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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Barry aims to improve communication, education

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Newly elected Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council lady Amy J. Barry said her goals for the next three years are the same as her campaign platform: education and communication. Barry was elected to Tribal Council in the Dec. 12 runoff election alongside Councilman Tyson Thompson and Chairman Clement J. Frost.



"I want to bridge the gap between leadership, the government and the membership," she said in a Dec. 22 interview with the Drum. "[Councilman Thompson] and I proposed using Fridays as council's day to go out and visit with the membership."

elders". Not only on a scholarly level, but educating the membership on the Tribe as a whole.

Barry said Fridays are usually left open for council members to take care of their committees and any other business they need to finish. Tribal Council supports the idea, she said.

"I want to educate on all levels, [culturally, financially and educationally] I really want to be a participant and not sitting here just as a leader," she said.

Educating the membership also tops Barry's priority list. She said she hopes to help educate the membership, "from birth up to

According to Barry, living on the reservation her whole life, her outgoing personality, and her work history as an Executive Officer has attributed to her ability to communicate with the membership.

"We have to be there to

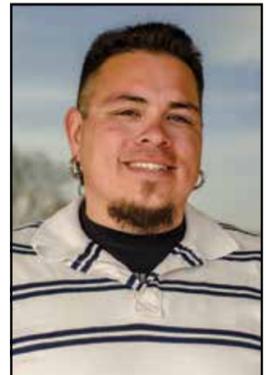
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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council welcomes Thompson

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The voters have spoken, and the people of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have elected Tyson Thompson into Tribal Council following the recent runoff election Friday, Dec. 12. He begins his three-year term alongside newly elected council lady, Amy J. Barry, and re-elected chairman, Clement J. Frost.



Thompson was born in Ignacio, CO to parents, Tami- anne Weage and William Thompson. All throughout his years, he has lived a life of construction. Growing up as a kid, he wanted to shape regulation in his principles with aspirations of being a police officer, he said.

community, the idea of taking it further was always in the back of his head, he said. The ideas of how to serve his people were endless until running for Tribal Council became the prominent goal.

Later, engineering became another vision that would allow him to build and design. Now with the position of Tribal councilman, Thompson holds ambitions to construct a meaningful connection with the Southern Ute community.

"Everyone is important. Everyone has to be taken care of," he said. "I'm always excited to learn ... that's where I get the satisfaction in doing things for others. We have to think about our youth and elders. We must also not forget about the employees of the Tribe. What an amazing group of people we have. When you spend twelve years working with a group of people, they become your other family. I want to ensure they are taken care of as well."

"My main goal is to provide overall happiness for the community," he stated. "You're not changing the world, but you're making a difference for one person's life, and that always makes a difference to me. I want to be there for whoever needs me to be there."

Thompson added that further inspiration in running for council came from late chairman, Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

Prior to being elected to council, Thompson worked in construction services for approximately thirteen years where community interaction was an every day thing. He adapted his management skills from supervisors and upper superiors, which would eventually lead him to becoming division head of construction services.

"Jimmy was an inspiration to me," Thompson said. "He was the one who told me to do it, and I took that to heart."

After ongoing work of providing care to the com-

In addition to helping his fellow community members, Thompson is also an avid fitness person. He spends productive time at SunUte Community Center, constructing a healthy and active mindset,

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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Council Members, Tyson Thompson, Clement J. Frost, and Amy J. Barry were sworn into office Monday, Dec. 15 inside the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

RUN-OFF ELECTION

Frost elected Southern Ute Tribal Chairman

Barry, Thompson to join council

Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Tribal members, fellow tribes, and community members were all in attendance for the 2014 Inauguration ceremony held for incoming council members: Clement J. Frost, Amy J. Barry and Tyson Thompson on Monday, Dec. 15 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost takes the oath of office on Monday, Dec. 15 at the 2014 Southern Ute Tribal Inauguration held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Frost will return to council after receiving 58 percent of votes for chairman in the Friday, Dec. 12 runoff election. Thompson and Barry were the two candidates to receive the highest number of votes in the runoff election. Thompson garnered 281 votes and Barry 232.

Frost brings experience to Tribal Council, having been on and off of council for the past 35 years – seven of which he was chairman.

Executive Officer in addition to his current Executive Officer – Michelle Taylor-Cruz – sometime this coming year. Frost also reappointed Melvin Baker as his Vice Chairman.

"We've done a lot of positive things, the home loan program ... we have a new Health Director, and the [Human Resources Director] position will be filled with the right candidate," he said.

"Thank you to all my supporters that voted for me and that have confidence in my leadership ability. I want to thank you for your trust and your respect," Frost said during his opening remarks.

Frost made the big announcement that he would be appointing a second

He also touched on some accomplishments during his last six months in office.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Councilman Richards resigns

Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On a day of celebration for the incoming council members, one councilman announced his departure. Councilman Howard D. Richards announced his resignation following the 2014 Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Inauguration ceremony Monday, Dec. 15.

Richards said health issues are the reason for his resignation.

He said he has been suffering from two torn rotator cuffs and will require surgery and a lengthy road to recovery.

"It was a decision I had to make," he said. "Within the last three to four months I've been debating it."

Richards has been on and off of council since 1991 and served as chairman from 2003 to 2005. He said it was a difficult decision to



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Outgoing Councilman Howard Richards received a Pendleton blanket from Manuel Heart, Ute Mountain Ute Chairman. The two stop and pose for a picture at the 2014 Inauguration. Richards last day was Monday, Dec. 15.

resign, but he is proud of his accomplishments. "As I walk out that door I will leave knowing I gave it

my best shot," he said. Richards, elected in 2012, leaves with a little less than a year remaining

in his three-year term. A special election will be held to fill Richards' vacant seat on Thursday, Feb. 12.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION 2015

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2015 Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

SPECIAL ELECTION: Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Constitution Article V, Section 5: Any vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Council, resulting from any cause, shall be filled at a special election to be called and held within sixty (60) days following the date upon which it becomes vacant if the office has longer than six (6) months to run.

SPECIAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE: Friday, November 14, 2014

Constitution Article IV, Section 5: A candidate shall physically reside within the present exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation for at least ninety (90) days preceding the election.

STATEMENT OF INTENT DEADLINE: Monday, December 22, 2014 by 5:00 pm

Election Code 11-3-101 (3): A Statement of Intention shall be filed with the Election Board as set forth by the resolution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council establishing the date for a Special Election.

ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: Monday, December 29, 2014

Election Code 11-3-102 (2): Any decision of the Election Board regarding eligibility shall be made at least forty-five (45) days before the election.

NOTICE OF ELECTION: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Election Code 11-4-102 (1): Election Board shall post notices of the election within the Southern Ute Reservation at least thirty (30) days before each election.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 by 5:00 pm

Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 by 5:00 pm

Election Code 11-5-107 (3): An emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline and prior to the Election day.

Questions or concerns, please contact the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305, Direct Line at (970) 563-4789 or 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. The Election Board office open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Holiday and Tribal office closures

Christmas, Dec. 25

Tribal offices closed Thurs., Dec. 25 and Fri., Dec. 26

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

Tribal offices closed Thurs., Jan. 1 and Fri., Jan. 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 19

Tribal offices closed Mon., Jan. 13

LOCAL UPDATES

UTILITES ANNOUNCE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Holiday season will soon be here. This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste will be closed and will not provide service on Christmas Day. Since Christmas falls on a Thursday, Transit

Waste will be doing their Thursday route on Friday and Friday route will be done on Saturday. For New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500. Have a happy and safe Holiday Season.



Snow removal priority list is as follows:

1. Dialysis Patients
2. Tribal Elders and Disabled Tribal Members
3. All other Tribal Home Owners

When a snow storm hits, please keep this priority list in mind. The snow removal crew will get to you in the order listed.

SOON THE SNOW WILL BE FALLING -

We would like to remind homeowners of your responsibilities to assist in the snow removal process.

- ~ Please identify the areas that will need to be cleared of snow
- ~ Please inform drivers of any items in your yard such as: utilities - electrical meter boxes, phone boxes, water meters, sewer cleanouts
- ~ Please pick up all personal or valuable items **PRIOR** to large amounts of snow fall to insure the snow removal crews do not damage them. For example: bikes, yard ornaments, garden hoses, vehicles, toys etc.
- ~ Please keep all road accesses that require snow removal clear so that crews can get in and out in a timely manner
- ~ Make sure to secure all animals prior to snow removal, this is for the safety of the snow removal crew and the animals.

******TRIBAL MEMBERS ON OXYGEN******

Contact your oxygen provider - ask them to provide oxygen canisters that do not require electricity to use in case of a power outage

Department Contact Numbers

SUPD >>> 563-4401 (After Hours)	Motor Pool >>> 563-0280
Tribal Housing Department >>> 563-4710	SUIHA >>> 563-4575
Construction Service Division >>> 563-0260	Custom Farms >>> 563-0220
Forestry/Woodyard >>> 563-4780	Grounds Maint. >>> 563-0272

MANY MOONS AGO



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Junior Miss Southern Ute Kelsi Beth Monroe and Little Miss Southern Ute Briana Pinnecoose were among the many young people who lined up to get a visit with Santa Claus at the end of the Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Program on Thursday, December 9th at the Sky Ute Casino Pavilion. The program featured performances by local youth Drum Group (as yet unnamed) Tribal member and pianist Gideon TwoCrow, the Native American choir from Fort Lewis College, and the traditional dance group from Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 22, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

20 years ago



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

A gift from the east encore performance was enjoyed by audience twice as big as last year. Nathan Winder, Katie Whiteskunk, and Everett Burch were three of a cast of dozens of tribal stars.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 23, 1994, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Break Dancing at the Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Program by the Chemical Task Force Members. Shan Washington, son of Stafford and Donna Washington shows his moves.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 28, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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Crafting cradleboards



Henry Whiteskunk/SU Culture Dept.

Edward Box III, Mariah Cuch and Elise Redd share a laugh during a cradleboard making class Saturday, Dec. 13 inside the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



Edward Box III works on completing a cradleboard he crafted during the weekend cradleboard making class held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Dec. 13-14.

Mariah Cuch, Northern Ute, taught the cradleboard making class Saturday, Dec. 13.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

2014-2015 Southern Ute Royalty: Miss Southern Ute Ellie Seibel, Little Miss Southern Ute Tauri Raines, Miss Southern Ute Alternate Autumn Medicine Blanket and Jr. Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra-Collen Garcia.

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Miss Southern Ute

Hello Everyone,

My name is Ellie Seibel also known as Tuusagawichitachi.

I am 16 years old and a junior at Ignacio High school. My paternal grandparents are Lillian Seibel and the late Harold Seibel.

My maternal grandparents are Betty and Eddie Box Jr. I am the beloved daughter of Shane and Melanie Seibel. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister, Roman, Trae, Cloe and Clay Seibel and Dylan Sanchez.

Since my crowning in September, my life has

been very busy, consisting of sports, pow-wows, and celebrations. In the spring time, I played on varsity volleyball and finished my season in late October. During Thanksgiving break, I had the honor to assist and meet people at the Thanksgiving Dinner. I also had the opportunity to be a part of the Veterans Day Powwow which took place at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center.

Towards the end of November, I began to play basketball. Right now I am currently in basketball and our

record is 4-2 (wins-losses). I'm super excited for my basketball season this year! Our next game is Jan. 8, against Durango starting at 4 p.m., anyone is welcome to come support the Ignacio Bobcats.

I would like to thank all of the people that have supported me in this time. It means so much to me! I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Thank-You, Togiak
Ellie Ruby Seibel
Miss Southern Ute
2014-2015*

Miss Southern Ute - Alt.

Hello everyone my name is Autumn Rose Medicine Blanket.

My Ute name is Choke Cherry Eyes. I am the daughter of the late Melissa Pena and Charles Medicine Blanket. I am the great granddaughter of the late Ellen House Watts and the late Max Smith Watts.

I'm 18 years old and a senior at the Ignacio High School.

I am the secretary for the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory council.

I am the newly crowned Miss Southern Ute first Alternate 2014-2015.

Since my crowning I

have only attended one powwow which was the Southern Ute fair, so far. At the fair I shook the drummers hands and whatever else was requested. Also gave an introduction and performed for the Growth Fund at the casino in September.

Then in November I attended the rodeo held at the fair grounds. For the first day I introduced myself, and on the last day helped pass out awards, also took pictures with the winners.

Then I attended the tribal Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 22. I shook people's hands, introduced myself,

and helped with the raffle.

On Nov. 24, I performed for the Ignacio school district. I introduced myself then danced for the schools. Later that day I talked with the Boys and Girls Club. I did an introduction, then explained my duties as an ambassador for the tribe, also described my regalia.

I am very thankful and humble to be representing my tribe.

*Thank you,
Autumn Rose Medicine
Blanket
Miss Southern Ute -
Alternate
2014-2015*

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Maiku Tügüvün,

I am the newly crowned Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2014-2015, nünei nia D'Vondra-Colleen Garcia, Nünei nuunia Suwah waysi we-ie.

In English it translates as White Feather Dancing.

My Ute Bands are Caputa, Mouache, and Weeminuche.

I am better known by the community and my powwow family all over as "Diggy."

I am the only daughter of Jamie Garcia and Lorena Richards. My maternal grandparents are Debra Watts and the late William

Richards Sr, my paternal grandmother is Janis Garcia. I am the great granddaughter of Ellen House Watts and Max Smith Watts as well as Mary and Joseph Garcia.

Since been crowned in Sept. 12 I have attended many functions my first appearance was in September right after the Southern Ute Fair & Powwow at the Sky Ute Event Center for the Growth Fund.

Nov. 14, Council requested my appearance for the the Fort Lewis Basketball games, held at our Sun Ute Rec Center.

I attended the American

Youth Bull Riding Finals 2014-2015 at the Sky Ute Fair Ground.

Our Annual Tribal Thanksgiving dinner; Ignacio Elementary & Ignacio Middle School appearances for Native American Month.

Boys & Girls Club appearance. I hope to see you all at our Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner and Program.

Wishing you all of the joy and hope and wonder of the Holiday Season.

*Tog'oiak'
D'Vondra-Colleen Garcia
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2014-2015*

SUCCM UPDATE

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM

A Friend of the Museum is a rewards program that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) will be implementing at the beginning of September. This is a free program where we will reward you for coming in to visit us. Ask any of our visitor service employees or call 970-563-9583 for more information on this program.

ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISANS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation

to local Ute artist to come and display/ sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

Win a cow elk tag!

- Two winners will win one tag, value \$150/each
- Hunt Dates: Sat, Jan. 10 - Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015
- Area: Sandoval/Mesa Hunt Unit/SUIT land
- **Mandatory Orientation:** January 9, 2015. 6:00 p.m. @ Sky Ute Casino Resort
- Must be 12 or older to hunt. Ages 12 to 21 need a Hunter Safety Card.
- Winners drawn Tuesday, December 30, 2014

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Culture Department December Events 2014

Ute Language Classes:

Mondays in December - Givon reading and writing Ute
5:30-7:30PM Small Classroom

Family Ute Classes:

December 14 Ute Language/bone choker & necklace
11AM-2PM Large and Small Classrooms

December 28 Ute Language/leather pouches 11AM-2PM
Large and Small Classrooms

Biscochito making for Christmas bags

December 9 Dough making 9AM-3PM Cultural Center Kitchen

December 11 Bake cookies 9AM-3PM Cultural Center Kitchen

December 12 Elder Lunch/movie: "Older than America" 12:00-2:00PM

Large and Small Classroom

After the lunch volunteers welcome to help bag Christmas candy for tribal Christmas program

December 13 & 14 Cradleboard Class 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Large & Small Classroom

December 16 & 18 Parfleche class 5:30-7:30 PM

Large & Small Classroom

Youth Event:

December 22 Hand game and stick making 1PM-5PM

Large & Small Classroom

December 30 Tipi making and Storytelling 1PM-5PM

Large & Small Classroom

Tribal Christmas Dinner

December 20, 2014 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Sky Ute Events Center

Elder/disabled tribal member dinner delivery deadline 12/19 at 3PM

call Darlene Frost 563-0100 ext. 3620





SING OUR RIVERS RED

Join 'Sing Our Rivers' events

Staff report

THE SING OUR RIVERS RED (SORR) PLANNING COMMITTEE

We are asking you to join the Sing Our Rivers Red (SORR) events, aimed at bringing awareness to the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women and colonial gender based violence in the United States and Canada. In February 2015, several events will strive to raise consciousness, unite ideas and demand action for Indigenous women, girls, Two Spirit and LG-BTQIA people who have been murdered or gone missing, tortured, raped, trafficked, and assaulted, who have not had the proper attention or justice.

THE HISTORY

There has been a movement in Canada raising consciousness and dialogue about the issue. Since 1980, over 1,181 Native women and girls in Canada have been reported missing or have been murdered. For over 20 years, there have been marches and events each year throughout Canada on Valentine's Day to bring awareness to this issue such as the Women's Memorial March. This Map currently shows over 350 MMIW in the United States. Ryan Red Corn of the 1491's comedy troupe released a picture of a Native woman with her mouth covered to symbolize the silence, or lack of dialogue, about the issue. Additionally, groups are also taking up marches on Valentine's Day and other actions around the States.

THE (LACK OF) NUMBERS

While there isn't a comprehensive estimate, there are many factors that contribute to the disproportionate number of Indigenous women who are missing and murdered in the United States. Indigenous women have incurred devastating levels of violence in the US. "According to the US Department of Justice, nearly half of all Native American women have been raped, beaten, or stalked by an intimate partner; one in three will be raped in their lifetime; and on some reservations, women are murdered

at a rate 10 times higher than the national average." But many factors complicate the reporting and recording of these numbers, including fear, stigma, legal barriers, racism, sexism, amongst others. Additionally, there is perpetuation of Native women as sexual objects in the mainstream media.

THE ACTION

We hope to support the efforts built in Canada in the week leading up to Feb 14th, as well as highlight the need for awareness and action to address colonial gender violence in the United States. We in no way intend or mean to draw any attention away from the events in Canada or the Women's Memorial March and ceremony that is held on February 14. Rather we are holding these events in solidarity with No More Silence, the Women's Memorial March and many others who are taking action everyday in their own ways. The injustices against Indigenous women don't stop at the border; they affect us all. It is important to hold these events in the U.S. to show our support and solidarity for Indigenous women across Turtle Island. Because we are not murdered and we are not missing, we have a responsibility to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves, because they were taken from our communities and families.

The events will take place in the Fargo/Moorhead area, which the Red River Valley runs through. The Red River runs down from Winnipeg, Canada where volunteers have led an effort to search for missing Indigenous women on its riverbed, an effort dubbed Drag the Red. The effort was started by the family of an Indigenous woman missing since 2008, after an Indigenous 15 year old girl was found there in August of 2014. Sing Our Rivers Red events recognize that each of us has a voice to not only speak out about the injustices against our sisters, but also use the strength of those voices to sing for our healing. Water is the source of life and so are women. We need to Sing Our Rivers Red to remember the missing and

murdered and those who are metaphorically drowning in injustices. We are connecting our support through the land and waters across the border.

Sing Our Rivers Red (SORR) events will take place around Valentine's Day at multiple venues, to reach a wide audience and demographic.

SORR EXHIBITION

Monday, Feb. 9, 2015
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The SORR Exhibition will have speakers who are working on these issues from around the country, and include poetry and spoken word artists Hannabah Blue and Tanaya Winder. An earring exhibit showcasing an art piece created with 1,181 single earrings to symbolize the Indigenous women who were stolen will be featured along with original art by Navajo muralist/painter Nani Chacon and free food.

NDSU Memorial Gallery,
1401 Administration Ave.,
Fargo, ND 58102.

SORR CONCERT

Monday, Feb. 9, 2015
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Details and location TBD.

ARMING SISTERS EVENT

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015
Time and details TBD.
Moorhead, MN

SORR MARCH

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015
Meet at 11 a.m. March at 11:30 a.m. Free hot chocolate and coffee from 12 - 1 pm.

We will join together with organizers, activists, community members, and supporters from around the country to speak and sing our rivers red, by rallying and marching across the Red River and bringing awareness to the violence taking place against Indigenous women.

Meet at the Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd Street North. March to the Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th Street South.

Please send an email tanaya.winder@gmail.com and hannabah.blue@gmail.com to let us know how you want to get involved or support these events. For March and/or Arming Sisters info contact PattyStonefish@gmail.com.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Cannabis on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation?

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

2014 is a year that marked many milestones, both on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the United States. One of the most talked about advances both positively and controversially is the legal use of recreational marijuana, which has since shown great support by Colorado residents after Amendment 64 was passed back in 2012. The amendment allows the distribution of cannabis in retail stores across Colorado. Now the next question is at hand: is the Southern Ute Indian Tribe going to consider recreational marijuana sales now that the go ahead has been given?

The United States Justice Department made a statement on Thursday, Dec. 11, that the federal government will not prevent tribes from growing or selling marijuana on sovereign lands, even if it's currently illegal within the state's boundaries. These regulations will only be implemented if participating tribes follow a number of federal guidelines, including non-distribution to minors under the age of 21.

As of now, the state of Colorado, Oregon, and Washington are the only three in the U.S. that permit recreational pot sales for customers 21 years of age or older.

The permission to grow and distribute recreational

marijuana on tribal lands opens up many questions, but the subject still stands on the shoulders of the tribal government on whether cannabis sales would be allowed within the Southern Ute Indian reservation.

Associates from the Southern Ute Legal Department gave insight on whether recreational marijuana will be considered, stating that the federal government is putting focus on other law enforcements rather than pot cases. This doesn't particularly mean that pot crimes won't happen, but that stricter attention will be put on much serious offenses instead.

Marijuana is still illegal under Southern Ute tribal law, and it will stay that way until council decides to change it.

Some concerns that come into question regarding cannabis sales on sovereign lands goes back to history of alcohol and substance abuse that many U.S. reservations have struggled with.

Alcohol for instance isn't permitted on a number of reservations but still allowed on others, including the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. According to Indian Health Services, the rate of alcoholism among American Indians is six times the U.S. average.

However, alcohol sales on tribal lands additionally added job increase to retail stores and casinos while garnering revenue in tax dollars. The same has been

debated with recreational pot sales, which in 2014 generated approximately \$30 million in revenue to Colorado from January to July and continues to rapidly increase. A number of tribes across Indian country have since shown interest in getting a slice of the pie.

One tribe who has publicly shown interest in recreational pot sales is the Mohegan Indian Tribe from Connecticut. They view pot sales as an economic opportunity and a way to diversify their revenues in the face of increased competition in the gambling industry. The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, also in Connecticut, has expressed interest in establishing recreational pot sales as well.

On the stance of positive outcomes for recreational pot, many have supported cannabis for its high increase in medicinal satisfaction for health issues including glaucoma, arthritis, chronic pain, and even various forms of cancer.

Additional studies have linked marijuana to relieve mental symptoms like depression and stress, a wide issue among American Indian tribes who have been subjected to high suicide rates.

Whether it's decided to be used recreationally, medicinally, or remain illegal, in the end the verdict comes down to tribal government and the voice of the community.

HEALTH UPDATES

SUHC PHARMACY CLOSED FOR REMODEL JAN. 16-20

We are improving our Pharmacy for you! The Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy will be closed Jan. 16 to 20 for much needed remodeling the pharmacy. The pharmacy is being remodeled to improve our services to you and install new pharmacy equipment to better serve our your needs.. Please be sure to refill your

medication accordingly in preparation for this closure and we will work diligently with our providers to ensure we have medications available for you during our closure. If you have any questions or concerns please call your pharmacy team at 970-563-4781. The Health Center Clinic will be open for patient care, the pharmacy is closed.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE MURDERED & MISSING Indigenous WOMEN

Help raise awareness for the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women across the US and Canada. We are creating a traveling art exhibit displaying approximately 1,181 earrings (one-side or one half of a pair) to symbolize the Indigenous women who were stolen.

We are asking you to send us one side of a Native designed earring (or an earring you've lost one side to) to help us shed light on this important epidemic. In February, we'll be hosting a Speak Out event and march in Fargo at North Dakota State University on February 9th and 14th respectively to show our solidarity for our stolen sisters.

PLEASE HELP DONATE AND RAISE AWARENESS.
ALL DONATIONS NEED BE RECEIVED BY: JANUARY 31, 2015

SEND TO: Neltha Cloeter, Memorial Union 258, Dept. 5340, P.O. Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050

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Join us for a FREE 8 week workshop series for parents experiencing the challenges of raising youth

Topics include:

- > Polarizing stress without creating more problems
- > Learning to control your own emotions instead of having them control you!
- > How to make communications work for you
- > Finding the 'middle path' when it seems like life is a struggle

Weekly series begins Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center Classroom.

Class facilitated by Lillian Ramey, LCSW & Sara Hunt, LCSW, CACIH.

For more information or to register contact Lillian Ramey at 749-4491 or Lisa Pratchett at 749-6704.

Please let us know if you need childcare when you register. Youth will have special cultural programming during the parent meeting time.

Snacks will be provided for everyone.

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

sunUte Community Center Recreation Activities for December

December 22nd: Sledding at Hesperus (weather permitting)

December 23rd: Bowling at the Sky Ute Casino Bowling Alley & Swimming at SunUte Community Center

December 29th: Snow Shoeing/Hiking, Location TBD

December 30th: Swimming and Rock Climbing at the Durango Rec. Center

FEE: \$5.00 per field trip for Southern Ute Tribal Members, \$15.00 per field trip for non-tribal members

Minimum/Maximum registrations: We must have 4 kids to go-- no more than 20.

Deadline to register is December 19th at 12:00pm

Drop off is at 9am for all field trips

Pick up is at 3pm

Ages 8-14

The Sledding trip may be changed up until the day of, depending on the weather. Lunch will be provided at every trip. Extra money for snacks is encouraged.

To register stop by SunUte Front Desk.

For more information contact SunUte Recreation at 970.563.0214



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



LAKOTA BARTLEY

My name is Lakota Bartley. I attend Ignacio Middle School, where I am a sixth grader. My favorite subjects in school are science, math, language/arts. My mother is Leona Bartley. I like participating in Basketball. In addition, I want to be an NBA player when I grow up. I want to go to college after high school. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of December because my teachers say I have been very focused in all my classes. My mom is very proud of me for all my achievements. I will keep up the good work!



photos courtesy Julie Stone/SU Education
JACK FROST III

My name is Jack Frost III. I attend Ignacio High School where I am a senior. My favorite subject is welding. My parents are Jack Frost Jr. and Bobbie Sage. I have been selected for my hard work, dedication, and focus. **Teacher Comments:** Jack has put forth great effort in bringing up his grades this month. His positive attitude and strong work ethics has helped him to gain great strides as the semester comes to a close. Jack has been focused and determined and it will help him in his efforts to graduate this year. It is a pleasure to have him as one of our Student of the Month Recipients.

GET INVOLVED!

The parents' guide to education

HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

In this article we will focus on student discipline.

Read the handbook

When your student comes home with the school handbook, go over it together and make sure he/she understands the rules and consequences at the school. Be a supporter of the school rules—they are there to ensure the best possible learning environment for your students.

Review your rules

Talk about how you would address:

- Cheating
- Missing too much school

- Alcohol/drug use
- Other behaviors you think are inappropriate

Discuss bullying

Bullying is serious and is never acceptable. Bullying can come in many forms; physical, verbal, or emotional. Cyberbullying which includes using cell phones, e-mail, or the social media in effort to harass, intimidate, or hurt someone and is just as serious.

If your student is experiencing or witnesses any of these forms of bullying please report it right away. Encourage your student to speak up and defend him- or herself and others from these forms of bullying.

Make sure any reports of bullying are taken seriously and not ignored.

If your student is involved in bullying as a victim or perpetrator talk to him/her about the incident. Contact a school or family counselor and discuss solutions and ways to stop such incidents from happening again and be aware of the school's policy on bullying.

Be aware of discipline problems

If your student is getting trouble at school or home try to find out the cause of the problem. If the issue cannot be resolved on your own, seek help from a school or family counselor.

Students help those in need



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School held a food drive this holiday season, racking up a high number of donated foods for those in need. The school succeeded in raising 1,389 food items, with the 3rd grade classes raising the most overall. All classes who participated were awarded with a popsicle party. Picture: student food drive leaders, Christopher Walker, Alexis Pontine, Evan Conception, Kourtney Shurman, and Leroy Monroe give a smile in front all the donated foods.

A night of family fun



photos courtesy Jackie Candelaria/Ignacio Elementary School

Family Night provides a way for families to eat dinner, then spend the rest of the evening interacting with their children in an educational setting. Children want & need their families to be involved in their education. Kendra Ortiz and Candi Johnson and their families enjoy some family fun.



Family Nights are provided by Families In School (a family literacy program operating out of Pine River Community Learning Center) and the Ignacio Elementary School staff. Anthony Gunn shows his family the art of the draw.

Albert Bison (Doyebi) and her family enjoy a game of cards.

Singing of Christmas carols



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Ignacio Middle School 4th and 5th grade choir sang traditional Christmas songs during their program at the Ignacio Elementary School, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Families join in the singing of Christmas carols with the 4th and 5th grade choir.



Counter-acting human trafficking



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum hosted a human trafficking meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16, which covered the serious topics of slave labor that has occurred in the state of Colorado, as well as throughout the United States. Human trafficking is when a victim is induced to perform labor or unlawful services through oppression, fraud, or coercion. It is a crime of severe control of one person by another through force and pressure in exchange for some kind of labor or amenities, often of a sexual nature. Larger Colorado cities, including Denver and Colorado Springs, have had increased human trafficking cases since the beginning of 2014. Various state departments and administrations have taken prevention strategies into full effect to ensure the halt of human trafficking in the state of Colorado. Jacque Shifflett from Homeland Security (above) of Investigations discusses the seriousness of human trafficking at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH

Community Halloween carnival awarded "Seal of Approval"

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH

San Juan Basin Health Department, with nomination from Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition, proudly awards their Healthy Event Seal of Approval to the Community Halloween Carnival hosted by Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Police Department, Sky Ute Casino and Ignacio School District. The Carnival was held on Oct. 31 at the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio and featured numerous age appropriate booths, a costume contest and a teen dance.

The drug and alcohol free event drew nearly 600 community members! The event organizers will be given their Healthy Event Seal of Approval at the Sun Ute Community Center on Dec. 17. Congratulations and thanks for building opportunities for youth involvement and contributing to positive social norms in our community!

Previous recipients of the Seal of Approval have been the Junior DEVO Fun Race, Pies in the Garden, Outdoor Movie Night, the Fall Festival, Butterflies and Blooms, and Wilderness 50th Anniversary Walk for Wilderness and Family Fun Fair.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Boys & Girls Club staff, Lindsay Box and Augusta Burch, pose with Jesse Vigil from the Ignacio Police Department, Dustin Weaver from Sky Ute Casino Resort, and Cindy Schultz from San Juan Basin Health after receiving a safety award on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Also there to congratulate the club was Cody Goss from San Juan Basin Health, and Pat Senecal, the director of Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition.

Award Criteria and background: San Juan Basin Health presents the Seal of Approval to any organization that holds a public event that is entirely alcohol-free, appropriate for children, youth, and/or families, and is affordable for all participants.

This "Seal of Approval" was developed through collaboration between San Juan Basin Health and the Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition and represents a shared goal to increase developmental assets (building blocks of healthy development) among youth and young adults by positively impacting percep-

tions and norms regarding substance misuse and abuse. Some of these developmental assets emphasize that youth have opportunities for "constructive use of time" and "parent(s) and other adults [who] model positive, responsible behavior." This award recognizes a community organization that whose event strengthens youth's asset base.

Want to nominate an event or learn more?

To nominate a group or organization to be awarded the Seal of Approval, please email Cindy Schultz at cschultz@sjbhd.org.

SUPD, safety checking SunUte



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

In light of recent misfortunes across the United States, the Ignacio Police Department collaborated with the SunUte Community Center to ensure the facility is fully protected during a hostile situation. The groups met on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the recreation center where a safety walkthrough took place. All locked doors and exits were inspected with the provision of there ever being an active shooter on the premises. Chief of police, Ray Coriz, and Lieutenant Chris Naranjo went over proper safety strategies with the Boys & Girls Club to ensure everyone is out of harm's way and how to act in possible desperate situations. Preparation is the prominent factor in preventing a dreadful event with safety being the number one priority. Pictured: Lieutenant Chris Naranjo goes through safety precautions at the SunUte Community Center with Boys & Girls Club chief officer, Bruce LeClaire.

Alive At 25

Defensive Driving Course

Saving Lives Through Education

Date: 01/12/15 Sunday

Time: 12:30 to 5:00

Ignacio Library
470 Goddard



Enroll Online
www.aliveat25.us
Call 866-605-3900

Instructors: Don Folsom
Phone: 970-563-0246
Cell: 970-769-9431

Automobile Crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds. The life you save may be your own.

Sign up now for this defensive driving educational course and become a better driver. You may use this course for getting your learner's permit under the graduated licensing law. You can satisfy a court ordered advanced driving course requirement. You may ask your insurance company for a discount after completing this course. You learn how to take control when driving.

Sunshine Youth Council hosts party



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

In light of the holiday season, the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council held a special Christmas party for all the hardworking students on Tuesday, Dec. 16. The students voted to watch a screening of "Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas", and were also treated with a selection of holiday treats including cookies and hot chocolate. Additional tutor sessions were given for those who chose not to watch the movie. Pictured (left to right): Randy Herrera, Issac Suina, Cameron Weaver, Autumn Medicine-Blanket, and David Boyd give their personal thanks to all hardworking students who studied hard this school year.

ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE



Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Division of Social Services
Foster Care contact: 970-563-4735

ELK TAG RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be sold through December 3rd - 30th, 2014

Ages 12-20 will need to have their Hunters Safety License

Winner must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter meeting on Fri. Jan. 9th at 6PM in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Tickets are \$5.00/each and are sold by BGC staff or at the BGC Office in the lower level of Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.4753

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

DETAILS:

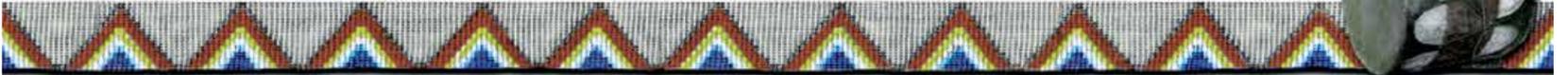
Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from January 10th-18th, 2015

One free guest allowed, additional guest requires an additional fee both require crossing permit which can be obtained from Southern Ute Wildlife

Winner will be chosen on December 30th, 2014 and will be notified via phone immediately for more information.

Thank you for your support!





Middle school student, Lakota TwoCrow was the winner of an iPad Mini and a \$25 iTunes card. He came in second place for his written piece on Leonard C. Burch.



Evan Concepcion is the proud winner of a pogo stick and scooter for his colorful drawing regarding the Tribe's history with energy and natural gas.



Tatum Lang (left) and Kaycee Jefferson show off their prized possessions. Lang won a variety of coloring utensils for her third place drawing for grades K-3. Jefferson won a Leap Pad gaming system.

Leonard C. Burch Art & Literacy winners

Students from around the community competed in the Leonard C. Burch Art & Literacy competition hoping to be one of the lucky winners to receive an assortment of prizes. This year the contest focused on Energy and Burch's influence on the Tribe's energy development. For a full list of winners visit the Drums website www.sudrum.com

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum



Audrey Faith Roderick, 2nd place winner, shows off her colorful artwork for the Leonard C. Burch Art Contest.



Elijah Weaver was third place in the Leonard C. Burch essay contest. His prize was a Jawbone Speaker set and Skull Candy headphones



Monika Lucero, 2nd place winner of the Leonard C. Burch Art Contest gleefully shows off her winning art piece with Lisa Burch Frost and Leonora Burch.



Matthew Belleau was the first place winner in the Leonard C. Burch essay contest. He won an iPad Air and a \$25 gift card from iTunes, as well as a hug from Leora Lucero.



Jackie Rose Carrillo was the first place winner of the Leonard C. Burch Art Contest. She won a Kindle Fire HD for her creative representation of Leonard C. Burch's history.



BGC spreads cheer



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Lindsay Box hands out Christmas presents during the Boys & Girls Club toy drive delivery on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The club made rounds among the Ignacio neighborhoods to deliver large numbers of donated toys given by the community. They were accompanied by the Los Pinos Fire Department who had a major involvement in the toy drive.



Kids from around Ignacio showed smiles of joy as the Boys & Girls Club delivered toys and goodies around their neighborhood.

Swimming with Santa



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Willow Schulz smiles widely as she tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.



Santa Claus paid a visit to the SunUte Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 23 during a Boys & Girls Club swim session. Club members got to take a dip in the community pool while telling St. Nick their grandest Christmas wish.

Elementary serves up lunch



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary students and families enjoyed Christmas ham early this year. The elementary's Christmas luncheon was held Thursday, Dec. 18.



Trae and Jennifer Seibel enjoy lunch with their children during the Ignacio Elementary Christmas Dinner Thursday, Dec. 18.

Ham and scalloped potatoes were on the menu for this year's Ignacio Elementary Christmas Dinner held Thursday, Dec. 18.

A Head Start Christmas



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Head Start students show excitement as they wait for Santa Claus. The school celebrated the holidays with a Christmas dinner held on Thursday, Dec. 18. Family and friends were invited for the celebration, complete with a special visit from the jolly St. Nick.

Santa Claus gives a jolly wave. Ray Coriz, Southern Ute Police Department's Chief of Police, escorts Santa to the Head Start.



Membership memories



Jenny Gummarsall/SU Drum archives

In what we hope to see as an annual tradition, elders sang Christmas songs at the Tribal Joyce Duran, Annie Pictini, and Alvirna B. Spencer. This photo was published in the Dec. 30, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum and was requested by Joyce Duran.



Christmas dinner & program, a festive delight



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Jolly ole' St. Nick shakes hands with tribal elder, Annabelle Eagle. Santa made rounds among the attendees, greeting them while handing out treats to the youth.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Santa visited all the children in attendance with a joyful smile and a present, during the Christmas dinner Saturday, Dec. 20.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe held its annual tribal Christmas dinner and program Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. The celebration featured plenty of food and entertainment for those in attendance. Tribal members graced the stage to spread Christmas cheer, through song and comedic skits. SUIMA students performed the Four Legends of Christmas before Santa Claus showed up bearing gifts for all the children.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tauri Raines, Jace and Jazmin Carmenoros sing along with tribal elders Dixie Naranjo (right) and Darlene Frost during the Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Program Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Upper Elementary students put on their antlers to perform 'Hip Hop Reindeer' during the Tribal Christmas Program.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Elliot and Nate Hendren had the whole Event Center laughing during their comedy skit at last Saturday's Tribal Christmas Program.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Little Miss Southern Ute, Tauri Raines hands out gift bags following the Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Program Saturday, Dec. 20.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Primary students sing aloud during SUIMA's performance at the Tribal Christmas Program Saturday, Dec. 20.



2014-2015 Southern Ute Regality

Miss Southern Ute - Ellen Hestel

Miss Southern Ute Teenager

Materna Medicine Princess

Jr. Miss Southern Ute - Elvendra Garcia

Little Miss Southern Ute - Tauri Raines



NATURAL RESOURCES

Wood Yard now under DNR/Forestry division

Staff report
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

This notice is to inform you of several changes regarding the services provided by the Tribal Wood Yard. Per Tribal Council's request, the Wood Yard recently transitioned over to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Division as the Forestry/Fuels Crew beginning December 15, 2014. A new set of procedures has been established and approved by the Executive Office and the following will inform you of the purpose of new Forestry/Fuels Crew and how to utilize their services (the procedures for firewood deliveries, firewood pick ups, and sweat wood will be effective starting Monday January 5, 2015). Please note that Forestry/Fuels Crew will no longer provide residential lawn and garden services. You must contact Tribal Housing at (970) 563-4710 extension 2722 for all residential lawn and garden services effective immediately.

Purpose

The purpose of the Forestry Fuels Program under DNR Forestry is to achieve multiple natural resource objectives, including: fuels reduction, forest health improvement, commercial forest stand improvement, and wildlife habitat improvement, through the thinning of the Tribe's commercial forests and woodlands. The fuel wood produced through these activities is made available to the Tribal membership to heat their primary residence. Firewood is also made available for ceremonial purposes within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Firewood Delivery and Firewood Pick Up Procedures

Wood deliveries and wood pick up will be available through the winter months, beginning October 01 and ending on April 30. Wood will be available for pick up from the Forestry Fuels Yard on Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries

will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Up to one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of split firewood will be delivered to the primary residence of an eligible Tribal elder or an eligible Tribal member with a disability that have the means to burn firewood at their primary residence. The residence must be located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in order to qualify for delivery. Eligible Tribal elders and Tribal members with a disability that wish to have split firewood delivered to their primary residence will not be eligible to pick up blocked firewood from the Forestry Fuels Yard. Wood deliveries are made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Up to one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of blocked firewood will be available for pick up to enrolled non-elder Tribal members that have the means to burn firewood in their primary residence. Wood will be available for pick up at the Forestry Fuels Yard on Mondays and Wednesdays during business hours only.

Firewood provided to the membership will consist of various species, as mixed wood, and based on availability. The types of firewood available include: juniper, piñon, pine, aspen, etc.

Firewood will NOT be provided for personal camping (no exceptions).

Tribal members found selling or giving away firewood provided by or picked up from the Forestry Fuels Program, will be banned from firewood and sweat wood services for 3 years, and/or face prosecution.

Sweat Wood Delivery and Sweat Wood Pick up Procedures

One truckload (0.75 cord) per month of split sweat wood will be delivered to eligible Tribal elders and Tribal members with disabilities that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/

Allotment/Fee Land. Tribal elders and Tribal members with a disability that with to utilize the delivery service may not pick up blocked sweat wood from the Forestry Fuels yard. The sweat lodge must be located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Sweat wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

One truckload (0.75 cord) per month of blocked sweat wood will be available for pick up for eligible non-elder Tribal members that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/Allotment/Fee Land. Sweat wood will be available for pick up from the Forestry and Fuels Yard on Wednesdays and Fridays during business hours only.

No more than one truckload (0.75 cord) per month of sweat wood will be delivered to Tribal Departments (Peaceful Spirits, Detention Center) located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Sweat wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays during business hours only.

Sweat wood provided will consist of various species, as mixed wood, and based on availability. The types of sweat wood available include: juniper, piñon, pine, aspen, cottonwood, etc.

Any Tribal member found selling or giving away sweat wood provided by or picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard will be banned from sweat wood and firewood services for up to 3 years, and / or face prosecution.

In conclusion, we understand that this transition may not be easy, but we are here to provide service to the Tribal membership and hope that you will support the goals and objectives of the new Forestry/Fuels Crew.

Contact Information

In order to place a wood order for delivery or pick up (this includes sweat wood), you may contact the Forestry office at 970-563-4780 Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Employees shown appreciation



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian tribal employees were treated to a Christmas luncheon Friday, Dec. 12 at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Mike Olguin thanked the employees of the Tribe for their dedicated service to the membership.

The line was long, full of appreciative employees and they indulged in the luncheon provided in appreciation by the Southern Ute tribe.

All aboard the Polar Express



courtesy SunUte Community Center

Anthony, Kendra, and Oziah Ortiz took a ride on the Polar Express Saturday Evening as part of a Polar Express trip offered by SunUte Community Center.

2015 The Southern Ute Drum Deadlines

Deadline Dates	Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures	Distribution & mailout
Jan. 5	New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed Jan. 1-2	Jan. 9
Jan. 16*	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/19), offices closed Mon. Jan. 19	Jan. 23
Feb. 2	Valentine's Day (2/14)	Feb. 6
Feb. 13*	President's Day (2/16), offices closed Monday, Feb. 16	Feb. 20
Mar. 2		Mar. 6
Mar. 16		Mar. 20
Mar. 30	April Fool's Day (4/1), Easter (4/5)	Apr. 3
Apr. 13		Apr. 17
Apr. 27	May Day (5/1) Mother's Day (5/10)	May 1
May 11	Memorial Day (5/25), offices closed Monday, May 25	May 15
May 22*		May 29
Jun. 8	Father's Day (6/21)	Jun. 12
Jun. 22	Independence Day (4/4), offices closed Friday, July 3	Jun. 26
Jul. 6	Sun Dance Feast (7/13), offices closed Monday, July 13	Jul. 10
Jul. 20		Jul. 24
Aug. 3		Aug. 7
Aug. 17		Aug. 21
Aug. 31	Labor Day (9/7), offices closed Monday, Sept. 7	Sep. 4
Sep. 14	Grandparent's Day (9/13)	Sep. 18
Sep. 28		Oct. 2
Oct. 12	Cultural Diversity Day (10/12)	Oct. 16
Oct. 26	Halloween (10/31)	Oct. 30
Nov. 6*	Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed Wednesday, Nov. 11	Nov. 13
Nov. 19*	Thanksgiving (11/26), offices closed Nov. 26-27	Nov. 25*
Dec. 3*	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed Dec. 10-11	Dec. 9*
Dec. 18	Christmas (12/25), offices closed Friday, Dec. 25	Dec. 24*

*Denotes an early deadline or publication date

All content, including classifieds, RFP/RFB notices, job announcements, display ads, letters, stories and articles, photos, press releases, birthday and holiday wishes and greetings, submitted for publication after deadline will be considered for the following issue. Requests for design work must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the above posted deadlines. The Drum reserves the right to edit all materials for spelling, grammar, clarity and libel.

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New Year Sobriety Walk
2015

Join us with beginning in the New Year in a healthy way.

Jan., 1, 2015
8:00 AM
Veterans' Park

For info contact:
sobrietywalk@gmail.com

Dedicated to
Saa-swani Hiswaqs (Robert) Buckskin



'49 years of adventure'



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Move over Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus; there's a new Christmas couple in town. Tribal members Eddie Box Jr. and Betty Box celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary during the tribal Christmas program.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, FASTFORWARD Media and The Ignacio School District Bring you...



January 8 @ 7:00 PM

Ignacio Bobcats vs. Durango Demons Boys Varsity Basketball Game.

LIVE!!!

January 17 @ 4:00 PM

Ignacio Bobcats vs. Telluride Miners Girls Varsity Basketball Game.

January 17 @ 5:30 PM

Ignacio Bobcats vs. Telluride Miners Boys Varsity Basketball Game

LIVE!!!

Watch on:

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Glacier Club Network

DMR Network

www.durangotv.com (Everybody)

Hit the WATCH LIVE tab just before or during game time!

Birthday wishes, holiday greetings?

Call 970-563-0118 or email the Drum at sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

To: all of those who've supported the museum this year, We thank you from the museum staff & Board Tuvuch Towaoe!

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♎ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAPRICORN PEOPLE! Money and career goals are the driving forces that launch the NEW YEAR for you. With the SUN and PLUTO propelling your ambition's, loafing is not an option. Furthermore the incentive fueling planets, (MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS) boost your income potential as they power up your money zone. Later, on the 20th the NEW MOON sets a fresh financial cycle into motion. Be ready to spring into action. Your CAPRICORN common sense will come in handy when making important decisions.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)
Because you are THE money sign of the Zodiac, you probably always have a practical plan in the works regarding finances. And this month is no exception. The planets are in your favor TAURUS as JANUARY'S planetary pattern offers greater imaginative ideas to cut corners, and save. SATURN'S recent entry into the sign of SAGITTARIUS last month may have you re-thinking old spending habits. Pay close attention to your purchases, MERCURY'S retrograde on the 21st might have you overlooking something important.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)
JANUARY'S celestial influences emphasize your ties to children, and loved ones. You may find yourself devoting more of your personal time, and energy to the pursuit of your favorite hobbies, and ventures. With the SUN and PLUTO in the lively, sociable section of your HOROSCOPE, your influence with children has been a lot more intense. Maintain a favorable balance VIRGO. SATURN'S recent sign change, and entry into the home and family area might have you enforcing stricter rules after the 21st.

♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)
Your NEW YEAR is set into motion with the SUN and PLUTO joining forces to aid you in completing an old cycle. The energies might be more intense than what you would like, but try to find healthful ways to reduce inner tension, rather than holding it in. MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS in your sign early in the month help to lighten your mood, and add a bit of sparkle to your daily routine. The 13th and 14th are sparkly days. On the 20th the mighty SUN returns to your sign giving you a rousing boost in confidence.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)
The year begins with a message from the planets regarding finances. The SUN and PLUTO currently in the conservative sign of CAPRICORN are reminding you to keep a watchful eye on your cash. This is not the month to loan money GEMINI. After the 20th a more positive outlook comes into play and produces a host of potentially happy interests and opportunities. You might even plan a long distance trip for later in the summer. Perhaps to see loved ones. But before that happens you may acquire some new tricks related to saving for a summer vacation.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)
The main focus is on family life and you may want to make some changes. PLUTO has been stirring your emotions at a deep level, and you are searching to find a way to finally get what your heart has longed for. Be patient LIBRA, there are celestial forces at work this month that may bring happier times, and improved relationships. Your best days are the 4th, and 13th. Be your charming sociable self on the 20th. A favorable cycle is launched on that day, and the NEW MOON encourages entertainment.

♛ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)
Hey Little Fishes, you may have been dancing to the beat of a very intense drummer lately, and the trend is likely to continue into the rest of the year. At the root of this planetary dynamic is PLUTO all comfy and cozy in the house of your hopes and wishes. Yes PISCES people this is a good thing as long as you don't try to force your friends into situations they don't want to be in. Remember, NEPTUNE is your planetary ruler, and it may sometimes cloud the issues. Express your intentions diplomatically.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)
Hey MOON KIDS... the holidays are over and it's time to take a nice deep breath, and step back from the demands of family members. Yes, you are a nurturing soul but there also two sides to that coin. You can use a little TLC for yourself. The FULL MOON on the 4th shines its light on your sign, and emphasizes YOU personally. Go and do something exciting that brings great joy to your life. Investigating your family ancestry may be especially rewarding, and informative.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)
SATURN'S exit from your sign has come as a huge relief. The good news is that with its entry into SAGITTARIUS it puts a new spin on job potential, and higher earnings. Granted, SATURN has moved into the financial section of your chart, but if you pay attention to its meaning, you might find better ways to cut back on frivolous spending. Financial peace of mind is like gold, treasure it. Later on the 27th VENUS enters PISCES and sweetens up both your love life, and your home life.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)
A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU... Now that demanding SATURN has exited a key money area, and has entered the friendly sign of SAGITTARIUS. It sets up a fortuitous connection to the signs of ARIES, and LEO. Relax a little RAMS, the holidays are over and now it's back to the daily routine. The SUN shines high in your Horoscope, so pay attention to job matters.. MERCURY'S backward turn on the 21st might delay plans, mix up appointments, or have you forgetting something. If possible, delay decisions until the latter part of FEBRUARY when the fog of confusion clears.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)
Listen up LIONS, powerful PLUTO teams with your sign ruler the SUN to emphasize the section of work and health, meaning simply that it's time to focus on both of the above. PLUTO the planet of regeneration encourages you to modify old health habits. And the SUN, (ruler of the physical body) sheds light on the areas that need attention. Ring in 2015 with an attitude of expectation. If you EXPECT positive results, they are more likely to happen. SATURN'S beneficial sign change into the "Fire Trinity" of ARIES, LEO, and SAGITTARIUS may endow you with the determination to achieve your intentions.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)
JANUARY'S big news is related to last month's shift of SATURN into your sign. For the next 2 1/2 years, much of your focus may be on personal intentions, loved ones, and travel. This stabilizing force encourages greater determination, and spurs ambition. The month is ripe with opportunities as SATURN links productively with MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS, on the 4th, 5th and 23rd. The NEW MOON on the 20th sets it all into motion. Your greatest asset is your inborn optimism. Rely on it Saggies, it always insures that all will turn out well. And for you, it always does.

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats end '14, blast Bears by 35

Jones on fire in pre-holiday finale

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Larry Schwartz wasted no time calling timeout after seeing the enemy's first fortunate fluke.

"The bank shot, for sure," recalled Ignacio senior Adison Jones, of his off-balance shot from one of SunUte Community Center's deepest corners that somehow kissed the glass perfectly for a 6-0 lead last Thursday night.

"I was going for a regular shot and I was like, 'Oh alright? If that's going to happen, then....' After I hit that shot I was like, 'Well I'm not going to miss another!'"

Schwartz's Dolores Bears could only dream of that happening; the Bobcat forward finished the teams' first 2A/1A San Juan Basin League quarter of the 2014-15 season with 13 points – before finally being given a breather with 2:43 left and Ignacio already up 17-6, en route to finishing with 20 points in a dominating 66-31 victory.

"What jumped out to me was the way we started, and the way Jones started!" IHS head coach Chris Valdez said. "I mean, Jones came out ready to go and he seemed like he was a team leader. He was everywhere defensively, he was finishing layups, had a couple assists in there. Rebounding, he had a double-double with the rebounds today – I think he had eleven rebounds – and I liked that."

The Cats held a 20-7 lead after eight minutes, then began the next eight on an 11-0 run ended by junior Anthony Manzanares' three-pointer with 3:25 left before halftime – by when the cushion had been padded to 33-12.

"It was good to get our defense going, because our defense has been lackadaisical," said junior Wyatt Hayes. "So we started off with a press – and we haven't been pressing that much – and it got us into our groove."

However, Jones never really got out of his and too easily drained a no-bank trey from the corner to cap the Bobcats' 11-0 spree starting the third quarter, which featured not only relentless defense and precision passing by regulars Hayes (6 points, 8 assists,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kruz Pardo (33) angles himself to control a rebound against Dolores, Dec. 18 inside SunUte Community Center.

10 steals) and Manzanares (9 points, 5 ast.), but quality minutes provided by reserves Austin McCaw, a junior, and Xavier Reynolds, a senior.

Able to work his way to the free-throw line where he was 5-of-6, McCaw finished with seven points and Reynolds six as fifth-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 12/15] IHS' advantage swelled to 56-23 entering the fourth...when junior center Nick Herrera provided the fans with even more highlight visuals.

First came a mid-air lay-in off a backdoor cut to catch a long Hayes lob. Shortly after came two FT's after being dropped hard to the deck by DHS senior Mikeal Ford – whose motor never stopped while booking a Bear-best nine points. And with 3:33 left, after Ford had altered his previous attempt, Herrera took a long outlet pass, created by a steal near midcourt, and broke in alone to jam in a right-handed dunk, maxing out Ignacio's lead at 64-26.

"Our shooting was kind of bad," Jones said. "But defense helped us with getting easy transition baskets."

Herrera finished with 12 points and Tucker Ward, who'd missed IHS' previ-

ous game Dec. 12 versus non-league 2A Center [the Cats cruised, 70-43, with Reynolds scoring 12 after given the start in his place], netted six.

Junior Ben Lykins scored eight for the Bears (0-4, 0-1 SJBL), fellow juniors Jalen Balderrama and Kyle Biery each had four, senior Kacee Davis had three, and junior Josh McCoy had Dolores' only three bench points.

"Our shooting percentage was probably in the fifteen-to-twenties from three-point range – maybe even worse than that. We couldn't buy a three-pointer tonight," lamented Valdez, whose Cats managed just two. "If we're hitting our three-pointers we've got another twenty-some points! And it wasn't like we were forcing up ugly shots; we were wide-open when we were taking them. So it's just a fact that the guys' confidence is off a little bit, and that's something we have to work on."

Hayes also agreed that the team's 4-2 (1-0 SJBL) pre-holiday start still seemed to be missing something.

"It's pretty good, but it could have been better," he said. "Played a good Glenwood team, and Pagosa ... that game was bad, all the way around. But we're starting to get it together!"

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats devour Dolores

Girls excel in pre-holiday outro

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The birthday girl didn't get to finish last Thursday's game as she would have liked.

But an unplanned five minutes, 23 seconds of rest at the end of the fourth quarter allowed Hilda Garcia – who'd just fouled out – to properly observe and savor the Lady Bobcats' 61-29 rout of 2A/1A San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores inside SunUte Community Center.

"I thought it was a good game," Garcia said, Ignacio's ace freshman forward. "Thought it would be more intense than it was, but I was really surprised because I was expecting to be, like, pushed around, but nope!"

"I think it's her fifteenth birthday," head coach Shane Seibel said afterwards, "she came out wanting to play with some enthusiasm and she did."

Lady Bear senior Jessica Schliesser actually began the contest – when it was one – with a basket, but IHS went on a 15-0 tear including a three-pointer by senior Sky Cotton and one by Garcia, with 2:42 left in the first quarter and forcing DHS' Larry Schwartz (who doubles as the boys' head coach in 2014-15) into a needed timeout.

But after the guests promptly lost the ball after it was over, the hosts – a 'Receiving Votes' team in the Dec. 15 CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll – went right back to work with a quick Garcia layup.

And after Dolores sophomore Madi Archuleta finally put her team's third point up on the scoreboard with a free throw and 1:52 remaining, Ignacio for all practical purposes put the game out of reach with a layup by ju-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ellie Seibel (12) leaps against Dolores' Taylor Elder (3) for a rebound, Dec. 18 inside SunUte Community Center.

nior Cortney Baker and an 18-footer by Avionne Gomez after Baker got a steal but passed up an open look.

"Our emphasis has always been on team play, so we did it again!" Seibel said. "Our girls are unselfish."

One of nine Lady Cats to score, Gomez netted a game-high 12 points after initially coming off the bench.

"Avionne, as a freshman, is grasping the offense, the defense and her basketball IQ is really rising," Seibel said. "She's a pleasant surprise!"

"It was fun," Gomez humbly said. "I like playing basketball with the girls ... thought this was going to be a close game because it's Dolores and they're really competitive and stuff."

Seibel said he wanted to challenge the girls to bring

up the intensity on defense, and he feels it worked.

"They just...really put the pressure down," Seibel said.

IHS (4-2, 1-0 SJBL) led 21-5 after the first quarter and 33-14 after the second, in which sophomore Alejandra Lujan struck for six of her ten points. Reserve forward Gibran Silva, inactive for Ignacio's previous game Dec. 12 versus non-league 2A Center [a 64-28 triumph], all but sealed the Lady Bears' fate with a buzzer-beating three ending the third quarter and increasing the locals' advantage to 50-22.

Cotton finished with nine points, junior Ellie Seibel scored eight (after crippling CHS with 15), Baker finished with seven, senior Amya Bison equaled Silva's three points, and reserve Tori Archuleta scored two.

IHS WRESTLING

Wrestlers ravage Dolores

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Three pins and one authoritative major decision were the backbone of an evening – ending in a San Juan Basin League wrestling dual win – Cody Haga had hoped for in preparation for the Bobcats' final pre-holiday trip.

"We won all our matches," he said by phone, counting Ignacio's by-forfeit victors in a 52-18 [unofficially; an early report said 46-24] triumph at Dolores on Thursday, Dec. 18, with a Dec. 20 drive to Farmington, N.M., for the Piedra Vista Panther Duals approaching.

Results were unavailable at press time, but Haga was eager for his team to test its mettle.

"There'll be four pools of four [teams], and we're in with Piedra Vista's [5A] varsity, Miyamura High from Gallup [N.M., 5A], and Grants [N.M., 5A]. There's going to be good wrestling down there for sure."

Ignacio juniors Tyler Beebe and Ethan Appenzeller, and seniors Iaasic Peña, Blaine Mickey and Josh Gallegos each received a six-point forfeit win – at 132, 138, 152, 182 and heavyweight, respectively – while the Bears netted 18 points on forfeits to freshman Austin Hackney at 120 pounds, sophomore



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With second-place Aiden Dabel of Norwood looking on, Ignacio's Lorenzo Pena (left) shows the conquered 145-pound division's bracket at the Dove Creek 'Dawg Fight,' Saturday, Dec. 13. Pena's domination of Dolores' Guy Wallace in SJBL-dual action on the 18th was then key to IHS' defeat of the Bears.

Tristan Medina at 126, and soph Devin Reed at 220.

With the 106- and 195-pound divisions contested by neither crew, that left just four weights up for grabs. And IHS grabbed every one.

Sophomore 113-pounder Stocker Robbins handled business with a second-period pin of sophomore Brandon Ward, senior Mike Perez – bumped back to the weight with Timmy Plehinger held out due to a concussion sustained at the Dec. 13 Dove Creek – stuck sophomore Riley Syra at 160, and senior Davey Cooper repeated his final-round defeat of senior Kellen Gatzke at 170 with a third-period pin. Champion at Dove Creek,

as was older brother Iaasic – helping the Cats take second behind only SJBL stronghold Norwood – Lorenzo Peña may have impressed Haga the most with an 18-6 schooling of senior Guy Wallace at 145 pounds.

"It was a good match," Haga said, "and 'Woody' just wrestled really smart. I'd have to say it was definitely the match of the evening."

Sophomore Dalton Mickey, part of IHS' talent pool between 132 and 160, wrestled an exhibition against DHS sophomore Aiden Hopcia at 145, and notched a second-period pin to gain some mental momentum heading into the action within PVHS' Jerry A. Conner Fieldhouse.

Mid-school league champions



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Ignacio Bobcats Middle School Basketball A-Team proudly hold up "No. 1." They won first place in the San Juan Basin League Tournament held in Dolores on Saturday, Dec. 13, beating the home team the Dolores Bears by 21 points, final score 53-32. They also were the San Juan Basin basketball League Champions.



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GRATITUDE

As I sit here and reflect on the beauty Audrey Ray Frost-Nissen shined on our mother earth, I reflect on the laughter. I reflect on the hardships. I reflect on the strength of overcoming and overpowering any downfall. I am thankful for the words of wisdom she instilled within this life time to keep going. I am thankful for her encouragement and her compliments. Audrey is a Spirit who took life for what it was and ran with it. There wasn't an experience, good or bad, that she couldn't sit down and cry or laugh with you over. I have always known this beautiful woman to turn tragedy into comedy. To laugh at her mistakes and keep going; to laugh at your mistakes and encourage you to keep going. A spirit as free as hers showed very little fear. If there is an obstacle, we shall overcome it.

Strength of Audrey's was prayer. She prayed to creator, to Jesus, to God as she knew him to be. A higher power who she believed was in full control of her well-being. A spirit of traditional values and strong native beliefs was the woman who walked mother earth. She was proud of her relatives. She was proud of her grandparents, of her loved ones who passed on before her. She cherished everything that was given to her with lots of love and respect. She hung pictures of our ancestors on her walls. She understood the values and the blessings creator blessed her relatives with. She may have struggled through life, but she never forgot where she came from.

As I sit here and reflect on the beauty Audrey Ray Frost-Nissen shined on our mother earth, I reflect on everything that is possible in life. Everything that seems impossible IS possible. There are many memories of her that are left here for us to remember her by. The laughter is my favorite one. Her strength another, her belief in creator and prayer is another; her joy for her grandchildren, the pride in where and who she comes from; a proud Ute woman of nothing but forward movement.

Creator took many loved ones from our Ute people this year and among them was Audrey Ray Frost-Nissen. I ask creator, why now? Why through everything that could have taken her before, why now? My cousin Justin E. Gilbert told me, "Because she got it right, so it's her time to go now." That made so much sense to me.

She got it down to where creator knew she was good and ready for what he has in store for her now.

I want to send my love and condolences to every one of our people who lost a loved one this year, and years before. This is not an easy process for our wounded hearts. We will make it as our loved ones would want us to. I pray for everyone who mourns a loved one, remember to keep moving forward so we can reunite when our turn comes. I pray for strength and happiness for your families and for my family. As Ute people, we are strong and we have to continue to show our loved ones they don't have to worry about us until we meet again.

Thank you:

Reverend Kelly Winlock, Jake Ryder, Ross Jacket, Pearl Casias, Tyson Thompson, Raymond Frost Jr., Vida Peabody, Walter and Marquette Howe, Ian Thompson, Robert Jack, Lisa Manzanaras, Sam Burch, Dale Santistevan, Neida Ray and family, Jon Chevarillo, Richard Rivera, Yvonne Phillips, Carol Lorac, Pete and Marlene Vigil, Pearl Casias, Joe Gonzales, Tara Vigil, Elaine Herrera, Marcella Quintana, AJ Vigil, Robin Santistevan, Riki Lynn Santistevan, Joy and Anthony Gunn, Marie Joy, Terrance Hight, Amber Box, Steve Rivera, Rodney Red, Davidson Lopez, Craig Hight, Donovan Silva, Jacob Gilbert, Daniel Gilbert, Bob Moore, Alex Cloud, Kristi Sage, Eddie and Betty Box Jr., Edward Box III, Bonnie Baker, Christine and Roger Sage and Ann Weaver.

As Audrey Frost-Nissen would have wanted, we would like to send many thanks to our loved ones, to the community of the Southern Ute People and of the community of Ignacio for coming together to make her final walk here on mother earth a blessed day. We would like to thank those loved ones who traveled many miles to be here on her day of departure. Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments and offerings to her home. Thanks to everyone who brought laughter and tears, thanks to everyone who shared stories, love and guidance. Thanks to those who couldn't make it but sent your payers and blessings. As her family we appreciate every effort and every bit of help we received for her final send off. We have many reasons to give thanks for each and every one who helped and we hope each of you understand you all played a powerful part in our lives because you sent a loved one off in a peaceful way and helped us so much. May creator bless you all and be with all of your families. May he take your pains and sorrows away and bring many blessings into your lives. Our blessings and gratitude is with each and every one of you, whether your name is listed or not, you are in our hearts, in our

thoughts and in our prayers. We recognize ALL that was done for our loved one and with that we give you all A SPECIAL THANKS!! May creator bless each and every one of you!

The Family of Audrey Ray Frost-Nissen

ELECTION BOARD THANKS

The Southern Ute Election Board would like to take this time to acknowledge the following individuals and Tribal departments. Without these people's tremendous assistance, (sometimes above and beyond the call of duty), gentle guidance, and helpful suggestions, the Election Board would not have been a success. We also would like to send out "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" to you and your family.

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Southern Ute Election Board

MIQUE NUCHU!

Here's a SHOUT OUT to all Tribal Members! Thank you, for putting that mark beside my name during this past election. It is encouraging, and I appreciate the support you have shown me. Thank you to all the tribal members that took the time to come and talk with me, and who welcomed me into your homes to share my vision. It has truly been a blessing.

Tribal Members came out in record numbers in both elections, and that is good to see, you know your VOTE COUNTS! I especially want to recognize the younger tribal members who came out and voted, thank you everyone.

As I stated in my platform I have been and always will be there to support the membership.

Once again, thank you! I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. May the creator watch over everyone from the youngest to the oldest, and to those who have lost loved ones this year, I wish you comfort during the holiday season, continue to be strong and may you continue on in the true Nuchu way.

Once Again thank you.

Tog'oiak! Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie

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Just know I'm here, because I truly care
You're my sister, you mean so much
Don't want to see you hurt or cry
I'll wipe the tears, I'll get rid of your fears
Want to see you grow up and achieve
Just believe, have faith
You can do anything
You're beautiful inside and out
You're smart and very talented
You're many things, but most all,
you're my sister
I believe in you and know that I'll never
stop loving you

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We love you so much & hope your 16th Birthday is amazing!

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*Love Always,
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Continue the fight you've begun. Proudly I'll watch you from above knowing through death-life I have won.

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JV and C Teams see action



Ignacio's Joseph Vigil (25) elevates away from a Dolores defender and twists into shooting position during Ignacio's C-team victory, 26-18 over the Bears, Dec. 18 inside SunUte Community Center.



Ignacio's Amya Bison out-leaps the Center challengers for a stray rebound during the Lady Bobcat JV's 26-14 non-league loss inside SunUte Community Center on Friday, Dec. 12.

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- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

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Charles Hamby

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of:
Marietta Ann Watts Soto, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2014-0109-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts Soto filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marietta Ann Watts. As of December 1st, 2014 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts Soto name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Marietta Ann Watts.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2014.
Scott Moore, Associate Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of:
Xavier Savon-Watts Hight, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2014-0110-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Xavier Savon-Watts Hight filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Xavier Savon Watts. As of December 1st, 2014 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Xavier Savon-Watts Hight name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Xavier Savon Watts.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2014.
Scott Moore, Associate Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2014-0145-CV-PR
Ruby Head Barela, Deceased

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

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on January 26, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. 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 17th of December, 2014
James Crowdes, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2014-PR-141
Audrey Ray Frost-Nissen, Deceased

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

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on January 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. 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 determination therein necessary.

Dated this 19th of December, 2014
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate of:
Case No.: 2014-PR-0140
Maxine S. Silva, Deceased

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

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on January 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. 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 determination therein necessary.

Dated this 16th of December, 2014
James Crowdes

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\$15,000
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Promotional period Wednesday, December 31. Random carded slot drawings held every 30 minutes from 8PM-12:30AM. Each random winner will instantly receive \$1,500 in cash. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Land Assistant II – Red Willow Production (Houston, TX)

Closing date 12/29/14

Provides administrative and communications support to the Land Department, to include collecting data and performing quality checks on information input into company databases in support of the Land Records Analysts and the Division Order Analysts. Assists with other land duties as needed. Supervision is readily available and work is checked periodically.

Director Gas Plant and Revenue Accounting – Aka Energy Group (Tulsa, OK)

Closing date 12/29/14

Directing and overseeing the functions of the gas plant/revenue accounting department, including all areas of gas plant settlement and revenue distribution. Responsibilities also include the accuracy and completeness of ongoing development and implementation of the Waterfield settlement system to ensure correct processing of data by the system.

Automation Software Manager – Aka Energy Group, LLC – Durango, CO

Closing date 12/30/14

Overseeing the operation and maintenance of gas and oil well automation and gas measurement software for Aka Energy Group, LLC, including all projects related to installations and maintenance of automation and measurement software. Ensures compliance with applicable company, tribal, federal state, and county regulations.

Land Data Specialist III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/30/14

Representing and acting on behalf of the land department to develop, enhance and deliver records/data management systems and tools which may include: land department processes and procedures, working instructions for records, data and digital information, maintenance of computer files, automated electronic and document management systems guidelines This position provides a wider scope of support to more senior level staff.

Land Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production – Ignacio, CO

Closing date 12/30/14

Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. This position provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

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Senior Land Records Analyst – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO or Houston, TX)

Closing date 12/30/14

Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Works independently, follows existing processes.

Division Order Analyst II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/30/14

Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and division order records, including all related documents and contracts, for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. This position provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Division Order Analysts.

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Construction Superintendent – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 1/1/15

Providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, well sites, and salt water disposal facilities. Application of, and compliance with policies and procedures.

Accounts Receivable Technician – GF Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 1/5/15

Administering the billing program for the Utilities Division in an accurate and timely manner. Provides clerical and secretarial support for the Utilities Division, including receptionist duties.

Accounting Assistant III – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 1/6/15

Under the direction of the Accounts Payable Supervisor, provides accounts payable and accounting support to the Red Willow Production Accounting Department.

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 into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 375 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Detention Transport Officer

Closing date 12/29/14

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. The Transportation/Detention Officer will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closing date 12/29/14

Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Construction Crew Leader

Closing date 12/29/14

Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients homes. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Part Time Youth Cultural Educator

Closing date 12/30/14

Provides a Part Time opportunity for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to provide program coordination, organization, design, and implementation described in the scope of work of the grant description that funds the position. It involves providing cultural programming for the youth of parents who will be attending DBT classes, as well as supporting the cultural youth and family programs at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Boys & Girls Club. The DBT classes will be held in 8-week long sessions, three times per year. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

Administrative Assistant

Closing date 1/2/15

Performs administrative, clerical and Education Department support to the Director of Higher Education. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour.

Patrol Officer

Closing date 1/2/15

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

Dental Assistant

Closing date 1/2/15

Under dentist supervision, incumbent is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties, and radiology functions. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

Dentist

Closes 1/2/15

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and

educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

Lifeguard

Open until filled

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; \$11/hour.

Swimming Instructor

Open until filled

Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the Sun Ute aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with Sun Ute individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.6/hour.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

Lands Coordinator Trainee

Closing date 12/29/14

This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with Southern Ute Indian Tribe land management. The duties of the position include, but are not limited to ensuring Southern Ute Tribal land management and associated transactions are conducted in manner which promotes the wise use, development, and conservation of the land and cultural resources of the Tribe, complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. The time frame for this programs completion is one year, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Special Education Advocate/Family Group Decision Making Coordinator Apprentice

Closing date 1/2/15

This apprenticeship is comprised of a dual role which will involve working with Tribal Special needs population (p-20) and their parent/guardian, as well as coordination of the Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) process. The position has an advocacy and supportive role with families. The apprentice will work directly with students, parents/guardians and various government agencies. The apprentice will participate in collaboration with families and resources re: protocol, issues, concerns and/or needs for students & families. The apprentice as the Special Education Advocate will be responsible for creating, implementing and facilitating a Special Education/504 parent group. The apprentice as the FGDM coordinator will coordinate preparation interviews and family meetings with families and resources. The apprentice will be under the general supervision of the Education Counselor.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year

Southern Ute Language Teacher

Ignacio School District has an opening for a Southern Ute Language Teacher to teach Ute language one class period each day. Applicant must be fluent in the Ute language. Open until filled.

Head Football Coach

Ignacio School District has an opening for a Head Football Coach. Preference will be given to those holding a teaching or administration credential. Deadline is January 5, 2015

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Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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

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Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/24/14

Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. 16 years old+. High School Diploma/Equivalency. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Fine Dining Busser (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/12/14

Clears off and sanitizes tables, disposes trash and other waste and keeps the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates: glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers, dishwashers and bartenders perform small tasks as needed. 18 years old+. High School Diploma/Equivalency. Must have a minimum 1 year experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/24/14

Responsible for providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience.

Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Line Cook-Willows (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/24/14

Responsible for the preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Willows 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. The position requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 6 months in-house training.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-Call)

Closing Date 12/26/14

Deals Blackjack (Class 3), Three Card poker, Roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 6 months Table Games Dealer experience OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

*Player Development Staff (Part-time, w/ benefits)

Closing Date 12/24/14

Performs all administrative functions of the Player's Club, enrolls new members and services existing members, promotes card usage from

existing members through club benefits and promotions, assist guests with accounts, point redemption, promotion entries and any other questions. Maintains a thorough understanding of all player tracking software, promotions and rules in order to convey pertinent information to Casino guests, while having a pleasant and outgoing customer service demeanor. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in customer service. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) experience preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/24/14

Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/ CPR training within the first year of employment.

*Slot Technician I (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/24/14

Responsible for the day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. To ensure a positive guest

experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. 1 year experience in a related field (slot machine repair, electronics, circuit boards, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Must have basic knowledge of computer hardware and software. Must serve as a Slot Technician I for at least three (3) months to gain proficiency and demonstrate ability to meet minimum qualifications for advancement into a Slot Technician II position.

*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Closing Date 12/26/2014

Provides fast, accurate and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Must have a High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. Good math skills essential. Be able to use a 10-key calculator. Previous banking or extended money handling skills preferred. Light, basic computer skills needed.

*Poker Dealer (On-Call)

Closing Date 12/26/14

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. 6 months experience as a poker dealer or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

**Must be at least 21 years old.*



FROST ELECTED CHAIRMAN • FROM PAGE 1

Frost said he wants to move forward and do positive things for the Tribe.

"Its time to put those the bad feelings aside, it's time for us to become Southern Ute tribal members again and recognize one another and respect one another ... talk to one another, that will be my road to travel once again."

Thompson and Barry both first timers to Tribal Council bring new outlooks from a younger generation, Barry said.

"Thank you to tribal voters for letting your voices be heard," Barry said. "The new generation has offered to step up and provide input and lead

us into the next generation, and I'm humbly appreciative to be apart of that today."

Thompson, former Wood Yard Division Head, said he looks forward to the adventure ahead of him.

"I look forward to working alongside everybody here and I will do my best," Thompson said.

Representatives from Ute Mountain, Northern Ute and Jicarilla Apache Tribes attended the inauguration welcoming the new council members.

"There are five veteran councilman on this council and two new. They're going to come in and learn and take it to the next genera-

tion for the young ones that are not here yet," Manuel Heart, chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe said.

Gordon Howell, Northern Ute chairman, offered some advice to the incoming council members.

"When you do something, do it from the heart," he said. "It's a tough job, but we do it for the love of our people."

Jicarilla Apache Tribe brought gifts and offered well wishes to the incoming council.

Also in attendance were La Plata County Commissioner Julie Westindorff and Durango Mayor Sweetie Marbury.

BARRY, TRIBAL COUNCIL • FROM PAGE 1

listen to every tribal member, because no matter what they are a tribal member and they are entitled to services," she said.

In Barry's opinion the youth are not being focused on enough, she said. She hopes her connection with the younger generation will help Council communicate with them more effectively.

"The youth needs to be paid attention to, they need that positive interaction with the leadership," she said. "We need to talk to the youth."

Barry said she would utilize all forms of communication to reach out to the membership, anything she can do, "to bridge that gap."

One way she is hoping to do that is by jumpstarting a Tribal Member Services Guide she was working on while in the Executive Office.

The Tribal Member Services Guide is a great tool that can be utilized by the membership on and off the reservation, she said. The guide provides information on services that Tribal Department's provide to the membership as well as useful contact information.

Barry is also tossing the



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Council lady Amy Barry holds her right hand up while being sworn into office. The tribal election was held on Monday, Dec. 15. Barry won in a run-off election along with Tyson Thompson.

BARRY THANKS

Thank you to all tribal voters who came out and voted in the last two elections, what a turnout.

I can't say enough to our people, my campaign committee, family, and friends.

Conrad Thompson, Julius Baker and Carlos Whiteman thank you for your artistic vision that promoted by campaign platform.

It's about communicating, mentoring, educating and not forgetting who we are in our heart and where we come from, Pino Nuuciu," Barry said.

idea around of transforming her campaign Facebook page into Councilmember page - providing another medium of communication.

Lastly, when asked about being the only female on council, Barry said it doesn't bother her.

"It's not of significance, I'm here for the people by the people and I'm here to promote a unified council," she said. "As Natives, the way you were brought up is how you will preform as a leader. I was taught respect, and to accept decisions whether they are in your favor or not, and to move on ... and to live a humble life."

THOMPSON, TRIBAL COUNCIL • FROM PAGE 1

he said.

"I want to bring a healthier attitude to the Tribe; get people to the gym, get people outside, be active. It puts your mind in a better place. I want to find that outreach and design something that would be beneficial for that."

As opportunities for the Tribe continue to roll through, Thompson understands the long road of chal-

lenges that lie ahead.

"There will of course be bad days, but every day is a learning process. That's why I'm here," he said. "I really want to support the community and programs within the Tribe. I have that internal drive to help my people, and what better position to have for that."

Thompson additionally wants to show thanks to those who supported him on

his road to being elected.

"Thank you [voters] who showed their support. Voice your opinion. Become that voice. We will become stronger people because of that. A big thanks to my family and friends for saying I can do it. Youth, remember where you come from. Never forget who you are, and always be dreaming. Make them come alive and keep them amazing."

Counting the ballots



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Tribal Election Board counts ballots right after voting closed on Friday, Dec. 12. The election and counting was held at SunUte Community Center. SUPD Officer Richard Herrera hands Tribal Election Board Chairman, Christine Sage a ballot to read out the vote and Johnathan Chavez marks the "tick" for the respective candidate.

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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Dec. 26



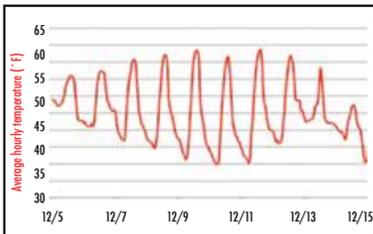
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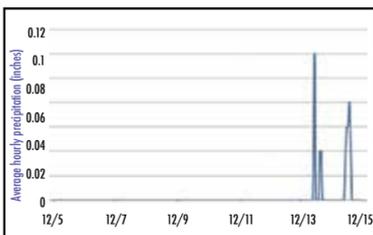


Weather data for December 5 – December 15



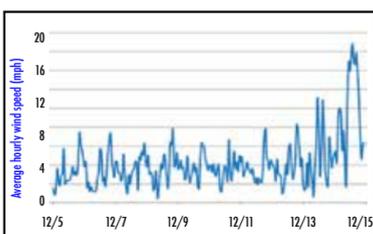
Temperature

High	53.6°
Low	19.8°
Average	35.1°
Average last year	15.2°



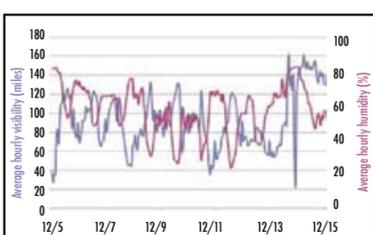
Precipitation

Total	0.240"
Total last year	0.050"



Wind speed

Average	4.3
Minimum	0.5
Maximum	16.8



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	92.6
Average humidity	69.4%

Air quality

Good
Air quality descriptor: 36



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

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