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GROWTH FUND

New Growth Fund building nears completion

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Roughly a year since the initial groundbreaking of the project, construction of the new Growth Fund headquarters is ahead its schedule for completion. By summer 2015, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will have a new Growth Fund building open for business.

Bruce Valdez, executive director of the Growth Fund, provided updates on the construction of the new building.

"We've actually been doing really well," he said. "We are looking at an on time completion and hope to move in there around May or June, ahead of our original scheduled time. So far we haven't seen any delays. [Workers] are currently hanging the dry wall, and so far it's going remarkably well."

The new Growth Fund headquarters is expected to bring in approximately 130 employees, most of who are established in offices in Durango. These departments include the Department of Energy, Growth Fund Private Equity Group, and Southern Ute Shared Services. Additionally, a number of returning employees are expected to fill positions in human resources, finance, accounting, and information technology. The current Growth



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The new Growth Fund headquarters is now eyeing its opening date to be as early as May 2015. Construction on the building has progressed smoothly without any setbacks.

Fund building will soon be the official headquarters for the Red Willow Production Company.

Because of the ongoing expansion of Red Willow Production, decisions to relocate the Growth Fund into its own building became

imminent for the sake of housing more staffers and resources. Employees who were previously relocated to offices in Durango will be able to return to the Tribe, restituting professional con-

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Building for better health

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

For years, the Southern Ute Tribe has gone far and beyond in building a healthier community for its members. A new dental and optometry building was only the start. With the addition of newer staff and department directors, the Southern Ute Health Department's vision of providing top quality care for tribal members is set for a bright future.

The Southern Ute Health Department gathered with affiliates from the Connect for Health Colorado Organization and the Colorado Department of Public Health on Monday, Dec. 8 to address updates happening within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Er-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Health Center director, Lola Osawe, gives updates on the direction of the Southern Ute Health Center during a meeting with the Colorado Department of Public Health on Monday, Dec. 8.

nest House Jr. from the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs was also present.

"We are bringing out the awareness of what the Tribe has done," said Lola Osawe,

Tribal Health Director. "From injury prevention to diabetes programs, we have some of the best programs I've seen."

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Community toy drive is underway

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has begun its annual Christmas Toy Drive Monday, Dec. 1. The Boys and Girls Club is looking for toys for children of all ages, including infants. Toys should be unwrapped and not exceed ten dollars.

Lindsay Box BGC mentor coordinator said that the turn out last year was great, "but it's always a goal to do better," she said.

"We want to reach more families than we did last year," Augusta Burch, BGC program specialist added.

Last year, BGC was selected and was donated two pallets of toys to help the cause, Box said. This year BGC is hoping to be selected again, but it is uncertain if they will be at this time.

This year the Los Pinos Fire Department will be helping out with the delivery of the toys on Tuesday, Dec 23. The BGC staff will be riding around on the fire truck handing out toys at random, Box said.

There is no specific time the fire truck will be at a



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Permanent Fund employees donate new toys for the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's toy drive taking place now until Monday, Dec. 22. Various drop-off locations range from the Southern Ute Growth Fund, SunUte Community Center, The Patio, Thriftway and Wells Fargo to name a few. The Boys and Girls Club will be around town along with Los Pinos Fire Department to deliver the toys Tuesday, Dec. 23.

specific location, so the community will have to be on the look out for the truck if they wish to receive a gift.

Also new this year is BGCSU Day at the Durango Toy Depot Saturday, Dec 13. For every Bric Tek racecar set sold that day, Durango Toy Depot will match it by donating a Bric Tek racecar set to the toy drive, Box said.

If you plan on purchasing a Bric Tek racecar set this holiday season you can help BGGSU's toy drive

by purchasing it at the Durango Toy Depot Saturday, Dec. 13.

Drop locations can be found around town at the following locations: Southern Ute Growth Fund, SunUte Community Center, Ignacio schools, The Patio Restaurant, Ignacio Community Library, Thriftway, 7-2-11, Wells Fargo, Three Springs and the Leonard C. Burch Building.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe can be reached for questions at 970-563-4753.

Walking in honor of Burch



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Mrs. Irene Burch and Edward Box III start this years 3rd Annual Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run. Mr. Box had the honor of carrying the staff that Mr. Burch carried so many times while he was chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Elliot Hendren and Dr. Julianna Reece run in this years 5k LCB Walk/Run.

See page 6 for more LCB Walk/Run coverage.

2014 Inauguration

Date: December 15, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort
Event Center
1424 US HWY 172 North
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Lunch to follow



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**OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
RUN-OFF ELECTION
December 12, 2014**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
Notice - Vote for One**

- Clement J. Frost
- Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
Notice - Vote for Two**

- Aaron V. Torres
- Amy J. Barry
- Janelle F. Doughty
- Tyson Thompson

**NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE
ELECTED.**

1. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
2. Voting is by secret ballot.
3. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
4. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Voter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Ballot Request Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

For many years, Irv Taylor has spent untold hours helping the area's youth learn the skills and life values associated with participation in sports. This year Mr. Taylor is coaching the Ignacio Junior High girls "B" basketball team. Here, Mr. Taylor gives some advice to his team prior to the start of the second half in a game against Bayfield on Dec. 7.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 9, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL Friday, Dec. 12, 2014

- Advocate for strong communication
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- Advocate positive mentorships for Nuuciu today and future generations
- Visionary of reviving the concept of putting Nuuciu first Proactive leader for unity amongst Pino-Nuuciu

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vote for a voice and vote for positive change.

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PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT AMY J. BARRY

Artwork by: Conrad Thompson (top) and Carlos Whiteman (bottom).



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Christmas. The tribe gave craftspeople of the Golden Sinew their first commission: to make 500 original Christmas stockings for children who attend the tribal Christmas program December 21 at Sky Ute Downs indoor arena. Pictured are Lynda D'Wolf and Dorothy Wing.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 9, 1994, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Mrs. Irene Burch-Shirley Frost, Leonard Burch and Lynn Stone at the Nov. 30 reception held in honor of Mr. Leonard Burch. Mr. Burch, after receiving his white hat said, "Now, I am one of the good guys."

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 14, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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.



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



Native American winter arts



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Vendors and artists from near and far put their best work on display during the Durango Native American Winter Arts Market Saturday, Dec. 6.



Thaddine Swift Eagle Johnson, Native World Champion boxer, poses in front of paintings holding her new book, 'A Pow Wow of Shadows', Saturday, Dec. 6 during the Durango Native American Winter Arts Market.

Jesus Romero smiles while he tries on a beanie with fake braids during the Durango Native American Winter Arts Market Saturday, Dec. 6.

Royalty visits Boys & Girls Club



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Autumn Medicine-Blanket, and Junior Miss Southern Ute, D'Vondra Garcia held a special visit with the Boys & Girls Club on Monday, Dec. 1. The two discussed their important roles as royalty members, including the meaning behind their regalia. Additionally, Boys & Girls Club members gathered insightful knowledge on how to become a member of Southern Ute Royalty and the expectations of working hard for success.

NEW GROWTH FUND BUILDING • FROM PAGE 1

nections for easier business.

Valdez additionally wanted to address any misconceptions that the community may have been confused with in regards to returning Growth Fund employees.

"I understand there is a lot of misconception that we are hiring tons of new faces, but we're actually just moving employees back," he clarified.

"The new building will be for Growth Fund administration and it'll allow us to bring

back some of the key parts

of the Growth Fund that we moved to Durango because of space issues. We'll be bringing back people from offices out of Three Springs as well as accounting and finance. We had to move a lot of [employees] out of our original building because it was becoming overcrowded. We won't be doing much hiring."

Valdez concluded that hiring for new positions is possible, only if protocol calls

for it.

"We're going to grow according to what the industry allows," he said. "If there's new opportunities or new investments, we're always going to look at that. We evaluate the growth of our business, and if the markets indicate that we need to head in new directions, then we will run it by Tribal Council for approval. We have to grow and evolve as an organization to stay competitive."

CULTURE UPDATE

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Southern Ute Annual Christmas program will be held after the dinner on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 4 p.m at the Sky Ute Events Center. If you are interested

in doing any kind of entertainment for the program please contact Tara Vigil, Events Coordinator at the Southern Ute Culture Department at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624, by Dec. 17 so you can be added to the program.

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.

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!

ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISANS

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

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

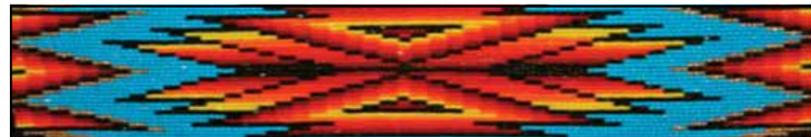
Elder/disabled tribal member dinner delivery deadline 12/19 at 3PM

call Darlene Frost 563-0100 ext. 3620



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BUILDING FOR BETTER HEALTH • FROM PAGE 1

We're continuing to build trust between patients and care providers. There is a lot of activity going on across the department and we want Tribal members to be aware."

The Southern Ute Health Department went on with their introduction to newer services. Patients now have access to a dialysis van, which will be used to transfer patients to clinics inside and outside the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. It will be configured with high quality equipment while providing comfort for elders and dialysis patients. Patient pick-ups can be scheduled through the Southern Ute Health Center by contacting LuRhea Ramone.

The Health Department included the recognition of homemaker services that are offered to tribal elders.

"We have helped 81 elders," she said. "Our elder homemaker services focuses on lending elders an extra hand with housework, including cooking and cleaning. We want to ensure our elders have their flu shots, and we also do food checks if they are diabetic. We have a census of our elders and do house visits to see if they

want any additional help. If they're not interested, then we respect that as well."

Behavioral health was an important topic, focusing on outreach programs and suicide prevention. Studies have shown that poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, sexual assault, alcoholism and drug addiction are key factors in suicide with young American Indians. The growing number of suicide in American Indian reservations has reached to toxic proportions, more than three times the national average with up to 10 occurrences on a number of reservations.

"Behavioral Health Services provides primary care for our patients," Osawe said. "We have a psychiatrist and psychologist who reach out to patients who feel like they're struggling. There's no argument that there's plenty that needs to be done with substance abuse, family therapy, and coping skills. There are a lot of people who wait until things get really bad before they seek help. Families must understand that we have resources in place ... the first thing to do is prevent. There's so

many ways in dealing with life challenges and people shouldn't be afraid to say they need help."

According to statistics, behavioral health can be affected with diabetes and obesity, which is the number one health concern within the American Indian population.

The percentage of type 2 diabetes with American Indians over the age of 19 is 12.2% and continues to rapidly increase. Diabetes can obstruct blood circulation and weaken small vessels in the brain. This can cause tissue damage and affect mental functions, which can eventually lead to depression and anxiety. Potentially, diabetics could develop serious conditions like dementia, Alzheimer's, or stroke.

"[The Health Department] will continue to focus on physical health, spiritual health, and mental health," Osawe concluded. "If you're hurting in any of these places, then we are here to provide that aid. The Tribe is far ahead than other tribes in providing this network of care. We want to continue with building trust for our patients and do what we can to prevent."

HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES

Ignacio restaurant adds healthy menu

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

One of Ignacio's favorite restaurants will be adding healthy alternatives to its menu Friday, Dec. 19.

The new healthy menu includes nine new dishes – three for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Also included on the menu will be calorie, protein, and carb counts, owner of The Patio Restaurant Emily Meisner said.

"We're going to try this menu out ... we've had lots of requests for healthier options," she said. "This menu is geared towards health and portion control."

Items making up the dishes on the healthy menu

include: egg whites, roasted potatoes, sweet potatoes, and chicken sausage links, salmon, tuna, roasted chicken and steak.

According to Meisner, the whole healthy menu is gluten free – minus one dish, which offers a wheat pita. But take the pita away, and the dish becomes gluten free as well.

The gluten free trend is a growing market and Meisner is excited to fulfill the requests of her gluten-free costumers.

"It's an opportunity to feed one more niche," she said.

Meisner hopes the portioned-controlled menu as well as the calorie counts will cater to her health conscious customers.

"We're going to try the menu out and see how the community responds," she said. "The dishes on the healthy menu will be changed up to offer some variety."

Healthy menu dishes include: Breakfast Tacos, Americano Steak & Eggs, Chicken sausage links & eggs, Mediterranean Salmon Sampler, Garlic Rosemary Chicken, Tuna salad with a wheat pita, Asian sirloin, Simple Salmon Dinner and Herb Roasted Chicken.

Though The Patio is broadening its menu to include healthy options, the home cooked feel good food The Patio is known for is not going anywhere, Meisner said.

Practice makes perfect



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Ballet of Ignacio held a special recital inside the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Hosted by the LaPlata County Independent Youth of Performing Arts, 12 youth dancers displayed their graceful moves in front of a crowd of cheering parents. Practice for the recital started in September and carried on for twelve weeks. The group has given special thanks to Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center for lending their facility for practice sessions. The next sessions will commence in January and conduct for 12 weeks. Any interested youth can get information by contacting the Ballet of Ignacio at 970-335-8206. The Ballet of Ignacio team (above) poses with their dance instructor, Holly Tate from Bayfield High School.

Christmas dinner at academy



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Scott Schism and other Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy served Christmas dinner to the academy students and their families, Thursday, Dec. 11.

The Pinnecooses smile for the camera during the SUIIMA Christmas lunch.

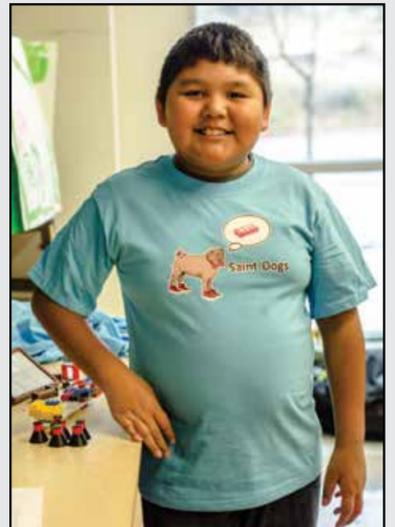


Lego League focuses on science



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Lego League competition made its return to Miller Middle School in Durango on Saturday, Dec. 6, pitting a number of youth teams against each other in categories of science and robotics. Teams Saint Dogs and Dill Pickle Lego Masters represented the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Ignacio Elementary School. Students had to present a skit that focused on the fundamentals of science, before finally testing their custom robots designed with Legos. Saint Dogs team members, Nate Hendren and Zachariah Red, perform an educational skit about the results of different chemical mixtures.



Harmony Reynolds from team Dill Pickle Lego Masters shows excitement as her robot glides across the table.

CJ Francis takes time from Lego construction to pose for a smile.

December activities and events for Elders

- Dec 22: Durango shopping trip van will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.

All trips will require 4 or more elder, handicapped or disabled tribal members.

All trips are subject to change without prior notice.

If you have any questions please call the office at 970-563-0156.

The elder services staff would like to wish you and your families a merry Christmas.

December 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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



GET INVOLVED!

The parents' guide to education

HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

In this article we will provide ways to help keep track of your student's performance at school.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS

- Discuss where the student is doing well and where improvement is needed.
- Talk about ways the student can improve a low grade and how you can help.
- Schedule a time to meet with your student's instructor to discuss concerns about grades and academic progress.

KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS

Find out what kind of requirements – such as testing, courses, state requirements – your student must meet in order to advance to the next grade or graduate. Schedule an appointment with the school counselor to ensure your student is making adequate progress and to discuss education plans and goals that will best fit the student.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Discuss the requirements and goals for each class on your student's schedule. If there is a class the student is struggling in, talk with the teacher and discuss ways you can help at home as

well as additional help that may be available at school.

EXPLORE AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Check the school or other organizations to see what is offered. Some resources may include:

- Online access to student progress
- Homework resources
- After-school programs
- Tutoring
- Library resources
- Academic clubs/study groups

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS

Remember, students enjoy recognition for their progress too!

Bobcats of the month



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn; Jaelen Alston, Nia Atencio, Ethan Barry, Angela Rose Esparza, Dewayne Hendren, Alejandra Howe, Star Martinez, Zachary Martinez, Erika Richards, Leland Richards, Samantha Rock and Matthew Toledo.

Gals and kids enjoy breakfast



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Miracle Ortiz and daughter, Keelyn Reynolds laugh as they decorate a snowman with glitter, paint at the Gals and Kids breakfast held at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start Tuesday, Dec. 9.



Jaden Scott puts glue on his cotton ball as a tree decoration. The students got to use their imagination as they decorated their crafts.

Kesbah Griffith helps her kids Criag Hight Jr. (left) and Layla Hight (Right) decorate their crafts.

BGC awarded



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Board of Directors received certificates for completing online training as Boys & Girls Clubs of America Spillet Leadership University Scholar Tuesday, Dec. 9. All BGC Board Members are appointed by Tribal Council to support the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in their efforts to serve the young people of Ignacio. Pictured left to right are Nathan Elk, Sheila Nanaeto, Mary Young, Jeff Ward, Twyla Blackbird, Edward Box III, Carrie Vogel and Bruce LeClaire.

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!

Christmas TOY DRIVE

December 01st-22nd

New toys under \$10.00
Please **DO NOT** wrap gifts

Look out for BGC & Los Pinos Fire Department around town on December 23rd!

Drop Off Locations

- SU Growth Fund
- Sun Ute Community Center
- Ignacio Elementary School
- Ignacio Middle School
- Ignacio High School
- Ignacio Administration
- The Patio
- Ignacio Community Library
- Thriftway
- 7-2-11
- Wells Fargo
- Three Springs
- SU Permanent Fund



LCB Walk draws many



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Acting Chairman, Melvin Baker gives the welcome and opening remarks at the 3rd Annual Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run held at SunUte Community Center Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The 3rd Annual Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run was held Wednesday, Dec. 10 a day to honor a visionary, a true leader, Leonard C. Burch. Hundreds of people showed up to honor the late chairman braving the crisp December air. Many prizes were given away as a part of the raffle along with the prizes donated by the Chairman and Executive Offices. The two prizes sought out by many employees were a full day paid leave, awarded to Lisa Pratchett and a half-day paid leave was won by Eddie Box Jr.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Timothy Paiz held by his mother Juana Hendren, won a free round of kids bowling, one of the prizes awarded by the Burch family after the walk/run.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Leona Burch is joined by many getting warmed up with some Zumba before facing the beautifully chilly weather outside.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal Elder, Ula Gregory pumps her fist leading the way for many of the participants and giving moral support to others.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Who's walking who? Byron Chavarillo and family members enjoy the crisp air during the walk portion of the LCB walk/run.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

After enjoying the crisp clean morning air participants lined up to enjoy some healthy snacks provided by Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.

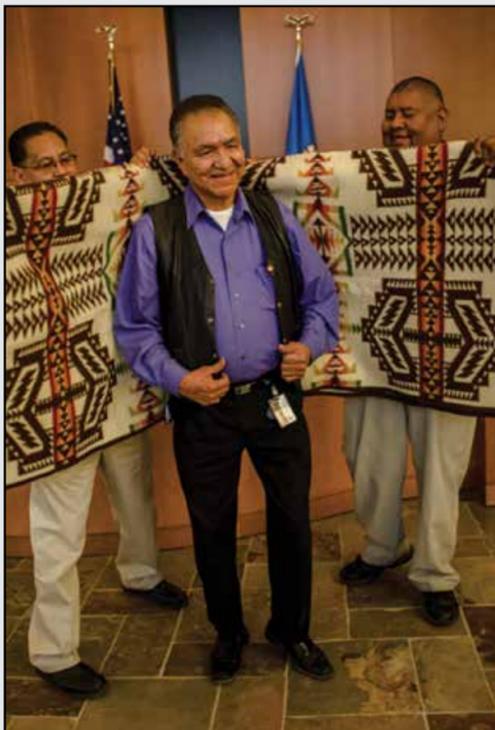
Council members bid farewell



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Pathimi M. GoodTracks says goodbye during her farewell speech from Tribal Council on Dec. 1. GoodTracks departs from council after serving as treasurer.

Aaron V. Torres departs council on Dec. 1., after serving a full three-year term. Torres is currently in a runoff election for a seat on council.



Clement J. Frost receives a blanket during the farewell ceremony from council, Monday, Dec 1. Frost is currently in a runoff for Tribal Chairmanship.

Head Start spreads holiday cheer



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start spread some holiday cheer around Ignacio decorating trees at the SUCAP department and Ignacio Town Hall on Thursday, Dec. 11. In addition to the tree decorations, the students also sang Christmas carols for the departments as part of the holiday celebrations. Students from Ignacio High School were also present, surprising the elementary kids with tasty holiday cookies.

A student shows off her tree ornament before placing it on the Ignacio Town Hall Christmas tree.





Fill Your Bowl for Art

Taste of Christmas



Tribal members Lillian Seibel, Dedra Millich and Yvonne Tree enjoy bowls of soup and bread during Dancing Spirit's Fill Your Bowl for Art fundraiser Friday, Dec. 5.



Community members, young and old came together in the spirit of Christmas at the Ignacio Community Library Friday, Dec. 5 for the annual Taste of Christmas.



Farmington band Chokecherry Jam provided the music for the evening Friday, Dec. 5.



Kasey Correia, executive director of Dancing Spirit and Southern Ute tribal elder Arlene Millich flash a smile during the Fill Your Bowl for Art fundraiser Friday, Dec. 5 inside the Dancing Spirit Community Art Center. Community members donated soups and breads to help raise money for the non-profit Dancing Spirit.

Photos by Sacha Smith
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal elder Phyllis Escalante (left) and Jontique Velasco work hard putting the final touches on their Christmas ornaments as they enjoy hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe setup and took photos of community children with Santa.



Jayden and John Scott smile after telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Flora Newton and Elaine Newton take a look at the art on display during the Fill Your Bowl for Art fundraiser Friday, Dec. 5.



Community members took turns reading books during storytelling as Rhianna and Maleina Carel enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

BGC, Tribe team up on food drive

Seniors supporting seniors



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe teamed up with the Southern Ute Permanent Fund for a Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food drive helped provide Thanksgiving Dinner to 10 families in the Ignacio community. Pictured left to right: Shalisha Chavez, Trennie Collins, Julian White, Raiden Herrera, Lindsay Box, Alexis Ortiz, Tristany Valencia, and Greg Hall.



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tribal elder Virginia Sage and Florann Howe are among many who bought holiday treats from Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy student Senior class, who were selling baked goods in the Hall of Warriors, Friday, Dec. 5. The sale raised funds to provide social activities and exercise equipment for the Ignacio Senior Center.

Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner & Program
 Saturday December 20, 2014
 Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center
 Dinner Starts at 11:00am to 3pm
 Christmas Program Starts at 4:00pm

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Families along with Ute Mountain and Northern Ute Members. Head of Household sign in required.

Southern Ute Tribal Elders wishing to have their food delivered call:
 Darlene Frost 563-0100 ext. 3620

Call In Meal Deadline Dec, 14 3:00 PM



Even the Primary One students of the academy chipped in and supported the good cause - raising money for the Ignacio Senior Center.

Employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe opened their wallets just in time for the holidays and bought baked goods during the SUIMA holiday bake sale.



IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats spring upsets in Alamosa

IHS girls trip 3A Centauri, 2A Rye

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Had Ignacio had the springs to hang with two Springs sets, you might currently be reading about a Lady Bobcat team off to an eye-opening 4-and-0 start entering its Friday, Dec. 12 home opener.

Results from that contest, held inside SunUte Community Center against non-league 2A Center, were unavailable by press time, but IHS' results of outings alternating between a season-opening loss on Dec. 2 to Pagosa Springs and Dec. 5 to Glenwood Springs (on Day 2 of the Centauri-hosted Mountain Top Classic) are savory enough as Ignacio felled two highly-rated opponents.

The second of which, Rye, ranked eighth in the pre-season [released Nov. 24th] CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, experienced the full force of emerging freshman forward/guard Hilda Garcia.

Having netted eleven points in her varsity debut in a 59-39 loss at second-ranked [11/24 Class 3A poll] PSHS – in which the Lady Cats trailed last season's State runners-up by just five points (19-14) after one quarter and six (28-22) through two – Garcia then proceeded to score 14 in a 47-44 upset of CHS on day one of the MTC, and zapped the Lady Thunderbolts for 17 in a 43-40 victory on day three.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Avionne Gomez (25) calls a play as Glenwood Springs' Megan Uren (3) defends during Day 2 play at the Mountain Top Classic in Alamosa, Friday, Dec. 5.

"With her size and God-given abilities, she is a basketball player," said head coach Shane Seibel. "She loves the sport, plays with passion and, quite frankly, she's going to be good for years to come!"

Maker of Ignacio's first three hoops – a baseline layup and consecutive three-

pointers at PSHS – of the 2014-15 campaign, senior point guard Sky Cotton had 13 points versus Rye, giving her outputs of 10-8-11-13 to begin her comeback from last winter's knee injury.

On Day 2 of the Classic,

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IHS BASKETBALL

Bobcats finish strong at Mountain Top

IHS saves split of slate's first four

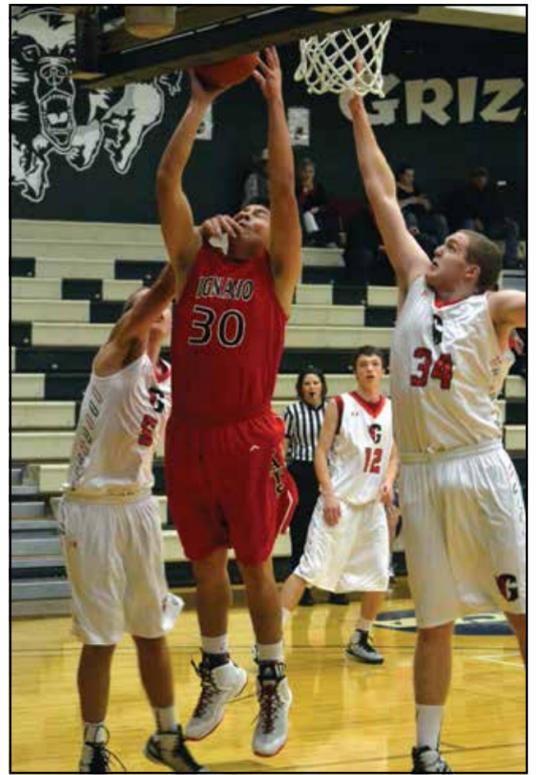
By Joel Priest
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Wrapping up the Centauri-hosted Mountain Top Classic with authority, the Ignacio Bobcats showed something of the 'Ignacio' always expected by friend and foe, and finished with two wins in three tries at the event with a 91-20 demolition of Hayden last Saturday, Dec. 6.

Senior Adison Jones led the way with 19 points, junior Nick Herrera was right behind with 18, and the low-post pair combined for 15-of-21 accuracy from the floor. Junior guard Tucker Ward was 4-for-6 from three-point land and finished with 14 points, while senior reserve guard Xavier Reynolds – already with a solid outing on day one against CHS to his credit – dropped another 13.

His 3-for-4 from downtown helped IHS finish 12-for-28, a 43 percent pace that the 2A Tigers – led by senior Juan Valdez's eight points

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Adison Jones (30) takes a hack at the rack from Glenwood Springs' Zack Peterson (5), with Will Gray (34) closing in at right on Day 2 of the Mountain Top Classic in Alamosa on Friday, Dec. 5.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

All-SJBL volleyball has 'Spirit'

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Part of the IHS Cheer crew that competed at the State Spirit Championships inside the Denver Coliseum the weekend of Dec. 5-6, junior Chrystianne Valdez also recently earned an Honorable Mention All-San Juan Basin League nod for her work on the volleyball court in the 2014 season.

Receiving 16 points from the loop's coaches in the voting system, and utilized by head coach Thad Cano as a libero, defensive specialist and outside hitter, Valdez was joined by Nucla junior middle Erin Staats (13), Dolores senior libero Kelly Charles (12), Mancos senior outside/middle Courtney Colyer (11), Norwood senior OH/MH Kelsey Rowe (11) and Ouray junior OH/MH Sarah Pankow (4).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Chrystianne Valdez hustles to a ball during the 2014 volleyball season, with teammates Amya Bison and Kelly Campbell (rear) in support. Valdez was named Honorable Mention All-SJBL, and also part of the IHS Cheer team that competed at the State Spirit Championships in Denver.

FEELING THE 'SPIRIT'

Competing in the Class 2A 'Cheer' division at the aforementioned State Spirit Championships, Ignacio scored a 52.35 during the preliminary round on Day 2 but did not advance to the finals and ultimately finished in 14th place, be-

tween Telluride (53.05) and Merino (50.4). Edwards Vail Christian took first in 2A 'Poms' and Salida won the 2A/3A 'Co-Ed Cheer' class.

IHS WRESTLING

Wrestlers second in Bayfield

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Minus a pair of familiar regulars in seniors Mike Perez and Josh Gallegos, Ignacio Wrestling still managed a strong start to its 2014-15 schedule with a second-place result at the Wolverine Classic, hosted Saturday, Dec. 6, by neighboring Bayfield.

"All the boys wrestled tough," head coach Cody Haga said. "It's just a good little tournament to start the season with, you know?"

Though not as large as it once was, this year's edition of the Classic still attracted four teams all with high hopes for the winter. Pitted against each other in a series of duals rather than a brack-

et-style format, IHS went 2-1 – defeating 3A BHS and 2A Center, but losing to 3A Pagosa Springs.

A former Wolverine himself, Bobcat junior Tyler Beebe went 3-for-3 (one win via forfeit) at 132 pounds and was named the Classic's Lower Weight Outstanding Wrestler.

Sophomore Stocker Robbins 113-pounds, with two forfeit wins and one pin, also finished 3-0, as did sophomore Lorenzo 'Woody' Peña at 145 and junior Ethan Appenzeller at 138.

Senior Iaacic Peña 152-pounds went 2-1, losing only to BHS senior Colter McMenimen – against whom his younger brother wrestled often last season. Sopho-

more Timmy Plehinger also went 2-1 wrestling up at 160 pounds (he weighed in at 152.4) in Perez's stead.

Haga's lineup for the event – won by PSHS with a 3-0 mark – also included sophomore Lucas Monroe as an additional 138-pounder, senior David Cooper at 170 and senior Alex Lopez at heavy-weight with Gallegos out.

Up next, the Bobcats head to the Dove Creek 'Dawg Fight,' Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at 10 a.m. The team then duals San Juan Basin League foe Dolores away at 6 p.m. on the Thursday, Dec. 18, and wraps up pre-holiday action on the Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Piedra Vista Panther Duals in Farmington, N.M.

Hit the court running



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Veronica Gonzales (1) beats Pagosa Springs' Megan Ellis (15) with the dribble during the Lady Bobcat JV's season-opener at PSHS on Dec. 2. In the crew's only outing yet as of this issue of the Drum, IHS fell to the Lady Pirates 49 to 8, after PSHS began the game on a 13-1 scoring spree. Ignacio's JV boys fared slightly better the same afternoon, but lost 58-20--leaving the boys' 'C' team, which pulled out a 44-43 squeaker, as the only sub-varsity squad to see victory.

SunUte hosts volleyball camp



courtesy SunUte Community Center

SunUte Recreation hosted a youth volleyball camp for ages 5-10 years old on every Sunday during the month of November. Virgil Morgan, Jennifer Seibel, Victoria Morgan, Kelly Sirios, Julianna Gallegos, Aspen Naranjo, Aubree Lucero, Leandra Litz, Malina Casias, Sarina Vigil and Adrianne Cuch. Special thanks to Virgil Morgan, Sarina Vigil, Ellie Seibel and Jennifer Seibel.



TRIBAL OBITUARIES



FROST – Audrey Ray Frost-Nissen, 54, passed away Saturday, November 29, 2014 in Durango, Colorado.

Mrs. Frost-Nissen was born March 23, 1960 in Durango, Colorado the daughter of Raymond Frost, Sr. and Matilda Santistevan. She grew up in Ignacio and attended Ignacio Schools. She attended San Juan College and Pueblo Community College. Audrey worked in custodial for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and also worked in traffic control.

Audrey loved to write, play the harmonica and play pool. She enjoyed a lot of travel to places such as St. Louis, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, California and more. She especially loved her family and her pets, Smokey, Ziggy, and Marley.

She is survived by her children: Daisy Bluestar and Victor Archuleta; Father and stepmother: Raymond Frost, Sr. and



Edna Frost; Stepfather: Joe Santistevan; Grandchildren: Marcus, Elisia, Angelo, and Andre Jr.; Siblings: Karen Gilbert, Glen Frost, Raymond Frost, Jr., Rodney Red, Lena Melrose, Roxanne Frost, Emmett Frost, Jeannette Frost, Heather Pardo and Yvonne Phillips; Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews cousins, and her beloved pets.

She was preceded in death by her husband Keith Nissen; her mother: Matilda Santistevan; brothers: Charles Santistevan, Joe Frost and Dale Frost and Sisters: Marian Frost and Bernadine Frost.

A wake service was held at Audrey's home in Ignacio and a Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the Southern Ute Chapel. Rev. Kelly Winlock will be officiating. Burial followed at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

SILVA – Maxine Silva, 70, of Ignacio, Colorado, died November 20, 2014 at home in Ignacio. Maxine was born January 31, 1944.

Maxine loved gaming and visiting with friends at the casino, quilting, listening to Elvis and KSUT, and especially spending time with her family. She had a great sense of humor and enjoyed dancing through her life.

She is survived by her children: Wahleah Frost, Natalie Richards, William Richards, Jr., Ray Richards, & Donavon Silva;

Grandchildren: Nick, Tori, Rhino, Kelsey, Marysa, Alric, Shayna, Anna, Ethan, Shondeena, Raylene, Trix, Latrecee, Erica, Leland, Silias, & Halana; Numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Vincent Silva and Nettie Grove (Unca Sam), a son: Arnold Silva, Granddaughter: Mariah Richards, and 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

A service was held Monday, November 24, 2014 at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel, 258 Ute Road, Ignacio.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Stephen Madril

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THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

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"Thank-you" to all the parents, who over many seasons, entrusted me with your children in allowing me the joy of coaching them in baseball. Also, to the kids I coached than who are now parents for letting me coach another generation.

"Thank-you" to all the customers of the Ignacio Post Office for making my job one I have enjoyed for many years. It has been my pleasure to serve each and everyone of you. I will cherish the friendships I have made. I will miss the many smiles, jokes, and sharing of many stories.

"Thank-you" to my co-workers for the many wonderful years of working together. We have watched our families grow up and span into grandchildren, and ourselves older ha ha. I will miss you tremendously!

Again, "Thank-you" Ignacio for wonderful 20 years! I leave with a heavy heart filled with many joyous memories. I will miss you.

My last day at work is De-

ember 22, I hope to see you all before than.

Happy Holidays to all!

*Sincerely,
Darci Heckman*

2015 NEW YEAR SOBRIETY WALK

The New Year Sobriety Walk is dedicated to Saa-swani Hiswaqs (Robert) Buckskin. Many of you have felt his generosity, thoughtfulness and pursuit of justice for Native people. He sought to unite Natives together to strengthen our culture, ceremonies, protect our resources and walk the Red Road with courage. His life and memory live in us, his family and his friends. All the qualities that made him a strong warrior will linger on in our hearts.

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ously changing world Natives have been able to adapt throughout the generations. Each of us is a warrior and every warrior has a purpose in this life.

Make a difference, your voice matters, be the difference in someone's life. Join us on the Walk to honor our survival and to start the year off on the right foot.

The walk will start at Veteran's Park at 8 a.m. on Jan. 1 and will be four miles.

The route will be from Veteran's Park to the softball fields then to Buck Highway. From Buck highway, we will walk to HWY 151 by the old elementary school then proceed to main street.

Next, we will walk through town back to the Veteran's Park. We will be offering prayers at each mile. Please come join us and start the New Year in a healthy way by refraining from the usage of drugs, alcohol, or any other substance abuse.

This is a sobriety walk. For any questions or more information, please contact Cindy Winder at 970-563-0100, ext. 2301 and/or sobrietywalk@gmail.com.

Natane Winder

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Correction

In a article of the taste of native Cuisine, in the Nov. 26 issue of the Drum, Karlos Baca's name was misspelled, he is was the Executive Chef not the head cook and "food serenity" was misquoted and should be "food sovereignty."

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Dec. 24

EARLY Deadline:
Dec. 18

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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 yrs old+. High School Diploma/Equivalency. Must have a minimum 1 year experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Closing date 12/12/14

Washes dishes, cleans facilities and cooks in a number of capacities. 18 years old+. High School Diploma/ Equivalency. Must have 3 months of previous dishwashing experience.

*Craps Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 12/15/14

Deals all craps games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. High School Diploma/Equivalency.

1 year experience as a Craps dealer with Dealer School Certification or 3 yrs exp dealing craps, or Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 12/15/14

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.

*Poker Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 12/15/14

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.*

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

Open until filled

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.

Head Football Coach

Open until filled

Ignacio School district has opening for Head Football Coach.

KSUT

Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT Radio is seeking two Southern Ute tribal members to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is actively seeking two qualified tribal or community members who would be available for regularly scheduled and emergency meetings throughout the year for its Board of Directors. We need team-focused, inspiring leaders who believe in our core mission and vision, ready to connect deeply with our museum and our causes. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted by email to sclane@southernute-nsn.gov, in person to SUCCM at 503 Ouray Drive, or by mail at P. O. Box 737 #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Credit Alternate Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribe Credit has (1) alternate committee member vacancy. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources.

Duties of the Credit Committee:

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, Case No.: 2014-PR-105 ANNJANETTE SUE JOSEPH, Deceased NOTICE OF PROBATE

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 6, 2015 at 2:30 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 20th of November, 2014
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, Case No.: 2014-PR-107 LOLEET ERNESTINE WATTS, Deceased NOTICE OF PROBATE

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

cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on December 16, 2014 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 17th of November, 2014
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

IN THE LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF: MARIETTA ANN WATTS SOTO, Civil Subject

Case No.: 2014-0109-CV-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE 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

IN THE LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF: XAVIER SAVON-WATTS HIGHT, Civil Subject

Case No.: 2014-0110-CV-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE 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



LADY CATS SPRING UPSETS • FROM PAGE 1

held in Alamosa inside Adams State University's Plachy Hall, Garcia paced IHS with 17 points in a 64-39 loss to 4A GSHS – like Centauri, a 'Receiving Votes' team in their 'classifications' respective polls to start the season.

Her two early treys kept Ignacio (now 2-2 overall) close, 14-6, as the first quarter wound down, but behind the first eleven of senior guard Jordan DeCrow's game-high 23 points, the Lady Demons led 22-11 entering the second and 35-23 entering the third – when Glenwood effectively put the game away by going on a 16-0 run after an early Cotton triple.

"We missed a lot of layups, which is a good sign

in my book," Seibel said. "Because we got it out early. And our offense is giving the girls good opportunities, good high-percentage shots – ours didn't fall, theirs did, but they're a good team."

Freshman reserve guard Avionne Gomez scored seven points, while fellow backups Veronica Gonzales and Gibran Silva each had two in the loss. Senior post Madi Spence poured in 20 for the victors.

In the aforementioned win over the hosting Lady Falcons, junior Ellie Seibel's seven points equaled classmate Cortney Baker's and sophomore Alejandra Lujan's, but the trio was then collectively blanked

by GSHS – which then finished off a 3-and-0 Classic run to start their season with a 48-30 defeat of Centauri (1-2) on Day 3.

Losing to Ignacio dropped RHS to 0-3 overall, and left the Lady T-bolts in fourth at the MTC.

"I'm impressed with how our girls never gave up," Seibel said. "One of the things that we're focused on is ourselves," he continued. "You know, individually making sure that we're focused on seeing ourselves play the best that we can. That's my message to them – to see what they've [opponents] got, but then also really put the attention back on themselves and come out ready."

BOBCATS FINISH STRONG • FROM PAGE 1

– simply couldn't match in making just two of 14.

Having fallen 50-39 at 3A Pagosa Springs on Tuesday, Dec. 2 to begin the 2014-15 basketball season, the Cats made amends barely 41 hours later at the MTC, held in Alamosa inside Adams State University's Plachy Hall, by clipping the host Falcons 57-42.

Held to just five points by the Pirates, junior guard Wyatt Hayes led the way against Centauri with 17. Freshman guard Kruz Pardo chipped in ten off the bench, Jones had nine and Herrera four as CHS lacked injured inside presence Mitchell Wilson.

Day two of the Classic saw the Cats square off against Glenwood Springs – unranked in the pre-season [released Nov. 24] CHSAANow.com Class 4A poll – but coming off a 15-8

season ending in the State Tournament. And both sides started aggressively, with the Demons separating late for a slim 14-10 lead after the first quarter.

The advantage grew in the second, but behind five Jones points and a three-ball by junior guard Anthony Manzanares, Ignacio rallied to shrink the deficit at half-time to just a digit, 21-20.

And the comeback continued after the intermission; a Ward lay-in gave IHS a 24-23 lead, and a Hayes three re-gained it at 27-25 before GSHS junior guard Cameron Horning's seven points in the frame put the Demons up 30-27 going into the fourth.

A Horning drive with 3:15 remaining built Glenwood's lead up to 42-34, but the Bobcats (now 2-2 overall) hung tough, and picked up an extra boost

when Reynolds drew Horning's fifth foul while converting a layup with 1:35 left, bringing Ignacio back to 43-39.

But despite applying proper pressure defensively, IHS was unable to find any offensive luck and GSHS junior guard Mason Yellico iced the game with three free throws making for a 46-39 final.

Horning led the Demons – who then held off Centauri on Day 3 to finish the MTC a first-place 3-and-0 – with a game-high 15 points, senior Zack Peterson contributed an even dozen and Yellico finished with nine, including 5-of-6 from the stripe in the fourth quarter.

Jones and Manzanares each totaled nine points for the Cats (Class 2A's No. 2 in the preseason rankings) with Hayes netting eight, Herrera seven and Ward four.

FLY-FISHING

Christmas wish list

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



When you reach my age, older than: dirt, ketchup, electricity, or Chair 8 at Purgatory, there isn't much left that you need. I really don't need anything. My fishing closet, rod rack, and boat storage area, are almost full. Basically, I can get by with what I have, yeah right. So, why even have a Christmas list? Grandchildren, that's why. After they have shown what true mayhem and chaos is during the unwrapping of gifts, I can excuse myself, go to the man room for a cigar, and let their parents handle the end results of the ultimate sugar and gift high. Christmas is going to be fun this year.

Basically, I can get by with what I have, yeah right. So, why even have a Christmas list? Grandchildren, that's why.

Grandchildren restore the joy and happiness of this season. How can Black Friday fill anyone with the spirit of Christmas? Just the name, and its intent, is enough to put a smile on Ebenezer Scrooge's face. With that happy thought, and the knowledge that life is finite, I came up with my Christmas list. I have asked to spend more time with the world's two cutest grandchildren, mine not yours.

I want more time to teach them how to fish. It can be fly

or bait fishing it doesn't matter. I want to teach them how to bait hooks with worms or minnows. It will be so much fun to have shown them how to rub fish slime on their clothes and then watch their mom have to launder their new fishing clothes. When the fishing slows down, or gets boring, every kid needs to know how to skip rocks.

I'm good at this one. I used to be able to skip a rock to the fish I wanted my client to cast to. This is a great skill for future fly fishing guides to have.

This is not a one-way street. I want them to be able to teach Grumps that watching cartoons is far better than CNN or Fox, and that running through the house is an acceptable form of exercise, or we can see if a gold fish will take a dry fly, that would be a good learning experience. Especially if you're having a contest to see who can cast the fly into the bowl from 15 feet away while indoors.

Most of all I want grandchildren everywhere to reinforce with their grandparents a sign I saw the other day. It said, "When you stop believing in Santa you get underwear." I think that is one of the best politically correct statements I have ever seen. I know my belief in Santa has been rekindled.

So as I end 2014, I want to close with my traditional year-end salutation. "I wish everyone; Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid as-Adha, and of course, Merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then whatever touches your heart with hope be with you all of 2015."

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Dec. 12 Partly sunny 52°F	Saturday, Dec. 13 Chance rain/snow 43°F	Sunday, Dec. 14 Mostly sunny 40°F
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Weather data for November 23 – December 5

 Temperature High 57.6° Low 10.9° Average 33.3° Average last year 30.2°	 Precipitation Total 0.060" Total last year 0.310"	 Wind speed Average 4.1 Minimum .6 Maximum 16.1	 Visibility & humidity Average visibility 110.9 Average humidity 54.0%
Air quality Good Air quality descriptor: 33			

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