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Southern Ute tribal member Nate Hendren “rides the bowl” on recent exploratory trip to the Salt River Pima–Maricopa Indian Community, Ariz., in an effort to gather skate park knowledge first hand.

SUNUTE

Skate park initiative one step closer

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council gathered together with recreation staff at the SunUte Community Center, Saturday, Jan. 5 to discuss the community skate park, using the meeting as a work session they narrowed down design concepts for the pro-

posed skate park based off of their collective experiences, bringing the project one step closer to fruition.

The skate park is a youth lead initiative and the direct result of tribal youth, tribal leaders and the community weighing in on what kids feel they need. The park attempts to address the need to bring youth together socially, and in a positive

environment. In this case, it also addresses what will encourage them to connect with their community physically and culturally. It has the ability to break down age barriers, while pushing the younger generation to achieve something that they can truly call their own in the process.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Codes, policies on the table for tribal comment

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Tribal Council hosted two tribal member informational meetings on Thursday, Jan. 24 in the Bonny Kent Rm. of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, this included a morning and an evening session in order to accommodate various schedules.

Councilman Adam Red led the presentation on the Tribal Environmental Review Policy (TERP) and Leasing Code. The meetings were open to all tribal members and were available for viewing online through the Web-Ex Event website. The presentation was hosted in order to review and receive comments from the membership. Dialogue was encouraged as TERP is now in the revision stage of the proposal.

The proposed Residential, Business and Agricultural Leasing Code was established as a process for tribal approvals of business, agricultural and residential leases that will bypass the approval of the Secretary, but only if the lease is executed under the code and in accordance with the “Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership” otherwise known as HEARTH.

The HEARTH act was signed into law back in 2012 by President Obama. It was added as an amendment to the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act of 1955. This act will allow tribes to adopt leasing codes so they can approve their own leases. Before HEARTH, tribes had to receive approval from the United States for each and



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilman Bruce Valdez and Cultural Preservation NAGPRA Coordinator apprentice, Garrett Briggs share a conversation before the Tribal Member Informational Meeting on TERP and Leasing Code started on Thursday, Jan. 24 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Director, Edward Box III and Southern Ute Legal Services Director, David Smith discuss the proposed TERP policy on Thursday, Jan. 24 in the Bonny Kent conference room of the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

every submitted lease because they did not have authority under federal law to approve them. The idea of the act was originally created to significantly reduce the time that it takes for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to approve leases in Indian Country by facilitating economic developments through investments in tribal communities for homes and small businesses.

The HEARTH act is not intended to relieve the Unit-

ed States or the BIA of their trust responsibility to the Tribe and it will not include leases for exploration, development or the extraction of mineral resources.

In 2017, the Southern Ute Tribal Council prioritized the development of the Leasing Code. “Whether it is TERP, SMART or HEARTH we need this,” Councilman Adam Red stated. “It is our reservation, so we should be

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SUNUTE

A lifesaving team

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Staff members from the SunUte Community Center were recognized and honored on Tuesday, Jan. 24 with lifesaving award certificates from the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

What seemed like a routine night of duty quickly turned south and put two lifeguards and their years of training to the test, Wednesday, Jan. 23. When the lifeguards recognized that there was an individual experiencing a medical crisis in the pool they acted upon instinct and their experience.

Southern Ute Tribal member and lifeguard, Jesse Sanchez was the first to the rescue, with her background of child edu-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

SunUte lifeguard Jesse Sanchez stands with others from the community center who were recognized and honored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Tuesday, Jan. 29 with lifesaving award certificates.

cation and lifeguard training, she knew just what to do. Keeping the young person’s head above water while fellow lifeguard, Roman Vasquez rushed to help Sanchez and help lift

the person out of the water. Within minutes, Margaret Manzanares at the front desk was calling 911 and recreation manager, Virgil

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Frost takes the lead in Indian Energy Policy



courtesy Sandia National Laboratories

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy held the second quarter meeting of the Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group May 7-8, 2018, in Albuquerque, N.M. The meeting included a tour of Sandia National Laboratories, where members learned about energy-related research and development technologies and engaged with Native STEM program educators and students.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Kevin Frost was recently appointed Director for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, duty-stationed at DOE headquarters in Washington, D.C. Frost’s official start date as DOE-IE Director was Jan. 6, prior to that, he was the Acting Director and Deputy Director, a role he assumed in March of 2018. “I was very fortunate that former Director Carole Plowfield viewed her position and mine more as ‘co-Directors.’ She made a point to keep me informed and I did the same. When you share information before, during and after the decision-making process, progress is made,” Frost emphasized. Prior to working at DOE, Frost served on Tribal Council for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, before resigning to accept the Deputy Director position last year. “It was an honor and privilege that tribal members allowed me to represent them as a council member. I will be forever grateful for the hope and trust they placed in me,” Frost stated.

Working with the De-

partment of Energy, Frost is responsible for making sure the office complies with its statutory obligations in furtherance of its mission and goals. “This is a unique office with an honorable mission to maximize the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The customer base includes tribes at different points along the energy development spectrum,” explained Frost. “The office does a lot of great work and I am in the enviable position of having a tremendous team that is willing to go the extra mile. I’d also like to point out that Sen. Murkowski offers tremendous support to this office. I know the Alaska Natives already know this, but Indian Country is very lucky to have her tireless support. It really makes a difference.”

Frost previously served as a delegate for the Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group and a board member of the National Tribal Energy Association. He holds a B.S. in Conservation Science from the College of Santa Fe and a J.D. from

the University of Denver. “My education played a pivotal role. Critical thinking is mandatory for success,” emphasized Frost. “The more you learn and experience can help you reach your personal and professional goals.”

“As far as my background, I have lived on the [Southern Ute] reservation as well as the Navajo reservation at various times. At times, on both of these reservations I lived without electricity and running water. Can you believe that, here on the Southern Ute reservation? As far as we’ve come as a tribe there’s still quite a way to go. I also lived the subsistence lifestyle as well. In my opinion, these are attributes that should be a requirement for this position. There’s definitely a disconnect if one does not know ‘the struggle,’” Frost conveyed. “There’s also the ‘tribal’ component. By that I mean the tribal community that extends beyond our extended family. The culture, tradition, etc., past and present. These influences definitely help me, as well as the lessons I learned along the way as an elected official.”

HISTORY COLORADO

Goff retires as History Colorado's NAGPRA Liaison and Curator

Recognized for collaborating and engaging tribes in culturally-sensitive exhibits

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

After 11 years working devotedly for History Colorado, a charitable organization and cultural agency of the State of Colorado, Sheila Goff will retire as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Liaison and Curator of Archaeology and Ethnography. She has worked extensively with tribes who have ancestral ties to Colorado on repatriation and exhibit development – recognized for how she collaborated and engaged tribes in relationships that led to authentic conversations, exhibits and policies.

Appointed in 2007, Goff has been responsible for agency compliance with NAGPRA for human remains and cultural items in History Colorado's collections, or as a result of inadvertent discoveries on Colorado State and private lands. She is an industry pioneer who moved culturally-sensitive policies and law forward, while helping History Colorado develop exhibits that are tribally-driven and authentic to the stories of the tribes. In fact, the combination of Goff's role and History Colorado's commitment to relationships with the American Indians earned History Colorado Center, the flagship institution in History Colorado's collection of community museums, a national reputation as "the first great history museum of the 21st century" by Harold Closter, Smithsonian Affiliations Director, who also recently retired.

During her tenure, Goff published 40 Notices of Inventory Completion, repatriating 212 individuals and 272 associated funerary objects and three Notices of Intent to Repatriate for 227 artifacts. She worked with 48 tribes in this process, including Ute, Cheyenne and Arapaho. In addition to these milestones, she is recognized for her incalculable achievements among museum and American Indian communities: building relationships, holding important conversations with tribes, and engaging them in culturally-sensitive matters.

"So much of what we do is measured by numbers, facts and research, which are all important in archaeology. However, as an industry, regardless of the type of museum and cultural center – from history to art and science, I believe we all must share the following best practices to truly engage tribes in our work and to tell their stories: build relationships; listen to and respect tribal perspectives; value



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation NAGPRA Coordinator, Cassandra Atencio and her apprentice, Garrett Briggs honor Sheila Goff at the opening of the "Written on the Land: Ute Voices, Ute History" exhibit opening with a decorative shawl. Goff was honored for all her devoted work through collaborating with tribes as History Colorado's Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Liaison and Curator of Archaeology for the past 11 years.

and appreciate the American Indian culture; be open and honest with tribal representatives; and always sustain those relationships," shared Goff. "After all, if you want a correct, meaningful interpretation of tribal cultures, you need to talk to the people you are studying."

A farewell ceremony took place on opening night of History Colorado Center's recently opened "Written on the Land" exhibition, which Goff inspired to tell the stories of the Ute people, Colorado's longest continuous residents, and their role in shaping modern Colorado culture. She was presented with a traditional Bear Dance shawl, a symbol of the Ute culture, thanking her for her work with them and welcoming her as a lifelong friend of the tribes. Written on the Land was created with input and guidance from more than 30 tribal representatives, a tribute to Goff and History Colorado's commitment to these ongoing relationships.

"Sheila helped our voices and perspectives get heard. And, in doing so, she has moved us closer to ensuring that Native American History is our shared history," said Ernest House Jr., senior policy director of Keystone Policy Center and former executive director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA). "We are eternally grateful for her leadership and for History Colorado's never-ending collaboration and storytelling with our tribes. There will

always be so much more to learn and understand about our traditions and our future."

History Colorado strives to be a place of belonging for all Coloradans and to serve as a platform for community connection and diversity, setting the groundwork to form new relationships for groups to share their viewpoints and stories. In fact, with its Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP), History Colorado's work is ongoing – continuing to carry out the "unmarked burial process," which honors each tribe's specific customs and respect for the earth.

"Sheila has been a remarkable leader at History Colorado, helping us enhance the depth, history and interpretation of our collection through tribal conversations and relationships. We continue to move toward a future that's better informed, enlightened and inclusive," said Steve Turner, executive director of History Colorado. "Through Sheila and History Colorado's ongoing mission, more voices, perspectives and experiences are taking place within our venues."

Goff's official retirement day was Jan. 15, and included a government proclamation in her honor. A national search for her replacement continues, as History Colorado's upholds its commitment to tribally-driven collections and exhibitions; relationships with Native Americans; and the impact of NAGPRA.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Academy teacher, Shawna Steffler, holds up a newspaper for her young audience, emphasizing the historical significance of Barack Obama's Inauguration as the 44th President of the United States of America.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 30, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Mr. John Baker Sr. addresses an attentive crowd about the effects of diabetes.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 29, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute Housing Authority (SUHA) staff proudly displays their "IHA's with 10%" certificate of appreciation signed by Grady Franklin Maples, Regional Administrator Regional Housing Commission. The Southern Ute Public Housing Authority was one of six Housing Authorities to receive this certificate. These IHA's in Regional VIII have decreased their TAR's by 10 percent or more from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988. This remarkable achievement means that the IHA's also have funds to achieve their other goals. These IHA's are quickly becoming some of the best HIS in the Region. Congratulations to the Housing staff: Robert Erickson, Lark Goodtracks, Leona Brown, Tina Rock and other Housing staff members.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 3, 1989, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Robbie Jefferson being crowned by Lance Taylor.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 2, 1979, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Taxability of Tribal Distributions (Form 1099_MISC)

Not everyone will receive a "Form 1099_MISC" for tribal distributions paid in 2018.

Due to changes in IRS guidance, the only payments that were considered taxable in 2018 were the **February Per Capita** payments made to **Minors, Elders, and those in the 18-20 age group**. If the only tribal distributions you received in 2018 were for **Dividend, August Special Distribution, and Christmas**, then you **WILL NOT** receive a **"Form 1099_MISC"** as these payments were considered non-taxable and were not reported to the IRS.



Screenwriting with Peshawn



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Museum hosted a screenwriting presentation led by Peshawn Bread (Comanche, Blackfeet, Kiowa) on Saturday, Jan. 19. In her presentation, Bread involved participants in a screen writing exercise; writing a short narrative based on input and dialogue from the audience, as well as answering questions about the process.



Southern Ute Museum staff presented Peshawn Bread with a Pendleton blanket, as a token of gratitude. Bread is a writer of poetry and screenplays, drawing on her background as a Native woman to tell stories that will resonate with her peers.

AWAKE MEDIA PROJECT

Native American group reaches out to Covington Catholic H.S.

Filmmakers, elders hope to turn firestorm into a teachable moment about treatment of Native Americans

Staff report
AWAKE MEDIA PROJECT

The leaders of the AWAKE Media Project, a collective of filmmakers and community leaders helping young Native American journalists and filmmakers, has conveyed a letter to Covington Catholic High School to offer what it called “a learning opportunity” in the wake of the national firestorm over Covington students taunting a Native American elder last week.

“As administrators of a Native youth media program, we often have to find ways to facilitate healthy discussion around racism, culture, and understanding,” said the letter, signed by filmmakers who collaborated on the 2017 film “AWAKE: A Dream from Standing Rock.” Doug Good Feather, Floris White Bull, Myron Dewey, Tee-na Pugliese and Josh Fox. “While we know that this is a divisive time, we are coming to you with a hope to build understanding. We appreciate the official release from the school administrators that did not condone the actions of their students and we know that there is an opportunity here to learn from what happened. We would like to hold a workshop or a series of talks guided by our program leaders and community elders to help your school staff, administration, and students learn about our lives, our beliefs, and how to treat people of different backgrounds with thoughtfulness and care.”

The letter was conveyed to Covington High School

yesterday, and is posted in full here. At present writing the issuers are still awaiting the school’s response.

On January 18, Omaha elder Nathan Phillips was attending the Indigenous Peoples March at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. After the rally, there was a confrontation where high school students from Covington Catholic High School taunted Phillips as he sang a unity song meant to deescalate the situation. Chaperones did not intervene and the incident was documented by videos shared on social media.

Nathan Phillips has offered to go to Covington Catholic High School to talk with students, and the Lakota People’s Law Project and the Indigenous Peoples Movement have undertaken an initiative to make that happen. The AWAKE Media Project has reached out to those groups to coordinate approaches.

The signers of the AWAKE Media Project letter say the taunting incident demonstrates deep disrespect, a misunderstanding of Native People, lack of leadership among school staff, and miseducation of the students that permitted them to so dehumanize Phillips. But, they hope, it is also an opportunity for learning and growth.

“This is a teachable moment,” said Floris White Bull. “It’s a prime example of how detrimental out-of-date history books are to entire nations, and how dangerous it is to continue to perpetuate stereotypical

images of indigenous people. Throughout the Capital you’ll find imagery used to justify the genocide of nations that no longer walk this earth, and the near-genocide of tribes that remain. Yet we have contributed to United States history throughout – in medicine, agriculture, and much else. The U.S. system of government is itself an indigenous concept, modeled on the east coast tribe of Haudenosaunee. Now is the time to update the history books.”

“The taunting incident was a clear act of bigotry and bullying,” said Josh Fox, “but we want to answer it with constructive dialogue and teaching.”

ABOUT THE AWAKE MEDIA PROJECT

The AWAKE Media Project launched in 2017, with the understanding that Native People too often have been unable to control the narratives created about them. In these uncertain and divisive times, it is incredibly important to return to truth and allow indigenous people to tell their own stories. AWAKE Media Project empowers young content creators, teaching the skills needed to produce media about their own tribes, allowing them to show us and the rest of the world the history, beauty, and culture that they know.

The AWAKE Media Project is supported by International WOW Company. For more information about AWAKE Media Project visit: www.awakethefilm.org

99th ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR
THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department would like to announce the 2019 Logo and Theme Contest for the 99th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members.

All art media will be accepted until May 3rd at 5PM, NO EXCEPTIONS. Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork can be drawings, photos, paintings etc.. Artwork must be signed.

Selected artist must sign a waiver and the artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department. Artwork will be featured on all items associated with the 99th Annual Southern Ute Fair.

The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award plus Fair merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department with the Fair Logo and Theme.

Winner will do a short interview & picture with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2019 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES!

Submit artwork to the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department @ PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR Call (970) 563-2985 if you any questions.

Volunteers needed!

The Culture Preservation Dept. is seeking Southern Ute Tribal Members and or Southern Ute Tribal Staff who would like to help plan the 2019 Southern Ute Fair Open Rodeo. If you are interested please call the Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985.

Ute Sentence of the week

Eech nüááv Na’awaapuni

The snow is beautiful



CURRENT
EXHIBITS

Our Mission

The Southern Ute Museum strives to ensure the survival of Southern Ute people through meaningful education, cultural, historic, and current event exhibits, and to provide a unique museum experience for indigenous and non-indigenous visitors.

SOUTHERN UTE
MUSEUM

Riders of the West: Portraits from Indian Rodeo
Courtesy of Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College
thru February 2019

It All Happened Long Ago: Stories Told by The Southern Ute to March 4, 2019

Lummi Nation Bear Totem Pole

Veterans Alcove

Numi Nuuchiyu: We Are the Ute People



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Writing & Storytelling Presentation
Saturday, February 23, 2019
11:00 AM

Tanaya Winder

Southern Ute / Duckwater Shoshone / Pyramid Lake Paiute Nations

Tanaya Winder is a writer, educator, motivational speaker, and performance poet. She grew up on the Southern Ute Indian reservation and attended college at Stanford University where she earned a BA in English and the University of New Mexico where she received an MFA in creative writing.

She guest lectures, teaches creative writing workshops, and speaks at high schools, universities, and communities internationally.

Tanaya will present an interactive presentation and reading of selected poems. She will also discuss the importance of writing and storytelling, and give writing prompts with time for participants to write and share their writings.



Photo: Viki Eagle



HEALTH

Optimal wellness through nutrition
Cancer Wellness Workshop Series

Staff report
BLUEPRINTS OF HOPE

The “Optimal Wellness Through Nutrition: Living an Anti-Inflammatory Lifestyle” workshop will be held Feb. 23, from 8:50 am to 1:30 pm.

Sponsored and produced by the non-profit organization Blueprints of Hope, the workshop will be held at Durango Public Library, 1900 E. 3rd Avenue, Durango. This is the third of three wellness workshops made possible in part by a grant from the Colorado Cancer Coalition, Colorado Cancer Fund, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and most-recently the LPEA Round-Up Foundation.

Research continually shows links between food, health, and disease. We know there are foods that may decrease our wellness, as well as foods that nourish and protect. Join us to learn how food and lifestyle choices have the capacity to fight inflammation and support overall health.

The workshop features Dr. Sarah Goodpastor, obesity and weight management physician from Mercy Internal Medicine, Susie Young, oncology certified registered dietician, and Missy Rodey, senior health advisor and former nutrition educator.

The event is open to the general public, as well as cancer patients, survivors, their friends, caregivers, and health care professionals. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch catered by BLOOM Café. Space is limited, so please register online at www.blueprintsofhope.org, or call 970-403-3711.

Blueprints of Hope is a registered 501 (c)3 non-profit corporation, based in Durango, Colo., dedicated to providing community-based oncology nurse navigation, education, advocacy, and supportive care programs for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and health care providers in Southwest Colorado. The goals of these workshops are to promote healthy lifestyle choices everyone can use that may reduce the risk of cancer and other chronic diseases.

Parents supporting parents



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Candi Johnson shares a smile as she carries her colorful lunch to join the rest of the parents attending the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness sponsored parent support group luncheon, Thursday, Jan. 17.



Shining Mountain Health and Wellness' Diabetes Patient Coordinator, Lisa Smith waits to help serve and explain the healthy meal that was provided on during the parent support group meeting.



Kelsi Monroe and Kisa Morning Star Atson listen to presentations on dental health during the parent support group luncheon in the lower-level of the Mouache-Capote building.

SUNUTE: A LIFE SAVING TEAM • FROM PAGE 1

Morgan and recreation coordinator, Kelsey Frost checked in on the situation and stayed with the responding team.

Lifeguards Sanchez and Vasquez kept the incident under control until first responders from the Los Pinos Fire Department arrived. “They did more than monitoring, they really took care of the person,” SunUte Community Center Director Robin Duffy-Wirth stated. “Doing drills is one thing, but responding to an actual emergency is something entirely different,” Lifeguard Vasquez shared.

Praise from the Los Pinos Fire Department still rings in the ears of all those who helped, “I remember one of the firefighters telling me ‘you just saved a life!’ and I could still feel the adrenaline the next morning,” Lifeguard Vasquez stated.

SunUte aquatics staff are required to complete monthly drills that are put together and run by Aquatics Coordinator Tim Velasquez. “This ensures they practice correct technique and keep current with their knowledge,” Duffy-Wirth explained.

Just days later, the lifeguards returned to the pool with a new-found appreciation for the job. “I feel awesome being back—and it’s nice knowing the persons doing okay,” Vasquez stated. “The training is amazing, it was like everything



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Executive Officer Esther Rima presents lifeguard Roman Vasquez with his lifesaving award certificate on Tuesday, Jan. 29 in the pool area of the SunUte Community Center.

just kicked in.”

In addition to the required aquatics training, the SunUte staff participates in four hours of Emergency Action Planning, team building, as well as practicing drill runs.

Reflecting on the crisis, debriefing was offered for everyone involved. “They went through an emotional

experience and they did it as a team—they took care of each other afterward,” Duffy-Wirth stated.

“Since we opened SunUte, we believe this [pool crisis] has occurred about five times,” said Duffy-Wirth. “Because of their attention to detail and their awareness – a life was saved.”

Alternative Horizons Seeking Volunteer Advocates

Alternative Horizons (AH) is in need of volunteer advocates, including those who are bi-lingual, to staff our 24-Hour hotline. AH supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence. If you’d like to make a difference in the lives of others, join us Feb. 27 and 28 for a free, comprehensive training. For information call 970-247-4374. If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence please call our free and confidential 24-Hour Hotline 970-247-9619.

FAMILY IN NEED OF SUPPORT GROUP

Mission – To provide compassion, support and resources to families struggling with youth who suffer from anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts. This group is about understanding and empathy. Everyone comes to this with different life experiences and beliefs. We need to respect each other. Our journeys are different but our pain is the same.

Contact Rhonda Ledford 505-330-7897
Jessie Jugle 970-799-6279

Family In Need Support Group
When: 4th Tuesday of the month
Where: La Plata County Fairgrounds
Time: 7:00 p.m.



Hey Gorgeous,
Let's Watch a Movie!

Movie:
Someone You Love
The HPV Epidemic
(Human Papilloma Virus can cause cervical cancer)

February 20th
6-7:30p
@ SunUte
Mouache Room

FREE EVENT!!
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Free childcare (6m-8yrs)
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Breastfeeding & Parent Support Group

February 14th
@ 12pm
Mouache Capote Building
Bottom Floor—Kitchen Area

LUNCH PROVIDED!

Lactation Room Open to View or Use

Mothers, To-Be Mothers, and Support all welcome :)

Contact:
Shawmarie Tso (970)-563-2163
Morgann Box (970)-563-2349
Lisa Smith (970)-563-2344
Jane Henson (970)-563-2347



Honoring art & literacy



The Burch family presents Kanoa Thompson’s art to the lower elementary students of the Southern Ute Montessori Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Thompson placed first in the second-grade category of the annual Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy contest.



Leora Lucero hands Kennady Gruffy (left) first place kindergarten winner of the Leonard C. Burch art and literacy contest her prizes of coloring books and crafts on Tuesday, Jan. 15 in the cafeteria of Ignacio Elementary School.



Lynette Sage encourages Willow Schulz, third place winner in the sixth, seventh and eighth grade categories to share her art and write up that she completed for the Leonard C. Burch art and literacy contest on Friday, Jan. 25 in the cafeteria of Ignacio Middle School.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum

Applications now being accepted for Advanced Standing MSW Program

Students with an undergraduate Bachelor’s degree in Social Work (BSW) are eligible for a one-year Masters of Social Work program. The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work is accepting applications for the Advanced Standing MSW program starting in the summer of 2019. Classes are taught in Durango, at the DU campus in The Commons building. Stipends in child welfare, integrated behavioral health care are available. Native American tuition support to eligible students is also available. Email wanda.ellingson@du.edu or call 970-247-9773 for more information.

Ignacio Middle School Honor Roll
2nd Quarter

6th Grade		8th Grade	
Audrey Roderick	3.5	Faye Ray Hackett	3.5
Coty Webb	3.5	Keona Whitey	3.5
Caydence Vezeau	3.6	Christopher Francis	3.6
Moriah Ashley	3.7	Serenity Foutz	3.8
Ada-Rene Cruz	3.8	Teagan Roukema	3.8
Alyssa Brittain	4.0	Laci Brunson	4.0
Victoria Brown	4.0	Trinity Strohl	4.0
Kimber Hatcher	4.0		
Marissa Olguin	4.0		
7th Grade			
Solymar Cosio	3.5		
Wade Dunbar-Burger	3.5		
Wyatt Sindelar	3.6		
Devante’Montoya	3.8		
Elijah Bennion	3.8		
Zoey Ashley	4.0		
Maci Barnes	4.0		
Kacey Brown	4.0		
Diana Cundiff	4.0		
Lauren deKay	4.0		
Corey Gomez	4.0		
Kaycee Jefferson	4.0		
Darlyn Lechuga	4.0		
Kimberlyn Palmer	4.0		
Willow Schulz	4.0		
Elizabeth Williams	4.0		



Join us at the Southern Ute Education Center for the Boarding School Healing Webinar Series



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition 2019 webinar series features 10-episodes to educate audiences about the history, impacts, and healing of U.S. Indian boarding school experiences. This series is for listeners to gain vital knowledge about this important part of American history and how it continues to affect us today.

Join us at the Education Center computer lab located at 330 Burns Ave Ignacio, to watch Native professors around the country share on the thought-provoking topics listed below. An open discussion is encouraged after the webinar.

2019 Webinar Series Schedule

Part 1: Boarding School Histories and Storytelling

– All webinars will be held from 11:00 – 12:15 p.m.

1. February 7, 2019: Truth in History: Federal Indian Boarding Schools in the U.S.

Facilitator: Christine Diindiisi McCleave, M.A. (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe) Executive Officer, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

2. March 21, 2019: American Indian Boarding Schools: Disease, Death and the National Archives

Facilitator: Preston McBride, M.A. (Comanche) Ph.D. Candidate, University of California Los Angeles

3. April 19, 2019: Boarding School Generations

Facilitator: Dr. Brenda Child (Red Lake Ojibew) Professor, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

4. May 2, 2019: American Indian Boarding School Stories from the 19th and 20th Centuries

Facilitator: Dr. K Tsianina Lomawaima (Mvsoke/Creek) Professor, Arizona State University

5. June 6, 2019: Historical Trauma and Healing

Facilitator: Dr. Roberta Pail (Nez Perce) Retired Director, Native American Health Sciences at Washington State University Spokane

Part 2: Boarding School Impacts and Healing Initiatives: August-December, Dates TBD

2019 Legal Rights Presentations

Hosted by Colorado Legal Services.

Date	Clinic Topic
January 11 th	Bankruptcy Workshop*
February 19 th	Tenants’ Rights
March 19 th	Divorce & Custody
April 16 th	Simple Wills
May 17 th	Bankruptcy Workshop*
June 18 th	Divorce & Custody
July 16 th	Tenants’ Rights
August 13 th	Advanced Medical Directives
September 17 th	Divorce & Custody
October 18 th	Bankruptcy Workshop*
November 19 th	Tenants’ Rights
December 17 th	Divorce & Custody

With the exception of the Bankruptcy Workshops, all presentations will take place at the Durango Public Library on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Workshops marked with an * require participants to be screened for financial eligibility with CLS. All other presentations are open to the public and do not require pre-registration. Presentations will be taught by a CLS attorney or volunteer attorney. All presentations are FREE.

Our legal presentations are designed to provide basic information about the law and are focused on the rights of low-income Coloradoans.

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Questions?
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Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center activities at ELHI!

Monday

- Office Hours: 12 – 5 p.m.
- Beginning Ballet/Tap: 4 – 4:50 p.m.

Tuesday

- Office Hours: 12 – 5 p.m.
- Open Studio: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Beginning Ballet/Jazz: 4 – 5:20 p.m.
- Adult Yoga: 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday

- Office Hours: 12 – 5 p.m.
- Club HeART: 2:30 – 5 p.m.

Thursday – CLOSED

- Spaces are available for meetings, birthday parties etc. Contact us at 970-563-4600 for more information or to reserve a space

Friday

- Intermediate Ballet: 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday

- Competition Dance: 9 – 11 a.m.
- Cardio Dance: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dancing Spirit offers:

- Ballet, Tap and Jazz
- Competition Dance
- Yoga
- After School Art Club
- Summer Arts Programs
- Open Studio Tuesdays
- Adult Workshops
- Healing Through Art
- Birthday Parties
- Meeting Spaces

For information about our workshops, classes, open studio, birthday parties or meeting spaces, please come see us at 115 Ute Street, Ignacio, Colo. Our office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 12 to 5 p.m. You can also check us out and like us on Facebook and be the first to know what's going on, or check us out online at www.dancingspiritgallery.org or give us a call at 970-563-4600

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Notice from Tribal Services

Colorado State Child Financial Assistance Program will resume in March

The Southern Ute Tribal Services Department announces the Colorado State Child Financial Assistance Program will not be accepting applications for the month of February and will resume taking applications on March 1, 2019.

PSA for Dancing Spirit Community Art Center

Dancing Spirit is looking for individuals with a strong sense of community and an interest in helping us grow and develop in 2019 and beyond to be a part of our Board of Directors. The Dancing Spirit Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Board member applications are available at the Dancing Spirit Office inside the ELHI Community Center.

Cora Shubert, Dancing Spirit Administrative Assistant
PO Box 414, 115 Ute St., Ignacio, CO 81137

**The Seven Rivers Steakhouse
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Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019**

February Sip Chat & Chew Potluck



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**Friday February 15, 2019
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Elder Celebration Dinner

All Ute Elders Are Welcome!

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Monday February 11th, 2019

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**Multi-Purpose Facility
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Wednesday & Thursday 6 & 7, 2019

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Black History Month Event
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Presenter:
Greg
McAllister



Friday 2/8/19 6pm at the Southern Ute
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“Rumble” at Durango Library



Spenser Snarr/Durango Public Library

KSUT Board of Directors, Ex-Officio, Eddie Box Jr., speaks of his musical background during the panel discussion after the documentary “Rumble: Indians Who Rocked the World” screening at the Durango Public Library, Thursday, Jan. 17. Also on the panel, left to right: Dr. Shelby Tisdale, Director of the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College, Robert L. Ortiz, KSUT Board of Directors Vice-President, Betty Box and Eddie Box Jr.

Southern Ute tribal member, Randolph Scott speaks with Spenser S. Snarr, Adult Services Librarian at the Durango Public Library about the Rumble documentary. The four-member panel spoke of music and the influence it has on their lives.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

NOTICE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

There will be a meeting for tribal members (elders included)

February 5, 2019
Multi-Purpose Facility
2:30 PM- 5 PM

Come and share your views on any issues
and get update on tribal politics.
Bring snacks if you like.

Mtg. requested by Renee Cloud, tribal member/elder and
other interested tribal members.

**Seeking Tribal Member Involvement and Input
for Drought Management**

The Water Resources Division is seeking Southern Ute Tribal Member involvement and input on an upcoming Drought Management Plan for the Tribe. The Drought Management Plan will seek to address how tribal staff will monitor, mitigate, assess vulnerabilities, and respond to drought situations. The goal of the plan is to reduce the impacts of drought on the membership and tribal resources. The plan is expected to be complete by Spring 2019. If you would like to be involved in this drought planning process please contact the Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482 or by email at astraub@southernute-nsn.gov.

**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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Storytime with elders



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Southern Ute elder, Luana Herrera was one of the many participants at last week's Sip, Chat and Chew to open up and tell stories from their youth; some told personal stories, while others shared traditional Ute tales, Friday, Feb. 25 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Southern Ute elder Marjorie Borst regaled her audience with a tale from an African safari, where she fell and unknowingly broke her foot, which was wrapped and bandaged for the remainder of the two-week expedition – only to find out it was fractured once she returned home at the end of the trip. The doctor said she must be one tough “cookie.”

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Snow Removal 2019

Tribal Housing Department • Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Phone: 970-563-4710 • Fax: 970-563-4832 • Garry Fulks, Director

TRIBAL HOTLINE: 970-563-4800

SNOW PLOWING - DRIVEWAYS:

The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail Tribal Members;** and, 3rd) Tribal Member Elders. **Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below.** Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over five (5) inches. Dialysis/Disabled/Frail Tribal Members snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly. **1st and 2nd Priority Only: Please contact department to notify them of early morning doctor appointments.**

Construction Services Route: 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 – So. Of Bayfield to La Boca Allison & Arboles area

Motor Pool Route: 563-0280

North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area, Airport & Weasleskin

Custom Farm Route: 563-0220

Snow Plowing for Live Stock only

Forestry Fuels Crew: 563-4780

WALKWAYS: Roof snow at entry only Shovel walkways for: 1 – Dialysis Patients 2- Disabled/ Frail. Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12" or more

BIA Route: 563-9484

The BIA is currently not operating as there is a government shutdown. Tribal Staff are plowing BIA routes. Please be patient as Tribal Staff are making every effort to get snow removed from normal routes and BIA routes during the government shutdown. BIA does not clear driveways. 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.

Housing Authority Route: 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.

Grounds Maintenance: 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 & Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, SUCAP, Food Distribution, Parking lots, & Sidewalks.

General Information

During times of snow accumulations of **5 or more inches,** please move your vehicles to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are an Elder or Disabled and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the Tribal Hotline at 563-4800.

Walkways and Roof – Snow Removal

Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail Tribal Members;** In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact **Forestry Fuels 563-4780.**

Livestock – Snow Plowing

Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35.00 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35.00 per hour for the first hour and then \$30.00 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 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.

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able to control it.”

The leasing code will apply to anyone leasing on tribal land. “Tribal land is defined in the code as land owned in trust by the U.S. for the benefit of the Tribe,” Red explained.

This code will not only free up BIA resources, but it will allow for fewer delays and give the Tribe a streamlined process to create an improved business environment. “This also give us the opportunity for customizing our own process,” Red adds.

Tribal staff will still be available to help tribal members who begin the leasing process, but the main difference with the proposed code will be that tribal staff will not submit the leases to the BIA for approval. Instead they will be submitted to Tribal Council, and for short-term leases, the Housing Department Director will handle those approvals. According to the presentation, “this means that leases will be processed more efficiently and in many cases much faster – potential lessees will get better transparency and notice of when approving authorities will be considering the lease.”

Moving on from HEARTH, Councilman Red introduced the proposed Tribal Environmental Review Policy or TERP for short. TERP will be a tribal process that gives Tribal Council a way to analyze environmental and cultural impacts of proposed projects before deciding whether to approve. The presentation described TERP as, “essentially a tribal version of NEPA and NHPA all rolled into one process.”

“If the Tribe wants to take on more federal duties in the future—the Tribe needs to have its own policy for reviewing cultural and environmental impacts,” Red explained. The policy will



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilman Adam Red leads the presentation and discussion of the newly proposed TERP policy and Leasing Code on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

help the BIA to allow tribes to take on normal BIA responsibilities like leasing under HEARTH, but only if the tribe has an environmental review process in the leasing program.

For now, TERP would be used in environmental analysis for residential, business and agricultural leases. Potentially the policy could be used to approve future energy uses. The presentation stated that, “the policy applies to activities on tribal trust land requiring tribal approval in place of federal approval.”

TERP is just a process, it does not tell the Tribe what to do. The results of the TERP process do not require a project to move forward nor does it prevent a project from advancing.

This proposed policy will be under tribal control, it is a process that can be tailored to the Tribe's interests and values. Under TERP, projects that begin on tribal land can follow the Tribe's timeline, meaning they will take less time, with the potential to be approved more quickly.

Through the policy, cultural resource staff will be able to get a closer look and review a joint clearance letter from the Cultural Preservation Department and the Department of Natural Resources. Regularly the BIA's Regional Archaeol-

ogist is responsible for reviewing and for the signing off of the clearance letters and there is only one Regional Archeologist that serves all the tribes in the Southwest Region.

Narrower definitions of “public” will fall under TERP meaning that only the people directly impacted, like tribal members and their neighbors, can comment on proposed projects. “The policy will also protect the Tribe from changes in federal resources like shut-downs, low staffing levels and or funding shortages,” Red emphasized.

Through collaboration with Tribal Council, the Executive Office, the Cultural Preservation Department, the Department of Natural Resources, the Growth Fund, the Environmental Programs Division, the Planning Department and Tribal attorneys — TERP was developed.

Tribal Members who would still like the opportunity to comment on TERP and the Leasing Code as well as the supporting tribal policies can request the documents from Southern Ute Tribal Council Communications Specialist Lindsay J. Box. Comments will be accepted through Feb. 1. Comments can also be sent to the Southern Ute Legal Department.

Forestry Fuels Program 2018-2019

Program is for enrolled Tribal Members only. 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 household will be allowed 3/4 Cord of wood per month. 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. New enrollees into our Program will need to call 970-563-4780.

Enrolled Tribal Members needing Ceremonial Wood call 970-563-4780. If you are an enrolled Tribal Member requesting Sweat Wood, you must have a Sweat Lodge on your property.

The last day to receive wood for this year's program: If you pick up wood, it will be April 29, 2019 AND if we deliver your wood, the last day will be April 30, 2019. If you would like a copy of the Policies and Procedures for our Program, please call 970-563-4780.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

SNOW CLOSURE HOTLINE



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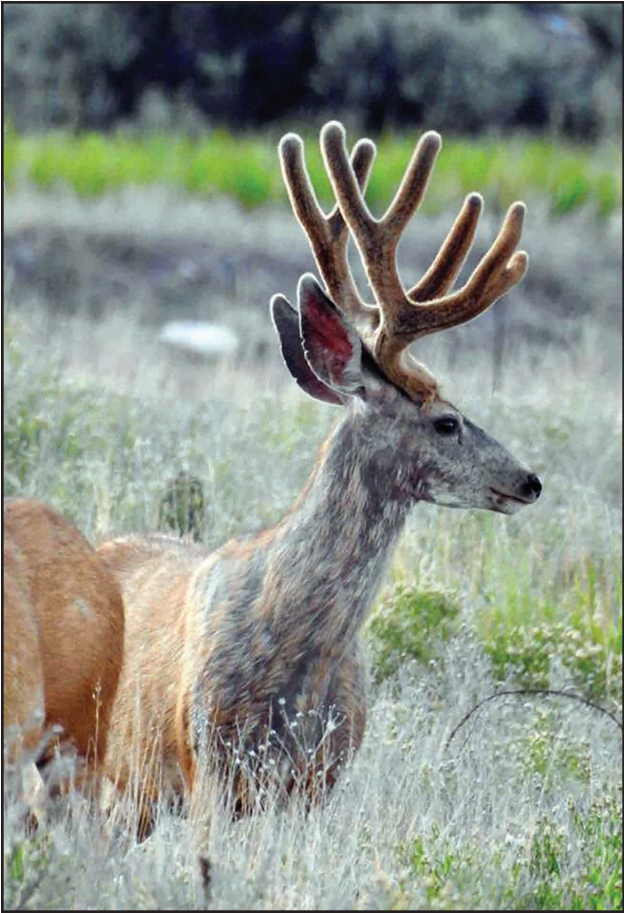
Wildlife abounds on Southern Ute lands



The great blue heron (Ardea herodias)
Ute: 'eeghwa'ayevi



The red-tailed hawk (Buteo jamaicensis)
Ute: Sigwanachi



The mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus)
Ute: Tɛiyɛ



The Great Horned Owl (Bubo Virginianus)
Ute: Muurɛchi

Herons, hawks, eagles and owls easily make the land, sky and water their home on the Southern Ute Reservation. Sleepy black bears, young bucks in velvet, migrant elk herds crisscrossing the high country and unseen lions in brushy thickets of red willow along the banks of the seven rivers that intersect the homelands of the Mouache and Capote bands are a rare, but wonderful sight. Southern Ute tribal member Jeremiah Valdez has photographed these birds and animals in their natural habitat from one season to the next.

Photos by Jeremiah Valdez
Southern Ute tribal member

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>

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.

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Youth ballers take to the courts



Lakers players scramble for the loose ball against the Raptors in the 8-9-year-old division.



Ivan Watts of the Pacers shoots and scores against the Pacers during 4-5-year-old basketball play.



Timberwolves, Elijah Huerta looks to pass as Spurs, Angelo Frost attempts a block.



4-5-year-old basketball players practice on their dribble prior to action against the Pacers.



Thunder coach, Maria Rivera gives John Oberly III last minute instruction before he hits the court.

The 2019 SunUte Youth basketball season has begun. Youth ballers began play Saturday, Jan. 26 in the SunUte gym. Players, ages four – 11 years old, coaches, refs, families and staff were all on hand to start play, utilizing both courts. Youth Basketball schedules can be found on the SunUte website, www.sunute.com.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Caleb LeMasters gets the ball on a fast-break as he leads his Lakers team downcourt.



Thunder Windy Boy goes low, with the dribble as he attempts to get around Joseph Atencio in the 8-9-year-old division.



Thunder, Izabella Carmenoros puts up a shot against the Thunder in the 8-9-year-old division.



BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Bobcats breeze by Nucla, 60-23

Road win keeps IHS unbeaten in league

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seven straight Nucla fouls allowed visiting Ignacio to string together eight unanswered points beginning the third quarter, and the Lady Bobcats would go into the fourth having not allowed even a free throw en route to a thorough 60-23 win Saturday, Jan. 26.

“We were good at the free-throw line and had good transitions, played solid defense,” said head coach Justa Whitt. “We need to get better offensively with a lot of missed shots, but it’s still a good work-in-progress win.”

Playing without sophomore backcourt talents Jayden Brunson and Charlize Valdez, but having regained sophomore center Sheldie Gosney after a Jan. 10 ankle injury at Dolores, the guests got out to a 12-6 lead through eight minutes with Gosney booking a quick six points including four free-throw makes in as many tries.

“We got off to a bit of a slow start there, but we got it together.... And despite being a little short at the guard positions, we were okay,” Whitt said.

NHS senior post Caitlyn Littlejohn was also goaded into committing three first-quarter fouls, further softening the Lady Mustangs’ interior and allowing Lady ‘Cat junior forward Makayla Howell to bounce a perfect feed to cutting senior guard Kiana Valdez for a textbook backdoor layup



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Kiana Valdez (2) leaps to throw a pass over Nucla’s Ashley Steele (1) during SJBL road action Saturday, Jan. 26.

beginning the second quarter.

Seven different Ignacio players would score during the stanza, with sophomore Ebonee Gomez knocking down a long jumper in the waning seconds to increase IHS’ halftime advantage to 33-15. She would log six points during the quarter, eight for the half and total 12 for the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League contest. Howell would also record 12, with six coming during the third quarter, and Gosney would finish with 11 while picking up just two

personals compared to Littlejohn’s four.

Howell was called for zero infractions while junior forward Larissa Gallegos was hit with just two.

Valdez totaled eight points while freshmen guards Avaleena Nanaeto and Monica Lucero each scored six, and Ignacio (9-4, 8-0 SJBL) finished 14-of-22 from the charity stripe.

“We had even scoring across the board tonight,” noted Whitt, “and it just

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Pedregon paces mat ‘Cats in Paonia

IHS ninth-best at the Screaming Eagle

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Suiting up seven grapplers, head coach Jordan Larsen and assistant Cody Haga both knew Ignacio’s singlets would be in for a long, sweaty Screaming Eagle Invitational Saturday, Jan. 26, in Paonia, Colo.

“It was a nice tournament to see what our regional tournament is basically going to be,” Larsen said, briefly looking ahead to the 2A-Region I Championships, Feb. 15-16 in Montrose. “I thought we had really good competition and our guys wrestled hard the entire tournament. It was great to see where we’re at.”

And probably just as great to see four Bobcats earn top-six status at the talent-laden event.

All told, IHS piled up 66.5 points and finished a respectable ninth out of 23 teams at the SEI, while the hosting Eagles won with 228. Walsenburg-based 2A John Mall claimed second with 175.5 points, 2A Meeker came in third with 150, and 2A Hayden (148) squeaked ahead of 2A Hotchkiss (147) to bag fourth.

Leading the way for Ignacio was junior Cesar Pedregon, who waited for nearly four hours after the scheduled, but slightly delayed 8 a.m. start time before finally seeing first-round action – and winning it by pin in just 19 seconds – at 182 pounds against 3A Olathe junior Norma Alejandro.

He then lost 11-2 to San



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Cesar Pedregon (left) ties up Olathe’s Norma Alejandro, en route to a first-period pin at Paonia’s Screaming Eagle Invitational Saturday, Jan. 26.

Juan Basin League rival – and 2018 State Championships runner-up at the weight – Will Gabriel of Nucla in the semifinals, but bounced back to pin 3A Basalt’s Jose Castorena in an elapsed 2:35 and stuck MHS’ Kesston Hobbs in 2:32 to earn third place (Gabriel edged Hayden’s Hunter Planansky 5-4 for first).

Arriving at PHS ranked seventh amongst Class 2A 160-pounders by On The Mat, senior Dustin Sanchez reacted with a vengeance to a 16-6 quarterfinals loss to Norwood’s Austin Overholt, pinning JMHS’ Diego Sanchez in 54 seconds and 3A Steamboat Springs’ Ivan Reynolds in 59, then following those successes with a tense 4-2 win over 2A Center’s Mario Chavez.

But after reaching the

third-place test, the Bobcat finished with a 4-2 tournament record after MHS’ Brayden Woodward – who’d advanced via a forfeit win over Overholt – sprung a first-overtime takedown.

IHS junior Clay Campbell saved his squad fifth-place points at 170 pounds, and finished the event 3-2 by pinning 2A PHS’ Trenton Gaston in only 50 seconds. Senior 138-pounder Skieler Grooms went 2-3, with both his first (by a 9-6 decision) and last (by a 7-2 count) losses coming against 2A Rangely’s Tytus Coombs, but still placed sixth.

Freshman Shawn Campbell went 0-2 at 132 but nearly pinned his eventual eliminator, Norwood’s Gage Owen, before being

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Windy Boy scores at ELKS



photos courtesy Sheila Nanaeto

Thunder Windy Boy (center) attended and won the Regional Elks Hoopshoot free throw contest Jan. 20, at FLC. He represented the Durango area for boys 8-9-year-old division after winning the local Hoopshoot on Dec. 15, at Escalante Gymnasium.



Placing first at the FLC shootout thunder Windy Boy now advances to the State level Hoopshoot in Salida, Colo., Saturday, Feb. 23, representing the Southwest region for boys 8-9-year-old division.

BOBCATS BOYS JV BASKETBALL

IHS’ JV boys lose at Nucla varsity

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Given the unusual ups and downs Ignacio has experienced so far in the 2018-19 season, if there ever was a time for Nucla’s varsity to try stunning the vaunted, but at times vulnerable Bobcats, and even possibly gain the program a tidbit of revenge for the famed Feb. 20, 2010 (a record-shattering 144-35 IHS win) engagement ... It passed the Mustangs by.

Facing instead an eight-man JV roster (with at least six ‘Cats having seen some varsity time this winter) Saturday, Jan. 26, at home, NHS’ best got an amazing 28 points from sophomore Tyler Wytulka – who was just 2-of-8 from the free-

throw line – in dealing the guests a 56-43 defeat.

IHS actually led 16-14 after a promising first quarter, but went into halftime trailing 24-20 and into the final frame down 38-28 before Wytulka scored ten of Nucla’s clinching 18 points. Junior Dustin Galarza booked 12 points for the Ponies, and senior Caleb Smith contributed eight.

Scoring nine of Ignacio’s 12 total points during the second and third quarters, JV/varsity freshman guard Gabe Tucson drilled four three-pointers (NHS netted only two) and racked up a team-high 21 points in the loss. Sophomore forward Dylan Labarthe, another JV/V ‘swinger,’ chipped in ten points and senior JV/V

guard/forward Randy Doyeb five.

Ahead on the schedule for Adam Tucson’s boys will be second go-rounds with both Ridgway (Feb. 1, IHS Gymnasium) and Telluride (2/2, SunUte Community Center), with the latter expected to again offer strong opposition after sinking a reported 12 three-pointers on Jan. 19 inside THS’ MinerDome.

Results from the JV’s scheduled Jan. 29 road trip to 4A Durango were unavailable at press time.

Idle from competition since a 57-53 win Jan. 19 at Telluride, the Bobcat varsity will tip off its 2/1 run with Ridgway standing 6-7 overall, and 5-2 against all 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opposition ... other than Nucla.



1 Day Tournament
Saturday March 23rd, 2019
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Ignacio, Colorado

3rd-12th Grade
Boys & Girls Divisions
3 Game Guarantee

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SKATE PARK ONE STEP CLOSER • FROM PAGE 1

“I think skateboarding represents having a place to fit in if you’re a Native kid who isn’t into team sports like basketball or football. It allows for more diversity for their identity,” said Walt Pourier, Oglala Lakota and executive director of the Stronghold Society, a Denver-based nonprofit; when interviewed for a recent article in Indian Country Today titled: Skate Parks Save Lives. “The skate park becomes like a home, a place to grow, to be healthy and active ... It’s theirs. They can take it as far as they want it.”

During the planning workshop, an entire wall was dedicated to a pop-up photo display showcasing images from skate parks the youth recently visited, a collage of 5x7 images organized to showcase different details and designs from each of the community orientated skate parks — many of which were established in Native communities. Youth council members used color coded stickers to cast votes, rating their choices first, second and third; giving them an opportunity to weigh in and express their favorite aspects in an ideal park design.

The young tribal members were pressed with hard questions by SunUte staff. “What was it about that ‘feature’ that you liked?” inquired SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth in regards to each of their selections. “What would make you feel safe at this park?” SunUte Recreation Manager Virgil Morgan asked the youth. “What do you not want to see at the park?”

The young council members cited examples of parks they had recently visited, or had the opportunity to experience in their answers. “The meeting was well attended, their thoughts were honored, and engaged,” noted Duffy-Wirth. “They are welcoming us as adults, they are welcoming the multi-generational approach to this project.”

We’re not trying to influence them, but to inspire them,” Morgan emphasized. “Letting the youth know that we hear them is one of



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte

Nate Hendren reads the rules and guidelines for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community skate park. Hendren is also vice-chairman for the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.

the best ways for them to grow and mature. We have respect for the youth, we listen — this is what we do.”

Morgan explained that the youth liked the graffiti art which adorned the skate bowl in Los Altos, N.M., adding that they also connected with Native artwork in Gallup, N.M. “They liked the railing design at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community because it used native colors from their tribe and hinted at their tribal seal,” Robin said, emphasizing the cultural connection.

Longboarder and youth council representative, Sara Chakee spoke up for what she hopes for in a skate park. The park will be designed around and encourage participation from more than just die-hard skaters, it will cater to rollerblades, scooters, longboards and BMX. The incorporation of the splash pad feature adjacent to the skate bowl is still a key design element of the park. Offering a cool down for the athletes in the summer heat, while also engaging younger participants and

non-skaters alike.

“We are happy to assist in this endeavor; we are information gathers in respect to this project,” Duffy-Wirth explained. “We were gifted this project, but it’s driven by the youth,”

“We’ve presented to the elders and listened. We’ve presented to the community and listened,” Duffy-Wirth said. Prior to meeting with Natelle Thompson and the Youth Council on Saturday, the SunUte Director sat down with members of the Southern Ute Tribal Planning Department, including: Doug McDonald, Ray Torres, April Toledo, and Mary Monte to discuss the RFP process. “This is unique in that it is a design build situation,” explained Tribal Planner Doug McDonald. The same team that finalizes the design concept will implement and oversee the construction process for this project, due to the specialized concrete work required to meet the expectations of skaters.

The next step for SunUte staff is a work session with the Southern Ute Tribal Council scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7.

LADY BOBCATS BREEZE NUCLA • FROM PAGE 11



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ebonee Gomez (23) side-steps Nucla's Emme Rushing (25) during SJBL road action Saturday, Jan. 26.

came from good passing and being unselfish with the basketball.”

Playing with three fouls, scrappy sophomore guard Ashley Steele managed three fourth-quarter baskets to finish with nine points for Nucla (5-9, 3-5). Littlejohn netted five, including the game's only three-pointer,

and junior post Jacquelyn Terrell also contributed five in defeat.

Up next for the Lady 'Cats will be a Feb. 1 evening rematch with Ridgway at home, then a 2/2 afternoon tussle with Telluride inside SunUte Community Center before a 2/5 challenge at non-league Del Norte.

As of Monday, Jan. 28, the top-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 1/28] Lady Tigers stood 12-0 overall with a Southern Peaks League date at Crested Butte, then home games versus 3A Gunnison and SPL rival Center all slated prior to as-yet unranked IHS' coming.

PEDREGON PACES MAT • FROM PAGE 11



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Dustin Sanchez turns over Basalt's Ryan Borchelt, en route to a first-period pin at Paonia's Screaming Eagle Invitational Saturday, Jan. 26.

pinned 1:35 into the second period. And at 126, senior Hunter Robbins did not place but went 2-2 for the day with a first-round, third-period pin (with just five ticks left in regulation) of Basalt's Zach Pagan and a consolation-round, second-period (with seven seconds left) stick of 4A Palisade's Cobe Clark.

Up next for the 'Cats will be their own Butch Melton Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 2, inside IHS Gymnasium. Start time is set for 8 a.m.

“This is another big test to see where we are at, and I think it's going to bring out our best,” said Larsen. “Everybody is going to get five really high-quality match-

es, and we're excited to see how we do.”

Ignacio will then compete Feb. 7 at the SJBL Duals, hosted this season by Dove Creek. At the Screaming Eagle, all circuit crews trailed IHS in the standings as Norwood took tenth (62.5 points), Nucla 11th (55.5), Dolores 18th (27), DCHS T-20th (20), and Mancos 23rd (4).

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Steamers roll T-Wolves



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Durango Steamers defenseman Keevin “KJ” Reynolds, a Southern Ute tribal member, intercepts the puck from the West Elk Timberwolves (Gunnison). The Steamers won two games and tied two games in two-days of hockey action, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26 and 27 at the Chapman Hill Ice Arena in Durango.

The Durango Steamers celebrate their victory over the West Elk Timberwolves of Gunnison, Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Chapman Hill Ice Arena. The Steamers finished the regular hockey season with a record of seven wins, four losses and three ties, earning second place in the Continental Divide Youth Hockey League (CDYHL), behind the Pikes Peak Catamounts of Colorado Springs.



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

BURCH FAMILY THANKS

We, the family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone that made the seventh Annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk and LCB Art & Literacy Contest a great success! We appreciate you all.

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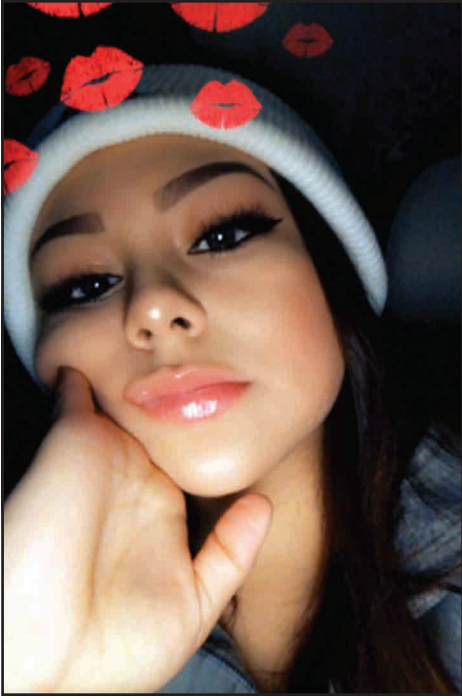
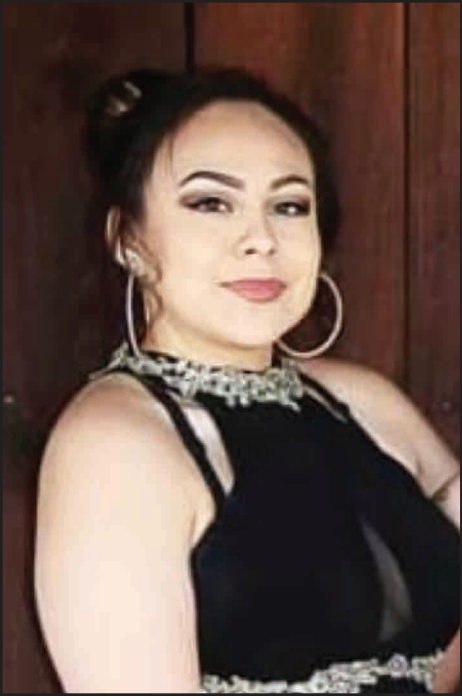
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- LCB Walk/Run participants
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 - The LCB Art and Literacy Contest, was successful for many young students who took part in the essay, art competition & poem categories. Thank you all for your participation and a job well done!
 - Students did an outstanding job in their ability to learn about “Health and Wellness of the Utes”.
 - We would like to thank the following:
 - Art and Literacy sponsor: The Southern Ute Public Relations Department
 - Trennie B. Collins – Southern Ute Public Relations Coordinator
 - The Southern Ute Drum and McKayla Lee – Drum Photographer
 - Tribal Information Services
 - Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy – Administrators, guides, parents and relatives
 - Local School District – Administrators, teachers, resource staff, parents and relatives
 - Literacy Judges: Trennie Collins, McKayla Lee, Lynnette Sage, Leora Lucero, Leonora Burch and Leona Burch.
- In addition, anyone we might have unintentionally not mentioned.
- We want to commend Trennie Collins and Abel Velasquez for their special commitment to organizing these events and dedication to our family.
- Wishing everyone a healthy, prosperous & successful New Year!
- May the Creator look upon your path with guidance & protection.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Irene C. Burch, daughters and family

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS



FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Happy 19th Birthday Allisianna S. Baker Im very proud off all the accomplishments you are reaching for. Keep working hard and never give up. I wish I was there to celebrate with you but I know your away at college playing ball and working hard.

Love, Mom



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEEMZ

I wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence, along with wisdom to choose your battles carefully. I wish you the adventure on your journey and may you always stop to help others along the way. Listen to your heart & take risk carefully. Remember you are loved by BOTH SIDES of your family.

But most of all
“WHO YOU GOING TO CALL?”

Loved always by your CRAZY FAM!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM!!

Another year older and another year wiser LOL!
Thank you for everything you do for our little Family!
Many Blessings to you and this new year!
We love you Lots!

Love,
Shi, Neki, Zxander, James & Baby KaiLanii!

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AQUARIUS. With 2019 still in diapers, the NEW MOON in your sign, encourages your inner child to come out and play on the 4th. Text some of your pals AQUARIUS, and explore some entertaining options. Your planetary ruler URANUS, is making its final run through the sign of ARIES and will change signs in March. Fiery MARS enters the sign of TAURUS on the 14th and might stir up fun family parties. It may also slow your momentum a little. Pay attention to financial, and domestic obligations, and duties.

♉ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

The FEBRUARY news for you PISCES begins on the 6th, and 7th with the MOON in your sign. MERCURY associates with MARS in a productive manner and steers beneficial rewards in your direction. Later on the 10th MERCURY swims into your watery KINGDOM and signals a green light to future plans. Action hungry MARS changes signs on the 14th and proudly charges into the loving sign of TAURUS. Celebrate LOVE Little Fishes, and show your loved ones how much you care.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

In 2019 all is NEW. A NEW YEAR, NEW MOON, AND NEW INTERESTS. Starting on the 4th, the NEW MOON in the adventurous sign of AQUARIUS releases a cycle of fresh beginnings. You may have decided to be more proactive this year, and satisfy your longing to be out in nature more often. But that might interfere with plans to boost your income. You will have to decide just how to divide your time. Money planet VENUS enters practical CAPRICORN on the 3rd and gives the edge to work.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Hey TAURUS people this is the month to buy those little heart shaped candies that say something nice, and also yummy boxes of chocolates. It's all about LOVE, and caring. Celestially speaking, the giant FULL MOON on the 19th favors your sign, and supports your patient nature. But it's only until the 13th. On the 14th the rebel of the Zodiac (Mars) comes charging into your sign and immediately begins to speed things up. Hold on to your hats, and your patience. You might be inspired to get things done more rapidly.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

By this time of year you may have grown weary of the cold, rainy, stormy, cloudy days. You dream of warm tropical breezes, with sunny blue skies, and lots of green plant life everywhere. VENUS enters the work related sign of CAPRICORN on the 3rd, and gives you the gumption needed to get you closer to your objectives. Think of it this way. Each day gets that much nearer to spring. Meanwhile enjoy what every day has to offer. Allow your GEMINI creativity to fill the days with fun, and interest.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Bright and lovely VENUS shines as an early morning star this month. JUPITER and SATURN are also visible. VENUS will be the brightest. On the 3rd VENUS glides into your opposite sign of CAPRICORN. Make it a point to focus on warm and thoughtful relationships instead of argumentative ones. VENUS connects with no nonsense SATURN the 18th, he demands that you live up to the agreements you make. Later on the 22nd VENUS meets with PLUTO, and he supports a stronger bond with close relationships.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

The first week of FEBRUARY starts with positive support from MERCURY when it links favorably with JUPITER on the 3rd. It may encourage you to spend a pleasant Sunday with planned activities, or just let nature take its course and allow the day to unfold by itself. A SUN/JUPITER connection and a nice MERCURY/MARS relation on the 7th insure upbeat ventures with loved ones, and friends. MERCURY harmonizes with URANUS on the 9th. You can bet it will be a day of spirit lifting joyful amusement.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

VENUS, SATURN, and PLUTO have set up shop in the creative zone of your Horoscope. You may have become bored with the daily routine. This month the planets are prescribing some celestial medicine. They are promoting more creativity. Try something that is more in tune with your artistry, and your ability to picture a finished product. On the 14th MARS hastily enters a travel area and sparks your interest to see new sights. A VENUS/NEPTUNE link on the 17th enhances your imagination.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

The NEW MOON in AQUARIUS on the 4th favors good times with loving relationships and children. On the 14th when MARS enters the sign of TAURUS, it sets up a changeable, but productive influence regarding domestic finances, and projects. The FULL MOON on the 19th also known as a SUPERMOON is in the sign of VIRGO. Together they complete a trinity of progress, promise, and peaceful conditions related to household harmony, money management, and some of your privately held wishes.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Current planetary influences initiate fresh beginnings regarding relatives, and family connections. It's VENUS that rules the roost in this FEBRUARY forecast. It may give you an opportunity to launch peaceful solutions to domestic discord. MERCURY zips into compatible PISCES on the 10th, and releases a more soothing, compassionate aura. Kind words may flow easily. The FULL MOON on the 19th shines its brilliant light on your hopes and wishes. Future goals can be put into motion this month.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

This month the planet URANUS makes its slow and steady exit from the sign of ARIES. It completes the journey it began about 9 years ago. The main point is that the URANIAN, highly changeable, influence will shift into the calmer sign of TAURUS in March. More about that in the March forecast. Beginning on the 6th of this month, URANUS goes into the very last degree of ARIES. Whenever a planet does this it is not an easy departure. Pay attention to work and health habits. Be more flexible SAGGIES.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

VENUS slips into your sign on the 3rd. With it comes the promise of springtime. There must be some of you who are ready to be shot with one of Cupid's love arrows. MARS charges bravely into a romance zone on the 14th and sends bold encouragement to VENUS. These are the planets of love. They work well together. You might be motivated to propel yourself in that direction also CAPRICORN. Take advantage of these planetary FEBRUARY gifts. A warm and loving aura hangs over this whole month.

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Dean Price

Job title: Ground Maintenance
Description of duties: Outside work, like mowing grass, pulling weeds, and trimming trees.
Hobbies: I like to hang out with friends, doing art, play electric guitar, fishing, hunting and camping. Then spend time with family.
Family: Lana Lane, Savannah Lane and Cassidy Lane.
Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Comments: I hope to make my job fun and help my work place and tribal offices look neat.

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Seeking Tribal Member Comment

30-day Tribal Member Comment Period
on a proposed
Disenrollment Ordinance

Tribal Council is considering adopting a Disenrollment Ordinance 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:

1. Log in to your [Tribal Member Portal](#)
2. Access the materials by clicking on the links on the bottom of the page
3. Submit your comments by February 27th

You can also submit written comments to:

Ms. Jamie Rivera
Legal Department
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, CO 81137
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.

Home Rehabilitation Program applications now being offered

Construction Services Division is taking applications for the home rehabilitation program we offer.

Please drop by Southern Ute Construction Services and pick up an application or call us at 970-563-0260 and we can mail or email you a copy of the rehabilitation application. Any applicants that have previously applied for the home rehabilitation program must resubmit a new application. Thank you, and we look forward to working with you.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE

Tree clearing and removal, chipping and grubbing

The Southern Ute Utilities Division is requesting a bid proposal to perform the required activities (1) Harvest all vegetation within the proposed 8-acre reservoir site, (2) prepare and transport salvageable fuel wood to the Tribal Fuels Yard, and (3) grub and chip all small diameter scrub and non-fuelwood onsite, and/or properly dispose of non-fuel wood off-site. The work is to be performed in coordination with the Tribe's Utilities Division and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group (SECMG) no sooner than March 1, 2019. Vegetation removal shall be completed no later than April 1, 2019. Work will be performed in accordance with Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) policies for timber harvesting within the Natural Resource Management Plan. The scope of work for each task of the project follows:

- Task I – Remove all vegetation from the proposed 8-acre reservoir site by April 1, 2019. Vegetation to be removed includes large cottonwood and ponderosa pine trees, and smaller Gambel oak, juniper, and pinyon pine. In addition, a fairly dense understory of thinleaf alder is found in the eastern portion of the site.
- Task II – Prepare and transport salvageable fuel wood to the Tribal Fuels Yard.
 1. Obtain a paid permit with Timber Cutting Permit Form BIA 5-5331 for the removal of salvageable fuel wood, including approximately 30 cords of Gambel oak and 70 cords of ponderosa pine, that is at least four (4) inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) and two (2) feet in length. All material will be cut into eighteen (18) inch lengths, limbed and hauled to the Tribal Fuels Yard located on County Road 517 in Ignacio, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., except on holidays. All wood shall be hauled prior to completion of construction. Load tickets must accompany every load hauled to the Fuels Yard.
 2. Permits issued under this provision will be under the supervision of the Tribe's Forestry Division.
- Task III – Grub/chip/mulch and/or properly dispose of all non-fuel wood material. Non-fuel wood at the site will consist of all plant material that is not delivered to the Tribal Fuels Yard.

Non-fuel wood material, as specified above, may be used onsite for reclamation or soil-stabilization purposes. The material may be stockpiled on-site as specified by Utilities Division. Work will commence no sooner than March 1, 2019 and must be completed by April 1, 2019. Work will commence in coordination with SECMG conducting pre-disturbance migratory bird nest surveys within the project area. The surveys will be conducted to ensure compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

and will take place "in front of" clearing equipment. In the event of a discovery, work will be temporarily suspended, and SUIT Wildlife will be contacted to determine proper avoidance and/or mitigation measures. All perspective bidders must be approved through the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). A Southern Ute Indian Tribe Crossing Permit will be required to access and complete the work on Tribal Trust Lands. A meeting will occur onsite to review the proposed scope of work and to address questions from any perspective contractors. The meeting will occur on Feb. 5, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Southern Ute Utilities Division Water Treatment Plant office located at 981 County Road 518 Ignacio, CO 81137. Bids should be provided in the following format:

- Lump sum bids must be provided for each task identified above (i.e., Task I and Task II). The bids should provide a detailed breakdown of costs (labor, materials and equipment), clearly indicating how the lump sum amount was derived. The bidder must also list any subcontractors (name of firm and contact information) and identify their specific responsibilities in completing the work for the project. Bidder's must also provide a percentage breakdown of work to be performed by their firm and that portion of work performed by subcontractors.
- All bids should be submitted to the Utilities Division Office and must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2019 at the following address:

Southern Ute Utilities Division
Attn: Hayes Briskey
16360 Highway 172, P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-5500
Bids may also be emailed to hbriskey@suitutil.com
Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Hayes Briskey at 970-563-5500 or Brendan Cusick at 970-764-6488.

Preference in Contracting & Subcontracting – Native American Owned Businesses. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned Businesses (IOB). A bid preference of 5% will be given to any Native American Owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the bid due date will not be given Indian preference. For information about certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. Indian employment preference is required for all employers on this project in accordance with the Tribe's TERO code. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing date 2/15/19 – 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, Feb. 15, 2019.

ELECTION BOARD

Closing date 2/15/19 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 356 Ouray Drive/LCB, 2nd floor east wing. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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.

Upcoming Tribal Credit Policy Changes

Effective March 1, 2019

Revisions to the Declarations of Policies and Plan of Operations – Tribal Credit Fund

Five new definitions to the Policy: Cosigner, Non-Use, Primary Residence, PL 93-638- (Public Law), Regulation Z:

Cosigner: Means a person who becomes obligated, under a promissory note or similar instrument, by signing the document in conjunction with the original obligor, thereby promising to pay it in full.

Non-Use: The refusal or failure to use something. Abandonment.

Public Law 93-638: "The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975" authorize government agencies to enter into contracts with and make grants directly to federally recognized Indian Tribes. The Tribes would have authority for how they administered the funds.

Regulation Z: Is the standardize manner in which costs associated with borrowing are calculated and disclosed.

Primary Residence: The main home a person inhabits and uses for the majority of the time.

Exceptions:

"Deployment in the Military" – Deployment documentation required (Recertification required once a year).

"Attending school" – Enrollment documentation required (Recertification required per semester).

"Medical treatment" – for self or immediate family members (Medical recertification required every six months).

"Incarcerated" – short term up to 1 year. If incarcerated for 1 year or more and the crime did not occur in the home or Home site, a request for exception can be presented to the Committee.

"Tribal Tradition" – up to one year.

The above exceptions are valid as long as the Tribal Member does not change their legal residency during the exception period. If the legal residency does change during the exception period, the exception becomes null and void consequently creating a violation in the primary residency.

Additional Secured Home Loan requirements added to the Policy:

13.2.8.1. "Student loan" – Addition of student loan debt-to-income calculation related to a mortgage.

13.2.8.2. "Bankruptcy" – Addition of Bankruptcy wait period.

13.2.16. "Homebuyer Ed. Class" – Addition of requirement of Homebuyer Education Class.

13.2.19.7. "Annual Tribal Distribution" – Tribal member will opt for the annual Tribal distribution to be 12 equal payments if participating in the Secured Home Loan Program.

Additional Line of Credit requirements added to the Policy:

13.1.9. "Secured Home Loan" – If participating in the Secured Home Loan program and your SHL is in the final approval phase and, if applicable, during the construction phase, the Line of Credit account access will be closed until the SHL converts to the fully amortized payment phase.

13.1.4.1. "Line of Credit Pay downs" – If a pay down is required to achieve the **\$1,000.00** minimum advance, the pay down will be the required amount plus **\$200.00**.

13.1.8. "Age 18-21" – Line of Credit limit is **\$3,000.00** with a **High School Diploma** or **GED** and pass the **Minors Financial Literacy Course**.



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

Dispatcher Trainee

Closing 2/8/19 – Southern Ute Member only. Trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 17 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Early Childhood Teacher

Closing 2/5/19 – Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Employee uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area.

Education Floater

Closing 2/5/19 – Supporting the SUIMA through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Executive Assistant

Closing 2/7/19 – Provides assistance to the Director of Justice and Regulatory on budget analysis and preparation, as well as provide secretarial and clerical support. Scheduling, preparing, recording and summarizing meetings of the Ethics Committee and Drivers’ License Hearings. Managing the flow of information to Division Heads and Program Managers within the Department of Justice. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Closing 2/11/19 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager. Will greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

Closing 2/6/19 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Closing 2/6/19 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Senior Water Quality Specialist 106

Closing 2/7/19 – Develops and administers Water Quality Monitoring Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA Clean Water Act §106 grant or other grant funds. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Tribal Ranger Corporal

Closing 2/8/19 – Under the general supervision of Wildlife Sergeant, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. In the absence of the Wildlife Sergeant and Captain, will supervise all subordinate Tribal Rangers. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

ervation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61.872/annual.

Endocrinologist (Part-time)

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

Family Court Caseworker

Open until filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annual

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 recommends 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).

Lands Administration Coordinator Trainee

Open until filled – Southern Ute tribal member only. Trainee program is designed to be two years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Lands Administration Coordinator position. Management of Tribal Land Assignments and Proposed Project Notification (proposed surface disturbing projects on Tribal Lands) and will ensure Tribal Members and other entities receive services related to general land management and proposed Tribal land use. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 20 and be subject to bi-annual evaluations and pay increases. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Occupational 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 occupational therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open until filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, 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.

Purchasing Manager

Open until filled – Developing, leading, and executing purchasing strategies that result in optimal terms, expense, and effectiveness for the Tribe. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

Speech & Language 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 speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Open until filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

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

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Open until filled – Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Open until filled – Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Cleaning an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift. One-year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business.

Fine Dining Host/Hostess (Full-time)

Open until filled – Provide an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests, answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed. Must have one-year of Host/Ca-

shier and food service experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

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. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one-year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In-House training or presently attending school. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and willingness to learn. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

*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. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

**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.

Chief Financial Officer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/4/19, 5pm – Directing the day-to-day financial activities of RWPC, including the financial, administrative, and risk management operations of the company. Oversees financial reporting, budgeting, and audits. Works closely with the RWPC Financial Manager and Controller to provide accurate financial records and to advise management on financial and budgeting issues. Works with Red Willow staff, partners, Growth Fund Directors, financial institutions, and government agencies to ensure that projects have maximum value to Red Willow in line with corporate strategies. Manages product sales and transportation and treating contracts; works with Growth Fund staff and others to manage financing and tax issues; works with executive management to provide strategic objectives.

Risk Manager – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/14/19, 5pm – Directing the purchase of insurance programs, management of claims

and loss control activities, management of relationships with third party service providers including brokers and insurers, preparing loss analyses and budgets, identifying expositors, recommending solutions and implementing approved programs for the Growth Fund, its companies and departments

Water Plant Operator III – SUGF Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/11/19, 5pm – Assists with the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Tribal Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System under the direct supervision of the Water Plant Lead Operator and the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor.

Controller – Growth Fund Properties (Durango, CO)

Closing 2/15/19, 5pm – Directing and participating in accounting and financial reporting functions of GF Properties Group, to establish and maintain accounting principles, practices, and procedures, as well as implementing policies and procedures to relevant business units.

KSUT Business Manager

DEADLINE TO APPLY: 2/8/19; POSITION SUMMARY: The primary role of the Business Manager is to take responsibility for and oversee the timely completion of all day-to-day business management functions of KUTE, Inc., ensuring efficient and effective operations and coordinating all issues affecting the daily operations of the office. The Business Manager supports the KUTE, Inc. strategic vision by processing financial documents and organizing and maintaining files necessary to sustain and nurture the business of a public radio station. Position provides business management and financial and budgetary support to the Executive Director and Development Director. TO APPLY: KSUT is an EEO, Native American preference employer, Tribal preference given. Salary \$38,000-\$40,000 DOE with full benefits. Send letter of interest, resume and three professional references to tami@ksut.org by 5 p.m. on February 8, 2019, or by mail: Tami Graham, KSUT Public Radio, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. A full job description is available at www.ksut.org under the ABOUT tab.

Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Executive Director

Colorado’s Office of the Lieutenant Governor is seeking an Executive Director for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA). The Commission is the official liaison between the State of Colorado, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Commission also works with the other 46 historic Tribes of Colorado on a government-to-government basis and maintains contact with Colorado’s urban American Indian/Alaska Native communities. The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs is fully committed to positively impacting the lives of Colorado’s American Indian/Alaska Native communities statewide. If you are interested in the position, click on the link for a detailed job description and to access the online application. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/>

Education Dept. seeking Career Fair Caterer

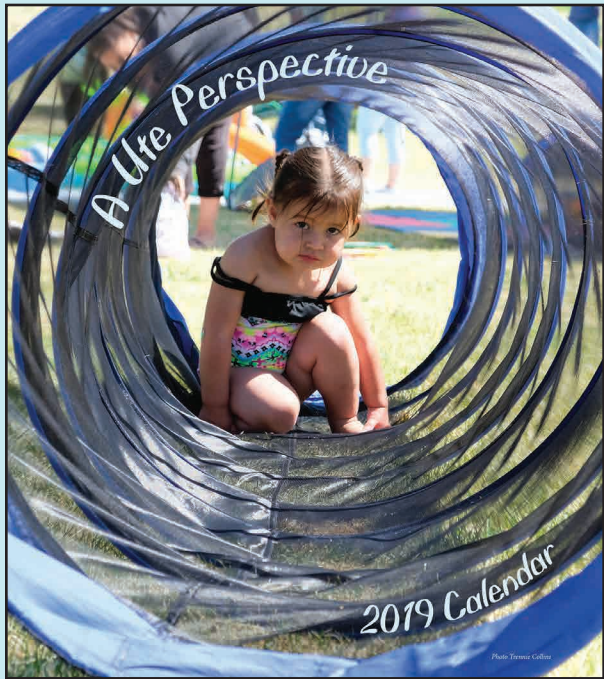
On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, the Education Department will be hosting its 18th Annual Career Fair at Ignacio High School. The caterer will be expected to serve a nutritious breakfast and lunch to approximately 170 vendors. The Education Department will not provide any paper products, utensils, cooking supplies or servers. Meals should be portable, mindful of dietary restrictions and health conscious. Coffee and water must be available at all times. The Career Fair runs from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Breakfast must be served by 8 a.m. and lunch must be ready by 11 a.m. Please include a potential menu for breakfast and lunch in your bid. Bids are due by Friday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. If interested, please contact Nicole Cabral at 970-563-2785 or ncabral@southernute-nsn.gov for more information.

House for Sale

3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 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.



2019 Calendars are in!



The 2019 Southern Ute calendar is now available. Southern Ute tribal members who are “head-of-household” will receive one calendar, per household by mail. Individual calendars may be picked up in The Southern Ute Drum office, located in the Leonard C. Burch building. Southern Ute tribal members and tribal employees are welcome to pick up a calendar in person. Limited quantities are available. If you did not receive a calendar please contact the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services office to verify your mailing address at 970-563-0100.

Hunter Education Course
One Day INTERNET-BASED



Date: March 30, 2019, Saturday

Time: 8am-3pm

Location: Ignacio, Colorado (Sky Ute Casino Resort)

This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 30th, 2019. Class time on Saturday is 8am-3pm with a one (1) hour lunch break.

Please call: (970) 563-0130 if you have any questions.

Course fee: \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class)

Class size is limited to 20 students.

Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child.

Pre-Register online at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/137436>

Hunter education cards will be awarded to students upon successful completion of the course, which includes completing the approved online study program, attending the class session and passing a written test and live fire. Rifles and ammunition for the live fire will be provided. No personal firearms are allowed.

The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of this course is \$24.50 and is available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/colorado/>. Students must show the certificate of completion for the online course to attend the classroom session.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



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!

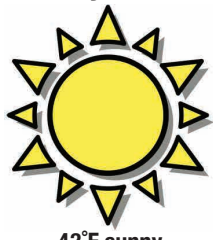
If you or someone you know is interested contact Journii Nez for more details
970.563.2692 or jonez@southernute-nsn.gov

Volunteer Events:

- January 2019: Snowdown
- June 2019: Summer Club BBQ
- July 2019: San Ignacio Parade
- August 2019: Summer Club BBQ
- September 2019: Southern Ute Fair Parade
- October 2019: Halloween Carnival

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Feb. 1



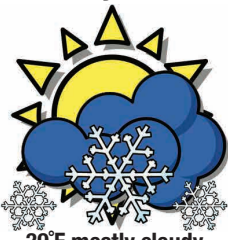
43°F sunny

Saturday, Feb. 2



43°F mostly cloudy

Sunday, Feb. 3



39°F mostly cloudy
70% rain/snow showers likely

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



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-0257
Steven R. Herrera Sr., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **March 18, 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 18th of January, 2019
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-PR-0004
Orville G. Hood, Deceased

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

before the Tribal Court at the above address on **March 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 25th of January, 2019
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2018-PR-0244
Charles R. Buffalomeat, 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 **February 5, 2019 at 11:00 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 11th of January, 2019
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ETHICS COMPLAINT 2018-03 filed by Danny Abeyta, a tribal employee, against McKean Walton, a tribal appointed official. Pursuant to §§ 19-6-101 & 19-6-102 of the Code of Ethics, a hearing in this matter is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in Southern Ute Tribal Court (large courtroom) at 9 a.m.

The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Chicago financial exchange, briefly
- 5 Curved moldings
- 10 Global nuclear watchdog
- 11 Candy bar filling
- 13 Cotton swab
- 14 Native Californians
- 15 Basin with reservation?
- 17 So be it
- 18 Scrambles
- 20 Lifeblood of TV and the web
- 21 Graceful horse
- 23 The German
- 25 Some tots' parents
- 28 Sicilian volcano
- 30 Horrify
- 31 Enterprise weapon
- 33 Home of "The Daily Bruin"
- 34 Like some dates
- 35 "Caf  au ---"
- 36 Lines
- 37 Otherwise

Down

- 1 Hi
- 2 Sup at home
- 3 With a whole new body
- 4 Prisoner's holder
- 5 Ailing Deborah's not performing live
- 6 Sticky substance
- 7 App installer's contract
- 8 Obsessed with oneself
- 9 Cut lumber
- 12 Makes brown
- 16 --- Beach, Saulteaux First Nations actor
- 19 Knucklehead
- 22 Drug bottle
- 23 Pirate Johnny
- 24 Body of principles
- 26 Former immigration island
- 27 Candidate list
- 29 Sparkling Italian wine
- 32 Unagi, at a sushi bar

Answers for this crossword will appear in Feb. 15 issue of the Drum.

Answers for crossword in Jan. 18 issue of the Drum

ACROSS: 1 Wisp, 5 Occurs, 11 Anti, 12 Marnie, 13 BPOE, 14 Attica, 15 A lot, 16 Hasten, 17 Saginaw, 19 Hyena, 20 Bipod, 25 Anasazi, 27 Fescue, 31 Amat, 32 Oppose, 33 Bert, 34 Leer at, 35 Elko, 36 Decays, 37 Lass.
DOWN: 1 Wabash, 2 In play, 3 Stooze, 4 Pie tin, 5 Omaha, 6 Catawba, 7 CRTs, 8 Unit, 9 Rice, 10 Sean, 18 Na-Au-Say, 21 Isabel, 22 Pamela, 23 Ozarks, 24 Dittos, 26 NEETs, 27 Fold, 28 Epee, 29 Spec, 30 Cora.