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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Newly elected ushers first female majority on Council



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum
Council Member Elect
Ramona Y. Eagle



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum
Council Member Elect
Marjorie D. Barry

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Election Board presented the certified results from the 2019 General Election on Monday, December 16, in the Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers. Ramona Y. Eagle received 161 votes and newcomer Marjorie D. Barry received 157 votes, both securing their seats on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. Unsuccessful candidates were James M. Olguin (151) and Adam Red (135).

Council Member Elect Ramona Y. Eagle successfully earned the most votes to enter her fifth term on Tribal Council. Eagle previously served 11 years on Tribal Council and held positions as Treasurer and Vice Chairman. Eagle has worked in various departments throughout the tribal organization and prior to

retiring, she served as the Executive Officer under Chairman Clement J. Frost for three years.

Throughout her four terms on Tribal Council, she has advocated for tribal member employment, tribal sovereignty, and education.

Eagle holds her bachelor's degree in human resources from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She is very strong in her traditional upbringing and actively participates in traditional ceremonies. She enjoys dancing and beading.

"I am very honored to be elected by my people and will do my best to advocate for the needs and overall well-being of the entire tribal membership. Education has always been a passion of mine and I want to ensure the tribal membership receive the best education whether it be at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy or through pro-

grams at the Education Department," shared Eagle.

Eagle has three daughters including the late Sadie Frost, six grandsons, and two granddaughters. She is the sister of Linda Eagle and daughter of the late Clifford & Annabelle Eagle.

Incoming Tribal Council Member Marjorie D. Barry tallied 157 votes. After working for both the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for over three decades, Barry brings a plethora of experience to her seat. She has also held positions on numerous Tribal committees such as the Gaming Commission and the Higher Education Scholarship Program Committee.

Barry attended Fort Lewis College, majoring in American Indian Studies. Her education assisted in her position as the acting Culture Department Director. She

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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcat boys looking for 4-0 start to season

IHS to end Old Year slate at 3A Cedaredge

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The day he officially became an adult, Ignacio guard Keegan Schurman displayed the sort of leadership expected of him by the boss in helping the Bobcats, at the time ranked No. 10 in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, stun third-ranked Limon and clinch the LHS Invitational championship.

"It was his birthday, his 18th birthday, today," grinned head coach Chris Valdez, following the 62-54 upset Saturday evening, Dec. 7, out in distant Lincoln County. "And ... the team had voted captains yesterday: Bryce (Finn) and Keegan."

"Got his head down a few times, but I sat him down ... straightened him out," he continued. "He is a different player. Worked harder than anyone on the team all through practice; he's a different person."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ocean Hunter (32) blasts through the lane en route to a basket Dec. 10 at Dolores.

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McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilman, Cedric Chavez shares with the commission members how important the awareness of mental health is in tribal communities at the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs second quarterly meeting in Denver on Friday, Dec. 13.

CCIA

Commission addresses health, solar energy and partnerships

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) hosted the second quarterly meeting at the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance in Denver on Friday, Dec. 13 with state representatives and both Colorado Ute Tribes in attendance.

After an invocation provided by Southern Ute Councilman Cedric Chavez, Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera called the Commission to order. The meeting began with the approval of minutes from the last quorum and the authorization of the latest agenda.

Councilman Chavez was the only representative from the Southern Ute Tribal Council to attend the commission meeting and gave the quarterly updates on education, tribal elections and department achievements. He also reminded everyone in attendance to practice self-care. "Always remember to take time for yourself, be rested so you can keep fighting for your people," Councilman Chavez stated. Chavez recently attended the listening session in Cortez, Colo. to help learn about and better understand the impacts of mental health issues in tribal communities. "It doesn't matter where you are in the world, this is

something that effects everybody from the youth to the elderly. I believe it is an issue that needs to be spoken for," Chavez stated.

During the updates, Councilmen Chavez recognized the work of the Tribal Services Department and the Public Relations office of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for hosting a walk for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Indian Country. "The walk was put on for the murdered and missing women, to show that we as a community think about them and know that no matter where you are you can show your support," Chavez stated. Councilman Chavez also announced that this epidemic is no longer going under the radar, the Southern Ute Tribe recognizes the missing and will be a voice for these women and girls.

As the meeting went on, a hot topic on the agenda was a presentation by the Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker for the 24th Council, Seth Damon. The Navajo Nation currently owns two pieces of property in the state of Colorado and is currently working with CCIA on creating new partnerships with the two federally recognized Ute tribes in Colorado. The partnership would help ensure the use, rights and development potential of these lands and would be an

opportunity for the Navajo Nation to create economic development opportunities for education, housing and agriculture. "The Navajo Nation has long term priorities for the state of Colorado and hopes to see policies created to respect Navajo rights and foster support for our existing investments," Damon said. "We want to support the current tribal members who reside in Colorado by providing access to development, education, public safety, social services and health care."

Recently, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Colorado Department of Health have been working together to create mental health listening sessions across the Southwest area. These listening sessions were held in Cortez, Durango and Towaoc, Colo. The data from the sessions will be released in a report and the next steps of programming will be implemented.

Wrapping up the meeting, Ute Mountain Ute Treasurer Austin Turtle provided an update on behalf of his tribe. The council recently underwent a 2020 Census training that will help ensure the accurate count of Native populations. In addition to the training, the council has been working to meet with

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Community honors Burch



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Burch sisters: Leona, Lynette and Leora lead their mother Irene Burch and all Memorial Leonard C. Burch Walkers. The annual memorial walk was held at the SunUte Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

See more LCB Walk photos on page 8.

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recently dedicated six years as an employee within the Tribal Health Department.

“I would like to thank the Southern Ute people for allowing me the opportunity to take part in our government, to become a tribal representative,” stated Barry.

She has one son, Preston, and daughter, Amy, as well as seven grandsons, two granddaughters and three great-granddaughters. Barry enjoys beading and attending Native American functions.

“I would like to congratulate the newly elected Tribal Council Members, and I look forward to working with them both,” Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage said.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum
Ramona Eagle takes the oath of office for her fifth term on the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Monday, Dec. 16.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum
La Plata Commissioner Julie Westendorff meets with newly elected council to congratulate them on the appointments following the certification of votes.

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the tribal community to discuss the opening of the new solar program that will generate electricity for tribal buildings; the project is currently in its final stages.

“Thank you for your time today,” Lt. Governor Primavera stated in closing. “I am excited to see you all again during the Denver March Powwow and happy Holidays.”

The next CCIA meeting is scheduled for March and will be held in Denver, Colo. to coincide with the annual Denver March Powwow.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum
History Colorado representative, Isabel Tovar and Matt Bacca from the Attorney General’s Office listen intently as Ute Mountain Ute Treasurer, Austin Turtle gives his tribal update at the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs quarterly meeting in Denver.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council



The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council is looking for interested Tribal Members to run for seven (7) open seats for a two (2) year term.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural actives, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited home-school program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

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Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

A heartfelt handshake and mutual respect between Southern Ute tribal member Kenny Frost and Native American Consultant Dr. Nimia Ana Apaza, President of JuJuy College of Law in Argentina marked the sincere positive approach each delegate brought with them to the 11th Annual Gathering of Indigenous Peoples of Americas. The meeting took place at Colorado State Universities Native American Center in Fort Collins.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 18, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Carolers from the Southern Ute Head Start delivered some Christmas cheer to the Tribal Affairs building and sang some Christmas favorites. After the performance, the group continued the show at the Senior Center.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 17, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Southern Ute Women’s Bowling team competed in the Madams Monday Night Bowling League. Pictured team members are: (Front Row) Jeannie Sage, Pat Torres, Evelynnn Burch, (Back Row) Elise Red, Francis Rivera and Denise Thompson.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 22, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairman Leonard C. Burch attended the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) meeting to discuss issues relating to the management of natural resources on the reservation.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 21, 1979, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Corliss Taylor is currently serving as the acting Director for the Southern Ute Culture Department and the Southern Ute Museum until those positions can be filled.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Taylor leads Culture, Museum as acting director

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute elder, Corliss Taylor was appointed as the acting Director of the Southern Ute Cultural Department back in September; soon after, she also assumed the role of acting Museum Director. She continues to provide oversight for both of these departments under the Tribe’s Permanent Fund until the positions are filled. While the Cultural Director position is reserved for Southern Ute tribal member applicants, the Museum Director is open to qualified applicants who are non-tribal.

“It is my hope and intent that a Southern Ute tribal member applies for this,” Taylor stated. Those positions were previously held by Southern Ute tribal members, Edward Box III and Linda Baker respectively.

“I am very appreciative that the work I have done in the past is being recognized,” Taylor said in reference to

her being asked to come back to the Culture Department and sit in as the acting Director. “I don’t mind filling in,” she said. “I’m grateful that I was asked back — I feel I am a people person. [But] I’ve done my part; there are others that need to step up.” Taylor held this position previously, serving as the acting Cultural Department Director in 2016. Taylor looks forward to returning to retirement when the time comes.

Taylor’s career spans over 27 years working under Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. She served one year on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Taylor has been an active member on the Powwow Committee since the late 70’s.

“Fritz Box was one of my mentors — a distinguished tribal elder,” Taylor shared. “Pearl [Casias] and Vida [Peabody] served as my mentors when I was on Tribal Council.”

“I have had a lot of men-

tors to get me to where I am at,” Taylor emphasized.

The Southern Ute Cultural Department Director oversees a number of programs and positions including: NAGPRA, the Media Tech, the Cultural Education Coordinator, the Special Events Coordinator and the department’s administrative assistant.

The Southern Ute Museum recently hired Tallais Cantsee into the position of Museum Technician. “I’m so proud that between the two entities — we are all tribal members,” Corliss emphasized. “Tallais comes from White Mesa, bottom line is we are all Ute here. I am very proud of that fact.”

“It is imperative that someone who takes this position has a strong cultural background,” she explained. “Be sensitive to different traditions and respect how their elders taught them. Be sensitive to the teachings of the [individual] families. Be open minded — One size doesn’t fit all.”

UTE BLESSING

Millennium Tree celebration reaches milestone

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

This Christmas celebrates the twenty-year anniversary of the Millennium Holiday Tree, which was harvested from the Pike National Forest in Colorado and blessed by Ute elders on Nov. 20, 2000, during a sendoff ceremony. The 65-foot tall Blue Spruce adorned the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol that year in Washington, D.C.

Howard Richards, Sr., Rod Grove, Austin Box and Russell Box, Sr. attended the ceremony. The blessing of the tree was a key aspect of the sendoff ceremony. The public event was billed as “The Millennium Holiday Tree: Colorado’s Gift to the Nation.”

The ceremonial cut at the base of the tree was made by U.S. Senators, Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Wayne Allard of Colorado, who used a traditional logger’s saw. Attendees gathered in the forest for the occasion, during an unusually cold November morning. Campbell was tasked with driving the truck, once the 77-year-old spruce was cut and loaded onto the flatbed trailer.

Following the formal blessing, the Ute men sang a special song composed by Southern Ute tribal member, Tim Ryder titled, “The Millennium Tree Honor Song” using a traditional




Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A special dedication to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hangs in the Leonard C. Burch building, recognizing the Ute elders and veterans who blessed the Millennium Holiday Tree on Nov. 20, 2000: Austin Box and Russell Box, USAF, Roderick Lee Grove and Howard Richards Sr. U.S. Army. Pictured here, Rod Grove stands against the water coloring of the 65-foot Blue Spruce 20 years later.

hand drum.

Twenty years later, Southern Ute elder, and Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove remembers the morning like it was yesterday. He holds out a flat ceremonial token in the palm of his hand — the token is made from wood. The

tree’s likeness is depicted on the front of the token; the reverse side bears the motto for the Millennium Holiday Tree, “It will stand in front of our Nation’s Capitol as a proud symbol of the richness of Colorado — its beauty, cultures and communities.”



Ute Sentence of the week

Karisimas Tavai mavat waamasuwiini manugik chipwagat koopa.

Christmas Day is on the twenty fifth.

Ute Language Class

You’re Invited to Attend a Ute Language Class

Friday, December 20th, 2019

12:00-1:00PM

Chris Baker Room, LCB

Lynda Grove D’Wolf, *Doctoral Student*, will be facilitating this course.

Please bring a lunch and come learn some Ute words and phrases.

Employees, Tribal Members, and community are welcome.

For more information call the Education Department at 563-0237.


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Attention

Southern Ute Culture Preservation is seeking Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe teachers for the following classes;

- Beaded or Plain Moccasins/ High-tops**
- Ribbon Shirts**
- Ribbon Dresses**
- Beaded or Plain Gloves**
- Loom Beading**
- Cradle Board Making**
- Drumsticks and Hand Drum**
- Choker and Breast Plates**
- Growlers**

If interested please contact Education Coordinator, Hanley Frost Sr. at 970-563-2306.



Ute Language Classes

November to December

Instructor: Hanley Frost

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Culture Department, Craft Room
Southern Ute Museum

Snacks will be provided

For more information contact:
Education Coordinator, Hanley Frost Sr.
at (970) 563-2306



NUTRITION

Holiday turkey squash chili

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Try this hearty and delicious chili recipe. The butternut squash adds texture, flavor and extra nutrition. Use your leftover holiday turkey or try ground turkey. You can get creative and add extra veggies such as bell peppers and jalapenos. Try substituting the turkey with ground bison or elk, too! Whatever you do, it will come out delicious. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 3 Teaspoons olive oil
- 1 Pound ground turkey or shredded turkey leftovers
- 1 Onion, diced
- 2 Cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 Cup chili powder
- 1 Tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 Teaspoons coriander (optional)
- 1 Small butternut squash, peeled, seeded, cubed
- 4 Ripe plum tomatoes, chopped
- 3/4 Cup green chilies, chopped
- (You can use 2 cans RO-TEL to replace plum tomatoes and green chilies)

Stovetop Directions:

1. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in large skillet, add turkey and cook until done over medium-high heat, 5-8 minutes. Stir often to break up chunks. If using precooked shredded turkey, skip this step and begin by cooking onions and garlic, adding turkey in step 3.
2. Push meat to sides of pan, turn down heat to medium, add 1 teaspoon oil, cook onions and garlic until tender about 3-5 minutes, stir onions and meat together.
3. Mix in chili powder, cumin and coriander.
4. Add squash, beans and water/broth, stir all ingredients together.
5. Simmer mixture uncovered, 40-45 minutes or until squash is tender.
6. Add chia seeds, salt and pepper (optional).

Crockpot Directions:

1. Cook turkey, onions and garlic as directed in step 1 and 2 above.
2. Place in crockpot and add remaining ingredients. Cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 7-8 hours.

Serve topped with fresh cilantro, plain Greek yogurt, shredded cheese as desired.



courtesy Slow Cooker Gourmet

- 2 14 oz. can of low sodium black beans, drained
- 3 Cups water or low sodium chicken broth (adding more as needed for desired consistency)
- 3 Tablespoons chia seeds (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Nutrition Facts:

Calories 272; Fat 8g; Total Carbohydrates 42g; Dietary Fiber 14g; Protein 15g; Sodium 155 mg – Serves 8-10.

HEALTH CLINIC

ADA Accessibility adopted

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Dental and Optometry Clinic located at 106 Capote Drive in Ignacio, Colo. has recently remodeled their building, to better serve the tribal membership, by implementing a new bariatric design.

The clinic worked with construction services and the Southern Ute Tribal Council to get the necessary approvals and complete the project. At the end of 2017, the clinic saw a need for self-opening doors as well as updates to the vision and dental work areas. In 2018, Tribal Council approved the proposed updates and in October of 2019, Construction Services installed all appropriate accommodations.

The front entrance to the clinic features a new automatic door system that auto-slides and closes. By choosing this design it will help people with various



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chief Dental Officer, Andrea Talley demonstrates the ease of walking through the newly installed auto-sliding doors at the Dental and Optometry Clinic.

abled abilities. It exceeds all American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for entries into buildings, while still complying with standard building codes.

In addition to the new door, construction services updated an optical room, a single bathroom and a dental operator room. These updates not only accommodate wheelchairs, they are spaces wide enough for gurneys to

go in and out in the event of a medical emergency.

The dental and optometry clinic made these updates to ensure the access of treatment for all patients.

"How can we expect people to take care of themselves if they can't get in the building," Southern Ute Chief Dental Officer, Andrea Talley stated. "We are [committed to] serving the membership and we're here for you."

HEALTH

Stomach bugs and the Holidays

Staff report
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

We hope that you all enjoyed getting together with family and friends for Thanksgiving. Every year one of the kids has a runny nose or cough that we hope not to catch, while still wanting to spend time being close and not in quarantine. The worst-case scenario is if someone comes down with a stomach bug while we're all gathered in close quarters.

When a family member gets the stomach bug, its sure to spread quickly, and is hard to kill. It spreads through contact with vomit or fecal matter.

How to protect yourself from the stomach bug

1. Wash hands with soap and water often, especially after using the bathroom and before eating.
2. Avoid touching your face or mouth.
3. Stay away from others who are sick, unless you are their caregiver.
4. Designate a place for sick people to rest, away from those who are still healthy.
5. Use a separate bathroom for sick people, and clean it after each use,

wiping down handles, faucets, and doorknobs.

6. Clean vomit or fecal matter with bleach-based cleaners or make a solution of 3/4 cup bleach in one gallon of water. Let the solution cover surfaces for five to ten minutes before wiping it away. Use a steam cleaner for carpets and upholstery. Wash laundry on hot or sanitize setting to kill the virus.
7. Use disposable gloves and paper towels for cleaning up after someone who has been sick. Throw the gloves and paper towels away immediately, then take out the trash and wash your hands.

If you get sick

1. Stay home. You may be contagious while you feel sick, and for up to 3 days after you get well.
2. Don't prepare food for someone else, since the virus can be passed through food you touch.
3. Wash hands with soap and water often, especially after using the bathroom or throwing up, and before contact with someone else. Most stomach bugs will go away on their own in

one to three days. Antibiotics don't help with most stomach bugs. Drink plenty of fluids if you can, to keep you from getting dehydrated. The very young and old, or those in poor health, are more likely to need medical attention.

Call your doctor's office

1. Vomiting lasts more than two days for adults, more than 24 hours for children under age two, or more than 12 hours for children under the age of one.
2. Have a fever higher than 102.2 degrees.
3. Can't keep fluids down, and have decreased urine, dry mouth, or dizziness.

Go to the emergency room

1. Experience confusion.
2. Are vomiting bright red blood, or vomit that looks like coffee grounds.
3. Experience chest pain or difficulty breathing.
4. Have belly pain that doesn't go away, and keeps you from being able to get around.

Contact the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 if you have any questions concerning this article.

Elder Celebration Dinner

All Ute Elders Are Welcome!

Doors open at 5:30PM for coffee, tea and socializing

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

Monday January 13th, 2020

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There will be no November Elder's Dinner
In the event of a funeral, the Elder's Dinner will be rescheduled.

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SunUte Community Center



HEALTH

New youth substance program presented to SU Tribe

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a presentation about a possible collaboration between The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Crestone Freedom Project (CFP) on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Southern Ute Growth Fund building.

“When the kids are left out in schools, health, and programs like this; we are heading in the wrong direction as leaders,” Southern Ute tribal elder Erwin Taylor stated.

The Crestone Freedom Project is a non-profit organization located in Crestone, Colo. Their mission is to illuminate a path to freedom for adolescent youth who have been confronted by the effects and challenges of addiction by bringing hope where there is despair, unconditional love in place of alienation and total acceptance instead of judgment.

“I’ve seen a lot of mental health disorders that prevent our people from obtaining an education, a job, having a good healthy family life. How can we overcome these negative things in our lives?” asked LaTitia Taylor, Southern Ute Education Director for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Crestone Freedom Project offers a program called the Radical Freedom Project where there are three main principals: healing hearts, changing perceptions and revisioning lives. The residential program is broken up into these three phases, which are considered healing phases of the program.

The first principal – healing hearts, really focuses on understanding the role and commitment to healing and being willing to address wounds. The second principle focuses on mental health and how to perceive surrounding environments. The last principal is really about gaining insight into life and learning to live again and gain consciousness.

Within the three main



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor introduces a possible collaboration between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Crestone Freedom Project on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The collaboration meeting was held at the Southern Ute Growth Fund and included Southern Ute Tribal Council, tribal elders and some department heads.

principals, the basic program overview consists of six steps. Step one, The Therapeutic Community (TC) model which is an intensive and comprehensive treatment model that has been modified to successfully treat adolescents. TC is a treatment for addiction which originated in the 1950’s, which is now used to promote a holistic lifestyle and identify areas of change in their own behaviors.

Step two, the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Protocol model uses Mindfulness-Bases Awareness Practices, which utilizes an application, stages of change, compassionate communication and relapse prevention principles.

Holistic therapies are incorporated to address diet, nutrition, education, physical fitness, such as yoga, stress reduction training and meditation. By using nature-based education and therapy, this portion of the therapy module addresses knowledge of nature and our coexistence within it.

Step five of the program overview is Career Development and Reintegration Resource. Part of this phase is the completion of high school diploma or GED, skills training and job placement though hands on training at vocational schools or college. The final step is CFP Proprietary and Adjunct Programs consisting of: love and acceptance, musical ex-

pression, trauma recall writing, vision journaling and community work programs.

“We recognize, and deliberately hold in conscious awareness, the truth that authentic, significant, and lasting change is possible, in fact, that change is inevitable through right understanding and right action,” wrote the Executive Director of Crestone Radical Freedom Program, Dewayne Vanderford. “We further affirm that recovery is only possible through deep healing, and healing must begin in the hidden place where our pain first took root, and that addictions and behavioral disorders of every variety are symptoms of the disease of emotional trauma.”

Two plans were presented at the Crestone Freedom Project presentation. Part of the proposed partnership could include purchasing a ranch property in Crestone, Colo., by providing a startup operating budget of \$500,000. CFP would provide services that are agreed upon for \$250.00 per resident, per day. CFP would expand their board from the current six to nine seats and fill those with approved Southern Ute tribal members.

“We talk about financial capital, for me it’s human capital. It’s very important that we grow our people and become a healthier community,” Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor stated.

OW: My friends and Ms. Lee.

ML: Do you have a favorite subject?

OW: Yeah, I like PE because they have a lot of games and I like art. I make art like the fairy gnome homes we just made.

ML: Who do you look up to? Who are some of your role models?

OW: Uhm, Ms. Lee and my whole classroom. My dad and mom and my baby sister and grandma.

ML: Why are they your role models?

OW: because they help me when I am sad.

ML: Do you know what you want to do after high school?

OW: Be a police officer.

ML: Really, why?

OW: I want to stop crime.

ML: How does being student of the season make you feel?

OW: HAPPY!

ML: And why is that?

OW: Because I like getting picked and it makes me feel proud.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Promoting emotional health and development

Staff report
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

A Montessori education promotes your child’s emotional health and development. It helps your child to constantly grow in independence, self-esteem and self-confidence so they can succeed in life as an adult.

Social development occurs in a Montessori classroom such that your child is given the opportunity to interact with others all day long. They are taught how to collaborate, to resolve conflicts peacefully, to understand real friendship, and to respect and care for others.

In a world that values fierce competition and winning at all costs, this seems to go against the grain of society. However – it is vital for developing the child



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tia Howe, Victoria Pena and Kellis Wilbourn hang out on the jungle gym during recess.

into the kind of adult who can promote world peace.

Intellectual development, of course, is also one of the goals of education. Such development is extremely difficult if your child does not have healthy relationships with others and a strong value system.

If your child is in an emotional state over a disagreement with a close friend, a common situation for elementary-aged children, it is impossible for him to concentrate on an academic task. Academic success builds on the foundation of social development.

SUIMA Events and Activities

- Monday, Dec. 23 - Friday, Jan. 3 – **No school.** Enjoy the wintery Christmas break!
- Monday, Jan. 6 – **First day back to school**, after Christmas break.

EDUCATION

Mini Law School graduates seven

Staff report
SU EDUCATION DEPT.

Seven graduates successfully completed the University of Colorado Boulder’s Mini Law School program this fall. Mini Law School is a distance learning program hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department.

This eight-week virtual class is taught by members of the University of Colorado Law School faculty. They provide community members with a better understanding of important legal principles in various

areas of the law.

There are no required readings, tests, or homework assignments, it is just a great way to learn about the federal and state law. Join us at the Education Department next fall for Mini Law School, the focus area will be the 2020 Presidential Election process.

Thank you to Shelly Thompson for being a resource for this course.

For further information about the Southern Ute Education Dept. visit their offices at 330 Burns Avenue, Ignacio, Colo.



courtesy SU Education Dept.
Victim Services Crisis Case Worker, Natelle Thompson received her certificate of completion from the University of Colorado, CU Boulder.

EDUCATION

Student of the season

Student interview by
McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Orion Watts has been nominated as the Southern Ute Student of the Season for the Fall of 2019. Watts currently attends the second grade at Ignacio Elementary School. His parents are Orion Watts and Jalisa Paul.

“Orion is an awesome young man who makes me smile. He has grown so much this year and demonstrates kindness to all,” Southern Ute Public Education Teacher Carrie Vogel shared. “I have loved seeing him grow! He is very respectful and caring towards everyone” Orion’s Second Grade Teacher, Ms. Lee said.

“I am just so proud of him, he takes the initiative, he is truly the best big brother and he is my role model. He keeps me honest; he keeps me hardworking and he keeps me on that red



Orion Watts
Second Grade
Ignacio Elementary School

road. He makes me want to be better, I am so proud of him,” Orion’s grandmother expressed.

McKayla Lee: Why do you think you have been nominated to be student of the season? How does that make you feel?

Orion Watts: I think because I’m good at math. It makes me feel good and proud.

ML: What do you like best about school?

SUIMA’s seasonal cuisine



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

SUIMA Student Nevaeh Sandoval waits for bread to be served before grabbing her lunch and joining her class at a table on Friday, Dec. 13.



Primary teacher Monique Marquez and her students enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner after rehearsing for the Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 13 in the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy cafeteria.



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Christmas togetherness



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Stefanie Fasano chos where to place her ping pong ball in the handmade Plinko board made for the Sip, Chat and Chew raffle on Friday, Dec. 13 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The board would determine what prize the winner would get: a bag of goodies, a handmade runner, or a gift of your choice.



Ramona Eagle and Cynthia Buckskin enjoy a lunch together and watch as the first person of the raffle is chosen.

Luana Herrera chos from one of the many handmade gift bags — a prize she won in the raffle. The Multi-Purpose staff and volunteers made the bags and stuffed them with goodies.

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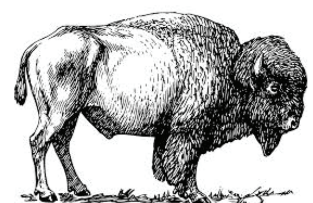
Powerhouse hosting free ornament workshop

The MakerLab at the Powerhouse in Durango is hosting a free winter ornament workshop from 2 - 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21. This family-friendly event is open to all ages and will utilize laser cutters, the woodshop, and more. All materials will be provided to create all shapes and designs with the support of the MakerLab members. No experience is necessary, and participants will take home their creations. (1333 Camino del Rio - if an address is needed.)



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Dec. 25 - Dec. 27
CHRISTMAS

Jan. 1, 2020
NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Walking in memorium of Leonard C. Burch



The Burch family stands together after the memorial walk alongside their matriarch – Irene Burch.



Trae Seibel, Matthew Box, Eddie Box Jr., Noah Box, Edward Box III and Roman Siebel honor the late Leonard C. Burch with songs before the memorial walk begins.

The Burch family hosted the 8th annual Leonard C. Burch Walk and Run on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the SunUte Community Center. Dozens of families, friends and community members participated in the memorial walk and had the option of completing a one-mile course or a three-mile course. After the walk ended, participants stuck around for the raffle prize drawing and shared stories of the late Leonard C. Burch. An open mic was held so people could reminisce and honor the visionary leader that he was.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Leonard C. Burch Memorial walkers and runners brave the cold to honor the late Southern Ute Chairman.



Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer, Lorelei Cloud walks in the Leonard C. Burch Memorial walk with Anthony Box.



Shawna Steffler and Leandra Litz run side by side during the Leonard C. Burch memorial walk to honor the late chairman.



Ezekiel Howell, Elijah Weaver and Lexy Young warm up their muscles before they participate in the 8th annual Leonard C. Burch walk.



It's that time of the year...



Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Primary and Elementary classes finish their portions of the program by singing Christmas classics from around the world.



Keyion Alston, who plays the Coyote in the Ute creation story play, gives a mischievous smile to the audience as he prepares to steal the sticks, symbolizing people.



Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage gives opening remarks before the dinner by thanking everyone in attendance and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Sky Ute Casino and Event Center.

Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute families came together to celebrate the Christmas season on Saturday Dec. 14 at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Guests were treated to a meal and a recurring raffle hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Department. Entertainment and Christmas music was provided by Eddie Box Jr. to get everyone into the holiday spirit. After the dinner and subsequent break, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gave a performance of the traditional Ute creation story and finished with classic Christmas tunes. Santa made a surprise visit and asked children what they wanted for Christmas, marking a close to this year's program.

Photos by Fabian Martinez
The Southern Ute Drum



The Eagle Wing drum group performed a blessing song. The Taste of Christmas was their first solo performance without their mentor Afrem Wall.

The Town of Ignacio celebrated their annual Taste of Christmas event at the ELHI Community Center on Friday, Dec. 6. The community event started with a short light parade down Goddard Avenue. To begin the nights performances the Eagle Wing drum group performed a blessing song. Students from the Ignacio Elementary and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy sang Christmas songs throughout the night. The hall was filled with over 15 vendors selling handmade desserts, arts, crafts and baskets filled with goods. The night ended with a performance from the folklórico dancers and a visit from Santa Claus.

Photos by Maria Rivera
Special to the Drum

Christmas time is here!



Dawnnetta Scott-Silva sits nicely while she takes a photo with Santa at the ELHI for the Taste of Christmas event.



Kieley WhiteThunder and Aspen Naranjo are beaming with joy as they perform their dance.



Kids gathered roadside to meet the Grinch during the light parade.



Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

ELK HUNT RAFFLE

SEVEN PRIZES

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Raffle tickets will be sold through December 27th, 2019

Tag winners must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter meeting on Fri. Jan. 10th at 6PM in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center

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More information call 970.563.2666

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3rd: Custom Benchmade Knife
4th: \$75 Food/Beverage @ Sky Ute Casino
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Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from Jan. 11th –19th, 2020. One free guest allowed. Additional guest requires an additional fee. Both require crossing permit which can be obtained from the Southern Ute Wildlife. Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety license. Winners will be drawn December 27th, 2019, at 3pm online via Facebook live. Tune in on the Boyd & Girls Club page. Winners will be notified via phone immediately.

All funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
For questions, call BGC at (970)563-4753

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Barbary Sheep



Season dates for both species:
Friday, February 21st-
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Himalayan Tahr



BGC learn to 'Speak Now'



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health provided a Speak Now training to some tribal employees from Boys and Girls Club of the SUIT, Public Relations, and the Tribe's Behavioral Health Department, Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Ignacio Community Library. Participants plan to host another Speak Now training throughout the community in the near future.

FLC alumni reception



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Fort Lewis College alumni from the Ignacio community were invited to attend a reception at the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Wednesday, Dec. 11, to network with one another and to listen to the new update of resources that the Alumni Outreach Program at Fort Lewis is now offering.

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Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 6 am – 7 pm
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Sat./Sun: 10 am – 4:30 pm



For information, contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at 970-563-2651

Potential Firewood Shortage

This public service announcement (PSA) is to inform the Southern Ute Tribal membership, that utilize the Forestry Fuels Yard, of a potential firewood shortage. This current situation is a result of the heavy winter of 2018/2019 that brought deep snow to the reservation and prevented our program from wood cutting, an increase in demand and utilization of the firewood program, and equipment failures throughout the year. Firewood deliveries or pickups may be affected between November 2019 through April 2020. We encourage the membership to only order firewood when needed (no stockpiling) and to use firewood conservatively to supplement other heating sources in their residence. By doing so, we hope to avoid a decrease in monthly allowances of firewood or a complete shortfall. We will keep the membership informed with future PSAs as the firewood season progresses.

SunUte returns to Telluride for winter action



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

The SunUte Recreation team took 18 Southern Ute tribal members and descendants to the Telluride Ski Resort to improve their skiing and snowboarding skills.

The SunUte Community Center sponsored the 3rd annual Telluride Ski and Snowboarding trip to the Mountain Lodge and Ski Resort in Telluride, Colo. during the weekend of Dec. 13 – Dec. 15. SunUte chaperones, Fitness Director, Abel Velasquez, Recreation Specialist, Deja Herrera, and Recreation Manager, Virgil Morgan spent two nights with 18 tribal youth at the Mountain Lodge in Telluride. They also spent one and half days skiing and snowboarding on the mountain. Not only did the youth get to learn and improve their skiing and snowboarding skills over the weekend, it was an opportunity for fun and bonding.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

Lorenzo Cook takes a break from snowboarding to listen to the Telluride ski instructors.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

Tribal youth went up to Telluride, Colo. with the SunUte Recreation team to hone in on their snowboarding skills and enjoy the crisp mountain air.



courtesy Deja Herrera/SunUte Community Center

Field trip participants: Sarafina Chackee, Nate Hendren and Cyrus Naranjo, ice skate hand in hand together before going inside the mountain lodge to drink hot chocolate and play games.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

During their weekend away, kids and chaperones enjoyed time together playing games, cooking meals and learning about snow sports.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

Trajan Garcia and Kyle Rima walk with each other to ride the gondola to the top of the mountain after spending the morning practicing their snowboarding runs.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

Telluride ski and snowboarding instructors answer the questions of Dewayne Hendren and Sonny Flores after their training sessions are complete.



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

The 3rd annual group of Telluride Ski and Snowboarders smile for a photo together before they are released to take runs down the mountain, work one-on-one with instructors, or take it easy on the bunny slopes.

BOBCATS WRESTLING

Grapplers earn top-5 result

Newcomers lead the way at IHS' second stop

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With only three squad members available to make the long trip to Grand Junction, to compete Saturday, Dec. 7 at the season-opening Maverick Duals at Colorado Mesa University, there wasn't a whole lot of hope for marked success.

But with four – of a reported six in camp – ready to go one week later to the bracket-style 2019 Dove Creek 'Dawg Fight,' drawing multiple teams with similar numbers, expectations of Ignacio Wrestling were much higher.

So, too, were the results. "After the Dual ... at Mesa, I'm really proud of all of them," stated head coach Jordan Larsen. "For it being a small tournament, it was a good first 'tournament.' And for what we had, I thought we performed very well."

Leading the way for the Bobcats, who amassed a fifth-place 54 team points, was young Keaton McCoy.

Giving a confident wink to mat-side photographers after receiving his medal, the freshman polished off a 5-0 run through the 126-pounders' bracket with a first-period pin – his fourth stick during the tourney – of 4A Durango's Chris McGrath.

"Against decent competition, it's a good confidence-booster I think," Larsen said. "Keaton's a freshman – made it to Mid-School State last year – and he's got a lot of technique. Just got to iron out some 'habits,' figure out what high-school wrestling's all about ... and he's doing a great job. He wrestled smarter today than he did all last weekend."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Dante Sandman is presented as the winner over Blanding, Utah, San Juan's Eoin Kaer at the Dec. 14 Dove Creek 'Dawg Fight.' New to the Bobcats this winter, Sandman finished in second place at 132 pounds.

Sophomore Tyler Barnes took second at 160, losing twice to DHS' Tyler Woodworth – the second time, with first place at stake, via pin with 0:08 left in the third and final regulation two-minute period – but still going 3-2 on the day.

"In what I considered the toughest weight of the tournament," stated Larsen, "the guy wrestled his butt off."

Pinned five times, sophomore Jeremy Roderick, who went 3-2 up at CMU – still placed sixth at 220.

"Didn't have the best day, match-wise, but he's doing a lot of things that are going to lead to success," Larsen said.

Fortunately, the skipper says just about the same of newcomer Dante Sandman.

After a first-round loss to DCHS' Caden Baker, the eventual champion at 132, the senior finished much like a champ by pinning his next four foes and securing second place with a first-period stick of 3A Blanding, Utah, San Juan's Eoin Kaer.

"Dante ... came from Newcomb – wrestled at Newcomb two years ago – then transferred into Ignacio last year," explained Larsen. "Wasn't able to

wrestle ... but he's out this year and is a great addition to the team."

And undoubtedly with high expectations for himself as well; though unable to compete as a 'Cat last winter, a sophomore Sandman had been one of six Skyhawks qualifying for the 2018 New Mexico Activities Association Class A-4A State Championships, following his District 1/3 Championships third-place finish at 138 pounds.

Ignacio was to next host a triangular against Del Norte and 2A San Juan Basin League rivals Dolores at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, but results were unavailable at press time. IHS will then get 2020 underway Jan. 4 in Bayfield at the La Plata County Duals, facing the 3A Wolverines plus the Durango Demons, then travel on the 9th to SJBL'ers Mancos for a 6 p.m. dual.

And with all SJBL teams but Norwood-Nucla attending the Dawg Fight, the Bobcats' standing – just two points behind the meet-hosting Bulldogs – was encouraging to the boss.

"It's just a good group; I'm super-stoked," said Larsen.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

'Physical' education: IHS loses rumble with Kirtland

Lady 'Cats show improvement over previous meeting

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Subtract only Kirtland, N.M., Central's leading scorer's points, Ignacio wins the teams' Dec. 13 showdown by eight. If IHS' top individual total then disappears, the Lady Bobcats again come up short against the Land of Enchantment's most storied girls' basketball program.

But not like in their 2018 trip south and west to Bronco Arena; take away both KCHS senior regular Tatelyn Manheimer's 18 points and IHS sophomore reserve Monika Lucero's nine ...

Ignacio falls by just a digit to last season's NMAA Class 4A State Runners-up.

"Overall I think we did really good on defense – did a good job of holding them to 48 points," said Ignacio head coach Justa Whitt, following a chippy and, at times, downright physical 48-38 loss inside IHS Gymnasium. "Last year we held them to 52, so we did better than last year. And we only lost by ten; last year we lost by 20 [almost 30, actually], so that's saying something to do that against a team like this."

"I thought the efforts from all the girls were good, you know?" Lady Bronco boss Devon Manning said. "(Tatelyn) hit some big shots for us, but we've got to make the simple plays – make layups, make free throws – and we'll be just fine."

"We missed, like, 14-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Makayla Howell (1) angles in for a close-range shot during Day 2 play versus the Dec. 6-7 Limon Invitational's hosting squad. The Lady Bobcats began the season defeating Colorado Springs School 42-26 on Day 1, but then fell 57-44 to the No. 1-ranked Lady Badgers.

15 free throws tonight and missed a lot of layups, but give Ignacio credit; they made it into a little-bit sloppy ball game," he added.

Coming in off an expected, though somewhat lackluster 43-9 destruction of Dolores in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action three evenings earlier, Whitt had wanted the Lady Bobcats – ranked No. 10 in the

CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll going in – to show more of their half-court capabilities against Kirtland Central (No. 3 in the NMOTSC/Coaches 4A poll), rather than rely on stifling full-court pressure.

"Trying to get that a little more in tune – we'll certainly get some looks at it on

IHS loses page 16

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Garcia, Jackson named IHS Football's MVPs

Rusher, receiver, also head All-Conference picks

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Being named First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference as well as Ignacio Football's Co-MVP, full-back/linebacker Joe Garcia admitted that long before the 2019 season, his mind state wasn't exactly on solid footing – knowing a medically-healed (involving screws, metal plates, and even a metal thread) leg injury had yet to be truly tested on the field.

"I was scared, kind of; when they finally told me I could play and that I'd be fine ... I wasn't really trusting it," admitted the junior, who'd suffered a vertically-split fibula plus tendon damage in his ankle during the Bobcats' 2018 loss at 2A Newcomb, N.M. "I was scared to move on it, and it was a long process to trust it, know that it was strong again."

"Then Ponch (head coach Alfonso Garcia) told me, that if I don't go hard I'm going to be hurt again this season ... and I believed him that it was true," he continued. "I had to go hard."

An off-season opportunity trying out for USA Football's U.S. National Team, first at a Denver-area camp not long before the '18-19 school year ended, afforded him extra motivation to do precisely that.

"I just got a letter right before May ... about the National Team program. They wanted me to go out



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Joe Garcia (23) was glad to be back on the gridiron in 2019, and apparently so were young backers like this. Garcia was named Co-MVP of the team, plus First Team All-Conference.

to a camp up in Denver, and once you made it past that you'd go on to Dallas – and after Dallas you'd make it to the 'team,'" Garcia explained. "I worked out for that ... all summer, just getting faster and stronger."

"When I went to Dallas there was only two camps in the whole nation – in Canton, Ohio, and Dallas (the University of Texas at Arlington, to be exact), but it was a little bit harder because I wasn't, like, in 'football' shape," he recalled. "They went full-contact ... and I was a little bit slower, playing with a bunch of guys that were super-good."

Nonetheless, the experience, concluded in early July, proved invaluable with not only contests against SPC powers La Jara Centauri and Monte Vista again appearing on IHS' schedule, but also rematches against

1A Tri-Peaks force Colorado Springs Christian and, yep, Newcomb also slated.

Through Ignacio's first two games – an overtime win over the 4A Bloomfield, N.M., JV and loss to NHS – Garcia rushed for (unofficially) 142 yards on 32 carries with one touchdown. Well watched and mobbed by the stout defenses of CSCS, Centauri and MVHS later on, and held to single-digit yardage by each, he would ultimately total (unofficially) 325 yards on 105 tries with six scores. Figures from an 8-7 loss in Leadville to non-conference 1A Lake County, however, were not reported.

"It felt great," he said, of having completed a journey worthy of not only the aforementioned honors, but likely a Comeback Player-of-the-

Garcia page 16



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Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800

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

Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes or any other item out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows.

NOTE: 1st and 2nd Priority Only: Please contact department to notify them of **early morning** doctor appointments.

SNOW PLOWING FOR: SU TRIBAL MEMBERS, DRIVEWAY FOR HOME ACCESS, S.U. CAMPUS, LIVE STOCK
The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. **The order of priority is: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders; and, 3rd) Tribal Member Elders.** **Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below.** Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over **five (5) inches**. Dialysis/the Disabled/Frail Elders snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly.

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

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

Custom Farm Route: 970-563-0220
Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

Forestry Fuels Crew: 970-563-4780
WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only). **Shovel walkways for: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail.** Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12” or more.

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

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

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

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

TRIBAL MEMBERS
I appreciate and thank the voters that cast votes for my candidacy for Tribal Council. It is with humble appreciation of your vote of confidence in this election. It is always a challenge to get registered voters to even cast a vote once let alone twice. I accept the will of the people of those who voted. I will continue to do the work I am currently doing in serving the people and protecting our tribe and will I continue to offer my experience and knowledge where needed. I also thank my family for their support as well. It is my heartfelt hope that the new year brings about positive progressive change that brings our people together and that our leader-

ship works diligently in our best interest to protect and serve us.
Again, I thank you all and wishing you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.
James M “Mike” Olguin

BEAL THANK YOU
My last day as the Tribal Severance Tax Administrator will be December 20th, 2019 and I want to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for allowing me to come here every day to work on its behalf. It was a privilege and an honor to serve the Tribal membership for almost 27 years. I began working in the Energy Resources Division March 1993 and was grateful every day for the oppor-

tunity to work on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I remember my first day, as most new employees being nervous but by the end of the week the anxiety was gone because the Energy Resources Division so graciously made me feel welcomed from day one. I am blessed in that during my career I served two nations one in the United States Air Force and the other with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I again want to thank the Tribal membership, past and present coworkers and the entire staff for making my time with the Tribe most satisfying and fulfilling.
Thank you. Carl Beal

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-PR-0169
Nathaniel Carmenoros, 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 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 11th of December, 2019
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

2020 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINE & PUBLICATION DATES

DRUM DEADLINES	Publication Dates	Federally Recognized Holidays and Tribal Holidays	Southern Ute Tribal Administration Offices Closures
Dec. 24	Jan. 3	New Year’s Day (1/1)	Tribal offices closed (1/1)
Jan. 13	Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/20)	Tribal offices closed (1/20)
Jan. 27	Jan. 31		
Feb. 10	Feb. 14	President’s Day (2/17)	Tribal offices closed (2/17)
Feb. 24	Feb. 28		
Mar. 9	Mar. 13		
Mar. 23	Mar. 27	Memorial Day (5/25)	Tribal offices closed (5/25)
Apr. 6	Apr. 10		
Apr. 20	Apr. 24	Independence Day (7/4)	Tribal offices closed (7/3)
May 4	May 8		
May 18	May 22	Labor Day (9/7)	Tribal offices closed (9/7)
Jun. 1	Jun. 5		
Jun. 15	Jun. 19	Veterans Day (11/11)	Tribal offices closed (11/11)
Jun. 26*	Jul. 2	Thanksgiving Day (11/26)	Tribal offices closed (11/26-11/27)
Jul. 13	Jul. 17	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10)	Tribal offices closed (12/10-12/11)
Jul. 27	Jul. 31	Christmas Day (12/25)	Tribal offices closed (12/25)
Aug. 10	Aug. 14	New Year’s Day (1/1/2021)	Tribal offices closed (1/1, 2021)
Aug. 24	Aug. 28		
Sep. 4*	Sep. 11		
Sep. 21	Sep. 25		
Oct. 5	Oct. 9		
Oct. 19	Oct. 23		
Nov. 2	Nov. 6		
Nov. 16	Nov. 20		
Nov. 30	Dec. 4		
Dec. 14	Dec. 18		
Dec. 24*	Dec. 31		

**Early Drum Deadlines*

ALL CONTENT, including classifieds ads, display ads, RFP/RFB notices, job announcements, stories and articles, press releases, letters, birthday greetings and holiday wishes must be submitted by the posted deadline. **Anything submitted AFTER DEADLINE will be considered for the next issue.** Requests for design work must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the above posted deadline dates. The Drum reserves the right to edit all materials for spelling, grammar, clarity and libel.



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Jan. 3

Early Deadline
Dec. 24

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NOTICE: Minors/Birthday Requests

Just a reminder that the normal cutoff for Minors/Birthday requests is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays with a Friday distribution date, due to the holidays.

- Requests received by **noon on Friday, Dec. 20** will be **distributed on Dec. 27.**
- Requests received by **noon on Monday, Dec. 30** will be **distributed Jan. 3.**

If you have any questions about a Minors/Birthday payment please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454. For regular distribution questions or concerns please contact Barbara Prestel, 970-563-2260.

MPF January Events

Friday January 3, 2020

Senior Breakfast

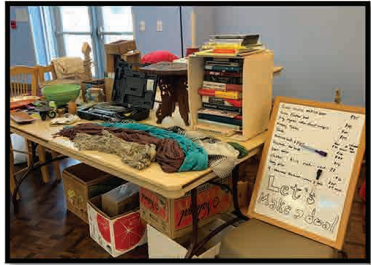
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Saturday January 11, 2020

Community Yard Sale

9:00 AM—3:00 PM



Wed. January 15, 2020

Jam & Jelly Workshop

10:00 AM—4:00 PM



Wed & Thurs Jan 22—23, 2020

Quilt Class

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

For information or to sign-up call 563-2640

January Senior Breakfast



Multi-Purpose Facility

Friday January 3, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

All Sr. Citizens Welcome

For more information: 563-2640

A Southern Ute Utilities Reminder

Proper Trash Etiquette for Transit Waste Customers



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REMEMBER TO

- Please PROPERLY BAG TRASH to avoid loose debris, especially on windy days
- Close Lid — On trash pick-up days, DO NOT constrict lids with locks, rope, bungee cords, etc. Drivers will not service your polycart if it is constricted
- Take trash out by **6 AM** on your designated trash day

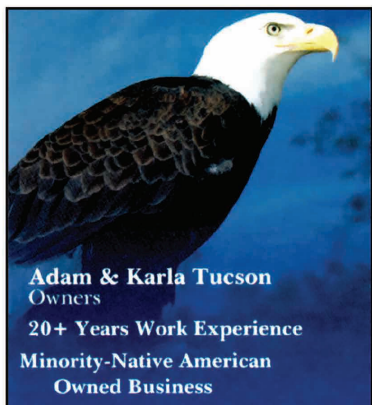
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Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has two (2) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

ELECTION BOARD

Closing 1/21/20 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full-Time Regular Board Member. Closing date is Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin Street. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

ETHICS COMMISSION

Closing 2/20/20 – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill one vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” position on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by Feb. 20, 2020. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full Time Gaming Commission position term is 4 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 1 year and 10-month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3-year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Powwow Committee is seeking interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member or a Native American Community Member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture through Powwow song and dance. All interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. 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 criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing 1/31/20 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Dept. at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

TRIBAL MEMBER WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open until filled – Tribal Member Needed for Ute Cultural Expert Position. The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member wishing to fill a special Cultural Expert vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This individual will fill a non-voting position with a non-expiring term on the Board. The Cultural Expert is expected to incorporate traditional Ute Indian values, beliefs, and perspectives into the Boards' various deliberations involving the welfare, use, management, and protection of the Tribe's wildlife resources. The Cultural Expert must be recognized within the community for his or her expertise in Ute culture and traditions as they pertain to wildlife and hunting. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, typically on a weekday morning, and a commitment to attend and participate in all the meetings is expected. Each Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already a employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at: PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 Attn: Wildlife Advisory Board. This letter should address the individual's qualification to serve in a Ute cultural expert capacity on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This position will remain open until filled. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Information? Call Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closing 12/20/19 – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Police Sergeant

Closing 12/26/19 – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Range Technician

Closing 12/25/19 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under the general supervision of the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

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

Cultural Preservation Director

Open until filled – Southern Ute tribal members only. A professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal language, cultural and historic programs and various related activities. Provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute Language, culture and history. Shall ensure all actions of the department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspective of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Lifeguard (Part-time)

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; \$10.91/hour.

Dentist (Part-time)

Open until filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Position is part-time with benefits.

Physical Therapist

Open until filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Social Services Division Head

Open until filled – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B-Foster Care program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

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

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

TEAM Worker

Open until filled – Southern Ute tribal member only. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

Open until filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Therapist – Peaceful Spirit

Open until filled – Will assure the evidence-based multisystemic (MST) program delivers quality family-based care in Archuleta and La Plata Counties. MST training is provided and no previous MST experience needed. MA in a social work, counseling, or other behavioral health related field required, although relevant work experience may also be considered. Must be able to be credentialed as a Medicaid provider. Must pass Criminal History & Child Abuse/Neglect background checks; be insurable through SoCoCAA. \$43K for qualified individual DOE.

join our program where we offer positive early learning experiences to toddler age children. Ignacio Early Learning Program is looking for Part-time Sub-teachers. Must have experience in working with toddler & preschool age children; must be 18 years of age; must pass TB exam; must pass criminal history and child abuse registry checks.

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

AV Technician (Full-time)

Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Set up and breakdown of audio and visual equipment for meetings, conferences and special events. Performs minor repairs, adjustments, and routine checks and cleaning of audio and video equipment throughout the property. Controls the lights and sound of events, such as live concerts, before and after performances and during intermissions. Must have a Bachelor Degree in audio & visual or related field. Must have at least one (1) year audio & video experience. Must have a working knowledge of digital control systems, operations, maintenance and repair of audio visual equipment. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Previous experience with Creston control systems or similar systems preferred. Certification in at least one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including night, weekends and holidays.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High school diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one (1) year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR four (4) months In House training OR presently attending culinary school.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Greets and interacts with guests in a friendly, professional and welcoming manner. Efficiently and accurately deals blackjack, three card poker, roulette and other Class 3 specialty games according to Casino policies and procedures and Southern Ute Division of Gaming ICMP's (Internal Control Minimum Procedures). Monitors guests' play and table action to ensure security of game and Casino assets and notifies supervisor of any irregularities. Must be at least 21 years old, have a High School Diploma or equivalent, and must have at least 6 months as a Table Games Dealer or have Dealer School Certification.

Cafe Cashier (On-call)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Must be at least 16 years old. High School Diploma or equivalent preferred. Must be able to count money and make change. Cash register experience preferred.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed. Must be at least 18 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

*Assistant General Manager Trainee

Southern Ute tribal members only. Under the direction of the General Manager (GM), this is a training position that will result in a tribal member having the opportunity to train for the position of General Manager. Will participate in the Career Development Program (CDP) and associated curriculum requirements to the extent necessary, depending on their background, education and experience. As the AGM-TM gains education and experience, their level of authority and responsibility for various components of the business will increase. Will participate in both the gaming, as well as the non-gaming areas of the business. Must be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have an established work history demonstrating a reliable work ethic and progressively greater areas of responsibility. Must have experience in a senior management and leadership role. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business or related field. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and/or rotating shifts. Must be able to work long hours, scheduled or unscheduled, which is likely to include nights, weekends, and when emergencies arise.

*Beverage and Cocktail Server (On-call)

Must maintain the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. Efficiently and accurately takes and delivers orders. Provides prompt and excellent guest service to all Casino guests. Cigarette sales to Casino guests. Checks guest's identification in order to ensure that they meet minimum age requirements for consumption of alcoholic beverages. Monitors guest consumption of alcohol and intervenes as needed according to guidelines. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be at least 21 years old, 6 months prior customer service experience and/or cocktail service preferred.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must be at least 21 years old. High school diploma or GED preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have excellent attendance.

*Slot Technician I

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. Performs simple routine preventative maintenance, cleaning, and testing on all gaming devices and signage. Assists with the installation, removal, break-down, relocation, and set-up of relocated slot machines and stands. Troubleshoots defective equipment (meter variances, door switches, etc.) to isolate and replace/repair faulty components. Assists with game conversions and upgrades. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years old. One (1) years' 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.

Peer Recovery Coach

(Part-time / Independent Contractor)

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Health Center is seeking a Part-Time Peer Recovery Coach to work in the Health Center and community as an Independent Contractor. The contractor will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. Provides educational outreach and group facilitation services. Must have general knowledge of available resources & organizations affiliated with behavioral health services. Position is open until filled.

To apply, send cover letter & resume to: Southern Ute Health Center, ATTN: Mary Young, PO Box 899, Ignacio, CO 81137

Lost Western Saddle

Saddle was lost on State Highway 151 between Arboles and Lake Capote (HWY 160 Junction), during the week of Nov. 11 - 15. Will give heavy monetary reward for its return. Call 970-946-6288 with information.

House for Sale • Asking \$174,000

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, Colo. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard. Serious inquires only, leave message 970-563-3161.

House for sale \$185,000

93 Mountain Dew Circle. West Cedar Point. Triple-wide home includes: 5-bedrooms, Master bedroom with walk-in closet and a master bathroom (double sink, shower, bathtub), 2 bedrooms have walk-in closets, 2 bedrooms have standard closets, 2 full bathrooms, laundry room with washer/dryer hook ups, laundry room has room for a freezer. Large kitchen with a small breakfast area, separate dining area, wood flooring in all the bedrooms, hallway and living room, walk in pantry, brand new ceiling fans in each room, black-out blinds, built in sprinkler system, fenced in yard front and back, shed, paved driveway and patio, new roof. New appliances. Refrigerator and stove will need to be purchased. Home sits on Southern Ute Tribal Assignment, you must be a Southern Ute Tribal Member to purchase with the assignment. Non-tribal members who would like to purchase the home. Costs to move the home would be your responsibility to move off the assignment. Contact 970-563-2985 if interested.

Parent Advisory Group (PAG)
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Department of Education
P.O. Box 737, Ignacio Co 81137
Phone: 970-563-0253, Fax: 970-563-3695

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) is looking for parents and community members to sit on their Parent Advisory Group (PAG). The purpose of the SUIMA Parent Advisory Group is to collaborate with the Tribe's Director of Education, SUIMA Principal and Tribal Council in developing and implementing the most effective program that is responsive to the cultural and academic needs of the SUIMA students while supporting the mission and vision of the school. MISSION STATEMENT: The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy will provide a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture within a Montessori environment. VISION STATEMENT: To provide an environment that creates future tribal and world leaders who appreciate and support their culture, family, and lifelong learning.

The Parent Advisory Group receives input from parents, community members, and others as to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and its educational programs. In addition, the PAG may focus on community projects, encourage and support volunteer activities at SUIMA, and plan family events for the school. Members of the Parent Advisory Group serve as volunteers without compensation. If you are interested in serving on the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Parent Advisory Group, please call 970-563-0253 for more information. Come be part of something purposeful and driven.



BOBCAT BOYS LOOKING FOR 4-0 • FROM PAGE 1

Able to score if needed, but seemingly just as content to defer to more familiar point-producers such as guard Triston Thompson, forward/center Ocean Hunter or the aforementioned co-captain, the senior then helped the 'Cats claim victory fairly easily in their 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opener at Dolores three nights later.

“Getting open looks even though he wasn’t making too many – it’s just always about everybody getting open looks. Doesn’t matter who scores the ball,” said Finn, who paced IHS against Limon with 16 points, but who then played a supporting role, booking just four points, in a 49-22 defeat of DHS.

“It was Brady hitting a couple, Triston hitting a few ... We’re always looking to move the ball, penetrate and kick, and get open shots,” he said, alluding to the scoring leaders – Brady McCaw and Thompson, who each booked 12 points – against the toothless Bears, adjusting to life without graduated all-around threat Tristen Swagerty.

Following up on a solid 15-point effort against LHS, boasting 6’5” senior Logan Marx and 6’5” junior Alex Carr, Hunter again reached double figures with ten against Dolores, while junior forward Dylan Labarthe, summoned to aid Hunter and others in limiting the loaded Badgers’ posts – Carr, Marx and 6’3” junior John Jaklich totaled a combined six points – logged



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio boys celebrate their first-place, 2-for-2 showing at the season-opening Dec. 6-7 Limon Invitational.

seven points at DHS.

“We were real excited; everybody was hyped in the locker room,” Finn said. “We had a lot of momentum coming into here; we knew we’re a great team.”

Off to a 3-0 (a season-opening 70-43 rout of Colorado Springs School on Day 1 of the Invitational included) overall start to the 2019-20 campaign, Valdez hopes that ‘great team’ mentality won’t disappear even against overwhelmed opposition such as the Bears – who managed to play the ‘Cats to a 23-18 second half, after falling behind 26-4 at intermission and appearing unable to recover from a game-starting 10:28 scoring drought during which Ignacio built a 20-0 lead.

En route to a team-high ten points, DHS junior Keagan Ertel-Moralez finally drove in for a shutout-snapping layup with 5:32 remaining before halftime.

“Our defense is horrible right now, as far as I’m concerned,” said Valdez. “That

is where our problems are, and we’re going to work our tails off to try to get better. We don’t stop here; we’ve got to build on this for the future.”

“Just getting the bugs out,” Finn said.

Denied a Dec. 12 engagement with 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central due to a scheduling snafu, the Bobcats will now wrap up the Old Year traveling to 3A Cedaredge on Saturday, Dec. 21. Standing 2-2 prior to hosting La Jara-based 3A Centauri (6-0) the night before, the Bruins conquered IHS Gymnasium last year by a 58-46 margin.

“Defensively I thought we held our own, especially in the first half before we kind of got tired,” Valdez said. “Other than that, we didn’t have a chance to run our offense much at all; we were turning the ball over before we’d get down the floor.”

“So, getting our point guard, Brady ... to calm everybody down and run a play ... will help that.”

IHS LOSES RUMBLE • FROM PAGE 12

Friday,” she’d said in anticipation before departing DHS, where Ignacio held the Lady Bears to just two field goals. “It’s not always productive to always press hard against teams like (Dolores), so ... that’s why I backed them off a bit. We tried to mix it up a little.”

Outscored 34-32 during the second, third and fourth quarters, the Lady ‘Cats (2-2, 1-0 SJB�) fell behind 14-6 after the opening eight minutes as Manheimer opened the scoring with a three-pointer. Helped by a clutch Lucero trey and four points from junior Ebonee Gomez, IHS came alive to play KCHS (4-2 overall) to a 10-10 draw during the second stanza and went into halftime trailing 24-16.

Held in the third quarter to non-sequential threes by Gomez and junior Jayden Brunson, Ignacio ratcheted up the intensity for the closing eight minutes, winning the final frame by a 16-12 count – highlighted by five points from sophomore guard Avaleena Nanaeto and Lucero’s second triple.

“All of our shooters have been working on everybody being ready to shoot the ball,” said Whitt. “Monika just got a few extra shots looking at it today – and she hit a few! That was great; she hit them at the right times.”



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avaleena Nanaeto (35) gains speed on a drive into the lane as Kirtland, N.M., Central’s Tatelyn Manheimer (22) can only watch during the Dec. 13 clash inside IHS Gymnasium.

Gomez finished with seven points and Nanaeto six, but seniors Makayla Howell and Larissa Gallegos were held to just five points each by a Lady Bronco post defense powered by authoritative Candace Patterson, whose seven points equaled teammates Melanie Yazzie and Monique Shim.

“We didn’t have her last year – she tore her ACL – but I knew what we had coming into this year, and she’s still ... trying to adjust,” said Manning. “She’s a load ... so yeah, she’s doing fine.”

“Kirtland ... we know what’s coming at us; we always know,” Whitt said. “But it’s a different reality when it’s actually happening. Had too many turnovers; that definitely plagues us when we’re playing against ... defense like that.”

Both sides managed to drain four three-pointers (Manheimer nailed three of the Lady Broncos’), and though neither shot well from the charity stripe – Kirtland Central finished just 10-of-22; Ignacio went 8-of-19 – Whitt was still impressed by all the improvements her crew showed against the out-of-state heavyweight.

“Overall I think we did a really good job,” she stated. “We’ll just ... take this game as a learning experience, to move forward to our next hard game.”

That awaits the Lady ‘Cats Saturday, Dec. 21, at Cedaredge. Receiving votes in the CHSAANow.com 3A poll but not yet in its top ten, the Lady Bruins stood 4-0 prior to hosting La Jara-based No. 6 Centauri (6-0) the evening before.

GARCIA, JACKSON NAMED MVP’s • FROM PAGE 12

Year Award if the conference offered one. “It was a lot of hard work, and it paid off.”

Senior wide receiver/defensive back Colten Jackson, however, would be a close contender for Comeback POY.

Back in action this year after an off-field shoulder injury cut short his 2018 season, and establishing himself as possibly the SoPeaks’ top deep-ball threat offensively as well as a leading ballhawk defensively, Jackson shared IHS Most Valuable Player distinction with Garcia and was also a First Team All-SPC selection.

“We ... seniors, we won’t go out unless we absolutely have to and can’t play anymore. We’ll keep playing even with injuries; we grew up as a class that took beatings from past seniors, so we became tough,” Jackson had said, following a season-ending, 2-for-58 receiving day – featuring a 55-yard TD catch, plus a 22-yard fumble-return TD – in a 53-21 loss at Centauri.

“It’s important to play with your boys. They’re more than family; they’re my brothers,” he continued. “I grew up playing with

these boys – and I have actual family on this team, so that makes it better.”

With numbers from the LCHS game unavailable, Jackson’s 2019 receiving totals still stand at an impressive 331 yards on only 14 catches – an average of 23.6 yards per pop – with six touchdowns.

“I don’t think they were ready for my speed ... quickness off the ball. And I don’t think they were ready for my hands,” he’d said after a three-catch, 111-yard, two-TD performance helping produce a 38-21 road win at Center.

Also named First Team All-Conference from Ignacio were seniors Clay Campbell and Stephan Gomez, while senior Ian Weinreich and junior Lawrence Toledo received Second Team All-SPC nods.

Utilized at quarterback, receiver, and multiple defensive positions, Weinreich was named as one of the Bobcats’ two Ironman Award winners along with Toledo, who saw time as a ball-carrier and receiver, as well as multiple defensive spots.

Sophomore offensive lineman/defensive end Mekhi Miranda was given IHS’

Hustle Award, for obvious reasons, and was also chosen Honorable Mention All-Conference.

“That man’s a beast; I’ve been trying to recruit him for wrestling, honestly!” sophomore Tyler Barnes had said midway through the season. “But he’s got the mentality of a football player, got the build of a football player and he’s always, always going. You never stop Mekhi, even in practice.”

SPC Coach-of-the-Year went to Kyle Forster, who directed Centauri deep into the Class 1A State Playoffs before the Falcons fell – for a third consecutive year – to Strasburg, Northern Conference champs, in the semifinals.

Finishing 12-1 overall, SHS lost the State Championship one week later at home to Limon (11-2).

Heading up Centauri’s six First Team All-Conference selections, senior quarterback Eric Maez was also named the conference’s Offensive Player-of-the-Year, while First Team pick and fellow senior Adam Chacon received Defensive POY after ending his prep days being credited with 18 total tackles against Strasburg.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Locale of 1806 battle between Comanches and 19 Down
- 5 Beehive relatives
- 10 Start of a magical incantation
- 11 Equals
- 12 Drudgery
- 13 19th century chief
- 15 Unfolded
- 17 Jewelry research org.
- 18 Withholds
- 19 Unproverbially, the Rolling Stones gathered a lot
- 20 Open mesh fabric
- 21 Swindle
- 22 Columnists’ page
- 24 Ignacio channel opened in 1976
- 27 “Cool!”
- 28 Ancient capital of Israel
- 29 Rigs
- 31 “The --- of Amontillado” (Edgar Allan Poe)
- 32 Pop song for Pop
- 33 Wilderness walk
- 34 Smart
- 35 Frozen princess

Down

- 1 Broken, in a way
- 2 Overhead
- 3 Cloud found below the belt on high
- 4 Rushed out suddenly
- 5 Christian altar sites
- 6 Nourish
- 7 MLK title
- 8 Historic overland route
- 9 Some antidepressants, briefly
- 14 Pan-American Union successor
- 16 November marcher
- 19 Old Eastern Rocky Mountain band
- 21 Golden place where diggers learn their trade
- 22 Frequently, to a poet
- 23 A k a Queashegut
- 24 Crazy ---, White Clay Nation comedian
- 25 Refutes an argument point by point
- 26 “Let’s --- Deal”
- 28 S N L offering
- 30 All ChiSox home games are played on it

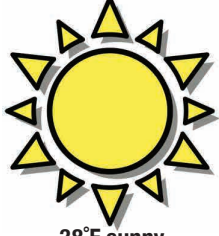
Answers for this crossword will appear in Jan. 3 issue of the Drum.

Answers for the Dec. 6 crossword puzzle.

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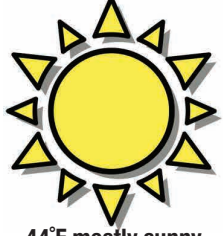
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Friday, Dec. 20



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Sunday, Dec. 22



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