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## YOUTH COUNCIL

### Tribe welcomes new youth leaders

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe welcomed three new youth council members to the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) on Thursday, Feb. 18 inside Tribal Council Chambers. The three young ladies joining the youth council are Allisianna Baker, Christina Herrera and D'Vondra Garcia.



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Above is the 2016-2017 Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council including the three new council members sworn in on Thursday, Feb. 18 in Council Chambers. Back row, left to right: Issac Suina, Larenz Wilbourn, Elijah Weaver, Lakota TwoCrow. Front row, newly sworn in members: D'vonda Garcia, Christina Herrera, Allisianna Baker.

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**Allisianna Baker**  
Allisianna is 16 and a student at Ignacio High School. She is the daughter of Monique Marquez. Baker enjoys playing sports, art and traveling. What do you find most important about your Culture? "The language," said Baker. How can you benefit the Youth Council? "I can become a leader and be there for my tribe and youth," said Baker.



**Christina Herrera**  
Christina is 13 and a student at Ignacio Middle School. She is the daughter of Daphnee Washington. Herrera enjoys playing sports and cooking. What do you find most important about your Culture? "The dances and how they were brought up," Herrera said. How can you benefit the Youth Council? "I can benefit by helping out with the tribe and other electives," Herrera said.



**D'Vondra Garcia**  
D'vondra is 11 and a student at Ignacio Middle School. She is the daughter of Lorena and Jamie. Garcia enjoys playing basketball and cheerleading. What do you find most important about your Culture? "How others respect each other," Garcia said. How can you benefit the Youth Council? "By participating in what's going on," Garcia said.

## GOV'T TO GOV'T

### Sen. Gardner, Tribe discuss Good Samaritan bill

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Since the Gold King Mine spill last August, the clean up of waste and mines has been a top priority for many. This past week U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner met with Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council to discuss a bill that would help clean up abandoned mines; the Good Samaritan bill.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner talks with Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council about the Good Samaritan bill on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

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## Powwow shares the love



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The tiny tots showed up in big numbers Saturday night filling the powwow circle during a dance dedicated to them, at the Valentine's Day Powwow on Feb. 13, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. See more powwow photos on page 6.

## KSUT

### Nanaeto named interim executive director of KSUT

Staff report  
KSUT

Sheila Nanaeto has been named Interim Executive Director of KSUT Public Radio, KSUT Board of Directors President Maria Baker announced today.

"We are excited to introduce Sheila as the Interim Executive Director," said Baker. "Sheila's passion and commitment for the station, staff and its members is evident throughout her tenure with KSUT."

Nanaeto, who also serves KSUT as Station Manager for its Southern Ute Tribal Radio signal, began her duties immediately. She replaces former Executive Director Robert Franklin.

Nanaeto was hired by KSUT in 2009 as the administration director intern and shortly thereafter became Director of Tribal



Sheila Nanaeto  
Interim Executive Director of KSUT

Radio. Prior to joining the KSUT staff, she was a volunteer DJ. She began by hosting the Native morning show in 2000. In 2006, she became co-host of Feeding the Spirit, a program focused on Native American health issues.

The Board of Directors will immediately begin the Executive Director search.

KSUT is a community-supported public broadcasting organization dedicated to serving the multicultural community of the Four Corners by providing eclectic entertainment, education, in-depth news and community and public information services promoting multicultural awareness and understanding through two signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Southern Ute Tribal Radio.

Its FM signal can be heard at 90.1 and 89.3 in La Plata County, 100.1 in Mancos and Cortez, 88.1 in Farmington and Pagosa Springs, 91.5 in Silverton and 91.9 in Dolores. Southern Ute Tribal Radio can be heard at 91.3 in Ignacio and Bayfield and at 89.7 in northwest New Mexico.

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## WILLS

### Free wills for Southern Utes

Staff Report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Law students from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver are coming to Ignacio to prepare wills for Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans. They arrive on Sunday, March 13, and will be open for business from Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 17. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has generously agreed to host the students at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

There is no charge for the wills. A law student under the supervision of

a supervising attorney will interview each tribal member who participates. The student will then draft the will and present it to the supervising attorney for review. The student will review the will with the client, make any necessary connections, and oversee the signing and witnessing of the will. It is very important have the will properly signed and witnessed, because it will be accepted by the Probate Judge only if it is properly completed.

The law school requires that each law student complete 50 hours of community service prior

to graduation. The Denver University law students traditionally spend one of their spring breaks performing community service to satisfy this requirement. Everyone who wishes to have a will drafted should be able to have one completed.

To make an appointment to have your will prepared, please call Julie or Rayelene at the OST Southern Ute Field Office at 970-563-1013. If you have questions, call John Roach, Fiduciary Trust Officer, or visit him at the BIA Agency office across from the community center.

## WILLS

### Why writing a will is important

By John Roach  
U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR

If you die without a will, it is called dying "intestate." For intestate decedents who own Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts or interests in allotments, Congress has determined how their allotments and IIM accounts will

be passed on to their heirs. This law is called the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA.)

If you die intestate, AIPRA determines who receives your property, what amount they will receive, and whether your allotment interests will be subject to a forced sale at probate.

#### WITHOUT A WILL

Without a will your allotment interests of 5% or more will go to:

1. A life estate to your spouse who will receive the income from the allotment for life;

Will writing page 4

## Council meets with C&A Tribes



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, Southern Ute Tribal Council met with tribal representatives from the Cheyenne and Arapaho (C&A) Tribes of Oklahoma to discuss governing relationships. The tribes are aiming to strengthen their communication with one another as they look toward newer opportunities with networking and affiliation.





## SUPD

### In case of emergency, can you be reached?

Staff report  
SU POLICE DEPT.

Everyone would like to think that they could be relied on to do the right thing in case of a real emergency. Some people are going to miss out on being notified because they cannot or will not be able to receive a cell phone call.

Years ago, a community warning or emergency alert could be made using a large siren and everyone hearing the wail knew to tune into the local emergency broadcast on TV or radio. Times have changed and alerts are now given over a "Reverse 911" dispatch system that places calls to specific phones and homes in geographic area. Sirens have given way to direct calls placed from the emergency system.

It is easy for the system to

match specific addresses to individual business and resident landlines. If a noxious gas escaped in a two-block radius, the system can immediately alert any landline in that specific two-block area.

What happens to the 40% of the La Plata County residents that don't own a landline and rely only on cell phones or Voice only Internet Phones (VoIP)? The program that matches your phone to your home address is found online at [www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency](http://www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency). This website ties your address to your cellphone and will alert you of an emergency even if you are traveling out of Colorado.

Want to know if your home is under evacuation for a fire? You register with the website. The more people that use the emergency alert system, the safer our community. The Southern Ute Police Department would like you to help protect yourself and your loved ones.

and family.

Signing up for the service is easy. You can download an app for your smartphone from Apple or Google (yes, there really is an app for that). CodeRED Mobile Alert can be quickly downloaded to your phone.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

### Filing taxes just got (a little bit) easier

By Josh Weller  
DENVER PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
SPECIALIST

Now that it's March, your annual tax filing deadline is fast approaching. If you receive Social Security benefits, one of the documents you need to file your federal income tax return is your Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099/1042S).

Your Social Security benefits may be taxable. This includes monthly retirement, survivor, and disability benefits. About one-third of people receiving Social Security benefits must pay taxes on some of these benefits, depending on the amount of their taxable income. This usually happens if you have other substantial income — such as wages, self-employment, interest, dividends, and other taxable income that must be reported on your tax return — in addition to your Social Security benefits. You will never have to pay taxes on more than 85 percent of your Social

Security benefits, based on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules.

To find out if you must pay taxes on your benefits, you will need your Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099/1042S). You should automatically receive it in the mail each January. It shows the total amount of benefits you received from Social Security in the previous year so you know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on your tax return. The benefit statement is not available for people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), as SSI payments are not taxable.

Whether you file your taxes early or wait until the deadline, Social Security makes it easy to obtain a replacement benefit statement if you didn't receive one or misplaced it. You can get an instant replacement easily by using your secure online my Social Security account. If you don't already have an account, you can create one in minutes. Follow the link below to the my Social Se-

curity page, and select "Sign In or Create an Account." Once you are logged in, select the "Replacement Documents" tab to obtain your replacement 1099 or 1042S benefit statement. You can also use your personal my Social Security account to keep track of your earnings each year, manage your benefits, and more.

You can also obtain a replacement benefit statement by calling us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., or by contacting your local Social Security Office. If you live outside of the United States, please contact your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. But by going online you can print your replacement benefit statement immediately and not have to wait to receive it in the mail.

With a my Social Security account, gathering your Social Security information for tax season has never been easier. Open your own personal my Social Security account today at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

## Many Moons Ago



### 10 years ago



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

Members of the 2006 North American Indigenous Games Opening Ceremonies Committee meet in Denver, Colorado on Friday, February 10th. Recognizable at the back of the table, from the Southern Ute Tribe are Al Cloud, Tribal Councilman Jim Newton Jr., and Andrea Taylor (Sky Ute Lodge and Casino).

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 17, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

### 20 years ago



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell was back on the homestead in Ignacio early last week. An Olympian in judo, Campbell said he is a supporter of the North American Indigenous Games. Campbell was dining at the Patio Restaurant last Tuesday when Deichman Hudson had the pleasure of meeting him.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 16, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Norman Harlan, recreation director, Glen Walker, Ignacio recreation director receiving a check from Ramona Frost for next weekend's 2nd Annual Cabin Fever Fest in Ignacio.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 21, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## SENATOR GARDNER, TRIBE • FROM PAGE 1

The draft legislation, Good Samaritan Cleanup of Samaritan Orphan Mines Act, would allow third party organizations the opportunity to clean up abandoned mines sites that are contaminating the environment across the United States. If the bill passes it would allow interested organizations to apply for a permit with the state, tribes, or EPA, which would offer some liability protection in mine cleanups. Good Samaritans would be held liable if they do not follow the terms laid out in the permit. "The support that you have offered for [the bill] and the changes you have suggested are critically important," Gardner said. Gardner emphasized

the importance of the bill mentioning that Superfund dollars are getting harder to come by due to a decrease in funding and the increase of sites being added to the Superfund list. "Let's not forget what happened and let's make sure we're putting something in place that can start addressing this environmental ticking time bomb that we have," Gardner said referencing the abandoned mines in the state. Southern Ute Councilman, James M. Olguin brought up the importance of the Ute Tribes' involvement. "Historically those were our homelands," Olguin said. "This water shed has a very significant meaning to

the Utes, so we have to do everything we can to protect it." Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost encouraged Gardner to reach out to more tribes by presenting the bill to the National Congress of American Indians for support. "I think it's important for tribes to be consulted with at all times. When it's going to have an impact on them, their land, their water resources, and air; they need to be notified," Frost said. Once the suggested changes from the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Tribes are made to the draft legislation, the bill will be sent back to the two tribes to make sure the bill fully addresses their concerns.

## Memorial Walk for Loved Ones

SAT. FEB. 20TH  
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MEET AT  
VETERANS PARK

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NATIVE FILM

# Native Cinema at 11th annual Dgo. Independent Film Festival

*Escape to Durango. Expand your horizons. Explore new ideas!*

**Staff report**  
**DURANGO FILM**

On March 2-6, 2016 catch some of the best films around and join Durango Film, an Independent Film Festival for fantastic films and fun this year. Film selections that are directed, produced, feature or involve Native Americans will be competing for festival awards and honors. This year, four programs present Native Cinema which has been developing a strong following at previous festivals. In total, eleven films com-

prise the Native Cinema category. These films span generations and the entire North American Continent to present current and significant evolutions in Native Cinema. The program for the 11th annual festival is available online at durangofilm.org and be sure to check out the Native Cinema programs; The Changing Woman Diaries, Generation Z, Native Lebowsky, and Traditional Trail Home.

A Special screening will be held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

on Monday, Feb. 29, doors open at 5:30 p.m. with show time at 6 p.m. This is a free event with filmmakers present for Q&A after the show. See Museum website for titles.

The Native Cinema Film Reception, a free event that features visiting filmmakers, will be hosted by the Toh-Atin Gallery, 145 W 9th St., on Thursday, March 7 at 4-8 p.m. Festival Passes are available online or at the Ticket Office inside the Durango Welcome Center, 802 Main Ave.

ROYALTY REPORT

# Little Miss Southern Ute

Maiku,  
My name is Krystyn Weaver the current reigning Little Miss Southern Ute for 2015-2016.

First and foremost it has been such a blessing and honor to represent my people the Southern Ute for the last four months.

In September I was crowned at the Southern Ute Fair, where I began my reign along with my fellow royalty members.

On September 23, I was part of a dance presentation for the Southern Ute Growth Fund Employees at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

In October I was asked to be the Head Little Girl dancer for the Halloween Powwow, due to weather it had to be rescheduled.

On November 7, I attended the Veterans Powwow at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Two days later I woke up really early and traveled to the Four Corners Monument to represent my tribe on the Good Morning America Al Rockerthon along with the Southern Ute Brave.

On November 19, I helped welcome the Youth Bull rid-



ers to Sky Ute Fairgrounds and on November 22, I was in attendance to hand out and take photos with the winners from the event.

On November 21, I was on hand to greet and welcome my fellow Ute people Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Ute to the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner.

November 24, I did a dance presentation along with the other royalty and many tribal dancers for the Ignacio Elementary School and High School for Heritage Day. Two days later I took my first road trip to Northern Ute Country in Ft. Duchesne, UT to represent the Southern Ute Tribe at their Annual Thanksgiving

Powwow; I met many new royalties and also met some of my Northern Ute family.

In the month of December I along with the royalty passed out candy canes and chocolate to the community at the Annual Taste of Christmas on December 4 at the ELHI Building.

Following that event I once again greeted and welcomed all Ute People to my tribes Annual Christmas dinner, where I also performed with my school that evening singing Christmas songs and bringing holiday cheer.

To bring in the New Year I attended the first Sobriety Powwow held at the Sun Ute Community Center.

I was the Head Little Girl dancer at the Valentine's Powwow.

Being Little Miss Southern Ute has taught me many valuable lessons already the biggest one being to learn to speak in public. I have truly enjoyed my experience this far and look forward to the next seven months!

*Krystyn Weaver*  
*Little Miss Southern Ute,*  
*2015-2016*

## Most important meal of the day



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Culture Department switched it up this month providing an elder breakfast instead of the usual luncheon. On Thursday, Feb. 18 tribal elders enjoyed fresh-made tortillas, blue corn meal, eggs, sausage and fruit.

ROYALTY REPORT

# Southern Ute Brave

Hi my name is Dewayne Hendren,

I am the current Southern Ute Brave. I am the son of Hosteen and Danita Baker Hendren. I am very honored to be chosen to represent the Southern Ute Tribe as Southern Ute Brave 2015-2016.

I started my reign in September at the Southern Ute Fair and Powwow. I also was in the fair parade. Since then I've been busy meeting many different people. I along with my brothers Nate and Elliott gave a presentation at the Head Start Guys and kids breakfast. Our presentation was about why it is important to know who you are and where you come from. We talked about our family history.

I think November was my busiest month. I attended the Veterans Powwow at the Sky Ute Casino's Events Center.

The Ignacio high school Honoring our Veterans dinner and show. Both events honored all our veterans. That's important cause they fought for the people of this country so we can live freely to be and do most anything we want. My Uncle Howard and my Uncle Neil are Veterans and I am very proud of them.

I also participated in the Heritage Day performances at the Ignacio Schools honoring National Native American month.

I, along with my brother Issac and Chairman Clement Frost, helped with the



Opening Ceremony for the new ELHI community center building. This was important to me as me and my brothers are a part of the La Plata County Independent Performing arts group who now have a studio in the ELHI Building.

I also attended the Southern Ute Thanksgiving Dinner greeting my Ute people. My family and I traveled to Fort Duchesne, Utah to attend the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow ... that was fun cause it snowed really hard.

I also participated at the young bull riders association invitational. At the Sky Ute Fairgrounds welcoming all the young bull riders to our reservation ... I really liked this as I come from a family of bull riders, bronc riders and most importantly mutton busters.

I attended the Taste of Christmas starting out the holiday season. We handed out candy canes welcomed people and round danced it was fun.

I went to my first tribal Inauguration, watched my

aunt Lorelei and Uncle Alex become council members.

I participated in the Leonard C. Burch Day walk.

I also was present for the Tribal Christmas Dinner.

I also started out this year by attending the Sobriety Powwow.

Oh I almost forgot, I also participated in the Al Rocker "Rockerthon." Al Rocker was trying to break a world record broadcasting the weather from I think all fifty states. I really didn't know who Al Rocker was until that day. He visited the Four Corners Monument. It was cold and although we were with our sister tribe the Ute Mountain, me and my brother end up standing on the Utah side of the mounment. Al thought we were from Utah and gave us an Al Rocker flag and hat. It was fun. I later found out it was for the Today Show and that people from all over the country seen me on TV. It was fun but I really liked meeting bigfoot whose sign read he came out of hiding just to see Al Rocker. I thought he was going to be mad at my brother Elliott cause he shot his big toe during the Tri-Ute Games archery competition last summer. But he wasn't mad he let us take a picture with him.

So this is what I've been up to, I will tell you more in my next report.

*Thank you,*  
*Dewayne Hendren*  
*Southern Ute Brave,*  
*2015-2016*

## What if a loved one has cancer and doesn't know?

American Indians are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Early screening can save lives.



Everyone 50 and older should be screened for colon cancer. Contact your health care provider to learn more.

Andrea Martinez  
970 563 0154/ EX 2347  
CHR/ HEALTH SERVICES



## Membership Outreach Meeting and Scoring Night!

Join us for dinner. Take some time to meet the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board and to talk about your wildlife resources

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Multipurpose Building

Official B&C Scorers from the Jicarilla Apache G&F will be on hand to score your trophies

Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management  
(970)563-0130

## Attention Elders!

42nd annual Denver March Powwow  
March 25-27, 2016  
Denver Coliseum—Denver CO

Elders Travel arrangements must be made through  
Elders Services (970) 563-0156  
Travel Requests deadline is March 14, 2016



TRIBAL HEALTH

## Dental health, Q&A

Staff report  
SU HEALTH DEPT.

### What makes a pediatric dentist different from a general dentist?

Pediatric dentists have completed 2-3 additional years of training after dental school to become child dental specialists.

They are dedicated to the oral health of children from infancy through the teen years. They have the experience and qualifications to care for a child's teeth, gums, and mouth throughout the various stages of childhood.

### Why are baby teeth important?

Keeping your baby's teeth clean and free of cavities is important for several reasons.

1. Baby teeth are needed to bite and chew food well so your child can develop and grow properly
2. They are essential for the ability to learn to make sounds, words and speak clearly
3. Baby teeth hold the space for developing grown-up teeth that replace the baby teeth starting at about ages 5 to 7.
4. If the baby teeth need to be removed too early because of cavities or injury, the permanent teeth may grow in out of position and cause crowding. Crowded teeth may cause problems with the way a

child's teeth fit together, his or her self-esteem and are more likely to get cavities.

5. When children have cavities, dental infection or toothaches, it has proven they do not perform as well in school.

### When do children start losing their teeth?

Often parents think the first permanent teeth to grow in are the top and bottom front teeth. Often it is the first permanent molars that grow in.

Parents should be aware these molars grow in behind or in back of the baby molars. These molars are very important and parents should be looking for them to appear in the mouth around age 5 to 6.

### When should a child first come to the dentist?

Ideally, the first visit should be scheduled when the first baby tooth grows into the mouth or by a child's first birthday. The goal is to establish a dental home for the parents to learn the proper ways to care their child's teeth, things they can do to prevent cavities and ways to prevent dental injuries.

These early visits will help the child become accustomed to visiting the dental clinic and empower the family with dental knowledge.

We do not want the first time we meet a child to be for a dental emergency. That

is usually not a good experience for the child or the parents. One way to remember when the right time to bring your child to the dentist is this phrase: "Two is too late".

### How long or to what age should a parent supervise their child's tooth brushing?

Toddlers can and should be encouraged to help brush their teeth as soon as they can hold a toothbrush. Children should continue "practicing" brushing their teeth into elementary school. However, parents should still brush their children's teeth until they are 7 to 8 years of age (about the same time they can tie their own shoelaces or write in cursive). After age 8, children should be able to brush their own teeth twice a day, but will require some supervision until about age 10 to 12 to ensure they are doing a thorough job.

Remember, each child is different. Your child's dentist can help you determine whether your child is brushing and flossing properly.

### What programs does the Southern Ute Dental Clinic offer to the children of the community?

Our community outreach programs provide kid-friendly dental services at Head Start and the Academy.

These services include: Dental screenings, fluoride varnish applications, sealant placement and oral health education for our children.

There is still time to sign up to receive these services. If parents would like their child to benefit from these programs, please return the completed consent form to your child's school. If any parent or guardian would like more information on these programs, please call the Southern Ute Dental Clinic at 970-563-4719.

For more information about your child's oral health, visit the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry website at [aapd.org](http://aapd.org).

Children's Dental Appointments Available - Call to Schedule!

Dr. Brian Talley, Children's Dentist and Pediatric will be here:

Monday	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8-5
Tuesday	March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 8-5
Wednesday	March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 8-5
Thursday	March 17 <sup>th</sup> , 8-5

Please call the Dental Office at 563-4719 or 563-4100 Ext 2368 To make an appointment for your children

## WHY WILL WRITING IS IMPORTANT • FROM PAGE 1

2. After the spouse passes (or if there is no spouse) the interest will pass to all of your eligible children equally;
3. If no children survive you, then to your eligible grandchildren who survive you;
4. If none, to your parents, if they survive you;
5. If none, then to your brothers and sisters who survive you;
6. If none, then to the Tribe.

### For allotment interests less than 5%, the rules are different:

1. A life estate to your spouse ONLY if the spouse lives on the parcel;
2. All other allotments of less than 5% go to your oldest living eligible child (this is called the "single heir rule");
3. If none, then to your oldest living eligible grandchild;
4. If none, then to your oldest living eligible great grandchild;
5. If none, then to the Tribe.

### WHAT A WILL ALLOWS YOU DO

#### A valid will allows you to, among other things:

1. Choose the family members and friends you wish to receive your allotment interests and IIM account balance;
2. Leave your allotment interests in trust status to any or all of your lineal descendants (your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren), whether or not they are Tribal members;
3. Leave a life estate in an allotment to a non-Indian spouse, family member, or friend;
4. Prevent any forced sale of your allotments by the Probate Court.
5. Leave your interests in separate allotments to different family members.
6. Leave your allotment interests to several family members "as joint tenants" so they can enjoy ownership during their lives, the last survivor taking the permanent

- ownership.
7. Request a sale at probate of some or all of your allotment interests with the proceeds to be shared among your heirs as you choose.

### SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WRITING A WILL

Allotments and Tribal assignments are treated differently. An allotment is an interest in Indian Trust lands held by the government in trust for individual Beneficiaries. The allotment itself is usually not divided, but the ownership interest is divided among the various owners (Beneficiaries.) This results in most allotments having many owners. Allotments and IIM accounts are probated by the BIA, which gathers the necessary information for the probate and prepares a probate package, and the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), which will hold a hearing at which an Administrative Law Judge will decide how the estate will be distributed according to law. The Judge will follow the provisions of a valid will in distributing the estate.

Assignments are grants by the Tribe of Tribal lands to individual Tribal members. The Tribal member who receives the assignment is asked to name a beneficiary. The named beneficiary is then given a preferential right to receive the assignment upon the death of the assignee; however, the Tribal Council must approve the actual assignment to the beneficiary.

You only need one will. It can be probated by OHA to distribute your allotment interest and IIM account balance, and by the Tribal Court to distribute all your non-Trust assets.

You do not need an attorney to help you prepare a will. However, the provisions of a will can be complicated, and the signing of the will must be done properly for it to be accepted by the Probate Court. The will must comply with the pro-

visions of the Colorado Probate Code, AIPRA, and the rules of common law. Therefore, wills should only be prepared by someone who is knowledgeable about the law. After all, there is little anyone can do to "fix" a will after the testator's death.

For attorneys, will preparation is the practice of law. Therefore, law students are required to prepare wills under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

A will does not need to be notarized to be effective, as long as it is witnessed according to state law. However, then the witnesses, if they are available, will be called to testify about the will-signing when the will is probated. Attaching a sworn (notarized) affidavit to the will, sworn to by the witnesses, stating that the will was properly executed, takes the place of the witnesses' testimony at the probate hearing. The witnesses' testimony is not required unless there is a court challenge to the execution of the will.

It is possible for a mentally incapacitated person to write a will. The threshold for Testators is much lower than the threshold for appointing a guardian, generally only requiring that Testators be reasonably aware of the contents of their estate, and that they are aware of the "objects of their bounty," generally all their family members. Colorado has a specific statute to cover the proof of capacity of the testator in these situations, which allows a Court to determine the competency of a Testator at the time the will is signed.

There is no requirement that a will be filed anywhere, but it is good practice to file it with the Tribal Court so everyone knows where it is and it does not get misplaced when it is needed.

If you would like to have a will drafted for you by students from the University of Denver Law School during the week of March 14, please call Julie or Rayelene at the OST Southern Ute Field Office at 970-563-1013 for an appointment.

## Winter brings new fitness challenges

**S**hining Mountain Health and Wellness hosted a Winter Family Fitness Challenge on February 6, 2016 at SunUte Community Center. Families showed up in their favorite super hero costumes and brought their best fitness moves.



Maria Rivera and kids Keyon and Jaelyn enjoy their family time together trying to balance on the balance boards.



The Hendren and Suina families, enjoys getting fit together, doing the fitness ball challenge.

Photos by **Trennie Collins**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal elder, Ula Gregory pulls with all her might as she pushes herself to finish the weight sled challenge.



Shannon Howell takes control of the ropes at the Winter Family Fitness Challenge.





## SUIMA

### Parental group hosts family breakfast

by Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy recently hosted a family breakfast on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 17. The breakfast was provided by the Parent Advisory Group, which is consisted of parents and teachers who bring forth strategies, concerns, and solutions that would further benefit Academy students and their academics. The first family breakfast served green chili burritos, fruit, and milk – while the parents took time to meet with the instructors. “[The Parent Advisory Group] has worked very hard to get these events together and talk about learning strategies for the kids,” Carol Baker Olguin, SUIMA director said. “They’re planning different events in the future, so there will be a lot going on with our students.”

Leann Wilson, chairperson



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Shiri Howell enjoys breakfast with her son, Joe Howell at the SUIMA family breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 17. of the Parent Advisory Group, a silent auction and book fair. We’re going to be busy the next couple of months, but we’re happy to go out and adjust our relationships with the community.”

The Parent Advisory Group currently has two open seats available, and encourages anyone to take part in providing support for Academy students. To apply, submit a letter of intent to the SUIMA Administration, or contact them directly at 970-563-0253.

### COUNCIL WELCOMES YOUTH • FROM PAGE 1



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council thanked outgoing youth for their dedication and the work they did on behalf of Southern Ute youth. Pictured (left-right) are outgoing Youth Council members Lonicia O’John, Randy Herrera and Cameron Weaver.

“It’s an important day to recognize our young people they are a gift from our creator. Through this honor we look at helping them become leaders for the tribal membership,” Chairman Clement J. Frost said. Vice Chairwoman, Lorelei Cloud said she was excited to see more young women on the Youth Council and encourages the young ladies to, “stand in their own power”. Prior to them being selected, outgoing Council lady, Lonicia O’John, was the only female to sit on the Youth Council. The three new comers will be taking over the seats of outgoing members: Cameron Weaver, Randy Herrera, and Lonicia O’John.

“It was an honor to work with them, I believe they are the future of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” SCSYAC Coordinator, Mary Guenther said of the outgoing youth.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

### Ryan Naranjo

My name is Ryan Naranjo. I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am a 3rd grader. My favorite subjects in school are guided reading, spelling, and recess. My parents are Josie Jack and Joe Naranjo. I like participating in sports. In addition, I want to be a professional baseball, football, and basketball player when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because I have been turning all my homework in and completing my work at school without turning a card.

“Thank you to my teachers for nominating me and thank you to my parents for their support.”

## Silent Auction

Friday, March 18, 5 – 7 p.m.

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Dining Hall

Come see and bid on the artwork of Mr. Russell Box Sr. and SUIMA students. All proceeds from the artwork will go to SUIMA’s Art Program.

Also bid on gift baskets donated by SUIMA and the Parent Advisory Group (PAG) activities for SUIMA students.

Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m., Frito pie, dessert, & drinks  
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# Valentine's Powwow brought the love



Miali Snow and Jack Frost III, along with fellow two-steppers, hit the floor for the chance to take home the top honors.



Junior Miss Ute Mountain Ute Anna Dale and Paul LaRose were chosen as the best two-step partners.

**The Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association held its Valentine's Day Powwow Saturday, Feb. 13 inside the Southern Ute Multi Purpose Facility. There was gourd dance in the afternoon followed by a community potluck and grand entry in the evening. The mid-winter powwow featured entertaining contests and raffles for the public to enjoy.**

**Photos by Sacha Smith**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Kessley StandingRock, took home first place in the Switch Dance held during the Valentine's Day Powwow.



Nate Hendren put on a pink dress and shawl to compete in the Switch Dance Saturday evening.



Straight dancer, Joe Howell makes his way around the powwow circle.



Helena Taylor, right, took home first place in the Prettiest Shawl Contest.



Southern Ute Youth, Caesar Thompson, Hunter Frost, Anthony Suina and David Boyd sang the Flag Song to start the powwow.

## BGC feels the love



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrated the season of love with a slice of pie at Ignacio's Patio Restaurant – part of the Patio's annual Valentine's Day fundraiser. The Patio along with the Mouache Capote Salon & Spa, 7-2-11, El Dorado Cafe, Farmer's Fresh Market, Walkers Do It Best, and Dancing Spirit sold paper hearts at their establishments to help raise money for the Club. The business selling the most hearts will be treated with a snack provided by the Boys & Girls Club, while the highest selling employee at the Patio Restaurant will receive a spa day, courtesy of the Patio. 7-2-11 sold the most hearts in the Valentine's fundraiser.



Club members pose with Emily Meisner, manager of the Patio Restaurant.

Club members Shannon Howell, Caleb Lemasters, Alexis Ortiz, Gabe Cox, and Vincent Naranjo display their Valentine's Day hearts.



Each tiny tot dancer received \$10 for participating in the powwow from coordinator Edward Box III.





SUNUTE

# SunUte to close gym

*Heating and Venting/AC Replacement Project*

**Staff report**  
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

The SunUte Community Center is scheduled to close the gymnasium/basketball courts to replace the basketball court's heating/venting and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. This project is necessary to replace the gymnasium's aging HVAC system that supplies the proper combination of fresh, temperature controlled air.

This capital improvement project is scheduled by the Tribe's Construction & Project Management Department (C&PM) to take place between March 7 and May 7. Due to the amount of work required to reroute air conduit, electric lines, and air exchange systems, it was deemed necessary to close the gym to the public for the duration of the project. This closure is to insure public safety and to also support an efficient working environment to finish the project as quickly as possible.

Closing of the gym does

not affect any other part of the SunUte Community Center. The Pool, Fitness Floor, Tumbling-Tots, Active-Kid-Care and Group-X classes will all be available as scheduled.

Programing most affected by the closure will be the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) and SunUte's Recreation Division. Boys & Girls Club operations will remain the same. Other arrangements for physical activities are being made during the gym closure. BGC will notify parents of all changes in schedules.

SunUte's Recreation Division scheduled youth basketball leagues earlier than usual this year to address the closure, as they will be limited in the type of indoor recreation programing the Division can offer while the gym is closed. Recreation will still be hosting the MAYB tournament on March 19, which will be held at the Ignacio High School. Also, during the closure SunUte and Grounds Maintenance staff

will be clearing the outdoor basketball courts, depending upon weather, on a regular basis for those willing to take the game outside.

If you typically visit the SunUte Community Center to use the indoor basketball courts we strongly encourage you to investigate the many other health and fitness opportunities available at SunUte.

Other opportunities include, but are not limited to; stationary cardio machines, free weights, taking a Group-X exercise class to focus on your core, attend one of our new Yoga classes, schedule a time with one of our free fitness trainers to develop a work out regiment custom tailored specifically for you, challenge yourself to swimming laps, or simply sweat it out and relax in our all cedar dry-sauna.

For questions, comments, or more information please contact the SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214 or visit our website at [www.sunute.com](http://www.sunute.com).

## Fishing on Capote ice



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

As temperatures reached the low 50's Saturday, Feb. 13 dozens of eager fishermen spent the day competing in Lake Capote's Ice Fishing Contest. There will be ice-fishing this weekend from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. See [www.lakecapote.com](http://www.lakecapote.com) for information.

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## NANAETO NAMED INTERIM E.D. • FROM PAGE 1

KSUT celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Listeners have picked KSUT as the Durango Herald

Readers Choice Award winner for Best Radio Station each of the past three years. Questions about the Ex-

ecutive Director search can be directed to Sheila Nanaeto at 970-563-0255 or [sheila@ksut.org](mailto:sheila@ksut.org).

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March 19, 2016 (Saturday)  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Ignacio, Colo.

(Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum)

This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 19 (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, 77 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colo., 81137.

The course fee is \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Class size is limited to 25 students. Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child. Pre-registration is required. Register online at <http://register-ed.com/events/view/76801>.

The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of the class must be completed before attending class on March 19. There are three options available for taking the Internet course, details will be provided when you register. Class time on Saturday is 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Students must complete the online course, attend the class, and pass a written and live fire test. Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class, all supplies will be provided.

## Yard Sale

February 20th, 2016  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## IHS WRESTLING

# Three Cats traveling to Pepsi Center

*Appenzeller, Beebe, Pena State-bound*

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Other than perhaps seeing regular unleaded gasoline as cheap as \$1.42 per gallon – at, fittingly, a ‘Loco’ station – near the Colorado Mesa University campus, Jordan Larsen had to be most pleased by the fact that with only six entrants, Ignacio Wrestling still managed to place sixth at the Feb. 12-13 Class 2A-Region I Championships.

And even more so by the fact that three of his Bobcats qualified individually for the 2016 CHSAA State Championships (Feb. 18-20) in Denver, after there was a possibility that at least five might make it to Pepsi Center.

First-year junior Mark Kempinski II was the only grappler guaranteed not to go, after an unfortunate day one injury-default loss only 0:09 into his first consolation-bracket match with Rangely senior Kiki Ruiz at 170 pounds. But after being planted on his head and reportedly feeling effects down into his mid-torso, Kempinski appeared o.k. on day two and was inside Brownson Arena supporting his teammates.

Junior Dalton Mickey went 1-2 at 145 but was stopped short of the placing round via a 5-4 loss to Norwood-Nucla’s William Gabriel, to whom he’d lost at the previous Thursday’s San Juan Basin League Duals held inside IHS Gymnasium.

And after a first-round ‘bye’ junior Timmy Plehinger was an unlucky five-match rule casualty after pinning Paonia’s Anthony Felice (in an elapsed 4:57) on the consolation side and improving to 2-3



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Lorenzo Pena squashes Norwood-Nucla’s Trenton Armintrout during their 2A-Region I encounter at 160 pounds. Armintrout managed to wriggle free and emerge the winner, but Pena also qualified for the 2016 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships by placing third.

for the tournament.

Though he did take fifth place at 152 pounds, and though it certainly felt good to have taken revenge upon the Eagle freshman – who’d defeated him 14-9 after his own free pass into the quarterfinals – seeing RHS’ Nych DeLeon awarded fourth (and the Mile High City trip) without sweating was an undesired outcome.

Plehinger finished the season with a 26-13 record. Mickey ended up 20-12 and Kempinski 6-12.

Now the good news: senior Tyler Beebe and juniors Ethan Appenzeller and Lorenzo Pena are moving on, after having placed second, first and third, at their respective weights.

At 132 pounds, Beebe (33-10 prior to State) went 3-1 including a quality pin of Hotchkiss’ Colton DeLuzio 52 seconds into the third period in the semifinals. And though Dove Creek’s Case Baughman again managed to lead him on the scoreboard after six first-place minutes, Bee-

be’s 4-0 loss to the Bulldog – who’d topped him 8-4 at the SJBL’s – again indicated a closing of the gap between the two.

Victimized by Norwood-Nucla’s Trenton Armintrout 4-nil at the SJBL’s, Pena met his circuit rival in G.J. and was unfortunately pinned with 0:06 left in the second period. But bent on still another possible pairing inside Pepsi Center, Pena rebounded to finish his Region I run with three wins in four tries at 160. His last effort produced a 13-3 major-decision domination – and his 40th win this winter against only four losses – of Meeker’s Chase Rule.

Finally, N-N’s Aidan Dabal managed to go the distance with IHS’ Ethan Appenzeller after losing 9-2 in Ignacio, but again settled for second place after the Bobcat junior (34-1) prevailed 4-3 and completed a 3-0 march through the 138-pound division’s bracket after a first-round ‘bye.’

*Three Cats page 12*



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Anthony Manzanares (0) fires from deep over Ridgway’s Eli Hagemeyer (21) and Thor Ronemus (24) during the Bobcats’ unusual 38-37 road win Feb. 12. Manzanares scored eight points.

## IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Ridgway tries boring Cats into defeat

*IHS swipes last-second win, 38-37*

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seventy-five years ago, the Silverton Standard & The Miner reported a shift in the old San Juan League’s balance of basketball power, with its hometown Miners managing a ‘decisive defeat’ of Cortez down in Montezuma County by the incredibly inflated score of ... 24 to 13.

Elsewhere on Earth around that time, future Ridgway icon Steve Hill was born, not knowing the impact he’d have upon southwestern Colorado high-school hoops – both the boys’ and girls’ varieties – as a head coach, and certainly not knowing that, approaching 16 years since

his CHSAA Hall of Fame induction, usage of a low-key scheme from eras past would nearly topple the current 2A/1A San Juan Basin League’s long-reigning rulers.

Nearly. “It was tough to stay with ... a stall like that,” senior guard Wyatt Hayes admitted after Ignacio’s unusual 38-37 road win. “But we ended up staying with it ... in the end.”

“Honestly, we were just trying to play our game and not speed up,” said RHS counterpart Grant Saville. “And it worked well; we kept moving the ball until we saw an opportunity, then we drove and tried to capitalize.”

Content to weave the ball

in and amongst themselves around the three-point arc for as long as it took with no shot clock to worry about, the Demons were able to gradually grind the visitors’ 12-2 first-quarter lead down to 16-14 at halftime, and all but eliminate IHS’ up-tempo, high-scoring style.

“That is something that we don’t do well against, honestly” Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez said. “Against the Green in Sanford it’s the same thing: They slow it down, we get a misstep, there’s a backdoor cut or wide-open shot, and they hit it. And that’s what they did ... hit the shots when we made a little

*RHS tries page 12*

## IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Girls own Valentine’s weekend foes

*Garcia goes off on Nucla for 28*

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Clipboards clattering upon Ridgway Gymnasium’s court revealed the bosses weren’t happy.

And with 6:59 left in the first half of their Feb. 12 contest the Lady Bobcats didn’t even have to seek out Shane Seibel in the huddle for an explanation; they already knew what was going to be ordered.

“We needed to play together, and that whatever was going on between us needed to stop,” junior forward Alejandra Lujan recalled afterwards. “We needed to keep our heads up and try to get back into the game.”

Fortunately, they did get back in it.

And after allowing RHS sophomore Alize McCarty an easy basket – the cause for Seibel’s exasperated timeout – tying the teams’ Feb. 12 meeting at only 6-6 (Ignacio had led 6-4 after one quarter), Class 2A’s ninth-ranked crew began playing like the ninth-ranked crew.

A 10-0 run, capped by an unexpected Lujan three-pointer, gave IHS a lead large enough to withstand one last Lady Demon



Photographer/SU Drum

Ignacio’s Avionne Gomez tries driving baseline underneath Ridgway’s Emma Copp during the Lady Bobcats’ 54-19 road win Feb. 12. Gomez scored six points.

run – RHS rallied back to 18-12, before falling behind 24-13 at halftime – and ultimately build momentum towards a resounding 54-19 road victory.

“That was amazing,” Lujan said of her shot. “I was

like, ‘How did I make that?’ It was awesome.”

As if only allowing Ridgway one field goal during the third and fourth quarters combined wasn’t

*Girls own page 12*

## Lady Bobcats train future ballers



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the Lady Bobcats hosted their first ever-mini youth basketball camp at Ignacio High School, inviting girls from grades 1st through 5th to participate in a series of basketball drills. Trae Seibel coaches Zoe Velasquez during a lay-up exercise.



Ignacio High School girls varsity basketball coach, Shane Seibel coaches Darlyn Mendoza during a dribble exercise. A showcase game was played on Saturday, Feb. 13 during the Lady Bobcats game against Nucla High School.

Bobcat players keep up the pace with Jade Richards (junior), as she maneuvers the basketball’s direction.

**BOBCAT ACTION**  
Look for additional Bobcat coverage on  
The Southern Ute Drum’s website  
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## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### LCB WALK THANKS

We, the family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the Southern Ute tribal members, tribal employees, tribal departments, tribal elders, youth, individuals, community members that made the 4th Annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk a great success.

We would like to thank the following: Our sponsors; Southern Ute Growth Fund & Maynes, Bradford, Shippis and Sheftel Law Office. Also, Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Executive Officers; Ramona Eagle & Michelle Taylor- Cruz, Brandon Lucero for carrying grandpa's eagle staff, Yellowjacket drum group, Robin Duffy-Wirth & SunUte Fitness, Claudette Casaus, Sage-Bishop-Frane, Abel Velasquez, Ian Thompson, Beth Santistevan, Trennie Collins, So. Ute Drum staff, Deanna Frost and Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, Mary Gunther & the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, KSUT and staff, Tribal Information Services, Eddie & Betty Box; Sandman and Hummingbird Entertainment, Southern Ute Health Department, Southern Ute Police Department, American Diversity Business Solutions, Sky Ute Casino, Sky Ute Casino Food & Beverage Department, Rolling Thunder Lanes and all the participants in the LCBWalk/Run.

Also to include the LCB Art and Literacy Contest, this was a great achievement and success for many young students who took part in the academic, art competition & High School photo contest.

Students did an outstanding job in their art, poems, essays, photos and their ability to learn about what "Leadership" means to them. We thank you all for your participation and a job well done!

We also thank Natalie Bravo for her idea on the theme; "Leadership".

The prizes for each grade level were significant and many of the students were surprised and thankful of each of the awards given.

We would like to thank the following for all your hard work, time and participation; Southern Ute Public Relations; Sponsor Trennie B. Collins; Coordinator Tribal Information Services Sacha Smith & Robert L. Ortiz; The Southern Ute Drum photographers Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Administrators, guides, parents and relatives

Ignacio School District Administrators, teachers, resource staff, parents and relatives.

Judges: Carol Baker, Robin Duffy-Wirth, Trennie Collins, Lynnette Sage, Leora Lucero, Leonora Burch, Lisa Frost, Rachel Burch & Leona Burch

Plus, anyone we might have unintentionally not mentioned.

May the Creator look upon your path with guidance, protection, and love.

Wishing everyone a prosperous and successful New Year, 2016!

*Respectfully,  
Mrs. Irene C. Burch, daughters,  
sons-in-law, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren.*

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### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2015-NC-0126**

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Dated this 8th day of February, 2016.  
Chanel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Dated this 27th of January, 2016  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

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Dated this 26th day of January, 2016.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Dated this 1st of February, 2016  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

## COMMUNITY WISHES



### CONGRATS!!

Awesome job Fabian Martinez for making the Dean's List at Fort Lewis College. SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!

*Your,  
Auntie*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Bobby Jo Frost,  
You have earned recognition as a distinguished member of the President's Honor Roll. Your efforts exemplify outstanding scholarly achievement. The noteworthy scholastic achievement you have shown is to be celebrated. Your diligent work and commitment to your academic goals embodies the mission of San Juan College, which is to encourage and support lifelong learning. Based on your exemplary performance educational and career doors should open for you through your continued hard work and determination. The faculty, staff, and I congratulate you for your commendable achievement. I encourage you to continue the pursuit of excellence in all of your endeavors. Best wishes on your continued success.

*Sincerely,  
Toni Hopper Pendergrass  
President, San Juan College*

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Sydney Santistevan

**Job title:** Boys & Girls Club program aide

**Description of duties:** Assist in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities.

**Family:** Arnold Santistevan (father) and Verna Velasquez (mother).

**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe



### Dakotah S. Bitsui

**Job title:** Brown fields coordinator

**Description of duties:** In charge of brown fields environmental fund (environmental clean up)

**Hobbies:** Workout, eat, and rodeo

**Tribe:** Navajo



### Dana R. Martinez

**Job title:** Patrol officer trainee

**Description of duties:** To learn, understand, and comply with SUPD, policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and practice regarding Tribal law.

**Hobbies:** Hiking and going to the gym. Taking my dogs for long walks. Being active.

**Tribe:** Navajo



### LuRhea Ramone

**Job title:** Administrative Assistant

**Description of duties:** Provide administrative and clerical assistance to the environmental program.

**Hobbies:** Roping, spending time with family and collecting vinyl records.

**Tribe:** Navajo



### Theresa Ancell

**Job title:** Water Resources Department Director

**Description of duties:** Administer the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's water resources programs.

**Hobby:** Horse back riding, hiking, jeeping, and spending time with my family.

**Family:** 3 boys (13 years, 9 years, and 3 years)



### Daniel Gottlieb

**Job title:** Director of Investment

**Description of duties:** Guide asset allocation and investment manager selection for Permanent Fund Endowment.

**Hobbies:** Hiking, skiing, music, family and Chicago Cubs.

**Family:** Wife-Shari, Children-Diana and Jonah.



### Martin Smith

**Job title:** Lab Tech at the Southern Ute Health Center

**Description of duties:** Draw labs, run tests, work with machines for drawing blood, urine and glucose tests.

**Hobbies:** I own an internet radio station Heavens Country.com. When I'm not at work I'm in the studio broadcasting world wide.

**Family:** Wife-Katherine Smith, five grown daughters, 3 in Colorado Springs, 1 in Phoenix, AZ and 1 in Knoxville, TN.

**Tribe:** Choctaw

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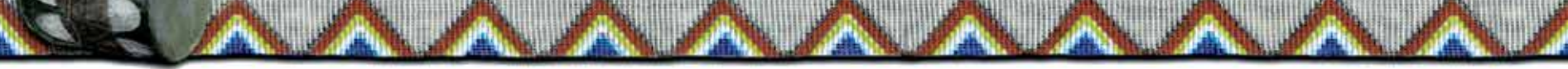
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### Weekend Road Runner service suspended

Road Runner Transit is suspending weekend service for Ignacio-area Dial-a-Ride due to a shortage of drivers and the vacancy in the Road Runner Transportation Division Director position after the passing of Clayton Richter on Feb. 10. SUCAP will resume the service once drivers have passed background checks, are hired and trained. Weekday Dial-a-Ride service will continue along with the other Road Runner services. Call SUCAP for further information at 970-563-4517.





## Pine River Indian Irrigation Project

*Southern Ute Agency/ BIA will start collecting Water Request Tickets beginning with 2016 Irrigation season in accordance to records of delivery as required in 25 CFR171.600  
2016 Irrigation rate \$18.00 per Acre*

Water Request Ticket forms are available at the Irrigation office 811 CR 517, BLDG 51 Ignacio, CO.  
Ph.# (970) 563-9484

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The Election Board is located on the second floor (east wing), of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building.

If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305 or our direct line 970-563-4789.

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### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

#### ETHICS COMMISSION – TWO VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for "Ethics Commission Member" position and for ONE vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" 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; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by March 25, 2016. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

#### WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to fill ONE 3-year seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, March 4, 2016.

#### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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

#### MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.





## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view job details and to apply online.

Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

### Geographic Information Systems Specialist – Red Willow (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/23/16

Develops and maintains GIS-based information systems for Red Willow Production Company projects; analyzes and manages the deployment of ESRI and Geospatial database products. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geology or related field is required; a combination of relevant and appropriate education and experience can be substituted for all or part of the degree requirement. GIS Certification, GIS Minor or similar qualification is required. Must have two years' experience using GIS software and applications. Must have a thorough knowledge of ESRI GIS and related database software. Must possess troubleshooting skills and ability to work independently. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Red Willow Production Company vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

### Senior Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closing date 2/23/16

Coordinates environmental, health and safety regulatory functions for the Growth Fund and its business enterprises.

Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in environmental science, earth science, life science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline and seven years work experience in an EHS or closely related capacity; OR a Master's degree in environmental science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline, and five years work experience in an EHS or closely related capacity is required. Must have five years of EHS work experience in the oil and gas industry. Must have experience providing environmental permitting, planning, designing and project oversight for mid-stream and Exploration and Production (E&P) related oil and gas projects. Must have excellent command of federal and state environmental and health and safety rules and regulations. Must have the ability to maintain EHS database systems for tracking compliance related, permits, documents, monitoring reports, audits and status of abatement/mitigation procedures. Must have experience in using AutoCAD and/or GIS systems for developing project site plans, drawings and maps. Must have proficient technical writing skills in order to prepare reports, standard operating procedures and other highly technical EHS documents. Must have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Participation in a positive and productive team-oriented environment is required. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

### General Accountant – GF Properties Group, LLC (Durango, CO)

Closing date 2/24/16

Ensuring that all general ledger, accounts receivable, fixed assets, job costing and accounts payable entries, adjustments, and reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Responsible for providing accounting support to the Controller, Assistant Controllers, and accounting staff, including general ledger, accounts receivable, fixed assets, job costing and accounts payable

responsibilities. This position will support the preparation of the monthly financial reporting packages and the annual audit function. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business, Finance or closely related field; OR an Associates' Degree in Accounting, Business or Finance or three years of full-time experience in an accounting position; OR a high school diploma or equivalent and five years full time experience in an accounting position is required. Computer knowledge with an intermediate working knowledge and experience with Microsoft Windows, Word, and Excel is required. Must have experience establishing and maintaining complex filing systems. Must be skilled using modern office equipment to include calculator, copy machine, and fax machine. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable under Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

### Natural Gas Operator – GF Utilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/24/16

Under general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, this position operates within the Southern Ute Natural Gas system and assists with the day to day operation of other Utilities tasks. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must have one year experience in natural gas distribution or gas pipeline operations. Must be able to operate a backhoe proficiently. Must be able to become certified in small diameter gas pipe fusion within one year of hire. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must have, or be able to obtain, Class "B" CDL within one year of hire. Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes. Must be able to work on call, irregular hours (shift work), holidays, and weekends. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

### Accounting Financial Analyst – GF Properties Group, LLC – Durango, CO

Close date: 03/01/2016

This position provides budgeting and financial analytical support for GF Properties Group; assists accounting staff in the daily operating activities, including administering the capital expenditure and operating budget process, while providing financial reporting analysis, and maintenance of enterprise key performance indicators. In addition, this position will provide annual audit support, and other duties, as needed. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business, Finance or related field is required. Must have four years full-time accounting experience in a business environment, including extensive experience in budgeting and financial analysis. Must have experience in the creation and production of financial reporting formats utilizing software report writing features and Excel that involve ratio analysis, trend analysis, graphic presentations of financial data, and creative display and analysis of key performance indicators. Must possess strong critical thinking skills, communication skills and organization skills. Must have computer experience with working at least an intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word, MS PowerPoint and advanced skills in MS Excel. Must have a valid drivers' license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Criminal Investigator

Open until filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

### Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

### Patrol Officer

Open until filled

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; 21.32/hour.

### Human Resources Director

Closing date 2/16/16

Under general direction of the Executive Officer, management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

### Technical Support Specialist

Closing date 2/16/16

Provide PC hardware, software, and basic network support for all tribal departments, tribal entities, and tribal members. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

### Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Closing date 2/18/16

Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$12.91/hour.

### Boys & Girls Club Aide (Full-time)

Closing date 2/18/16

Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$12.91/hour.

### Certified Pharmacy Technician

Closing date 2/18/16

Works under the supervision of a pharmacist and provides technical support of the pharmacy department at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### Deputy Court Clerk

Closing date 2/18/16

Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Dentist

Closing date 2/23/16

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

### After School Guide (Part-time)

Closing date 2/24/16

Regular part-time position, provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program.

### Health Services Manager/Lead CHR

Closing date 2/24/16

Management and administration of programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade 17; \$35,778/annual.

### Nurse Practitioner (2 positions)

Closing date 2/24/16

### Referral Coordinator Health Services

Closing date 2/24/16

Maintains ongoing tracking of patient referrals for in-house/out sourced services, ensure that referrals are addressed in a timely manner, keep physicians updated with accurate documentation in system, sets up appointment, maintains insurance authorization, ensures complete and accurate registration, demographics and current patient insurance. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### TERO Division Head

Closing date 3/2/16

Administration and enforcement of existing Southern Ute Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and TERO Code, as well as administering Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) contract. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annual.

### Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

### Central Supply Clerk

Closing date 2/24/16

Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, assisting the Central Supply Technician with the Supply Room and Central Receiving. Assisting with maintenance of Supply Room inventory, processing and distributing Supply Room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

## SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)

### Facility and Occupant Safety Coordinator

Closing date 2/26/16

You are joining a group of dedicated people who all have one thing in common: they care deeply about kids and want to make sure they are safe at all times. Southern Ute Head Start; an excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Full-time, 40 hours, flexible schedule is required. Facility Occupant Safety Programs experience preferred. High School Diploma or GED required. Able to lift minimum of 30 lbs. and experience with power tools. Work will require the use of computer. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

### Multiple Ignacio School District job openings

All jobs – Open until filled

Welding Teacher Substitute, Kindergarten Aide, Counselor, Counseling Secretary, Elementary Science, Assistant Soccer and Track coaches.

## Invitation to Bid on School District Property

Ignacio School District has the following: 2001 Chevy Cavalier (Tan), 2.2L gas engine, 115604 miles, runs good, new front tires. ITEM IS BID "AS IS." All bids must be received at 455 Becker Street prior to 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22. Bids may be mailed to Ignacio School District, CHEVY CAR, PO Box 460, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand delivered. Sealed bids will be opened at 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, in the Administration Building at 455 Becker Street, Ignacio, CO 81137. Call 970-563-0510 for more information. The Ignacio Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

## Quichas Apartment for Rent

3BR/2.5 BA. \$578/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at [shey@sugf.com](mailto:shey@sugf.com). Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at our Three Springs office, 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours – Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

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

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

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

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 2/19/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old+. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 2/19/16

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

### \*User Support/Database Administrator (Full-time)

Closing date 2/22/16

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 years experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

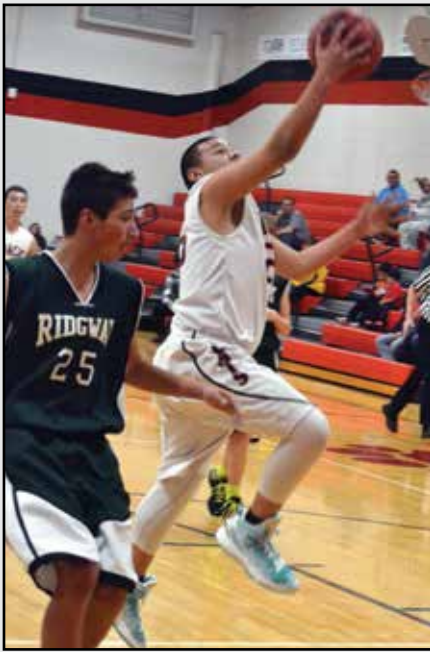
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## JV Boys score two wins



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Daniel Weaver leaves Ridgway's Jon Bustos (25) on the IHS Gymnasium floor as he rises for a layup in transition during the junior-varsities' Feb. 5 meeting. Able to blank the Demons 17-0 in the fourth quarter, the Bobcats prevailed 42-18 – setting the scene for a 49-24 win at RHS a week later.

Ignacio's Clay Seibel (foreground) and Calvin Levato sandwich Ridgway's Parker Northey (15) during junior-varsity action Feb. 12 at RHS. Victorious their previous time out against the Demons a week earlier, the Bobcats again stormed out to a large lead (18-4 after one quarter, 28-8 through two) en route to a 49-24 win.

## GIRLS OWN VALENTINE'S • FROM PAGE 8

additionally 'awesome' enough, that element would only increase after the Lady Cats returned home and hammered a credible Nucla squad 69-40 to improve to 14-3 overall, 10-0 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League.

One of the reasons was the return of guard/forward Hilda Garcia. After missing the previous weekend's home wins over RHS and Ouray, the sophomore stormed back into operation with 14 points in the 35-point rout of Ridgway and doubled that to a sizzling 28 in the 29-point trouncing of NHS.

"We're going to come back even stronger. And we're going to play better together, especially after tonight," Lujan had predicted – correctly, in hindsight – before departing Ouray County. She'd totaled 14 points versus the Lady Demons, with senior forward Ellie Seibel also equaling Garcia's scoring output.

And just like at RHS, Ignacio effectively put the Lady Mustangs out of business with a 24-4 third-quarter explosion, increasing a 30-18 advantage to an insurmountable 54-22 with only eight regulation minutes remaining.

Sophomore guard Avionne Gomez, who booked six points at Ridgway, finished with 15 on home flooring against Nucla. Seibel had six points and seven rebounds, and senior guard Chrystianne Valdez – scoreless the evening before –



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alejandra Lujan directs a fast break during road action Feb. 12 at Ridgway. Lujan scored 14 points, matching teammates Hilda Garcia and Ellie Seibel for the team high.

netted eight points and had a reported six steals. Garcia spread around eight assists as well.

Senior Brynne Skalla led Ridgway (5-12 overall after the next day's loss at Dolores) with eight points, and McCarty finished with five. Statistics for Nucla (12-5) were still unreported as of the Drum's deadline.

Up next, the Lady Cats will wrap up the regular season at home, Feb. 20 versus Telluride. Results

from the previous night's trip to Norwood – ranked #9 in the CHSAA Now.com Class 1A poll (like the 2A poll, released 2/8) – with the SJBL's overall title at stake were unavailable at press time.

The Lady Mavericks were 16-1, 9-0 prior to visiting Ouray on Tuesday, Feb. 16, having scored 235 points in their four previous outings (versus Mancos, RHS, Dove Creek, and at THS) while allowing only 49.

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One victory came via forfeit over PHS' Clay Campbell in the semis, after Andy Pipher elected to get his man some additional rest time after sustaining some Day 1 damage. Campbell then somehow managed to wrestle well enough in the consolation rounds and eventually was a by-rule, Denver-bound fourth-placer.

The Cats had been ranked No. 9 in the final On The Mat team poll before the event, and were joined at it by fellow top-tens Meeker (#2), Hotchkiss (#6) and Paonia (#7) to make for one of the state's toughest regionals.

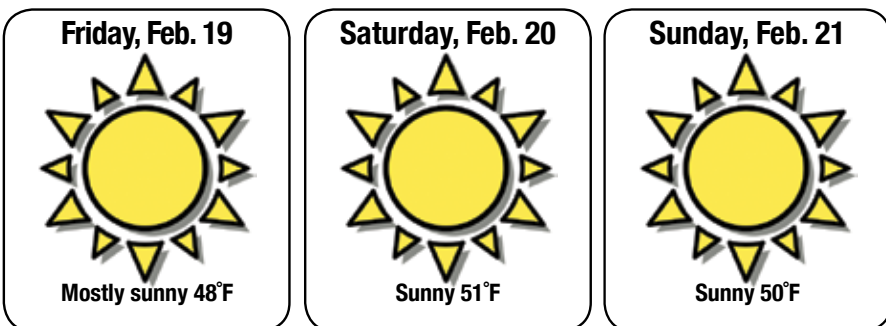
### 2A-Region I, Team standings

- Hotchkiss 226, 2. Paonia 216.5, 3. Meeker 205, 4. Norwood-Nucla 189, 5. Cedaredge 149, 6. **IGNACIO 83**, 7. Hayden 82, 8. Dolores 66, 9. Mancos 55, 10. Oak Creek Soroco 47, 11. Dove Creek 31, 12. Rangely 30, 13. Kremmling West Grand 28, 14. Walden North Park 16.

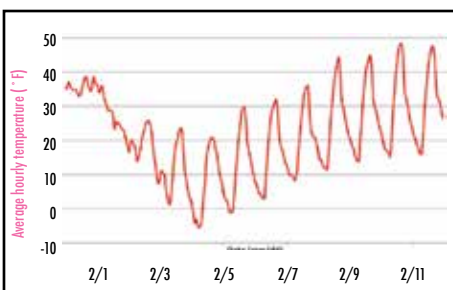
### 2A-Region I, Champions

106—Sergio Campos (Hotchkiss); 113—Brandon Ward (Dolores); 120—Sheridan Harvey (Meeker); 126—Sackett Chesnik (Paonia); 132—Case Baughman (Dove Creek); **138—ETHAN APPENZELLER (IGNACIO)**; 145—Bo Pipher (Paonia); 152—Hayden Harris (Norwood-Nucla); 160—Trenton Armintrout (Norwood-Nucla); 170—T.J. Shelton (Meeker); 182—Devon Pontine (Meeker); 195—Trevor Smith (Paonia); 220—Ethan Barnes (Norwood-Nucla); Hwt—Tyler Ilgen (Meeker).

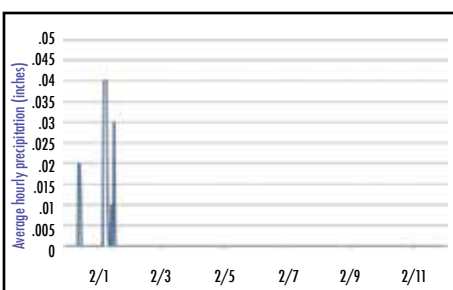
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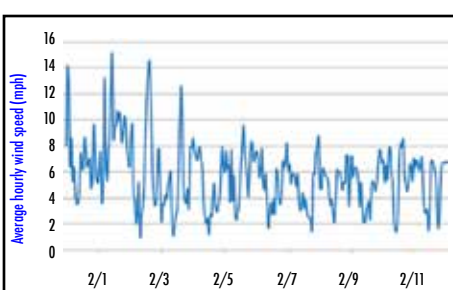
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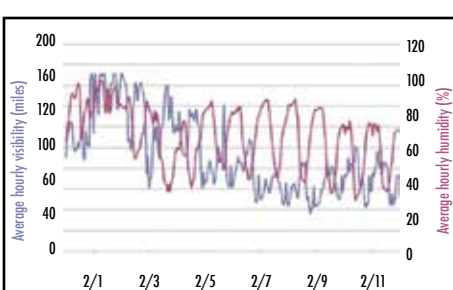
Temperatures	
High	48.4°
Low	-5.6°
Average	21.9°
Average last year	3.03°
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High (1/16-1/30)	45.7°
Low (1/16-1/30)	-0.8°



Precipitation	
Total	0.210"
Total last year	0.340"
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Total (1/16-1/30)	1.150"



Wind speed	
Average	5.7
Minimum	1.0
Maximum	15.0
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Avg. (1/16-1/30)	5.6
Min. (1/16-1/30)	0.0
Max. (1/16-1/30)	22.4



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	93.9
Average humidity	67.5%

Air quality	
Good	
Air quality descriptor: 44	

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mistake defensively."

With 5:20 left in the third quarter, RHS junior Thor Ronemus tied the game at 20-20 with a strong take and sudden star senior Eli Hagemeyer then followed soon after with two free throws and a driving basket to increase Ridgway's advantage to an improbable 26-20.

"We've played Ignacio – or at least I have – for six years and we've never come close to ... a game like this, that's been such a nail-biter," said Hagemeyer, whose ten points during the period equaled the Bobcats' output.

"They take third in the state every single year," he continued. "We just figured if we can slow it down enough to where we can take it possession by possession, play by play, we can be in it. So we just told ourselves 'Hey, slow it down, be patient, have composure,' and that was that."

"You've got to lock them down and play good defense," Saville (8 points) added. "And just not get rattled; they can definitely go on a 20-2 run in a couple minutes – you've just got to slow it down and play your game."

Sophomore Kruz Pardo's late layup pulled IHS back to 28-26 beginning the fourth quarter, and senior Tucker Ward then answered a Ronemus FT with a critical three-pointer to re-tie the score at 29. Ward (7 points) then sank one of two FT's with 5:36 left to put the Cats (14-2, 9-0 SJBL) up one, but with Hayes-like confidence Ridgway senior Hasten Beamer soon drained a trey to knot the count at 32.

Still staying patient in their main methodology, the Demons managed to

pull ahead, 36-32, via a Saville bucket and then two Saville freebies with only 1:12 left. Hayes (10 points, 3-4 FT), however, drove hard and scored with 0:57 left, then came up with a steal at the other end, yielding senior Nick Herrera's tying hoop.

Undaunted, Beamer (6 points) then hit the front end of a 1-and-1 with 0:27 left, and RHS (10-8, 5-6 after the next day's 59-54 loss at Dolores) caught a major break when IHS senior Anthony Manzanares missed the front of his after Ronemus somehow clanked a pair only three ticks after Beamer's make.

Fouled while controlling Manzanares' miss, Saville went to the charity stripe for what the home fans expected to be the clinching two free throws, but he inexplicably missed both and Hayes tied up Hagemeyer on the rebound. The Demons had the possession arrow but Hayes wasted little time in stealing the ball, then taking it end-to-end for what would be – after Saville's desperation three-ball fell just short – the winning layup with 0:04.4 left.

"You've got to give Ridgway credit; they played a really good game," said Hayes. "They slowed us down, made us play a game that's not how we like to play. We ended up making shots down the stretch and got the win."

"The thing I took away is that our kids took some clutch shots down the stretch, the right people wanted the basketball, and then everybody stuck together defensively," Valdez said. "In the huddles it... was like 'Come on, we can do this! We're still in the game!' and here we go with a steal here, a layup here."

Hawked constantly during the final eight minutes, Hagemeyer (5-5 FT) still booked a game-high 17 points.

"Honestly, I didn't think I was going to get the ball!" he said. "But I got it, and just figured I had to do something with it ... Cloud Nine, that's where I was."

"Now we know what we're capable of," he continued, looking forward to a possible high-stakes postseason meeting. "And if Ignacio can do it, and we lost by one point, why can't we?"

Herrera totaled an essential nine points, Manzanares had eight and senior Austin McCaw two for the 'Cats.

"I think that we're going to play them for the championship of the district; nobody else can touch us," said Valdez. "And if we can get a third chance at them we're going to take advantage."

Up next IHS will wrap up the regular season Feb. 20 at home against Telluride. Results from the previous night's trip to Norwood, as well as a telling home tilt on Feb. 16 versus 1A Monticello, Utah, were unavailable by the Drum's deadline.

"This game prepared us pretty good," Hayes said of facing the Buckaroos (at the time 15-2 overall, 6-0 UHSAA Region 19), "because if it's a close game we know how to win down the stretch. We need to step up our defense and ... on offense take better shots and not rush things."

"We go into the Monticello game with more of a sense of urgency," said Valdez. "We can't come out good and then give up a bunch of points ... and let them believe they can beat you. Because they're a lot better than this."