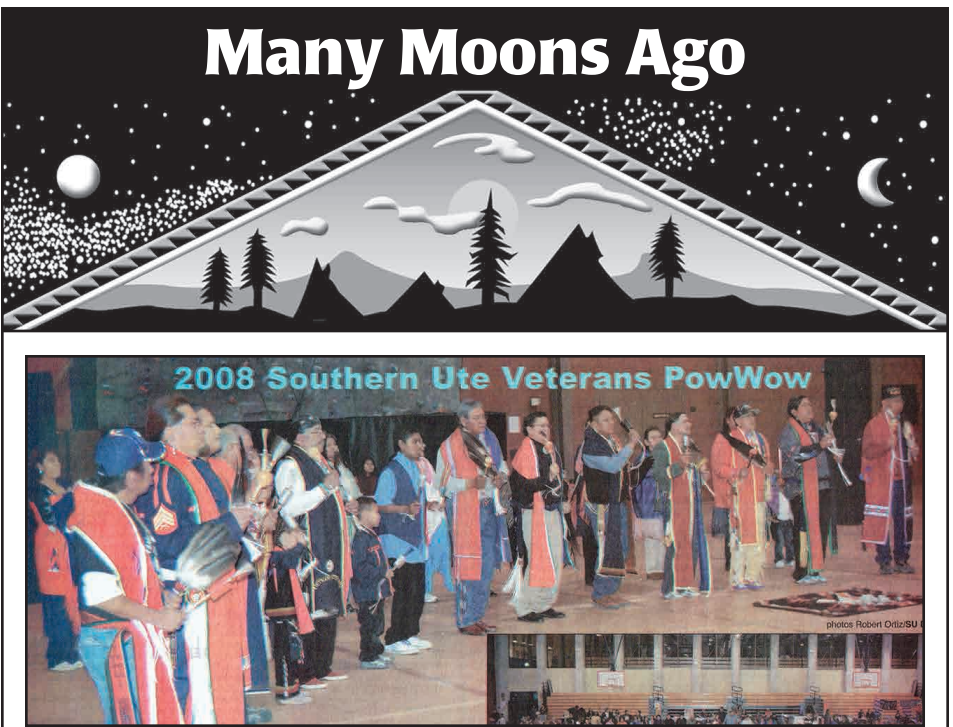
Steps to follow when you open an account:

- Before opening your account, go over any questions you have either in person with a representative at the financial institution or by calling and speaking with a representative over the phone. You can also research bank account features online.
- Decide what type(s) of accounts fit your needs. (checking, savings, certificate of deposit, etc.).
- Decide how you will open and fund your new account. Many financial institutions now offer the convenience of opening accounts online or over the phone, however, if you feel more comfortable opening your account in person that’s what you should do.
- Gather the necessary documents or information you will need to open your account (e.g. driver’s license, government issued ID, utility bill to verify address, social security number, etc.).
- Decide who you will list as beneficiary on your account.
- Complete all necessary application and account agreement forms either in person or online. Then save copies of all documents, either as hard copies or electronically, and create a filing system for accurate recordkeeping of these materials and future ones.
- You will receive your account number. Safeguard this number along with other critical account information (e.g. account username, password, and personal identification number “PIN”).
- Order checks and debit cards, if not already provided.
- Make your first deposit into your account. Cash will work if you open your account in person, but if you open your account online you’ll need either a debit card, credit card, or possibly a check from an existing account. A pre-paid debit card might work too.
- Sign up for online banking, download your financial institution’s mobile banking app, activate your debit card, and review your account policy materials and the features your account offers. Then, enjoy the many features and tools of your new bank account.

Next time, we will discuss how to manage and use your accounts effectively. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.



Toghoi-agh



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On November 22, 2008 the Third Annual Veterans Powwow was held at the Sun Ute Center. In attendance were Veterans from our sister tribes and our neighbors, along with friends family and relatives.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 5, 2008, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Fish and Wildlife Technicians, Adam Red and Tim Watts use electric stunning devices to probe the underbrush of the La Plata River, in a tribally-led survey of native fish species on the low volume, but free flowing, waterway.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 4, 1998, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Cheryl Frost and the Japanese photographers, Taku Aramassa, Kenji Kawano and Sunshine Smith.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 9, 1988, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairman Burch taking oath of office from Judge Bean.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 8, 1978, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Elders draw the year to a close



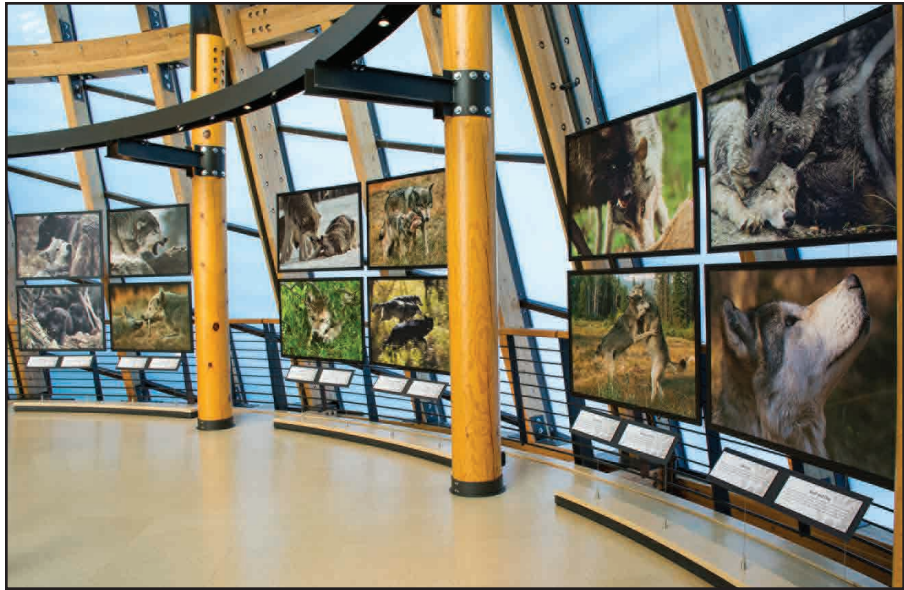
photos McKayle Lee/SU Drum

Cultural Preservation Director, Edward Box III holds the basket full of raffle tickets, while Jazmin Carmenoros pulls out winning numbers during the Elders Celebration Dinner at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Thursday, Nov. 29. The raffle prizes included jackets, coffee mugs and poinsettias. This was the final elder’s dinner for the year, the next dinner will be in 2019.

Cassandra Atencio, Cultural Preservation NAG-PRA Coordinator, answers a question following her presentation on cultural conservation at the Elder’s Celebration Dinner.



Living with wolves



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Living with Wolves Photographic Exhibit at the Southern Ute Museum started on the first floor and moved up to the second with an extraordinary depiction of wolves in the wild. The exhibit closed Friday, Nov. 30. Primary students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy also watched the film, “Living with Wolves.”

Southern Ute Cultural Education Coordinator, Hanley Frost gives an introduction of the “Living with Wolves” film screening that was held Friday, Nov. 30 at the Southern Ute Museum. The award-winning documentary brought people from near and far to see this incredible film.



As easy as pie



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal elder Evalyn Russell spread her crust over the pie baking pan at the Pie Making Class held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Dec. 5.



Tribal elder, Mary Inez Cloud reads the recipe for a sweet potato pie, as Marquette Howe measures and stirs for her, working together as a team.

TRIBE BIDS FAREWELL TO CASIAS • FROM PAGE 1

tlar remembers the first day he met Judge Casias in the courtroom, she was cloaked in a fire engine red robe – forgoing the traditional black attire. He was struck the presence and command that she had in the courtroom in those years.

Casias was also instrumental in the establishment of the Southern Ute Growth Fund, while serving one of her first terms on Tribal Council. “The Growth Fund, it wouldn’t be here without you. Thank you for all you have done,” said Darrell Owen, Director of Finance for the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

Pearl recognized her family, and thanked them for their support. She is looking forward to spending time with her daughter, her grandchildren, and their children. Casias is more than a tribal politician or judge, she is a great grandmother, a tribal elder, and an asset to the collective community, something that was made evident by all those closest to her.

“Always do the right thing – that is something that I learned from Casias,” former Southern Ute Councilman Mike Olguin reiterated, speaking on his years serving alongside Pearl Casias.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilman Melvin Baker, takes to the podium to reflect on his years working alongside Pearl Casias, Friday, Nov. 30.

Southern Ute Veterans

This current exhibit features Southern Ute tribal member, Raymond Baker.

The Southern Ute Museum would like to acknowledge and thank all Southern Ute tribal servicemen and women.

The Museum is looking for Southern Ute tribal members who have served in the US military to be featured in future exhibitions. If you or someone you know would like to be recognized, please contact a museum staff member at the front desk for more information.

You may also contact the Southern Ute Museum by phone, email, or mail.
(970)-563-9583
museum@southernute-nsn.gov
P.O. Box 737
503 Ouray Drive
Ignacio, CO 81137

The Southern Ute Museum honors those who have sacrificed their lives for the Southern Ute Reservation and the United States of America.

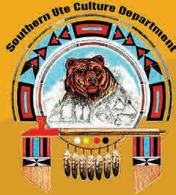
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TRIBAL HEALTH

No need to drop your healthy habits through the holidays!

By Lisa Smith
SHINING MOUNTAIN
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Work parties, friends' dinners, family gatherings. What do they each have in common during the holiday season? Food, food and more food. Everywhere we turn, there is a plate of goodies in our sight. Cookies, candy, cake and so much more! The temptation seems to be around every corner. How do we resist or lessen our desire to eat them? Let's be honest, we will indulge. But, how much we do is something that is under our control.

If you know you are going to a party, don't save up your calories. Going on an empty stomach is like shopping on an empty stomach. You buy things you don't really want or need because you are hungry. Instead of starving yourself, make sure you eat your meals, concentrating on protein, non-starchy veggies and fiber. This way, you will have some control over your hunger and what you choose. It is also a good idea to take a look at all of

the food offered before filling your plate. Take smaller portions of the goodies and larger portions of the veggies, fruit and protein.

What about beverages? If you can manage to drink water or seltzer, you can save yourself some calories. Drinking high calorie beverages like eggnog and cider can add up easily and our bodies can still manage to eat plenty.

Stand away from the food. It might sound simple but if the food is out of your sight, you won't eat as much. Out of sight, out of mind. Keep your hands occupied when you can. Have a glass of water or seltzer in one hand and greet people with the other. If you are standing by the food, you will likely eat without thinking.

Be mindful. Take your time when you eat. Notice the flavors and textures and how the food was prepared. When you slow down to eat, you will experience fullness and eat less. It takes time for our brains to register when we've had enough. If you eat fast until you are full, you will overeat!

Is a party all about food? Think about the other things that are happening. Taking time to visit with people, making new connections or visit with family and friends. Notice the surroundings, decorations, how people are dressed. Enjoy some music and perhaps do some dancing!

Don't give up on your healthy habits! The holidays can be a stressful time and we may tend to give up on eating healthy and exercising. However, this is when we really need to stay on track. Exercise is known to relieve stress and healthy eating keeps us going throughout the season. Stay moving, even if it is just a small walk after dinner with your family. Instead of making a commitment that you will start healthy habits come the new year, continue to add healthy lifestyle changes throughout the season. You will be proud of yourself and maybe feel a little bit lighter!

So, go ahead and keep those healthy habits and bring along a loved one to share them with!

PUBLIC HEALTH

Colo. public health work to increase hep. A vaccination

Staff report
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HEALTH

State and local public health agencies along the Front Range are working to increase hepatitis A vaccination and education among high-risk populations, including people experiencing homelessness and people who use street drugs.

Eighteen cases of hepatitis A have been reported in Colorado so far in 2018, which is average. However, since Sept. 1, there have been seven cases in El Paso County.

"Widespread hepatitis A outbreaks are becoming more common in the U.S. among people who don't have the advantages many of us have," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state communicable disease epidemiologist. "Unfortunately, living in close quarters, sharing food and other items, and not having routine health care can increase disease spread. Now's the time to increase vaccination and education among these harder-to-reach populations."

Public health is:

- Working in El Paso County to hold free vaccination clinics for all high-risk people and provide preventive treatment to people who may have been exposed.
- Promoting hepatitis A vaccination of high-risk people statewide, including free vaccination clinics for uninsured people.
- Collaborating with agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness and people who use street drugs to increase awareness of hepatitis A prevention measures.
- Distributing health and vaccination messages to specific locations using social media and printed materials.
- Increasing guidance to health care providers on

case numbers, risk factors, case reporting and vaccine information.

- Preparing for a statewide response to a large hepatitis A outbreak, should one happen.

Hepatitis A virus is a liver infection that can be prevented with a safe, effective vaccine. It is highly contagious and can cause liver disease lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting months. Rarely, it causes death. Hepatitis A usually spreads when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food or drinks that are contaminated by small, undetected amounts of stool from an infected person. It also spreads through close personal contact with an infected person such as through sex or caring for someone who is ill.

To prevent future outbreaks, vaccination is recommended for:

- People who are transient or experiencing homelessness.
- People who use injection and noninjection street drugs.
- Men who have sexual contact with men.
- People who live with or have sex with someone who has hepatitis A.

The vaccine is also recommended for:

- People with chronic (lifelong) liver diseases, such as cirrhosis, hepatitis B or hepatitis C, who have a higher risk of poor outcomes if infected.
- Children, who are routinely vaccinated between 12 and 23 months of age. Older children and adolescents can get the vaccine after 23 months.
- People traveling to countries where hepatitis A is common.
- People being treated with clotting-factor concentrates.
- Adults who have not

been vaccinated previously and want to be protected against hepatitis A.

Hepatitis A vaccine is available at doctor's offices and many retail pharmacies. People can check vaccinefinder.org to find a retail location. People who need help paying for vaccinations should contact their local public health department.

Good hygiene is also important in preventing hepatitis A spread. **In addition to getting vaccinated, people should:**

- Wash hands with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before eating or making food.
- Avoid having sex with anyone who has hepatitis A.
- Not share towels, toothbrushes, eating utensils, food, drinks, smokes or drug "works" with others.

Symptoms of hepatitis A include yellow skin and eyes, fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine and light-colored stools. Symptoms develop between two to six weeks after an exposure, and people can spread the virus to others before symptoms appear.

In 2017, Colorado experienced an outbreak of hepatitis A. There were 63 cases, and of those, two were among people experiencing homelessness, three among people who reported injection drug use, and 20 in men who reported having sex with men.

People who have general questions about hepatitis A can call CO-Help at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911, or email them at COHELP@RMPDC.org, for answers in English and Spanish.

For more information on hepatitis A, visit the CDC website, www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cdphenews.

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

Breastfeeding and Mom support class, MEETS monthly, open to anyone in the Ignacio Community, new moms and their supporters
lunch PROVIDED

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2018

TIME: 12 PM TO 1 PM

WHERE: MOUACHE-CAPOTE BLDG-LACTATION ROOM

BRING YOUR BABIES!

RSVP: December 12, 2018

Before 5 pm

LACTATION ROOM OPEN



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970-563-2344
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970-563-0100



Breastfeeding & Parent Support Group

December 13th

@ 12pm

Mouache Capote Building

Bottom Floor—Kitchen Area



We humbly invite all Tribal Elders

with BREASTFEEDING experience

to come join SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS at our next Breastfeeding & Parent Support Group event!

LUNCH PROVIDED!

Share your stories, knowledge, and tradition with mothers from the community

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness
Shawmarie Tso (970)-563-2349

Southern Ute Health Clinic Holiday Closures

- Closed Dec. 10 – Leonard C. Burch day
- Closed Dec. 24 & 25 – Christmas
- Closed Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve



12/6/2018– Pagosa Shopping Trip- Van will leave @ 9:30a, if weather permits.

12/10/2018– Tribal Offices will be closed– Leonard C. Burch Day.

12/12/2018– Northern Edge Casino– Van will leave @ 9:30a. If weather permits.

12/14/2018– Tribal Voting– Don't forget to get out there and Vote!!

12/14/2018– Last day to call in for Christmas Meal/Candy Delivery by 3pm.

*If you would like to attend the Christmas Dinner/Program and would like a ride, please contact the Elder Services Office by Friday @ 3pm to place your name on the list.

12/15/2018– Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner / Program

12/18/2018– Movie Day– Durango, van will leave @ 11:00am– If weather permits.

12/20/2018– Farmington Shopping Trip– Christmas Shopping

12/24-12/25/2018– Tribal offices will be closed for Christmas, and resume regular hours, on Wednesday the 26th.

12/27/2018– Movie Day– Durango, van will leave @ 11:00am– If weather permits.

Activities are subject to change without prior notice. If you would like to join in on one of these activities please call the office, 970-563-0156 and place your name on the list.



Buffalo out and about



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Bison Herd Manager, Jesse Lasater and “Buffy” the buffalo spend some quality time together while Lasater is out feeding on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Holly, jolly campus!



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Grounds maintenance crew member, Ross Jacket gets ready to hang lights on trees outside of the Leonard C. Burch building on Wednesday, Nov. 28.



Tribal Information Services spent time adding lights and ribbons to the Christmas tree that stands in the Hall of Warriors lobby on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Yeast Bread Class



Multi-Purpose Facility
Sunday December 23, 2018
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Open to the Community
Call for more information: 563-4784

TRIBAL HOUSING

Snow plowing for tribal members

Staff report
TRIBAL HOUSING DEPT.

The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is:

1. Dialysis Patients
2. Disabled/Frail Tribal Members
3. Tribal Member Elders

Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below. Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over five (5) inches. Dialysis/Disabled/Frail Tribal Members snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly. Department routes and numbers are as follows:

Construction Services
970-563-0260
Cedar Point East and West; Cedar Point Townhomes; Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak; Town of Ignacio - Elders, Disabled HWY 172 South from County Rd 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River – South of Bayfield to La Boca Allison and Arboles areas.

BIA
970-563-9484
BIA does not clear drive-ways. Roads include Ute Road, Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, Pow Wow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Avenue, Bear Dance Road, North Ridge.

Custom Farm
970-563-0220
Snow plowing for Livestock only.

Forestry Fuels Crew
970-563-4780
Walkways and roof rake. Shovel walkways for: The order of priority is:

1. Dialysis Patients
2. Disabled/Frail Tribal Members
3. Tribal Member Elders

Roof rake entry only with accumulation of 12” or more.



Grounds Maintenance
970-563-0272
All campus parking areas Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, Sun Ute, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose and Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, SUCAP, Food Distribution, Parking lots and sidewalks.

Housing Authority
970-563-4575
Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder. Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak’s Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave, and Jefferson Drive.

Motor Pool
970-563-0280
North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen and Red Mesa Area. Airport and Weasleskin.

GENERAL INFO

During times of snow accumulations of five or more inches, please move your vehicles to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are an Elder or Disabled and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather

reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800.

Walkways and Roof – Snow Removal
Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is:

1. Dialysis Patients
2. Disabled/Frail Tribal Members
3. Tribal Member Elders

Roof rake at entry only. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Forestry Fuels 970-563-4780.

Livestock – Snow Plowing
Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 970-563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes or any other item out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows. 1st and 2nd Priority Only: Please contact department to notify them of early morning doctor appointments. **Southern Ute Tribe’s HOTLINE 970-563-4800**



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Potluck

December 20, 2018

11:30 AM– 1:30 PM

We provide the Main course,
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Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar

December 15, 2018

Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
No Admission Fee

Artists, Artisans, Crafters, & Bakers

Cost: \$25 10X10 Space bring your own table, chairs are provided

Set-up begins at 8:00 AM

Electricity available upon request

Complimentary Hot Chocolate, Coffee



For more information or to reserve your space call 970-563-4784

SunUte Recreation: Telluride Field Trip

December 14th-16th

Ages: 10-17 Years Old

Limited Seating Available

\$50.00 Per Native American Youth Participant

\$30.00 Per

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We will be spending two nights in Telluride with two days of skiing and snowboarding.

This trip is for beginners & advanced skiers and snowboarders.

What to bring: bed roll/sleeping bag, pillow, snow pants, coat, gloves, snow boots, goggles, & change of clothes.

What will be provided for youth: All Ski/board gear, Ski/Snowboarding lessons, lift ticket & food will be provided.

Depart SunUte: Friday December 14th @ 4:30pm

Return to SunUte: Sunday December 16th @ TBA

For More Information Contact: Virgil @ 970-563-2652 or Kelsey @ 970-563-2660

Durango High School's Native American Club is hosting the annual

Native American Winter Arts Market

Saturday, December 8, 2018

from 9am-4pm

For more information/vendor forms, please contact:

Elfreida Begay/Maria Gonzales

Or visit

Native American Club's page @ the Durango High School website:

https://dhs.durangoschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=561173&type=d&pREC_ID=1061617

2390 N. Main Ave
Durango, CO 81301

Phone: 970-259-1630 x2313

Email: ebegay@durangoschools.org

Southern Ute Tribal Offices Holiday Closures

- Monday, Dec. 10 • Leonard C. Burch Day
- Mon., & Tues., Dec. 24 & 25 • Christmas
- Mon., & Tues., Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 2018 • New Year

Offices will resume normal business hours the following day after closure. For further info and for up to date closures check the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov

Christmas Candy Bagging

December 12, 2018

9:00 A.M

Sky Ute Casino, Bonnie Kent Room

The Culture Preservation Department is seeking volunteers to help bag candy for the Christmas Program.

If you need community service hours, we can give you hours for your service. Any questions please contact Tara Vigil at (970)563-2985



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Drop Off Locations

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- Ignacio Community Library
- Thriftway
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- SU Permanent Fund (all buildings)
- Farmers Fresh
- Family Dollar
- Taste of Christmas Event



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL

Christmas Dinner & Program

Saturday, December 15

Sky Ute Casino Event Center

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Program Starts at 4:00 p.m.

THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CHRISTMAS 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, (970)563-0156.



Tribal Christmas Program

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department is requesting for Departments within the Southern Ute Tribal Organization & interested Individuals to participate in this year's Tribal Christmas Program.

December 15, 2018
Sky Ute Event Center
4:00 P.M.

If you or your department is interested in participating, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985 by December 12, 2018



Martinez scores a buck



courtesy Journey Gunn Martinez

Southern Ute tribal member, Journey Gunn Martinez with a buck harvested off the east side of the reservation over the Thanksgiving weekend.

ENVIRONMENT

Options for Tribe’s air quality, minor source program

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado held their Environmental Commission meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Air Quality Program’s conference room. The first order of business was to introduce new commission members Barbara Scott-Rarick and Rolfe Spiegel. Alternating a state representative and a tribal representative, each year, the Environmental Commission voted in new commission Chairman, Demi Sells.

With the main goal of a minor source program to protect public health and the environment, the Southern Ute Tribe’s Environmental Commission met again to revisit and give updates on the current works of the minor source program options. Currently the minor sources are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that are classified as “attainment areas” under the “Tribal Minor New Source Review” (TMNSR) program.

Three options were introduced to the commission earlier in 2018. Of the three options the Tribe is in favor of option two. Option two allows the Tribe to apply for an administrative delegation for all, or part of the EPA’s TMNSR permit program and Federal Implementation Plan (FIP).

With the consideration of the Air Quality Program



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Barbara Scott-Rarick introduces herself as one of the newest Environmental Commission Members at the Environmental Commission meeting with the Tribe and the State of Colorado, Wednesday, Dec. 5, in Ignacio, Colo.

(AQP) and the federal minor source, programs are meeting current air quality needs of the reservation and increased compliance presence by AQP and could have more benefits to air quality such as to issue TMNSR permits, review FIP registrations for completeness and conduct inspections.

Going with minor source option two would require one to two more Air Quality Program employees, with an estimated cost of \$210,500, supplemented by EPA grant funding.

The recommendation of option two comes from the Tribe. They also acknowledge and understand that the federal program is effective on the Southern Ute Reservation and with a greater role in regulating minor sources on the reservation, without incurring costs and time required to

develop a reservation-specific program. Option

two will still build AQP’s technical permitting skills and would benefit through increased compliance inspection by the Tribe and will insure little or no cost to the Tribe.

“Is it possible we could approve number two, but have option three as the ultimate goal?” Scott-Rarick asked.

Even though option three would allow the Tribe to issue permits, conduct compliance inspections and enforce against non-compliance, it would still have major financial repercussions to the Tribe in the amount of \$328,500 annually.

With the decision tabled until the next meeting, the AQP will meet with La Plata and Archuleta County Commissioners to get their input. Cost, effect on air quality, and time are key factors that will play into which option the Environmental Commission decides to go with.



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[Tribal Member Photo Contest](#)
Last Chance for Submissions
Deadline is December 31st!
• **Reservation Landscape**
• **Reservation Wildlife**
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Submit your photos by email to:
npearson@southernute-nsn.gov

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www.cotrip.org/ • www.codot.gov/



Forestry Fuels
Program 2018-2019

The Forestry Division is gearing up for our 2018-2019 Fuels Program, for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members.

Just as a reminder, enrolled tribal members that pick up their wood, may do so on Mondays and Wednesdays. Deliveries to the Elders and Disabled enrolled tribal members will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each enrolled tribal member will be allowed 3/4 Cord of wood per month.

New enrollees into our program will need to call 970-563-4780. Please call at least four days in advance, as we only have one delivery truck and wood orders may be delayed until the next scheduled delivery date based on how busy we get each week.

If you would like a copy of the Policies and Procedures for our Program, please call 970-563-4780.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
RUN-OFF ELECTION
DECEMBER 14, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER
NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

☐ W Bruce Valdez

☐ Shane Seibel

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2018 RUN-OFF ELECTION

ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2018 Run-Off Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

RUN-OFF- Friday, December 14, 2018- 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
held at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, CO.

NOTICE- Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

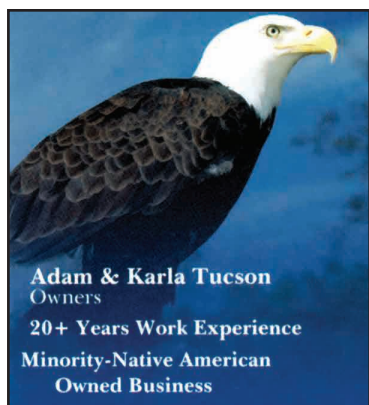
NEW VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE -
Wednesday, December 05, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE -
Wednesday, December 05, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE -
Thursday, December 13, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305
Off-Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
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Notice to the Tribal Membership Deceased Tribal Member Information

The Tribal Information Services (TIS) Department will no longer provide information on deceased tribal members without the consent of the immediate family. The newly established policy is to provide the family the right to privacy. TIS will notify only the Departments that provide direct services to the membership. The flags will continue to be lowered in honor of the deceased.



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**"No Promises ...
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VOTE BRUCE VALDEZ ON DECEMBER 14, 2018



TRIBAL SERVICES

News and updates from Tribal Services

EMERGENCY FAMILY SERVICES

Propane Blues

It's that time of year and all the propane companies are at full speed trying to keep up with everyone's demands. To avoid extra fees and empty tanks, we recommend that you contact your propane company when you're down to 30 percent and put your order in before it's too late.

Special Check Request Deadlines and Office Hours

Due to the holidays coming up, the Emergency Family Services office has some announcements.

- Dec. 10 – Closed, Leonard C. Burch Day
- Dec. 20 – Check request deadline for pick date on 12/27
- Dec. 21 – Open 8 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. *Hours subject to change due to administrative leave.
- Dec. 24 – Closed, Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 25 – Closed for Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 27 – Check request deadline for pick up date 1/3.
- Dec. 31 – Open 8 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. *Hours subject to change to due administrative leave.
- Jan. 1 – Closed, New Year's Holiday

If you have any eligible bills that need to be paid by check or you live off the reservation and need a food voucher, please contact us before the deadlines listed above. If you need emergency assistance, please give our office a call at 970-563-4718. Our normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**For the month of December only, if you experience some after-hours emergencies, please call 970-306-8131.

Our application can be found on the SUIT website under Emergency Family Services. You can also email your application into us at lured@southernute-nsn.gov or fax 970-563-4820.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Special Treat for Food Distribution Program Clients.

With the holidays already here, we've been given a special treat! Ham!!! While supplies last, we will be given ham to Food Distribution clients who wish to have it. If you aren't a client, come on down and find out if you are eligible for the program. Walk ins are welcomed. If you are disabled and unable to come to the office, call us @970-563-0285 and we can make arrangements to come to you.

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Don't drain your emotional bank account

December is here and the holidays are in full swing! With the beautiful cleansing of a new winter season, we are reminded of the resilience our ancestors endured and overcame in the harsh climates of the lands. Today, we often experience seasonal depression and holiday blues during the winter season, as well as experiencing extra stress financially and emotionally, and a sense of loss and sadness for our loved ones.

With this in mind, it is very important to be mindful of our well-being spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. Self-care is an important remedy for stress and a main ingredi-

ent in our overall wellbeing. Often, the more stressed we become, the less we take care of ourselves. Although it may take time, self-care is time well-invested and can prevent burn out. You might try exercising, taking a bath, eating a balanced healthy meal, resting, getting fresh air, going fishing, cooking a traditional meal, or engaging in any other relaxing activity that brings you peace. Giving and helping is also a great way to invest in self-care. With giving, we are reminded of our ability to open our hearts to those in need. Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and expand your friendships.

If you are curious about learning more or want to explore ways to utilize these skills on a regular basis, contact Angelina Whitehorse, Family Preservation Therapist with the Southern Ute Tribe for additional support at 970-563-0209. Family Preservation office is also located on the third floor of the Mouache-Capote Building.

This season, give your family and yourself the gift of self-care, because in order for your family to be strong, you need to be strong!

November was a success!

The month of November our department assisted 83+ families, with the focus on family strength, support and stability for the children.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Think it. Do it. Be it.

Do you have a medical diagnosis that's preventing you from finding or keeping employment? Are you a local Native American? If yes, call us up @ 970-563-4730 and let's get you on track to a new year.



Do you have building materials you aren't going to use?
Would you like to put them to great use?

A team of people are coming together to refurbish some outdated buildings in order to create housing for youth aging out of foster care and the necessary supportive programming.

If you would be willing to donate any of the building materials below (tax deductible!) please text or call Craig (970) 759-3826 for drop off location or potential pickup.

- 800 sqft R19 insulation
- 200 ft 1/2in EMT conduit
- 250 ft each of black, white, green 12awg.
- 24 metal surface mount outlet boxes metal covers for duplex outlets
- 24 duplex outlets



2018-2019 Youth Basketball League

Registration deadline Dec. 12th

Coaches meeting Dec. 7th

Practices start the week of Dec. 17th

Games on Saturdays starting Jan. 26th

\$35 per participant

\$25 per Southern Ute Tribal Member

Ages: 4-11

Volunteer Coaches NEEDED!

First 50 participants to register get a free gift

For more information call SunUte Recreation 970-563-2660 or 970-563-2652

NOTICE

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP



Beginning October 1, 2018, the Tribal Information Services Department will begin assessing a \$10 replacement fee on all Tribal Identification Cards. Thereafter, replacement fees will increase incrementally with each request.

Tribal Information Services Department (970) 563-2250
Vital Statistics Office (970) 563-2302



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

NOTICE

Southern Ute Tribal Members 18 and over who are requesting personal information such as, copies of birth certificates, tribal identification cards, social security numbers, Certificate of Indian Blood, state and federal tax verifications, address changes, name changes or any other documents must contact the Department of Tribal Information Services, Vital Statistics Office at (970) 563-0100 extension 2302.

Personal information will NOT be provided to anyone else (parents, grandparents, etc) without a signed Release of Information.

NOTICE

The new 2019 trash permits for Southern Ute Tribal Members **ONLY** are now available at the Southern Ute Utilities Office. Office Hours: Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The following is Transit Waste's Holiday Schedule. Transit Waste will not be on route for the following:

Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day – Jan. 1, 2019



Transit Waste will be running the routes a day behind.

Thank you,
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BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats start season strong in Limon

#10 IHS, #2 LHS clash in tourney finale

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Trying to pry out a hint on how to spell a word, National Spelling Bee contestants often ask the moderator for a definition, or how said word would sound in a sentence.

Having just exited the locker room following Ignacio's second of two games at the Nov. 30-Dec. 1 Limon Invitational and given a small piece of paper, Larissa Gallegos looked in need of either a definition or correct usage for the word scribbled upon it: Sternoclavicular.

The junior forward already knew one thing about that adjective, though: It hurt.

And in a game pitting Class 2A's tenth-ranked team (IHS) against its #2 (Limon), losing Gallegos – who'd led the squad with 13 points in the previous day's season-opening 46-35 win over Ordway-based Crowley County – hurt even more against a physical band of Lady Badgers bent on winning the 2018 Limon Invitational.

"The girls came in knowing they had a battle on their hands," said head coach Justa Whitt, "and it's only our second game of the season! They gave it everything they possibly had; I'm super, super proud of their performance today – especially with Larissa going out, and then Charlize ..."

As in sophomore guard Charlize Valdez, who also left the game due to a right ankle injury after logging a team-high 13 points against LHS (and ten against CCHS). Fortunately, her departure occurred with only 1:38 remaining in the fourth quarter; rubbing her right collarbone area after crashing onto the court in pursuit of the ball, Gallegos' removal had happened barely midway through the first.

Incredibly, the Lady Bobcats didn't let the incident dictate play; held scoreless against the Lady Chargers, junior forward Makayla Howell kept Ignacio close to Limon through eight full minutes with a late three-pointer and subsequent long two-pointer—cutting LHS' lead to 8-6.

"They were big, but we're quick," said Howell. "I definitely think that helped us keep ... their score down. Our hustle was so intense; we went out there and we played hard ... the whole time."

"Our outside shots have really shown this year," Valdez



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Monica Lucero (20) surveys the scene as Limon's Amy Weisensee (22) defends during the LHS Invitational's championship game Saturday, Dec. 1.

said, alluding to the team's preseason practices. "And they're continuing to fall."

Ignacio scrapped back to 12-9 during the second quarter before the Lady Badgers, helped by bench spark Toni Lopez and starter Jenna Jaklich, rebuilt themselves a sturdier 20-13 halftime advantage. Senior Anna Weisensee then powered inside beginning the third quarter, and Jaklich followed to give Limon the game's first double-digit lead, but IHS clawed back to as close as 30-23.

Following a long Valdez corner two, Lopez drove hard for a layup and Weisensee then converted a steal into two more points and Whitt wisely called timeout to regroup her troupe. Sophomore guard Jayden Brunson responded with a clutch trey – not unlike Howell's earlier – to keep the Lady 'Cats within eight, 34-26, heading into the final frame.

"One of our coaches said that each team has a run, and that's totally true in these games. One team will go on a run, then the other team will, and it just depends on, like, who stops it," Howell said. "And I definitely think us hitting those three-pointers made us more positive and confident about our shots."

"Jayden was looking a little scared," recalled Whitt, "and I kind of ripped on her [during halftime] in the locker room: 'We need you to get in the game!' We needed her shot, you know? Missing Larissa's ... we needed Jayden to step in."

But eight points would be as close as IHS would get, via a free throw by freshman guard Avaleena Nanaeto—trimming Limon's lead back down to 40-32 – with roughly three minutes remaining, as the home team (which blasted unranked Colorado Springs School 48-18 on Day 1) went on to prevail 45-35.

"We've never been up here, so it was pretty nerve-wracking coming to their house and not playing them in a different atmosphere," Valdez said. "So it was a real experience this first time."

"All in all, I think that for our first performance it's not bad. Not the best we could have done, but with nerves and ... a big road trip to start the season – huge!" Whitt said. "We never have done quite this big of a trip to start a season; the kids are used to that at the end of the season, but not to start it!"

Howell finished with 11 points in the loss, while Nanaeto followed up her four-point birthday-day effort against Crowley County with five against LHS. Sophomore post Sheldie Gosney (ten points versus CCHS) and senior guard Kiana Valdez (seven versus CCHS) were held scoreless against Limon.

Lopez and Jaklich each registered 11 points to pace LHS (2-0 overall), and Weisensee finished with nine.

The Lady 'Cats also shot just 14-of-32 from the foul line in the two games, a figure Whitt knows will improve, but lowered their foul count from 25 against CCHS (which hit 16-of-38 in that contest alone) to 18 against the Lady Badgers.

"It's a whole new situation with all of them, me, my staff, and all of us getting to know each other still," said Whitt, now in her second stint helming the program, "but I feel we're going to come through and be just fine."

"They're super-tenacious girls, and they're fired up, ready to get it."

Ignacio (1-1 overall) was to begin 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action Tuesday, Dec. 4, at home versus Dolores, but results were unavailable at press time. Crowley County (1-1) defeated CSS (0-2) 48-38 in the Invitational's third-place game.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcat boys pressure #4 Limon in tourney

IHS finishes LHS Invite 1-1, second place

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Behind 11 points from sophomore post Bryce Finn, Ignacio stunned the Limon Invitational's hosting team and rallied to win the championship's first quarter, 18 to 13.

Behind 11 total three-pointers, however, the Limon Invitational's hosting team stunned Ignacio and rallied to win the championship itself, 63 to 46 Saturday evening, Dec. 1, out in Lincoln County.

"I think we're underrated, and underestimated," said Finn, who finished with 12 points against the Badgers before fouling out with 29.1 seconds left. "No one thinks we're going to do anything, but I think we're strong in many different places and we'll be alright."

"Limon's too athletic," head coach Chris Valdez said. "Coming off the State Football Championship, they're ... not in basketball shape, but they've still got a couple kids that don't play football, that shoot the ball really well. Plus, they've got the big guys inside that we just aren't physical enough to play with."

"I think we'll do a better job if we can stay out of foul trouble with Ocean (junior post Hunter) and Bryce," he continued. "We can play, even though we're undersized; we can play with kids four, five inches taller than us."

Hit with four fouls in the Bobcats' season-opening 52-38 win over Ordway-based Crowley County in the two-day tournament's first semifinal, Hunter would receive a disqualifying fifth against LHS with 57.8 ticks left, but managed four points against the #4-ranked Badgers and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ocean Hunter (32) battles Ordway-based Crowley County's Kevin Suarez (14) for a rebound during the Limon Invitational's first semifinal Friday, Nov. 30.

eight versus the unranked Chargers.

Stepping his foul-line game up from 1-of-7 against CCHS to 5-of-9 (making his first five tries) against LHS, sophomore post Dylan Labar—the logged three and seven points, respectively, while sophomore guard Triston Thompson, originally from Ignacio, but back this year after living in the Denver area, dropped 14 on Crowley County and 13 on Limon.

"I've never played one game with the basketball team at Ignacio, so it actually felt pretty good," he said. "It just feels good to have people cheer you on and stuff."

"The game played out pretty well; we need to finish our shots and open layups."

But even had that been accomplished, it would have been difficult to keep pace with the Badgers, led by guard Celby Hollenbaugh's incendiary shooting. Missing just a couple times from beyond the three-point arc, the senior sank six treys and led all players with his 18 points. Sophomore Camden Smithburg knocked down three triples and totaled 11 points while senior post Cannan Bennett managed to drain one en route to finishing with 15.

Nonetheless, the 'Cats trailed just 32-31 at halftime before a third-quarter lull allowed LHS to build up a 49-36 lead through three quarters and max it out at 59-43 with 4:18 left in the fourth, via one free throw by sophomore guard

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Howell, Gomez score SJBL v-ball salutes

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio junior Makayla Howell and sophomore Ebonee Gomez were recently named to the All-San Juan Basin League Volleyball Team, released at the conclusion of the 2018 season which saw only one SJBL squad survive to see the Denver Coliseum and the CHSAA State Championships.

Howell officially earned Second Team All-SJBL along with Dolores' Cameron Schaefer and Sydney Smith, Telluride's Danika Petit, Mancos' Magdalena Halls from the circuit's Class 2A side. DHS' Jordan Elder, Tatum Majors and Abby Jones, Telluride's Jess Pack and Sierra Shambaugh, as well as Mancos' Morgan Rose were the First Team honorees.

DHS ended up 18-4 overall this fall, stopped one win away from making the trip to the Mile High City. THS finished 13-10 overall, while Mancos went 10-12 and Ridgway 1-19.

IHS finished 8-15 overall, but went 5-1 beginning



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Ignacio's Makayla Howell (7) jokes with teammate Divine Windy Boy (10) during a pause in play against Kit Carson during the 2018 Simla Invitational. Howell was named Second Team All-SJBL for her volleyball efforts this fall, while KCHS went on to earn a second straight Class 1A State Championship and improve to 55-1 overall since 2017.

the October grind and 6-4 overall during the month as the 'Cats sought to sneak into the postseason. Gomez received Honorable Mention All-SJBL along with Telluride's Baylee Williams and Mancos' Ericka Peacock from the loop's 2A half, plus Norwood's Morgan Wallace and Ouray's Jaden Kunz from the 1A side.

Dove Creek, meanwhile, repped the SJBL at State in Class 1A and finished 20-5 after losses to McClave and Weldona-based Weldon Val-

ley put them out of the double-elimination tournament. Lady Bulldogs Breea Meyer, Madilyn Hankins and Cassie Gatlin were named First Team All-League, while Taylor Hickman and Grace Hatfield were Second Team selections.

Under new head coach Sheri Carr-LaCosse, taking over for longtime boss Debbie Wytulka, Nucla broke an even 12-12 led by First Team picks Aide Chavez and Ashley Steele, plus Sec-

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Back to the mat



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With assistant coach Cody Haga looking on at right, Ignacio's Dustin Sanchez works against an opponent during the 2018 CHSAA Class 2A State Wrestling Championships inside Denver's Pepsi Center back in February. Now a senior, Sanchez began his final State quest at the Colorado Mesa University Maverick Duals on Saturday, Dec. 1.



JWU BASKETBALL

Roubideaux getting it Roubi-done at JWU

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Stepping onto the court late in a 95-73 rout of Iowa Wesleyan University (NCAA Division III) back on Nov. 17, Kai Roubideaux received just four minutes of playing time but most importantly made his debut as a college-basketball player.

Recording one assist for Denver-based Johnson & Wales University during his quick cameo inside Colorado Springs-based Colorado College's Reid Arena (the game was part of CC's Tiger Tip-Off Tournament), Roubideaux was more than anything relieved to simply check in at the scorer's table for the first time since completing his Ignacio High School career.

"It's a new experience," he said, interviewed after JWU's Day 1 win over George Fox University at CC's Rocky Mountain Thanksgiving Classic, Nov. 23-24. "It's a lot quicker, it's a lot faster, it's a lot tougher, but I'm open to new experiences and it's really exciting to me."

"I give all credit to (IHS assistant) coach Johnny Valdez," Roubideaux added. "He put in a good word and everything, and I just went with it! It's an opportunity, so I took it."

"We love him, you know? I mean, he works hard," JWU head coach Quintin Grogan said. "The thing that we're going to use him for this year – his freshman year – is to play against the zone. He's a good shooter, has a good follow-through, and he's one of our guys that could really knock down shots."

And that's saying something; the Wildcats' roster has more than a few such



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Now suiting up for Denver-based Johnson & Wales University, IHS alum Kai Roubideaux focuses on the action during JWU's Nov. 23 game in Colorado Springs versus George Fox University.

individuals, including all-time scoring leader Andrew Romero III, a senior guard and First Team All-A.I.I. (Association of Independent Institutions) pick as a junior averaging 26.3 points per game, and senior guard Jontrell Herman (18.2 ppg in 2017-18).

"Oh, it's an honor. And a pleasure, really, to see two guys like that," said Roubideaux. "They're really good, and to learn from them ... it's really exciting."

Last season, Johnson & Wales finished 6-21 overall after an 83-80 loss to Northern New Mexico College – Romero burned the Eagles for a career-high 41 points to go with nine rebounds and four assists – but managed a 3-5 mark in A.I.I. play.

Having officially joined the D-III Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference back on July 1, giving the SCAC nine core members, JWU stood a vastly-improved 5-1 overall as of Monday, Dec. 3, having lost 73-69 to D-III independent Cal-Santa Cruz – yes, the Banana Slugs – on the 2nd inside the Wildcat Center, with their SCAC opener slated for the 4th at CC.

And though Roubide-

aux saw no action in the loss, nor the previous day's 99-87 win over Whittier (Calif.) College, nor in the Wildcats' two Classic victories (92-82 over Newberg, Ore.-based GFU, 94-87 over University of Texas-Tyler), the 6'0" freshman guard – more so a forward at IHS – knows his time will come.

"Yeah, it's pretty exciting to see – at a newer level – such game like this," he said. "Really brings it back to the high-school days when you would be really close with the team."

"I'm just trying to do whatever coach needs me to do. Handle the ball well, facilitate, bring the ball down whenever I need to, and just help out my teammates."

"Ball handling, vision, being able to make the pass, and ... create shots for himself at this level – that's the things we're working on," Grogan said. "As we go in practice, we're working on him to become more of a true point guard. We've got a lot of development [to do] there, but he's a hard-working young man and we're glad to have him. Within the next three years he's going to get it done."

JWU GIRLS BASKETBALL

Former Lady 'Cats stabilizing injury-hit JWU

Gomez, Baker-Marquez enjoying on-the-job training

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Challenging vaunted NCAA Division III force East Texas Baptist University on Day 1 of Colorado College's Rocky Mountain Thanksgiving Classic, Nov. 23-24 in Colorado Springs, it wasn't that Johnson & Wales' Bob Kintzel really wanted to press Ignacio High School graduate Allisianna Baker-Marquez into a starting role.

But he had to. "With injuries, we've had a tough early season—all our height and posts going down—and Alli's kind of been forced into a spot where she's definitely playing out of position at the college level," he said. "But I like that kid's attitude; she's working hard and makes the best out of her abilities and talents. Alli's been surprising, actually."

Against posts listed anywhere between 5-foot-9 and 6-foot-7, the 5'4" Baker-Marquez not only joined JWU's starting five that day inside CC's Reid Arena, but scored the Lady Wildcats' first (with 8:18 left in the first quarter) and last (with less than a minute left in the fourth) baskets in an 89-56 loss.

She totaled six points on 3-of-6 shooting, grabbed a rebound and even blocked a shot during her 23 minutes on the floor, while fellow IHS product Avionne Gomez came off the bench, got 17 minutes of playing time, and sank a baseline jumper with 5:45 left in the third quarter for her two points. She also grabbed two boards, nabbed one steal, made one assist, and also deflected one Lady Tiger attempt.

"This was an Elite Eight team last year ... at the NCAA Tournament," Kintzel noted (ETBU finished the 2017-18 season 25-7 overall). "So they're a good team; it's good to see something like that. They're both great kids, very coachable ... in the process of learning the college game, you know, with the speed and everything."

"It's a really big transition, you know?" said Baker-Marquez, averaging 15 minutes and three points per game as of Monday, Dec. 3, with JWU standing 0-5 overall prior



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Now playing for Denver-based Johnson & Wales University, IHS alumna Allisianna Baker-Marquez (10) and a teammate ponder how a play should go while taking a bench break Friday afternoon, Nov. 23, in Colorado Springs versus East Texas Baptist University.



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Now playing for Denver-based Johnson & Wales University, IHS alumna Avionne Gomez (11) and teammate Katey Guzman (5) think about the next play Friday afternoon, Nov. 23, in Colorado Springs versus East Texas Baptist University.

to beginning Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (NCAA Div. III) play the next evening at CC. "Coming from our high-school team ... it's a lot of running. All the teams are way faster, so they've been conditioning us so much. But I really like it; it's really fun."

"It's not scary, but it's really different," said Gomez, who started for the first time – and scored six points, snared two caroms and handed out three assists – in JWU's most recent game (Nov. 30, inside the Wildcat Center versus Prescott, Ariz.-based NAIA member Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) before their SCAC opener.

"It's fast-paced, plus we have eight players so it's non-stop in-and-out," she continued. "Barely get two minutes off, and you go play right again! I like it though."

"Again, I think the speed of the college game is probably maybe rushing her a little bit," said Kintzel. "Avi's still ... I think she's still trying to find her shot. I know she can shoot it, you know?"

"It takes me a while to

get to the point where I start scoring and stuff. But I like it," said Gomez (18.8 minutes, 4.8 points per game as of 12/3). "Every single second, you have to be ready to shoot, pass, dribble, drive in. And defense, it's just a lot harder. But Coach's worked us up to the point where we can actually play."

"I'm taking a lot of this experience; it's awesome getting a lot of minutes as a freshman," Baker-Marquez said. "It's a lot of hard work ... a lot of running. All the teams are way faster, so they've been conditioning us so much. But I really like it; it's really fun."

"They just expect so much out of you," she added. "Which is kind of scary but you've got to deal with it."

"All I can ask of the kids every day is that we get better each game. Just continue to get better," said Kintzel. "We're thrilled to have both of them; I think they'll be great players down the road. And the good thing is, with all our freshmen and ... our injuries, they're going to see a lot of playing time!"

"They're going to grow up quickly, whether they like it or not."

HOWELL, GOMEZ SCORE SJBL • FROM PAGE 11

ond Team-ers Taryn Sickels and Chyenne Smith.

Losing to the rival Lady Mustangs in the 1A-District 1 Tournament, Norwood struggled to finish 3-17 with Lilli Parrino named First Team All-SJBL and Jenna Baugh a Second Team choice. Led this year by new skipper Alex Durham, OHS ended up 4-14 with Kaydee Alvarez earning Second Team distinction.

Yuma (28-1 overall) reached the Class 2A grand finale for the fifth straight year and won their second championship during that span, sweeping Denver Christian (27-2 overall) 25-21, 25-14, 25-14. Meanwhile in 1A Kit Carson – which Ignacio faced at the Simla Invitational – went on to win a second consecutive crown 19-25, 25-18, 26-24, 25-21 over La Veta.

KCHS finished 27-1 overall, losing only a regular-season five-gamer to YHS, while LVHS ended up 27-2 with both losses against KCHS.

TEAM AWARDS

At the Volleys' end-of-year banquet dinner held Nov. 28, Howell was named Ignacio's varsity MVP while senior Reyna Cruz was named Player-of-the-Year, according to information provided by head coach



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Ignacio's Ebonee Gomez (47) practices setting prior to road action at Dolores this season. Primarily the Volleys' libero in 2018, Gomez was named Honorable Mention All-SJBL.

Thad Cano. Howell and senior Kiana Valdez shared the Coaches' Award.

Senior Rosie Concepcion received the Coaches' Award – recognizing classroom achievement as well as contributions to the team – for Shasta Pontine's junior varsity, while senior

Izabella Howe received MVP and senior Briana Duran Player-of-the-Year. Coach Katrina Richards' C-team recognitions went to junior Aliyana White (POY), sophomore Jazmin Carmenoros (MVP) and freshman Alannah Gomez (Coaches' Award).

BOBCAT BOYS PRESSURE LIMON • FROM PAGE 11

omore Kory Tacha and one by Bennett after Finn was hit with a personal, then a technical foul.

"I saw some encouraging stuff that, you know, by the end of the season if we stay together and nobody gives up on one another, we'll be right there where we need to be," Valdez said.

"We've got a good-knit bunch of kids who want to learn, and I'm going to be on them; I'm not going to hold back," he added. "I've got to tell them what they're doing wrong, what they're doing right, and the good part about it is they get mad for a while. Then they respond, they come back ... and play. We've got to have that if we want to be successful."

In the victory over the Chargers, Finn led all

players with his 16 points. Sophomore guard Brady McCaw booked five before fouling out with 2:36 remaining, and freshman Gabe Tucson made his prep debut with four – including a three-pointer putting Ignacio up 39-19 late in the third. Thompson then cashed a three the next time downcourt, increasing the Bobcats' lead to 42-21 entering the fourth.

"I thought we did a good job playing as a team, everybody getting their shots, but I think we could do better," Finn said. "Our free-throw shooting was terrible [IHS was just 8-of-24 against CCHS and 14-of-26 against LHS] and that's something that we're going to have to improve. Not turning the ball over for points, and just hitting more consistently on

our shooting – it's definitely something that we're working on."

"We've got a long way to go, but it was a good thing for these kids to get a win," Valdez stated.

The 'Cats (1-1 overall) were to play next Tuesday night, Dec. 4, versus Dolores opening 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play, but results were unavailable at press time.

Blasted 55-17 by the Badgers on Day 1 in the second semi, Colorado Springs School (1-1) regrouped to shock Crowley County – off to an 0-2 start while rebuilding after graduating most of a roster which went 25-1 last winter and placed second at the 2A State Championships in Loveland – by a 39-33 margin in the Invitational's third-place contest.



Honoring past Presidents



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association lowered the flags to half-mast in Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park over the weekend, in recognition of President George H. W. Bush, who passed away on Friday, Nov. 30. Bush was the last living U.S. President with a military record of service, as a combat veteran, explained Southern Ute Veteran Rod Grove. Bush was a decorated pilot in WWII. Grove said that Eddie Box Sr. was the last of the Southern Ute veterans to have served in that era, also citing two Southern Ute Chairman with WWII service, the late Anthony Burch and John Baker Sr.

Correction

In the article "Skate park raises concerns for tribal elders" published in the Nov. 21 issue of the Drum, Southern Ute elder Renee Cloud was misidentified as Renee Tree.

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**
GREETINGS SAGGIE MOMS AND DADS. The CHRISTMAS countdown has begun. Many of you might be inundated with requests from the youngsters. Their agenda may also include a visit to Santa. On the 6th the NEW MOON enters SAGITTARIUS. It presents you with a cycle of amusement, and pleasure. Focus on your objectives for the New Year. Lucky JUPITER, the ruler of abundance stays in your sign until December 2nd of 2019. Opportunity, Optimism, and an Open mind are the requirements this month. Be joyful Sag people.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**
A promising MARS/PLUTO connection from the 16th through the 18th heightens your awareness, and stimulates your adventurous nature. MARS is sitting in the drivers seat, ready and willing to take you wherever you want to go. Choose a CHRISTMAS goal then pursue it. SATURN'S steady influence is like having money in the bank. It helps you to achieve your objectives. Stick to your tried and true method. Gather your ideas, carefully organize them, and finally put them into motion. It works.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
A MARS/NEPTUNE on the 6th might have you looking at certain financial interests through rosy-colored glasses. Pay close attention to what your instincts are telling you. If you're feeling unsure, then back away AQUARIUS. Wait for a better opportunity. On the 12th MERCURY enters the fire sign of SAGITTARIUS, a much friendlier position for you. Thoughtful actions during that time may result in a satisfactory outcome. The SUN trines URANUS on the 20th, exciting, enjoyable surprises might pop up.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
All is well as you join with loved ones to celebrate the wonderful spirit of Christmas. The FULL MOON on the 22nd clears away an old cycle, but right before that on the 21st the planet of love (VENUS) connects with NEPTUNE and surrounds you with a mystical veil of romance. Travel might become a part of this venture when MERCURY changes signs on the 12th and enters the fire sign of SAGITTARIUS. Take pleasure in connecting with friends and family you haven't seen for a long period of time.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
MERCURY, JUPITER, and the SUN gather in a travel zone of your chart. They may be stimulating your naturally restless nature, and have you longing for a change of scene. This energy could also work in reverse. People from out of town might come to visit you. The end result of this planetary influence might turn out to be a truckload of fun. It arrives just when you need it the most. CHRISTMAS surprises are always the very best. Even if you don't like surprises ARIES, be cheery, smiling and welcoming.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
MERCURY'S retrograde during the first few days of December might slow your momentum slightly, but it rebounds on the 6th. Have patience with a spouse or others who are close to you. This is the time of year when you are at your best TAURUS, preparing scrumptious meals for the family, but an invitation from friends may be too tempting to resist. MARS in the social section of your chart promotes a change in that old routine. The NEW MOON (6th) launches a lucrative money cycle. Have a happy holiday.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
The NEW MOON on the 6th connects with the SUN in the section of close relationships. You might be inspired to clear the air, and get an old situation settled once and for all. Stand your ground and speak your peace GEMINI. Resolution does not come easily. You may encounter some opposition, due to MERCURY entering your opposite sign of SAGITTARIUS. Envision a happy outcome to your situation. Try to do this on a daily basis. Confidence has its rewards, and time is the healing pill for the spirit.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
A FULL MOON in CANCER on the 22nd literally brightens your holiday evenings, and sets up a prelude to the BIG event of the month ... CHRISTMAS! This MOON encourages emotional harmony. Concentrate on completing your goals. A favorable connection between the MOON and VENUS is sure to lift your spirits. On Monday the 24th, beautiful LUNA slips into the fun filled sign of LEO and the party begins. You have it all under control MOON KIDS. Make this holiday season a festival of fun!

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**
Listen up Lion people...the SUN and JUPITER are currently energizing the party section of your Horoscope. It's also the natural domain of LEO THE LION. The main message here is the pursuit of happiness. That's something most LEO'S are highly qualified for. Put on your Santa hats and bravely leap into the CHRISTMAS spirit. MERCURY slips into LEO'S LAIR on the 12th and stirs up a bundle full of fresh holiday ideas. Are you hearing those Jingle Bells yet? You know you love it all Lions.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**
The planets are playing celestial musical chairs this month. MERCURY enters SCORPIO on the 1st. VENUS enters SCORPIO On the 2nd. Then on the 12th tiny MERCURY gets restless again and slips into the sign of SAGITTARIUS on the 12th. No they aren't finished yet. The SUN changes signs and rolls into CAPRICORN on the 21st. Last but not least, MARS goes home to its own sign of ARIES on the 31st. By that time we'll all be yelling HAPPY NEW YEAR! Looks like a busy, and very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**
This is an active month for you LIBRA. VENUS is currently in the main money section and it is promoting two actions. Spending, and earning, in that order. It might also have you thinking about travel. The SUN, JUPITER, and MERCURY line up in the area related to short trips after the 12th. Another important event takes place on the 21st. It's called the WINTER SOLSTICE, or as the ancients called it, "the return of the light". The reason being, days will gradually become longer. Happy Holidays!

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**
VENUS is in your sign all month SCORPIO. Its care free energy has you enjoying both the gift buying, and gift giving aspects of the season. MARS the action planet, is in the happy zone of your chart now, cheering you on to a successful outcome to all your holiday activities. A lighthearted aura surrounds you. The planets are promoting fresh, and inspiring ideas regarding a change in your daily routine. Visualize contented days filled with meaningful, and interesting places to visit, shop, and play.

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

TERM GOALS — COUNCILWOMAN LORELEI CLOUD

Let me start by saying how grateful and humbled I am to be able to serve my people for another term as Councilwoman. Your support means so much to me and inspires me to work even harder in my next term. I would like to take this opportunity to share my goals and priorities over the next three years.

- 1. Women's Services** – We are a matriarchal Tribe. We should hold the safety and security of women sacred. All too often, we forget this. It's an unfortunate characteristic of our society and domestic violence is particularly concerning on the Reservation. I will work with the rest of Tribal Council to reduce the incidence of domestic violence and to empower women to reach their full potential.
- 2. Youth** – Our youth are literally, our future. If we are to ensure our Tribe's survival into perpetuity, we must give our youth the skills, resources, and culture to succeed. I consider it my obligation to give the youth all means necessary to fulfill a well-rounded, happy, and healthy life.
- 3. Financial Literacy** – I consider it crucial to improve the level of financial literacy throughout the Tribe. I am embarking on an expanded and ambitious effort to raise the awareness, knowledge, and practice of financial competence among all tribal members - from child to elder, layman to Tribal leader.
- 4. Tribal Accountability and Transparency** – We successfully completed a 10 percent budget reduction for the Permanent Fund this year. We can still improve on that. I will work with Tribal Council to enact policies and procedures that will require all of us (employees and leaders) to be accountable and to think of the Tribe as a whole first and foremost. We will continue our efforts

to improve performance. And, I will hold myself and my fellow Tribal Council members to the highest standards of effective communication and transparency to the membership.

- 5. Outdoor Recreation** – In the four corners region, the largest industry is oil and gas, but the second is outdoor recreation and tourism. Nationally, the outdoor recreation industry is approaching \$1 trillion in revenue. However, the Tribe is doing very little to capitalize on this segment of the economy. Additionally, the health of tribal members is an ongoing concern. I will work to enhance the opportunities for tribal members to get outside and exercise. I will also develop programs that afford the Tribe the opportunity to capitalize on the Outdoor Recreation industry, while preserving our culture and sacred sites.
- 6. Economic Development** – As oil and gas fundamentals become increasingly volatile, it's important for the Tribe to continue its efforts to diversify revenue sources and utilize its available resources in the best way possible. Through the approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), I will work toward achieving a diversified Tribal economy, increasing opportunities for tribal member entrepreneurship, and measuring and managing risk more effectively.

These goals are lofty and most certainly will not be easy to achieve, but I know I am up to the challenge. I will continue to regularly report my progress out to tribal members. As always, I will make myself available to you if you have any questions or concerns.

I'm excited and thankful for the opportunities that will come over the next three years.

Toghyo-agh!
Lorelei Cloud

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OBITUARIES



HERRERA – Ignacio resident Steven R. Herrera, Sr., passed on November 30, 2018, at home. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Known as “Squanto”, “Willie”, “Jefe”, “Nino” and last but not least “Big Daddy”, to his family and friends, he was born to Leona Red and Felix Chanio Herrera, on April 22, 1966. He graduated from Ignacio High School in 1984. Steve was an active member of the Ignacio community and a lifelong supporter of the Ignacio School District and community youth.

Upon graduating from high school Steve entered the work force to support his family at the Southern Ute Wood Yard and at the age of 21, landed his first career job at the Southern Ute Water Plant where became a certified operator in two classes. Steve then moved on into the oil and gas field for West Gas and Williams Field Services, with a brief relocation to Aztec, New Mexico. In 2002, Steve came back to his Tribe and became a Plant Operator Foreman for Red Cedar Gas Gathering Company. He stayed committed to his Tribe and continued working for the Growth Fund oil and gas companies through 2007 when he was elected as a Councilman and served a three-year term on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Following his completed term, Steve was appointed Co-Executive Officer in 2011, with colleague, Amy Barry, by Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Jimmy Newton Jr. Steve fulfilled this appointment until Chairman Newton’s passing in 2014, with a shared passion for his people, the tribal administrative staff and the many colleagues he interacted with. Following the 2014 expiration of appointment, Steven jumped back into the oil field at Red Willow Production Company where he remained employed as a Senior Operations Foreman up to his death.

In 1985, Steven married Veronica Sanchez. During their marriage, they welcomed sons, Steven Ray Herrera Jr. and Antonio Felix Herrera. Steven’s only grandson, Davian Matthew Herrera, was welcomed into the family on October 28, 2007. During this time Steven also completed his spiritual path as a Sundancer

with assistance from his Uncle Byron Frost and Aunt Etta, a path he always had respect and admiration for and those who walked the same spiritual path. Steven and Veronica also shared many godchildren whom Steven acknowledged every chance he had. Steven also opened his family door to many of his boys’ friends, extended family or those who needed a place for a while, that’s just what Steve did. He cared. Their courtship ended in 2014.

In his spare time, Steven loved fly-fishing with “Big Ugly” on the rivers with his boys, watching baseball, coaching baseball, and playing ball with so many of his friends. Steve avidly practiced his religion on the golf course, he was committed. Steve’s love of his iron horse, “Mi Vida” was immeasurable through the time he left this world. Steve loved the friends his bike brought into his life, the many breathtaking views of the many journeys he made with those close or the new brothers he met on the road. Steve lived for the free weekends and open road to “get it on and jam out”. Rides to Silverton, Laughlin, Grand Junction, everywhere, Steve always came home with wonderful memories.

During many motorcycle runs Steve would partake in, he met Trisha A. Moore through mutual friends. They had mutual interests and they loved the iron horse. He said get on and she never got off. Steven welcomed her and step-daughter Breonna Webb into his home with a plan to travel the States on “Mi Vida”. They were married on December 14, 2014. Their story is depicted in endless pictures Steven took during their wonderful journeys and marriage that he would share on the walls of their home.

Steven’s love was genuine for those in his life. He was a mentor for so many in his family, his community and for those who just needed to be told “you can” “work hard”. Throughout his years in school and beyond, classmates, friends and family will always remember him for his big hugs and million-dollar smile.

Mr. Herrera is survived by his wife, Trisha A. Herrera, of Ignacio; daughter, Breonna Webb, of Ignacio; sons, Steven Ray Herrera Jr., Ignacio; grandson, Davian Matthew Herrera; Antonio Felix Herrera, Ignacio; mother, Leona Red, Ignacio; brothers, Carlos Herrera, Ignacio; Felix Herrera, California; Marvin Pinnecoose, Nevada; sisters, Dorene Baker, Sante Fe; Felicia Herrera, California; Aunts; Donna Rock, Ignacio; Ula Gregory, Ignacio; Etta Frost (Byron); 19 godchildren and numerous cousins. Steven also enjoyed spending time with his cat “El Chapo”.

Steven is preceded in death by father; Felix Chanio Herrera; and brother, Richard Herrera

A rosary was recited Monday, December 3, 2018, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church. A sunrise ceremony and memorial service were on December 4, 2018, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closes 12/21/2018 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Board Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, 2018.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Attention: Tribal Members & other Natives. The Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to nurture and promote a positive impression of the Southern Ute Tribe through songs, dances and other activities to preserve the culture. The Committee is a non-paid committee and meets bi-monthly. Interested Tribal members can submit letter of intent to the Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 737-16, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand deliver to Hilda Burch at the TERO Dept. or email to hburch@southernute-nsn.gov.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two 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.

TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR YOUTH VACANCY ON WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – 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. 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. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

Public notice of intent to dispose of firearms

This is to notify the public that the Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) has identified numerous law enforcement confiscated firearm(s) stored in its evidence and classified these firearms for destruction. If you believe you own any firearm(s) held by the SUPD and wish to claim ownership of any firearm(s), please visit in person, write, or call within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Valid identification and proof of firearm(s) ownership is strictly required. In addition to your ownership claim, you must be authorized to possess firearms. If no valid ownership claim is received by the SUPD within thirty (30) days of the date of public notice, the firearm(s) will be destroyed. Contact information is listed below:

- Raymond N. Coriz Jr. – Chief of Police
- Shane Clance, Sergeant – Evidence Technician
- Richard Herrera, Detective – Evidence Technician

Southern Ute Police Dept.: 149 CR 517/P.O. Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0246

Support locally with your donations

Three Ignacio nonprofits are participating in Colorado Gives Day and would SO appreciate your support. KSUT Radio, Dancing Spirit Gallery and Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) are among a number of agencies in our area working to make all our lives better. You can help!! Go to coloradogives.org to make your donation. It is easy and fun and in the spirit of the season. Call Eileen Wasserbach, Executive Director at Southern Colorado Community Action Agency, Inc. if you have questions, 970-563-4517 ext. 102. Support SoCoCAA by scheduling your donation now for CO Gives Day, December 4, 2018. Your donation goes a long way. Go to www.coloradogives.org and enter IGNACIO in the “By Location” box to schedule your donation now!

The 30-day Tribal Member Comment Period on proposed HEARTH Act Regulations

Residential, Business, and Agricultural Leasing Code & Tribal Environmental Review Policy
Tribal Council is considering adopting HEARTH Act regulations, including a Residential, Business, and Agricultural Leasing Code and a Tribal Environmental Review Policy and it is seeking input from the tribal membership. Tribal members can view related materials and submit comments via the Tribal Member Portal. Here’s how:

- Log in to your Tribal Member Portal (<https://members.southernute-nsn.gov/>)
- Access the materials by clicking on the links on the bottom of the page
- Submit your comments by December 13

You can also submit written comments to: Ms. Jamie Rivera: Legal Department, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 at: jrivera@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions or if you prefer to have the materials mailed to you, please call Jamie Rivera in the Legal Department at 970-563-2141. You can also pick up copies of the materials from Tribal Council Affairs, the Executive Officers, and the Legal Department.

House for Sale

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, CO. Asking price \$174,000. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard.

Serious inquires only leave message 970-563-3161

NEW EMPLOYEES



Damon WhiteThunder

Job title: Public Health Intern

Description of duties: Assists at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Hobbies: Watching/playing golf and basketball, spending time with family.

Tribe: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

Ways for tribal members and others to get involved in the Polis Administration Transition

Below is a link that discusses the telephone “town halls” the Polis Administration is having with Colorado citizens regarding the transition. There is also a link in this document that will allow folks to connect to these “town halls” as well as the calendar for themes and topics to be discussed.

<http://www.cpr.org/story/gov-elects-team-looks-forward-to-hearing-from-you>



Seeking Public Involvement in Forming a Community Advisory Group for the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Site

As part of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Superfund process, interested stakeholders are encouraged to apply to be members of a Community Advisory Group (CAG). A CAG is designed to serve as the focal point for the exchange of information between the local community, EPA, and its governmental partners involved in the cleanup at the Superfund site. The purpose of a CAG is to provide a public forum for community members and EPA to discuss issues related to the Superfund decision-making process.

If you are interested in participating in the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Site Community Advisory Group, please visit: www.BonitaPeakCAG.org



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE 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

Active Kid Care Leader

Open until filled – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade 10; \$9.01/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled – Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Custodian

Open until filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Dispatcher

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Endocrinologist (Part-time)

Open until filled – Providing specialty endocrinology services to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Fitness Trainer (Part-time)

Open until filled – Fitness evaluation, exercise prescription, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

High School Teacher

Open until filled – Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Education Center. A teacher in this position teaches/tutors Southern Ute or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the High School during and after school throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations.

Internal Auditor

Open until filled – Performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess risk and identify control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit processes and procedures, serves as project manager of the Performance Management and Key Performance Indicator program, and rec-

ommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and profitability. Reports functionally to Tribal Council and administratively to the Tribal Council Chair (or delegate).

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open until filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Physical Therapist

Open until filled – 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.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Police Sergeant

Open until filled – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Open until filled – Registered Nurse position providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Security Officer

Open until filled – Provide security throughout the Tribal Campus. Patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache Capote building. Assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Speech & Language Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Barista (Full-time)

Closing 12/11/18 – Greet and provide exceptional guest service to all guests. Responsible for preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. Take and prepare orders. In addition to strong guest service skills, baristas need to be able to listen carefully to guest orders and prepare drinks correctly. Accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service.

Bowling Mechanic (Full-time)

Closing 12/9/18 – Entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician.

Bowling Shift Leader/Party Planner (Full-time)

Closing 12/12/18 – Entertainment, equipment, and company initiatives in the absence of the Bowling Coordinator and Bowling Manager. Coordinating events and parties, performing cold calls and reaching out to local businesses and past customers for returning business. Must consistently deliver exceptional guest service and build these relations through soliciting feedback, addressing and resolving customer complaints.

Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

Closing 12/11/18 – Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving any and all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Closing 12/11/18 – Responsible for the cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by facilities management and/or supervisor. Will clean food and beverage facilities and equipment.

Host/Hostess (Full-time)

Closing 12/11/18 – Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Supervisor and/or Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed.

Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Closing 12/10/18 – Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

*HVAC Controls Specialist (Full-time)

Open until filled – Responsible for the integrity and functionality of the facility Building Automation System (BAS), electrical and mechanical functions, environmental controls and

conditions. The controls systems of the Sky Ute Casino Resort consist of Automated Logic and Clever Brook Hawk Controls Systems. Insuring smooth operations of the Casino's Central Plant equipment along with other major mechanical components for the facilities climate control system; by providing collaboration and oversight, diagnostic and repair, preventative maintenance oversight on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including; Boilers, Chillers AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Closing 12/11/18 – Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Open until filled – Preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy.

*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time)

Closing 12/12/18 – 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.

*Multi-Games Dealer (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. This position reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

*Surveillance Agent I – (Full-time)

Closing 12/10/18 – Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

*Surveillance Supervisor (Full-time)

Closing 12/10/18 – Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees at all times by providing continuous monitoring of the Casino operations internally and externally. Ensuring that Surveillance Agents and Surveillance Technicians training is up to date and is responsible for the training of new Agents. Must have sufficient understanding of the video technical aspects of the Department to provide oversight of the Surveillance Technicians. Responsibilities must be in compliance with the Gaming Code, Internal controls and Casino policies and procedures. Will assist the Surveillance Manager with the daily operations of the department, including purchasing and budget needs.

**Must be 21 years old.*

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

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

Production Accounting Technician II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing 12/17/18 – Analyzing the integrity of data received from outside operated properties and facilitate the communication with the appropriate personnel to edit and correct invalid data in company operated software programs and databases. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business or related field and one-year oil and gas experience in a relevant and appropriate data management position; OR, an Associate Degree in Accounting, Business or related field and three years oil and gas experience in a relevant and appropriate data management position; OR, a High School diploma or equivalent and five years oil and gas experience in a relevant and appropriate data management position is required. Must have knowledge and experience in production allocations. Must have intermediate Microsoft Excel and data management skills including the ability to generate data analysis with graphical representation. 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.

Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, Colo.)

Closing 12/14/18 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must have 3 years of experience in the operation and maintenance of natural gas engines/compressors and related equipment to include gas dehydration systems, pumps and filter systems. Must have knowledge of equipment control panels, both electronic and pneumatic. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must be able to work under a rotating work-week schedule, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed. Must live within a 50-mile radius of the plant facility or the Bondad office. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Red Cedar vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Southern Ute Growth Fund Properties Group

65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Quichas Apartment for Rent: 3BR/2.5 BA. \$830/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at tzink@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at the GF Properties Group office, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours – Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

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.: 2018-PR-0226

Scott Edwin Taylor, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **December 17, 2018 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 15th of November, 2018
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2018-PR-0245

Florence Williams, 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 **January 8, 2019 at 10:00 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 15th of November, 2018
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE FROM SOUTHERN UTE FINANCE

Because of the holidays and the time needed to process the monthly distributions, the cutoff times and dates for Minors (Birthday) distributions have been changed.

The cutoff times for the rest of 2018 are shown below.

| Week of: | Payment Date | Cutoff Date | Time |
|----------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| 12/10/18 | 12/14/18 | 12/11/18 | 5 p.m. |
| 12/17/18 | 12/21/18 | 12/18/18 | 5 p.m. |
| 12/24/18 | 12/28/18 | 12/20/18 | 5 p.m. |
| 12/31/18 | 01/04/19 | 12/26/18 | 5 p.m. |

For info contact the Southern Ute Finance Department at 970-563-0100.



FLY FISHING

What I want for Christmas

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I'm no different from my friends. I'd love to have opened the paper on Christmas day and seen that World Peace had broken out, hunger was now gone, and that the United States now had political parties that weren't selfish. However, now that I am a septuagenarian, I know there is a better chance of the tooth fairy leaving the winning lottery ticket under my pillow. So, what to ask for Christmas becomes a problem, yea right.

Since I have plenty of fly rods, and reels to match, I'm not going to ask for those. So, first and foremost, I want to see lots of fresh water flowing into our rivers and streams from a banner snow year. Then spring and summer rains to augment the runoff would also be nice. To go with normal water levels, I want to have fish that will only eat large dry flies. I don't care if they're bass, trout, or pan-fish; I just want to be able to see the fly being eaten. I also want to have the correct flies in my box.

How about Denver T.V.? I can't, for the life of me, figure out why the incredibly selfish people in charge of what we watch want to keep the people of Durango watching the crime and mayhem in Albuquerque instead of watching the crime and mayhem in Denver. I guess it's because no one would voluntarily watch crime and mayhem in Albuquerque. Go figure.

As I have aged I have realized a river helper, in addition to my wading staff, would be very helpful. I need someone to help steady me in fast flowing rivers that have slippery rocks. And help to tie on smaller flies would also be nice. The helper has to be female, pretty, smell good, and able to back a trailer. If she has a dog that would be an added bonus.

If the runoff and spring rain are plentiful, I'd love to see the Animas River fish like it did twenty years ago. You had to have been here to understand that.

Since Lake Nighthorse



Since I have plenty of fly rods, and reels to match, I'm not going to ask for those. I want to see lots of fresh water flowing into our rivers and streams from a banner snow year.

opened this year, I can't re-ask for that. (See, some things actually happen when asked for a thousand times.) So, for 2019, I'd love to see bass and pan-fish legally appear in the lake. I'd also love seeing everyone continue to enjoy the lake. And, I would want those folks that are using the lake to continue keeping it pristine. Good job to all those people that worked on doing that this past year. I also want to keep seeing moose around the beaver ponds outside of Silverton. Seeing those beautiful animals really made for a fun day while catching really aggressive brook trout on dry flies.

The early gift of a road trip to the Texas gulf coast was great. It was so much fun watching a good friend have his first saltwater fly fishing experience. Even though we were weathered in the first day, John made the best of the situation, and had two great days. Not only was he able to spot red-fish like a veteran, he caught a large number of them.

From a purely material standpoint, I need a new pair of wading boots. I know the local fly shops will be happy to help gift givers with that request.

So, in closing, I will leave you with annual politically incorrect statement. (I have had lots of good examples this year.) I wish everyone Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid al-Adha, and of course Merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then may whatever touches your heart with hope be with you all of 2019.



CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS

We're looking for volunteers

to beef up our helping hands. All events listed require different duties. For more information contact the Behavioral Coordinator; Journii Nez, and ask for the event you would like to help with.

AND on the other hand, if you have special interests or talents come join club and share your talent with us as a program volunteer, and/or join us as a Mentor!

If you or someone you know is interested contact Journii Nez for more details
970.563.2692 or jonez@southernute-nsn.gov

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Dec. 7

41°F cloudy
chance of snow in the morning

Saturday, Dec. 8

40°F mostly sunny

Sunday, Dec. 9

39°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

ELK HUNT RAFFLE

SEVEN PRIZES

TWO CHANCES TO WIN A TAG!

Raffle tickets will be sold through December 28th, 2018

Tag winners must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter meeting on Fri. Jan. 4th at 6PM in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Tickets are \$10.00/each and are sold by BGC Board & staff or at the BGC Office inside the Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.2666

Grand Prize: Cow Elk Tag

Grand Prize: Cow Elk Tag

1st: 2 Night Stay @ Sky Ute Casino

2nd: Deep Bowl Wood Burning Fire Pit

3rd: Custom Benchmade Knife

4th: \$75 Food/Beverage @Sky Ute Casino

5th: Mystery Ranch Backpack

Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from Jan. 5th -13th, 2019. One free guest allowed. Additional guest requires an additional fee. Both require crossing permit which can be obtained from the Southern Ute Wildlife. Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety license. Winners will be drawn December 28th, 2018, at 3pm, at the SunUte Community Center. Winners will be notified via phone immediately.

All funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**

1 Ute leader with a Jicarilla Apache father

6 Finish a messy job

11 Mohawk Valley city

12 Sports complex

13 Thought control?

15 Immunizing fluid

16 Riga native

17 Bartender

19 --- Beach, FL, with an ancient Native American midden!

23 Intoxicating

24 On the nose

26 Barbed remark

27 Escape

31 Coarse troll vandalized old veggie stores

34 Cinder

35 Bullion unit

36 Short literary composition

37 Showing attitude
- 3 Vex

4 Maple, to botanists

5 Gulf of Alaska Tlingit home

6 "--- is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to." (Mark Twain)

7 Threat-ending words

8 Pre-euro Spanish coin

9 --- Cherokee Nation

10 Sweet baked food made of dough

14 "--- Believer" (Hit penned by Neil Diamond)

18 --- Fife, Muscogee Creek painter

19 Level

20 Self-evident truths

21 Mogul empire governors

22 Arnold Palmer ingredient

25 Navajo George Patrick ---, first Native American to become a Mormon general authority

28 Bone affected by nightstick fracture

29 Hanging ends of thread

30 Greek love god

32 Exclaim

33 Pigpen

Answers for this crossword will appear in Dec. 21 issue of the Drum.

Answers for crossword from Nov. 21 issue of the Drum
ACROSS: 1 CSI, 4 Apes, 8 Sats, 9 Navajo, 11 Chronometer, 13 Ate, 14 Enc, 15 Ice, 16 Bopeep, 18 Jots, 19 Edema, 21 Idol, 24 Rebuff, 28 MeV, 29 CSA, 30 NRA, 31 Aficionados, 34 Mandan, 35 Rest, 36 Stet, 37 CRT.
DOWN: 1 Cahto, 2 Strep, 3 Iso, 4 Ave, 5 Patio, 6 Eject, 7 Sores, 8 Scab, 9 Nonperson, 10 AMC, 12 Need, 17 Eel, 18 Jab, 20 Mean, 21 Imams, 22 Defat, 23 Ovine, 25 Under, 26 Frost, 27 Fast, 29 CIA, 32 CDT, 33 Arc.