



News in brief

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Tribal elders' get-together set for Dec. 21

There will be a Tribal elders' get-together on Dec. 21 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The Sky Ute Casino Resort staff and the Southern Ute Health Department have been invited to come and give an update. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be catered by the casino. If you'd like to take part in the Christmas gift exchange, you are more than welcome to join, but it is not mandatory. If you need a ride, please call Elder Services at 970-563-0156. Organizer Dixie Naranjo would like to thank the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Southern Ute Growth Fund for their help in funding the luncheon, and the Growth Fund and casino for providing the door prizes for the last meeting. Thanks to the tribal departments and Tom Duran and his staff for the great update.

SunUte to host senior breakfasts

SunUte Community Center will host senior breakfasts on Dec. 16 and 30 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for all senior citizens 55 years and older. Southern Ute tribal members eat free. For more information, call SunUte at 970-563-0214.

Justice & Regulatory seeks name for new building

The Southern Ute Department of Justice & Regulatory is seeking the assistance of the tribal membership in the naming of the new J&R building, formerly the Youth Treatment Center. This building will house the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), the Environmental Programs Division, and the Tribal Rangers and Animal Control. Please submit your suggestions by Jan. 18, 2012, to the Department of Justice & Regulatory at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by calling Misty Wilson at 970-563-0292. The final selection will be made by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

SunUte assumes oversight of chapel

Due to recent Executive Office approval, the SunUte Community Center is the contact department to reserve the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility and the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. The main contact for reservation is the Multi-Purpose Facility staff at 970-563-4784 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2640 or 2641. Please direct all reservations for either facility to the noted numbers. After hours, you will be directed to the SunUte facility staff for reservations at 970-563-0241. For the upcoming tribal holidays, the facility and chapel will be open during scheduled events. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition period.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

SUPD offering reward for stolen guns

The Southern Ute Police Department is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for the return of two stolen firearms or information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The first is a German drilling gun, which is a triple-barrel rifle and shotgun combination with two side-by-side 16-gauge barrels and a single 8x57R rifle barrel. The second is a .38 Special snub nose revolver. The firearms were stolen during a burglary of a residence on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation sometime between May 27 and June 11. If you have any information, please call Detective Luke Austin of the Southern Ute Police Department Investigations Bureau at 970-563-4942.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

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Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.



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10 Years Ago

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Dewitte Baker, Mike Olguin, Pearl Casias, Vida Peabody and Melvin Baker, with Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch (with microphone) and Southern Ute Royalty members Daisy Frost, Lindsay Box and Katrina Naranjo, addressed the crowd gathered for the opening-day ceremonies of the SunUte Community Center.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 14, 2001, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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20 Years Ago

Several young Southern Utes attended the 1991 American Indian Youth Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., on Nov. 30, 1991. Young Indians from many tribes met to discuss substance abuse, violence and other issues.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 18, 1991, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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30 Years Ago

A group of Ignacio school students sang Christmas carols for Southern Ute staff members at the Tribal Affairs Building.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 18, 1981, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

Home Owner Responsibilities Winter Weather

Winter is upon us, and 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 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 or personal or valuable items **PRIOR TO** large amounts of snow fall to insure the snow removal crews do not damage them
- Please keep all road accesses that require snow removal clear so that the crews can get in and out in a timely manner

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!!

Snow removal priority list

1. Dialysis patients.
 2. Tribal elders and physically challenged tribal members.
 3. All other tribal home owners.
- Please keep this priority list in mind when a storm hits. The snow removal crews will get to you in the order listed.

Important contact numbers

SUPD: 970-563-4401	Motorpool: 970-563-0280
Tribal Housing Dept.: 970-563-4710	SUIHA: 970-563-4575
Const. Service/Wood Yard: 970-563-0260	Custom Farms: 970-563-0220
	Grounds maintenance: 970-563-0272