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# The Southern Ute Drum

## COUNCIL AFFAIRS

### Red, Frost take their seats on Council

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has welcomed two new members, Adam Red and Kevin Frost, who both gathered the highest number of votes during the tribal runoff election, which was held on Friday, Dec. 16. Red and Frost will be filling in for the vacated seats of James M. Olguin and Melvin J. Baker, who adjourned from their positions at the beginning of December.

Red garnered a number of 174 votes while Frost closed out with 143 votes. Other nominees running for a seat in Tribal Council included Shane Siebel (138 votes) and Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie (114 votes).

A certification of votes and a swearing in ceremony was held in Council Chambers on Monday, Dec. 19 as the two candidates officially took their seats following their inauguration that was



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Chief Judge Chantel Cloud swears in tribal member Adam Red as Southern Ute Councilman.

facilitated by Chief Judge Chantel Cloud.

“I thank all of the support that has been given, and I thank the Creator for guiding me through,” stated Red. “I also want to thank all of the tribal membership who got out and voted for me. There’s a lot of work to be done, and I look forward to working with my fellow councilmembers.”

Kevin Frost gave per-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Chief Judge Chantel Cloud swears in tribal member Kevin Frost as Southern Ute Councilman.

sonal thanks by stating, “I give my sincerest thanks to the tribal membership. I am humbled by the trust and responsibility I have been given in order to aide our membership. We must remember that Democracy dies behind closed doors, and while the road ahead will not be easy, we must focus and invest our intention on the tribal membership, because they are our

biggest assets. Leaders set out to make a difference, and the time has come for us to roll up our sleeves and get to work.”

Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud commemorated the two councilmen by stating, “I congratulate Mr. Frost and Mr. Red on their victory, as well as giving thanks to the tribal membership for going out and exercising their right to vote. There are a lot of fresh ideas that will be brought to the table, and I admire their perseverance because they have shown that they want to be here. We look forward to working with them and move forward in a good way for our membership.”

“It’s time for the younger leaders to step in,” stated councilwoman Amy J. Barry. “I look forward to working with Mr. Red and Mr. Frost in sailing this ship toward success. Congrats to them, and we’ll be sure to roll up

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## COUNCIL AFFAIRS

### Tribe rebuts OSC report

By SUIT Council

#### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Yesterday, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel released to the media a biased report detailing a legal settlement between the BIA and a former local BIA agency employee. Within the report the Tribe is misrepresented as actively trying to skirt environmental regulations, then seeking retaliation for a BIA employee “whistleblower” who had refused to let environmental mandates slide. This is simply not the case. While it is true that we requested the BIA reassign this particular employee, it was not for the reasons stated in the OSC report. Rather, it was the result of years of wanton incompetence, disrespect for the Tribe and its employees, and disregard for the Tribe’s sovereignty. This action was taken only after months of repeated attempts to work with the local office and this individual in a constructive way.

At the time, the local BIA office was subject to two Office of Inspector General inquiries, at least three General Accountability Office investigations, at least one internal BIA investigation, and at least three negative Office of Special Trustee records assessments. These governmental reports detailed the deplorable condition of the records and files of the BIA’s local office and the lack of resources to deal with the Tribe’s oil and gas activities. We want to emphasize that tribal leadership and staff acted in the Tribe’s best interest and at no time was anyone asked to do anything illegal. In fact, with the assistance of the Tribe’s departments and legal staff, almost all of

the pending projects were ultimately completed, despite delays by BIA. As you know, the United States and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently reached a settlement in the Sisseton lawsuit that related to the Department of the Interior’s (and specifically the BIA’s) breach of trust, including damages for BIA delays. Despite all this, the Tribe continues to work with the BIA to build a constructive relationship and now works productively with the local BIA office and its current staff.

We take our role as caretakers and stewards of our land, water, and air very seriously. We owe it to the Creator and the future generations to leave the Earth as we found it. We just recently won a Clean Air Excellence award from the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act Advisory Committee for our work in environmental regulation and compliance. Additionally, the Tribe has received local recognition for its response to the Gold King Mine release. The Tribe has never tried to sidestep its legal or environmental responsibilities. In fact, some of the Tribe’s environmental stipulations are more stringent than federal requirements.

Despite a three and a half-year “investigation”, report submittal, and lawsuit settlement process, the OSC NEVER made the Tribe aware of the lawsuit and never asked for the perspective of the Tribe or the individuals involved. We find it odd that the OSC decided now, at the verge of a new administration, to release this information in a public setting. We only found out about this “whistleblower” lawsuit when

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## SUNUTE

### ‘15 Years of Strength’

By Sacha Smith  
The Southern Ute Drum

In 2001, the SunUte Community Center opened its doors to Southern Ute Indian tribal members and the La Plata County community. The new recreation space was superior to anything Ignacio had ever seen.

On Friday, Dec. 16 the staff and community gathered in the gymnasium to celebrate the community center’s 15-year anniversary. Through the years the community center has been a welcoming place to the whole community. Whether, it was someone looking for a place to better his or her health, or a community group looking for a location to host an event. SunUte has provided the space in the community to make things happen. The center has been the host of powwows, graduations, numerous birthday

parties, and even collegiate basketball games.

At the ceremony, SunUte recognized tribal elder Byron Frost for his work helping get the community center built.

“I’m thankful for this place ... a place for [the community] to enjoy themselves and to get the body well,” Frost said. “It’s a healing place.”

Frost said the process of getting the center built started back in 1990 after the old Pino Nuche building was closed down. Frost, his son Brian and Marge Borst started a petition to take to Tribal Council showing the support of the membership for a new recreation center. He and his son traveled the state looking at other facilities to gather ideas on what would make the best center. Finally after years of advocating for the new facility the center was built.

“It was a long, long wait,”



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

SunUte Director Apprentice, Ian Thompson thanked everyone for attending and expressed the blessings SunUte has brought to many people.

The logo designed for the 15-year anniversary was derived from the original artwork of the late chairman Jimmy Newton Jr.

Thompson said he had trouble finding a design that he liked so he turned to Drum Composition Tech, Robert Ortiz who ended up coming up the final design – some-

sary. The logo designed for the 15-year anniversary was derived from the original artwork of the late chairman Jimmy Newton Jr.

Thompson then turned to the logo for the anniver-

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## LCB literacy & art winners



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Winners of the 5th Annual Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy contest take a moment and pose with the Burch family at the awards ceremony held at the elementary school on Friday, Dec. 16.

See more LCB winners on pages 5-6.

## Santa comes to town



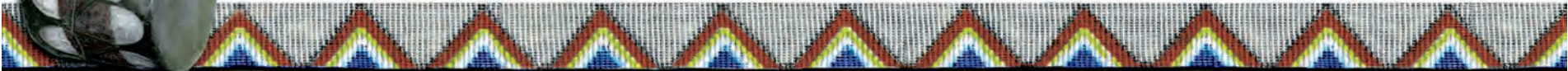
Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal member Lexy Young flashes a smile as she gets her photo taken with Santa Claus at the annual Tribal Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 17 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Event Center.

See more Christmas photos on page 7.

Southern Ute Tribal offices will be closed  
Monday, Dec. 26 & Monday, Jan. 2





Sacha Smith/SU Drum

On Friday Dec. 16, Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager, Charley Flagg and General Manager trainee Krista Red presented a \$2360 check to Julie Goodman, the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start family services coordinator to be used by the Head Start to help families in need. The proceeds were raised from a slot tournament the Casino held on December 10.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

‘Tis the season to give

Casino donates over \$2000 to Head Start

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Sky Ute Casino Resort recently donated \$2,360 to SUCAP’s Southern Ute Head Start and Early Head Start to help low-income families during the holidays. General Manager of the casino Charley Flagg and General Manager Trainee

Krista Red presented the check to Julie Goodman, Head Start family service coordinator on Friday, Dec. 16. The proceeds were raised from a slot tournament that was held at the casino on Saturday, Dec. 10. For the slot tournament participants were asked for a \$20 entry fee or asked to give a gift of equal value. The casino then matched all

cash entries arriving at a total of \$2,360. “It’s a stressful and expensive time of year,” Goodman said thanking the casino. “The families are always so thankful.” The proceeds will go into the Head Start’s “Sharing Tree Fund” that helps community families in need with food and gifts during the holiday season.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Tribe recognizes Air Program for excellence

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe gathered in the Hall of Warriors on Tuesday, Dec. 13 to celebrate the national recognition of the tribe’s Air Quality Program. The Air Quality Program received U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2016 Clean Air Excellence Award for Regulatory and Policy Innovation, back in June of this year. The tribe received the award for successful implementation of its Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit program – the first and only approved Title V air program in Indian Country. At the ceremony Environmental Programs Division Head Tom Johnson talked about the history of the program and the role the tribe has played in making all its environmental programs a priority. “The tribe for many years has had excellent Air Quality Program thanks to the membership, staff and guidance from council and everyone here.” Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud recognized Air Qual-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Air Quality Program poses for a group photo after being recognized for receiving a Clean Air Excellence Award on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

ity staff handing out beaded Southern Ute Indian Tribe pins. Cloud said “We’ve come a long way,” and added that the tribe is number one in the country in different areas and that’s thanks to the staff. Air Quality Program Manager Mark Hutson received a beaded bolo tie of the EPD logo. “Thanks to the staff that help us do our work and thanks to [Michael] Frost for his vision to get this program going,” Hutson said. “I came here 3 years ago and it was the best choice I’ve made.” The Air Quality Program began with a basic

monitoring program in 1981 under Mike “Fire” Frost, Johnson said. Frost played an integral role in establishing the Environmental Programs Division and is remembered for his enthusiasm and work to improve public health and environmental protection on the Southern Ute Reservation and all across Indian Country. Cheryl Frost sister of the late Mike “Fire” Frost spoke on her family’s behalf at the ceremony. “He would be proud ... you’d make him proud,” Frost said thanking the staff for continuing the work of her brother.

Many Moons Ago



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Bringing joy and happiness, the children from the Southern Ute Head Start sang Christmas songs for the staff at the SUCAP building Thursday morning December 7, 2006 and decorated the little tree located outside with home made decorations. Pictured here putting on decorations is Hannah Cundiff, daughter of Rocky and Shudy Cundiff and Christina Herrera daughter of Carlos Herrera and Daphne Washington.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 22, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Peaceful transfer of power? Swordplay between outgoing Chairman Burch and incoming Chairman Frost was all in the jest at the inauguration and honoring luncheon held for the two tribal leaders December 10. Newly elected councilor Byron Red, Sr. looks on. The date was declared Leonard C. Burch Day, a tribal holiday. Burch was asked to take his place among great chiefs, Ouray and Buckskin Charlie.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 20, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Christmas lunch is served



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary School served hundreds of Christmas lunches to students and their families and loved ones on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Cafe Lupe. The cafeteria staff was busy preparing and serving the lunches. Pictured left to right: Kim Cotta, Tonia Beckler, Mariel Mendez, Dr. Kathy Pokorney, Janet Rienhardt, Alma Herrera and Michelle Kroschel. Donna Greener, not pictured – was checking on the ham.

Head Start Christmas lunch



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Head Start Elementary School recently hosted their annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 14, where members of the Southern Ute Police Department served them a warm holiday meal. Santa Claus also paid a special surprise visit to the kids. In addition to the festivities, Head Start staff members said their goodbyes to Samuel Harrison (above) who retired as the school’s family advocate for 12 years since its inception. Staff members stated that Harrison has been a “model of grace and respect and has treated all with kindness, humor, and storytelling”.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

**Permanent Fund Hours**

**Departments open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

- Natural Resources Administration
- Wildlife Resource Management
- Water Resources
- Tribal Information Services
- Tribal Housing
- Vocational Rehab
- Dental Clinic
- Tribal Court – Clerks Window, Probation
- Tribal Services Administration
- TERO

**Departments open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Lands Division
- Agriculture Division
- Social Services
- Building Maintenance
- Environmental Programs
- Public Health Nursing
- Tribal Court – Family Court
- Environmental Programs
- SUSS (Southern Ute Shared Services)

**Departments open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

- Legal Services
- Construction & Project Management

Remaining Departments/Divisions will be open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



CULTURE

# Culture Dept. aims to increase membership involvement

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Culture Director, Edward Box III recently gave updates on what tribal members can anticipate from the department for the coming year, with the primary focus being on the Ute language.

“We currently have a language class being taught by Mary Inez Cloud every Monday night,” commented Box. “We will have our methods in trying to reach to the younger membership in learning the language. We’re working with tribal elders to see how they can work with the Culture Department in passing it down. It’s important for us to focus on our language before it dies out.”

The Southern Ute Cultural Center will additionally be archiving their hosted events by recording and taking photos with the help of their media tech Kree Lopez, Box added.

“One thing we already started doing is recording the language and saving those digital bits for future use. We want to let the member-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum  
Southern Ute Culture Director, Edward Box III

ship know that we’re here to accommodate what we can in preserving our language and our culture.”

Box recently came on board as the Director toward the end of November, where he also joins Darlene Frost (Culture Administrative Assistant), Hanley Frost Sr. (Culture Education Coordinator), Tara Vigil (Special Events Coordinator), Alden Naranjo (NAGPRA Coordinator), and Cassandra Naranjo (NAGPRA Assistant).

Box stated that he looks forward to providing tribal members with a variety of

cultural events, and encourages the membership to contact the department for ideas.

“We have upcoming classes that our Education Coordinator is doing, which include beaded gloves, mittens, ribbon shirts and dresses,” he said. “I’d also like to mention that the membership should be aware that we will be sending out surveys on how we can improve events, as well as hear their input on how they’d like to assist the Culture Department. They’re more than welcome to show up and talk with us since we’re just located on the second floor of the museum. If the membership has any suggestions on classes, they can contact Hanley Frost.”

Box additionally provided that tribal members can now claim bison parts for spiritual purposes or regalia as part of their distribution program. These parts include robe, skull, femur bones, dewclaws, hooves, horn caps, buffalo hide, etc. Tribal members can get the procedures of obtaining these buffalo parts from department’s administration if interested.

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our sleeves along with them.” Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost gave support to the newly elected councilmembers by stating, “Mr. Red has worked with the Southern Ute Growth Fund for a number of years and I know he can share with us the knowledge of his experiences. I also want to personally congratulate Mr. Frost who has supported the membership for so long.

Since this will be my last journey in Tribal Council, I just wanted to say that it’s nice to welcome in a younger leadership. It’s been a road that had many difficulties, but we all learned from one another. It’s up to us to not leave the tribal membership behind. We take care of our people first. I thank all of those who voted and the staff who worked hard during this election.” Tribal elder Judy Lansing

who attended the swearing in ceremony congratulated Mr. Red and Frost by stating, “It’s been a long journey for both Kevin and Adam, but they made it. I know they will use all their knowledge they have received in their background. Congrats to both of them for their long hard work and you will have even harder work ahead. Just don’t forget about us as your people, and always listen to your chairman.”

## Rising artists



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary students take a break from singing Christmas carols on Friday, Dec. 16 to pose in front of their paintings hanging in the Hall of Warriors.



As a project for the Thanksgiving season, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in the Upper Elementary classroom painted collaborative recreations of contemporary Native American artists’ work. The main purpose of the project was to celebrate the continued existence of native peoples while also showcasing the work of contemporary Native American artists, John Nieto (Apache) and Betty Albert (Cree). Each student received a blank panel to recreate a section of a painting. Through the process of this project UE students practiced planning out a piece of work, identifying primary & secondary colors, and mixing colors with paint.

## Tribe has new mount



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

A mountain lion with its prey is now among the other animals native to the Southern Ute region mounted in the Leonard C. Burch Building. The mount in the north lobby was returned to the tribe after a person from Arizona illegally poached it on tribal land. The Arizona Division of Wildlife retrieved the mounted lion from the poacher and Tribal Rangers traveled to Arizona to pick it up. It is estimated that the poacher spent around \$10,000 mounting the lion before it was confiscated.

## Bagging Christmas goodies



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Wednesday Dec. 14, members from the Southern Ute Cultural Center gathered with volunteers to help bag approximately 700 Christmas gift bags that were handed out to tribal members at the annual Tribal Christmas Dinner. Sharmaine Price (left) smiles as she holds bags with holiday treats. Miss Southern Ute, Lorraine Watts (right) volunteers to help with the Christmas bags.

## Students record live at KSUT



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Upper Elementary students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) listen as Kenny B. gives them instructions on singing into the microphones and how to reduce ambient noise. SUIMA Ute Language Guide, Shawna Steffler holds cue cards so the students to know when they are to be on the air. The show was broadcast and recorded live on KSUT Public Radio with host Tami Graham.

## Culture Department Events

### 105 Ute Language Classes

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. They will start at 5:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

- \*\*January 9, 23, 30
- \*\*February 6, 13, 27
- \*\*March 6, 13, 20, 27

(\*\*All classes dates may be changed or canceled.)

### Tribal Membership Classes

Tribal Membership Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Craft room. The classes will start at 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

- January 9, 10, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31: Gloves & Mittens
- February 6, 7, 13, 14, 21, 27, 28: Ribbon Cloth Dress – Woman/Girls
- March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28: Ribbon Shirt – Men/Boys

Class is Limited to the first (20) participants who Sign up, Early sign -up is recommend that we can plan for class materials

### Ute Words For Winter Seasons

Cold - satí I  
Frost - kawa-chi  
Frozen - para si  
Frozen fingers - ma-suu -kuna'a  
Frozen Toes - ta-suu-kuna'a  
Snow - nuvwa  
Winter - temø-tu  
Windy - nua-kwi

### Tribal Elder Department Events

For more information contact Tribal Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

### Southern Ute Cultural Department

Contact Hanley Frost Sr., Cultural Education Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or 970-563-2306. Email: hfrost@southernute-nsn.gov.





TRIBAL HEALTH

Winter is here, be prepared

By Paige Kapp  
SU HEALTH CENTER

While many of us have stocked up on rock salt and bought a new snow shovel, we also need to consider what we would do if we were stuck at home for a few days due to snow or ice. Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, and replace batteries if necessary. Be sure you have enough fuel on hand to keep your home heated. Check propane tanks before the storm hits. Never use grills or camp stoves to heat your home.

Keep walkways clear of snow and ice. A pair of ice grips for shoes is a good idea if you plan to be walking outside. If you use a cane or walker, ice grip attachments can be used for stability on icy days. These can be bought at retail pharmacies. Keep four days of food and water on hand. Food items should be things that don't require heating, like peanut butter, dried fruit, jerky, bread, crackers, etc. About a gallon of water per person per day should be enough. Have four days of medicine on hand. This applies all year long. Most med-

ications can be filled 4 to 5 days before you have used up your supply. Don't wait until the last minute. Medication refills from the Southern Ute Health Center can be requested by using our online refill request, found at [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) click on the Pharmacy Web Refill Portal icon. You can also call in your refill to 970-563-4781. Individuals with certain medical conditions, like those on dialysis, should have a plan in place for snow removal and transportation to and from appointments, even in snowy conditions.

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thing Thompson was proud of and very thankful for, he said. Throughout the week of Dec. 12-16 SunUte celebrated with the community and its members with fun competitions between members and the staff. The center also gave away prizes including two free memberships for a year. Thompson ended the ceremony letting everyone know that there will be some minor changes coming to SunUte within the next year. He said one visible change would be a bigger display of Ute culture in the facility.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum  
Southern Ute tribal elder, Byron Frost (left) and his son Brian "B" Frost spoke of the origins of the community center, from the Pino Nuche pool to what SunUte has become now.

TRIBE REBUTS OSC REPORT • FROM PAGE 1

the media started to contact us for comment. Even more unsettling is that this "training document" respected the confidentiality of all parties except the Tribe, again without even a courtesy call to let the Tribe know we were being named. This calls into question not only the legitimacy of the investigation, but also the true intent of these actions. The complete disregard for the Tribe and its repu-

tation is disheartening to say the least. The situation in Standing Rock resulted from the federal government refusing to consult with Native peoples in the area and this is much the same. At this time, our requests for additional information from the OSC have not been answered. Rest assured that we will continue to seek answers to our inquiries and will continue to pursue the true nature of this report and

the OSC actions. Our first thought is to tribal members and ensuring that they receive information from the Tribe's perspective, not from a biased media source and mischaracterized report. We want to reiterate our concern for the environment and its impact on our tribal members. Respectfully,  
Southern Ute  
Tribal Council

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Leonard C. Burch: Walking in his honor



Irene Burch (right) reminisces on old photos of her late husband with daughter Lynette Sage (left) and longtime friend Pat DeKay (center). DeKay has known the Burch family since moving to Ignacio in 1966.

Photos by Damon Toledo  
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal member Gregory Walker is awarded a gift certificate to Red Lobster by Beth Santistevan.



Ocean Hunter (front) braves the chilly weather during the 5th Annual LCB Walk-Run.

The 5th Annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk-Run made its return to the Southern Ute Community Center in honor of the late tribal leader. Approximately 150 walkers and runners braved the cold weather on Saturday, Dec. 10, followed by refreshments of hot cocoa and healthy snacks. Participants were treated to a song by drum group Yellow Jacket and were additionally awarded a number of prizes and gift cards from the Burch family for completing the walk-run.



Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Fitness Director, leads runners and walkers in a warm-up by leading the "Cupid Shuffle."



The LCB Walk-Run is led by tribal member Edward Box III.

January 2017  
**Noon Ball Schedule**  
Monday: Soccer  
Tuesday: Hockey  
Wednesday: Soccer  
Thursday: Dodgeball  
Friday: Football  
**NEW Activities**  
SunUte Community Center Ignacio, CO  
For more information, feel free to call Recreation @ 970-563-0214

**SunUte Christmas Hours**  
• Saturday, Dec. 24 Normal hours will resume  
• Sunday, Dec. 25 Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6 a.m.  
• Monday, Dec. 26 Merry Christmas!



# 5th Annual LCB Art and Literacy winners

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 1ST PLACE

## LCB & Southern Ute History

*By Demi Hauschild*

Everybody thinks of something different when they hear the words “Shining Star”. Sceientist would probably think of the starts in space. Movies starts would probably think of themselves and their success. However, here in Ignacio we would think of Leonard C. Burch because his name is literally “Shin-

ing Star” (*Southern Ute Tribe*) in his Native language and culture. He did many wonderful things for his tribe. He was the youngest chariman of the Southern Ute Tribe in history.

There is a vast amount of history to the Southern Ute Tribe. There are many different Ute Bands in the U.S. The two specific bands that form the Southern Ute Tribe are the Mouache and the

Caputo Bands. Leonard C. Burch was a part of these two bands. The Mouache Band, before the Europeans came, lived on the eastern side of the Rockies, from Denver to Las Vegas, New Mexico. The Caputo band, before the Europeans, was located east of the Continental Divide near the headwaters of the Rio Grande. They also were populated in the region near Chama and Tierra Amarilla.

There were also a few family units that lived “in the shadow of Chimney Rock.” (*Southern Ute History*). Both bands now are headquartered here in Ignacio. These two bands also participate in two yearly danced. The first dance in the year is the Bear Dance. The Bear Dance is considered a time of rejuvenation. “The Bear awakens

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 4TH GRADE

## Pa na poo Cheef

*By Eleahana Martinez*

Pa na poo Cheef meaning Shining Star. It comes from the sky. Which is very far.

So as you see.

It shines upon you.

See how Leonard C. Burch is

And was a good Chairman.

Leonard C. Burch was born in 1933-2003. He was a great leader for a long time of the Southern Ute Tribe.

He died at Mercy Medical Center shortly after Sunrise in 2003 and he was a Great leader.

Leonard C. Burch went to Washington.

He loved his home and his people.

He helped his people for far into the future.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 2ND PLACE

## Southern Ute Tribe

*By Karley Pollock*

“As soon as he was over the first hill and out of sight, he stopped. He was just going to peek in the bag. “That could hurt nothing,” he thought. Just as he untied the bag and opened a small slit, they rushed for the opening. They were people. These people yelled and hollered in strange languages of all kinds. He tried

to catch them and get them back into the bag. But they ran away in all different directions. From how full the bag was after he had gotten it closed, he could tell there was only a fraction of the what he had started out with. He went to the sacred valley and dumped them out there.

There was a small number of these people. But those few ones were the

Utes, the real Utes from around here.” (*Southern Ute Tribe*) The creation story is one of the many stories shared throughout the Southern Ute Tribe. Leonard C. Burch as was remarkable member of this tribe and has become a crucial part in Southern Ute history.

Leonard C. Burch known as “Shining Star” in his Ute name, he was part of

the Mouache and Capote bands that later formed the Southern Ute Tribe. The Mouache band originated on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. They were dispersed from Denver to as far south as Las Vegas, New Mexico. The Capote band lived east of the continental divide by the a Rio Grande river. Both

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MIDDLE SCHOOL: 3RD PLACE

## Shining Star

*By Jackie Carrillo*

Leonard C. Burch was a loving, compassionate, advocate who will be remembered for his tireless efforts to stand up for the peaceful Southern Ute Tribe and the people. Mr. Burch was part of the Mouache and Capote Band that are still here today in beautiful Ignacio, Colorado. Out of the many bands throughout the

whole United States, the Mouache Capote Band is a very unique band

The Mouache Capote Band traveled the vast area of the Great Basin and would set up campgrounds. The early spring or late fall was the time for men to hunt for large animals such as elk, deer, and antelope. Women would trap smaller animals and collect berries and fruits. The Mouache

and Capote band also had very important traditional ceremonies that they hold in their loving hearts. One of these amazing traditions includes the Bear Dance. The Bear Dance is a social event to enjoy with other amazing Utes. The Annual Ute Bear Dance is held every spring for everyone to enjoy and be free like the fresh, soft, breeze. The men are in charge to set up the Bear

Dance corral. The women are in charge of making the beautiful clothes for the whole family. Another interesting dance that the Utes hold in their warm hearts is the traditional Sundance. The Sundance is an important spiritual ceremony for the Utes and their tradition. This dance is held once a year in the middle of the

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 5TH GRADE

## Reflection of No Ordinary Man

*By Elliott Hendren*

Leonard C. Burch was a great man.

No Ordinary Man ...

So the stories say ...

I wouldn't know ...

He was gone like, the dawn of the first snow ...

Gone ... Gone ... Gone ...

His legacy still lives on, through his people,

MY PEOPLE!

He was my uncle, my grandpa's cousin,

my Grandpas nephew.

He helped bring his people ...

My people, into greatness!

His legacy, my legacy ...

I will keep his legacy alive!

Because he inspires me, like no ordinary man ...

I am called “Shining Star” too ...

Like a “Shining Star,” he reflected onto his people.

He took pride in knowing who he was

and where he came from.

He fought for Tribal self-determination.

He served the great United States,

in the Air force ...

His country ... My country ... Our Country ...

A leader ...

A Veteran ...

A Chief amongst men ...

He was no ORDINARY MAN.

## Students rewarded for safety



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

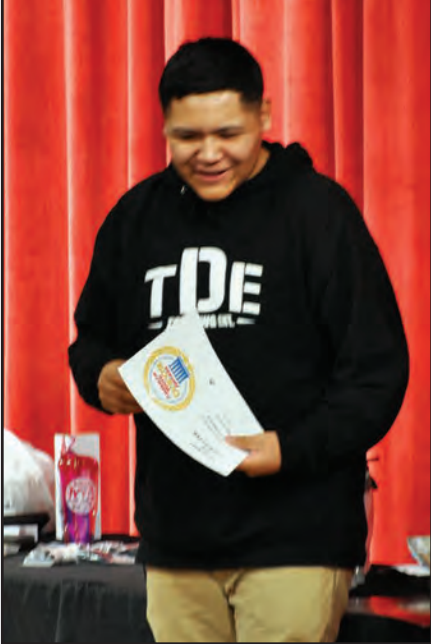
A number of Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students were recognized by the Southern Ute Police Department by completing the Protecting You & Me Graduation, a program developed by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers that covers various safety procedures and decision-making skills. Approximately 36 participating students graduated from the program on Tuesday, Dec. 13 after spending 8 weeks in classes that centered on the dangers of underage drinking and peer pressure resistance. Other additional classes included helmet safety, bike safety, and road safety. SUIMA has been doing the program for 5 years.

## Bobcats honored



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio High School Percussion Ensemble played at the beginning of the assembly in the Ignacio Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Dec. 13 to recognize those Bobcats who received Bobcat Honors. A total of 83 students received certificates for demonstrating one or more of the following: Character, Responsibility, Citizenship, Caring, Respect and Fairness. In addition, 18 staff members were also recognized as staff of the week.



Student of Character, junior, Kai Roubideaux received his certificate for demonstrating “Responsibility.”



Senior, Tori Archuleta, beaming with pride shows her certificate for demonstrating “Citizenship.”

### POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

If you have not received a high school diploma, but would like to, then you may consider working toward your High School Equivalency credentials.

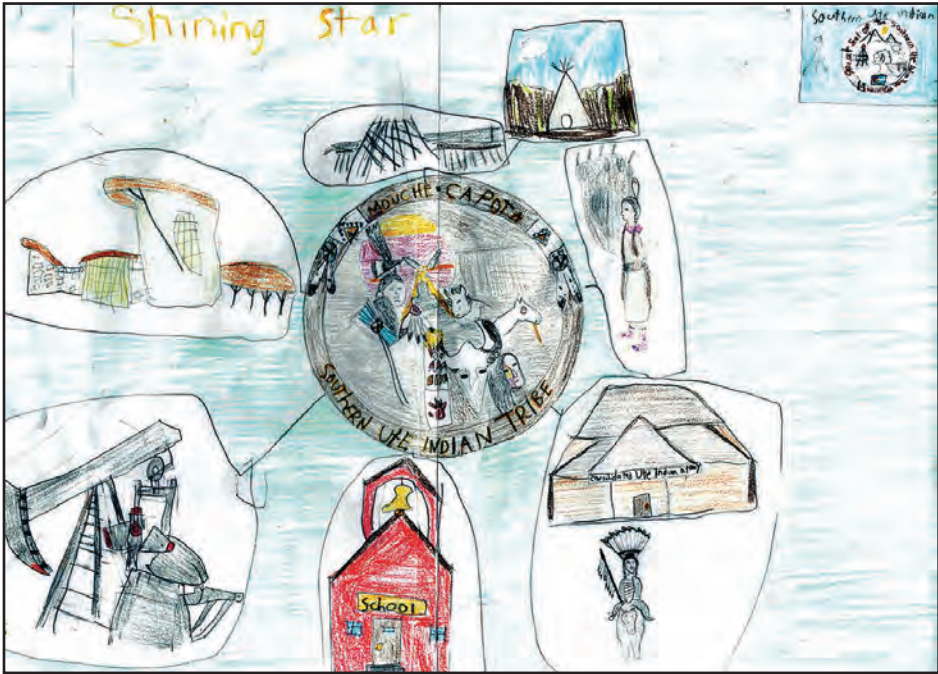
Ashley wanted to earn her GED® credential not just for herself, but to show her daughter the importance of education. Currently a medical assistant, she loves working in the medical field and wanted to further her career. She depended on the online resources and study books she purchased to help her pass the test. Now that she's earned her GED® credential, she plans to go to college and realize her dream of becoming a physician's assistant. Ashley encourages others to go for their dreams, too.



*"Anybody can succeed if they put their mind to it!"*

If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at 970-563-0237.





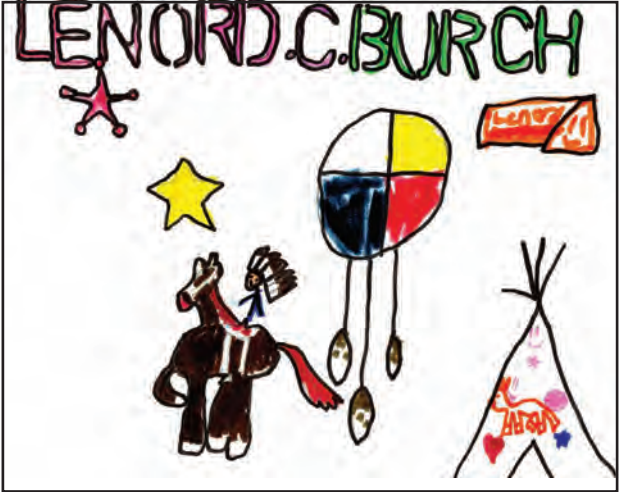
Ignacio Elementary: 3rd grade art winner, Max Montoya of Mrs. Meunier’s class.



Ignacio Elementary: Kindergarten art winner, Carley Martinez of Mrs. Strohl’s class.



Ignacio Elementary: 1st grade art winner, Niihdae Neadeau of Ms. Harmon’s class.



Ignacio Elementary: 2nd grade art winner, Curtis WhiteThunder-Lucero of Mrs. Pearson’s class.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle School Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest essay winners happily smile after hearing of their win. The 1st place winner, Demi Hauschild (middle) won a Fire HD10.

## LCB & SU HISTORY • FROM PAGE 5

from his winter’s sleep and celebrates by dancing to welcome the spring.” (*Southern Ute History*). The next dance the bands celebrate is the Sun Dance. On the last day of Bear Dance, the Sun Dance Chief announces the dates of the Sun Dance which happens sometime during the summer. (*Southern Ute History*)

The Southern Ute Tribe speaks a dialect language and their Tribal Seal has symbols with each separate meaning. The Southern Ute Language is Shoshoean, a dialect of the Uto-Aztec language. There are other tribes that also speak the same dialect and they are the Shoshone, Comanche Chemehuevi, Paiute, Goshute and a few other tribes in California. The Tribal Seal is filled with many different symbols but all the symbols have different meanings. The mountains and forest represent the mountains that are north and on the reservation. The

rivers by the mountains and forest represent all the rivers that cross the Southern Ute Reservation. These rivers include the Animas, Florida, La Plata, Navajo, Piedra, Pine and the San Juan. The bear and elk on the seal represent the big game that lives on the reservation. The Sun represents the spirit that watches over people. The tractor, cattle, gas well and sheep represent the farming, ranching and industry that the tribal members and the tribe are involved with to make their living. The Indian head located in the center of the Tribal Seal represents the tribe as a person and a very “colorful man” (*Southern Ute Seal and Symbolism*) with all of the colors representing the colors of the nature and the colors in the rainbow. The peace pipe represents the Southern Utes as a peaceful people living in peace with their neighbors and coworkers. The two feathers on the peace

pipe represent their belief in a Great Spirit and the tribal “Healing Power” as a tribe. (*Southern Ute Seal and Symbolism*) The leaf and Branch represent their belief in peace which is why it is located by the peace pipe. It also represents the green of the earth and the red of the willows which are used in Sun Dance and Sweat Ceremonies. The Colorado flag represents the state that is the Southern Ute Tribes historical homeland. The red and white circle surrounding the seal represents the “Circle of Life.” Everything within the circle represents the Tribe’s life. (*Southern Ute Seal and Symbolism*)

This is the history of the Southern Ute Tribe. Leonard C. Burch was an important leader of this tribe. He played a major role in recognizing the potential and developing the tribe’s wealth and energy sources. Now when you hear the words “Shining Star” what do you think?

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE • FROM PAGE 5

bands participated in the traditional Bear dance and Sun dance. The Bear dance was created when two Ute hunters saw a bear standing on its hind legs facing a tree? The bear was making noise by clawing the tree and dancing. The bear told the young hunter to go back to his tribe and teach them the dance to welcome spring. The Sun dance is the most important dance to the Utes where the dancer engages himself in a quest for spiritual power with the Great Spirit. This is usually comes by a command usually in a dream. These dances both play major roles in the Mouache-Capote bands culture. (*Southern Ute Tribe*)

Leonard C. Burch also spoke the Ute language which is Shoshonean that comes from the dialect of the Uto-Aztec language. Many other tribes share this language such as the Paiute, Goshute, Shoshone Bannock, Comanche, and

Chemehuevi tribes. The Southern Ute Tribe seal plays a role in the tribe’s history and culture. The mountains and forest on the seal represent the mountains north and on the reservation which is the tribes present homeland. The river represents the many rivers like the Animas and La Plata that cross the reservation. The bear and the elk represent the big game that live on the reservation. The sun shows the spirit that watches over our people. The tractor, cattle, gas well, and sheep represents the ranching, farming and industry that our tribal members and the tribe are involved with to make a living. The Indian head displays the tribe as a person, a very “Colorful Man” with the colors of red, yellow, black, blue and white representing all of the colors of nature. The peace pipe represents the tribe as peaceful people, the two feathers on the pipe rep-

resents the tribe’s belief in a Great Spirit and the Tribal “Healing Power” as people. The leaf and the branch represents the tribe’s belief in peace, it also represents the green of the earth and the red willow which is used in the Sundance. The Colorado state flag represents the State of Colorado where the tribes have lived for many years and the circle around the Tribal Seal represents the “Circle of Life” and everything within this circle represents our life. The seal was designed by Ben Watts and Stanley Reed Frost and interpreted by Russel Box Sr. (*Southern Ute Tribe*)

As you can see, the Southern Ute Tribe is a very unique tribe with many bands joined together. Leonard C. Burch was a part of this tribe and made a big difference in the tribe’s lifestyle. The Southern Ute Tribe continues to share many stories and cultural beliefs and still remains a strong, thriving tribe.

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summer and is important for the Utes on a personal and spiritual level. It is a crucial dance that is a special feature to their tribe and community.

The Utes language is Shoshonean and is believed that people who speak this language are split apart from the other different Uto-Aztec speaking tribes. Shoshonean is one of a kind Ute language. Other tribes who speak this language are Goshute, Shoshone, Paiute, and many others. The Utes also had an interesting seal. The Southern Ute Great Seal was created by two artistic Utes, Mr. Russell Box Sr. and Mr. Ben Watts. They created the seal, with meaningful symbols from the Utes unique tribe. Very little tribes use symbols for their seals, which is why the seal is noteworthy. In the center of the seal is a Ute Chief or also known as the “Colorful Man” who represents the whole colorful tribe. Surrounding the Ute Chief are other symbols that are important to many beloved Utes. In fact, the whole seal represents the “Circle of Life” and is now seen as the facet of life for Southern Ute Indians. This seal is an important unit for all Utes. Obviously, the Mouache-Capote Band is a very interesting and amazing tribe.

Leonard C. Burch was a hero to all Indians. Born on December 24, 1933, in Ignacio, Colorado, Leonard Burch, known as Shining Star, was an amazing husband, father, and leader. He stood up in order for his beloved people to stop struggling and come out strong. Leonard made a path for Indians all over the country and made a successful future for his tribe and people. He gave Utes the most powerful thing...hope. His work shall be remembered by all Utes for he teamed up with 24 other Indian leaders and started the “Council of Energy Resources Tribes” to stop energy companies that were taking natural gas on the Utes land. In result, the’ Council successfully took control of the tribal energy resources. With this, he created the Red Willow Production Company. Red Willow today has become one of the largest natural gas providers in the region. Thanks to beloved Burch, the tribe today has improved and no longer struggles. His people chose him to be the tribe’s youngest chairman in history and he took great care of his tribe and people. Even though Burch was a hard worker he also was a firm believer in traditional tribal ceremonies. He wanted his tribe to remember the Ute ways with compassion.

Focusing on his tribe and dream isn’t the only thing he did. He also made time for his beautiful family that he started. After graduating Ute Vocational School in 1954, he served four tours of duty with the U.S. Air Force in Turkey, after he did this he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Once he got back home he married his love of his life, Irene. Together they had seven gorgeous daughters and they had fourteen amazing grandchildren. Although, Leonard took a stand and was taking time to save his amiable people, he also spent quality time with his sympathetic family. He is my role-model and reminds me of my mother who deeply cares for me. Leonard was also a reliable leader and father. It was his goal to be a great leader and lead everyone he deeply cared for to success.

In the final analysis, Leonard C. Burch was an affectionate, ambitious, considerate, diligent, gregarious, inventive, and sincere man. The list could go on and on. Everyone will remember his efforts to make the Southern Ute tribe and his family the best. He was a great leader and he was a proud man who made a difference. This one man helped create something that shall forever be remembered.





# SUIMA sings for the holidays



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

SUIMA students tap their instruments in rhythm while performing the holiday tune, “Tap, Tap, Tapping.”



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Chairman of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, Lakota TwoCrow welcomes all in attendance at the Tribal Christmas Dinner.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Primary students sing the song “Bethlehem,” an original written by Ute Mountain tribal member Betty Howe.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal member Tamarius Roland tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas.

***The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy closed out the Christmas dinner with their program “Bells, Elves, and Holiday Cheer”. Students from the upper elementary, lower elementary, and primary joined together in singing a number of holiday songs including some in Ute.***



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

SUIMA students Uriyah Casey and John Oberly (front) bundle themselves up as they join students Kaycee Jefferson, Dominique Rael, and Harmony Reynolds.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Autumn Sage joins her fellow SUIMA students in the final performance.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Councilwoman Amy J. Barry wishes everyone happy holidays at the Tribal Christmas Dinner held at the Sky Ute Casino.

## IES: Cactus Christmas



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Kindergarten and first grade Ignacio Elementary students take the stage in western attire for this year’s Christmas concert, Thursday, Dec. 15. Students (above) “dab” while performing the Christmas classic “Jingle Bells”.



Kindergarten students square dance to a western themed Christmas tune.

Students take turns telling a portion of the Cactus Christmas story.

## Students caroling all the way



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Election Board took a very quick break for a special Christmas surprise as students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy sang a Christmas song during the Southern Ute Run-off Election on Friday, Dec. 16.



Official bell ringers, Terena Hight and Krystyn Weaver, and fellow upper elementary students stop in the Leonard C. Burch building during Christmas Caroling around tribal campus.

Upper Elementary students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy sing a few Christmas songs in Ute at the Southern Ute Growth Fund’s Red Willow building.





IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats split two at the Cortez ‘Rumble’

Named All-Tourney, King nails nine threes

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Covering the home-town squad’s “Rumble in ‘The Jungle’” tournament, sportswriter Jardyn Angell of The Journal quipped that fans braving the icy roads leading to Montezuma-Cortez High School to witness the two-day event’s Dec. 17 finale should be ready to see Michael Glen “ball out.”

During his Basalt H.S. career, now in its senior season, he’d certainly done so and spectators unfamiliar with Roaring Fork Valley-area hoops – which meant most of those attending – saw tangible evidence of that when M-CHS Activities Director Stacey Hall paused play early in the first quarter to present him the game ball after he reached the 1,000-point milestone with two close-range baskets.

He’d add another 16 points to finish with a game-best 20, but in powering the Longhorns to the tournament title, it was his buckets’ timing against No. 10-ranked (CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, Dec. 12) Ignacio, which truly earned the 6’7” center his All-Rumble selection.

“The other guys weren’t really beating us until we got in foul trouble toward the end,” IHS head coach Chris Valdez said, following a 58-47 loss. “Early in



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Johnny Valdez (13) attempts a tough shot while angling between Basalt’s Justin Henderson and Miles Levy (2) on Day 2 of Montezuma-Cortez’s “Rumble in ‘The Jungle.’”

the game I thought we let the big guy hurt us. The coaches had a good idea ... hold him off a little bit in the first half, then bring the box-and-one in the second half with the [full-court] pressure and add them both. And that worked; we got it all the way back to four points.”

“We had the right idea when they were tired; they missed some easy shots,

they had some turnovers,” he noted. “But you know, I’m not sure if we made a mistake by not doing it in the first half.”

Quickly building upon a 68-46 rout of the hosting Panthers on Day 1, Glen’s first two hoops helped BHS (6-1, 0-0 3A Western Slope) race out to a 12-2 lead after senior Pedro Rivera sank a

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ladycats grind down Dolores, 36-22

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Held to only three two-point field goals by a stifling Ignacio defense – guard Kiana Valdez had six steals in the first half alone – there was virtually no hope for visiting Dolores.

Actually, there was, but the Tuesday, Dec. 13, contest inside IHS Gymnasium was nothing like the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals’ furious battles of recent seasons past – particularly when considering the Lady Bears uncharacteristically bricked their eight first-quarter free throws while the Lady Bobcats trudged out to a 6-0 lead.

Junior guard Avionne Gomez had five of those points, finished with a game-high ten, and could have done much greater damage if that was indeed the plan. But with Shane Seibel and his assistants sensing the opportunity to ingrain desired ball movement offensively into their young roster’s collective mind, it wasn’t.

A bright spot on the boards for DHS, Kortni Spurlock began the second quarter clanking two more charity chucks before Josie Majors finally sank the squad’s 11th attempt ... and then airballed the 12th. Still, the deficit facing the guests was only 8-1.

Wasting little time to prove how much worse it could have been, Gomez drained a three-pointer in response and Dolores failed to make a basket until



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With teammate Makayla Howell (1) observing, Ignacio’s Avionne Gomez (25) secures a rebound against Dolores during the Lady Bobcats’ home opener, Dec. 13 inside IHS Gymnasium.

Tatum Majors converted a three-point play with only 0:32 left before halftime – when IHS led 15-6, en route to a slow-cooked 36-22 victory.

“We’re just still trying to figure out ... the varsity level,” said Seibel, “and how we can be aggressive yet stay out of foul trouble. They only scored three baskets on us, and the rest were free throws, so that’s my challenge to the girls: Defensively, we’ve got to get better.”

Before fouling out for the

first time ever with 5:43 left in the fourth, DHS senior Madi Archuleta calmly hit three freebies after being fouled on a try from behind the arc, giving her a 6-of-7 mark (and a team-best eight points) as the Lady Bears finished a woeful 16-of-38 from the stripe.

And despite production from eight different players, Seibel knew how big those misses were in the low-scoring, possession-intensive (for example, the

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IHS WRESTLING

Rough ending to ’16 for IHS grapplers

Bobcats manage dual win at Dolores

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Walking somewhat wounded into their first 2A/1A San Juan Basin League wrestling dual barely 36 hours earlier, the Bobcats closed out the 2016 half of their winter’s schedule on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Farmington, N.M., at Piedra Vista’s Panther Classic.

Being a dual-style tournament, Ignacio – which was minus seniors Dalton Mickey and Timmy Plehinger-Williams, as well as junior Cesar Corona on the road at Dolores – lacked the numbers to really flex their collective muscle, but at least had the opportunity to hint at their potential strength against schools/teams of far greater size.

Victorious by forfeit against the Bears, senior 160-pounder Lorenzo Peña won three matches inside Jerry A. Conner Fieldhouse. And senior Ethan Appenzeller, who’d began the DHS dual pinning senior Aiden Hopcia in an elapsed 3:52, also starred with three victories at the Classic.

But whereas lineup vacancies hadn’t completely sabotaged IHS at Dolores (which also lacked multiple regulars including Brandon Ward and Skielier Grooms), they proved crippling against opposition including the hosting, Class 6A Panthers’ junior varsity “Silver” squad.

PVHS dealt Ignacio a 63-18 defeat, and the Cats also succumbed to 5A Grants, N.M. (48-18) and 5A Farmington (60-18) in placing last in Pool D. Still, there was a collective heart beating and IHS almost departed with a victory after being relegated to the fourth-tier ‘Copper’ bracket.

Unfortunately, Class A-4A Santa Fe (N.M.) St. Michael’s had enough horses – or, in its case, Horsemen – and, despite also having several holes in its lineup, prevailed 35-24. In almost identical fashion to the Dolores dual, only



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Dustin Sanchez tries discarding Dolores’ David Schmittle vertically during 145-pound action late in the teams’ SJBL dual (Dec. 15) inside DHS Gymnasium.

four matches were actually wrestled, and Peña – fittingly – recorded IHS’ lone win via first-period pin.

In the Bears’ lair, however, Ignacio left on the desired side of an unusual 31-30 score.

After Appenzeller stuck Hopcia, Peña and 170-pounder Cesar Pedregon increased the Bobcats’ lead to 18-0 with DHS unable to send out any opposition. Neither crew had a competitor at 182, 195 or 220, but freshman Randy Herrera stood in unopposed at heavyweight and upped the advantage to 24-0.

Dolores quickly worked that down to zero with sophomore Cameron Chavez (106) and freshman Tezman Hackney (113) claiming forfeits, freshman Zander Eichner pinning Hunter Robbins at 1:33 of the second period at 120, and junior Austin Hackney winning unopposed at 126.

IHS senior Stocker Robbins was able to dip down to 132 and pin (in 1:41 of the first) sophomore Josh Petrow, but after the 138-pound division went

uncontested, Bear junior David Schmittle responded by pinning Dustin Sanchez in an elapsed 5:45 at 145 to even the score at 30-30.

Several tiebreaking criteria were then examined, and it was ultimately determined that by scoring first in three of the four official matches, the Cats would be awarded the winning scratch.

To little surprise, Piedra Vista dominated its tournament and downed FHS 51-15 to win the Gold bracket after beating Dolores 78-6, 5A Los Alamos (N.M.), 2A Moab (Utah) Grand County 64-18 and St. Mike’s 78-3.

Farmington reached the top-tier finale by defeating GHS, PV’s “Silver,” IHS and 3A Bayfield – which qualified for the Gold bracket, but lost the third-place dual 41-37 to LAHS.

At the 16-team event, St. Mike’s ranked 13th overall and Ignacio 14th, with 1A Monument Valley, UT, nipping 2A Mancos 12-11 to decide third/fourth in the Copper and thus 15th and 16th overall.

Ignacio JV Bobcats prevail



Ignacio freshman Bela Torres (11) looks up, pondering passing cross-court and away from Dolores’ Brooklynne Ward (1) during junior-varsity action Dec. 13 inside IHS Gymnasium. IHS had little difficulty in pounding the Lady Bears, 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals, 41-11. It was the squad’s final game before the long holiday break.

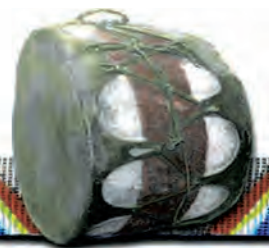


photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

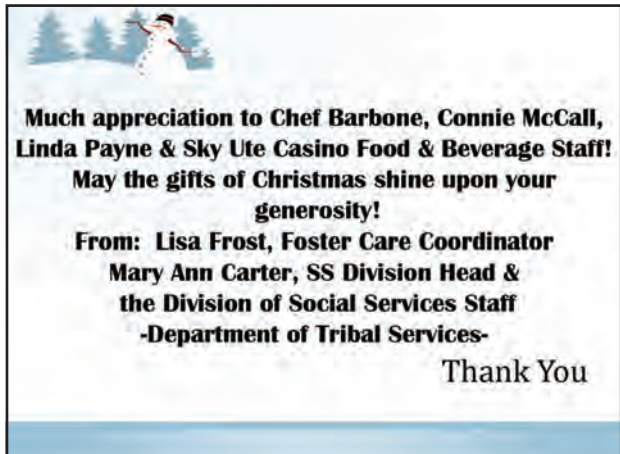
Ignacio freshman Elizabeth ‘Lizzy’ Valdez (12) launches a jumper over Dolores’ Kiffany Lewis (11) and Kylie Breitenbach (12) during junior-varsity action Dec. 13 inside IHS Gymnasium. IHS had little difficulty in pounding the Lady Bears, 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals, 41-11. It was the squad’s final game before the long holiday break.

The JV boys also prevailed over DHS, 62-51, but then lost a one-point verdict to 3A Basalt on Day 1 of the in the Montezuma-Cortez “Rumble in ‘The Jungle’” – the tournament featured a junior-varsity bracket almost paralleling the varsities’ – and by an estimated 15-20 points to 2A Moab (UT) Grand County wrapping up the Old Year.





## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



### TO THE FAMILY OF LEONARD C. BURCH,

It was a beautiful day for the Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves greatly. Thank-you to the Burch family, SunUte staff, the Drum group, and Alex Cloud for a wonderful way to start our day!

*Sincerely,  
Jody Rosier and everyone  
else in attendance!*

### ELECTION BOARD THANKS

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

Thank you and have the best of holidays!

Southern Ute Tribal Elders; Southern Ute Tribal Membership; Southern Ute Tribal Council; Southern Ute Police Dept.; Ramona Eagle – Executive Officer; Andrew Frost – Executive Officer; Southern Ute Tribal Court; Tribal Elder Services; Vital Statistics Department; Records and Retention Department; Legal Department; Brian Lundstrom & Linda Payne – Sky Ute Casino; Brenda Grajeda – Sky Ute Casino Marketing; Sky Ute Casino Catering; Durango Herald; SunUte Facility; The Southern Ute Drum; KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM; Building Maintenance Department; Just Click Printing – Farmington, NM; Basin Printing – Durango, CO; and Roger Sr. and Thomas Sage.

### DISABLED VETERANS THANK YOU

The Disabled American Veterans, Silver San Juan Chapter, would like to express sincere thanks to the many individuals, businesses and civic organizations that helped make the 3rd Annual Southwest Colorado Veterans Stand Down a success.

We assisted 120 veterans and provided information from over 50 agencies that were represented from our area. This event enabled many of our local and regional veterans to attend and receive an incredible amount of support and gratitude.

Due to our donors' generosity we were able to

provide haircuts, showers, hot meals, clothing, information on benefits, jobs, housing, education, spiritual guidance, banking, resumes, medical and emotional support and more to all the veterans who attended.

The support from our community continues to be vastly generous and so greatly appreciated by the veterans who attend as well as the DAV and VA.

This event would not be possible without you. A very special thanks to Bob Collette, Butch Crim, John Ogle, Cheryl Shou, Charlie Parnell, Janna Schaefer, Peggy Schroder, Richard Schleeter, James Schaefer and Angela Fountain for all their hard work putting this together.

We thank you all for your support of our veterans and look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Richard Schleeter-VSO La Plata County; Charlie Parnell, Bob Collette, Butch Crim, John Ogle, Maria Starling-DAV; James Dickerson and Shelby Fuchs, Durango High School; Debora Hendricks, Diana Millan, Christy Flanigan, David Johnson, Bob Sanders, Sydney Cooley, Matthew Keel, Charlotte Ann Jones, Ken Craig, Angelo Ciotti, Joyce Ciotti, Robert Righi, Rick & Maggie Roshner, Shawn White, Edward Bulloch, Sandy Blaisdell, Greg Hopkins, Stephanie Lewis, Dora Greet, Charlie Brenden, Pat Akers, Michael Maynes, Kay Neal, Ted Eckerson, Sharoly Eckerson, Carol Budde, Aidan Flanigan, Brian Glass, Eve Taylor, Jessaca Cassady, Vet CCBOC, Dr. Michael Washinsky, Dr. Candice Tart, NM Veterans Affairs, Fred & Ruthie Reidinger, VFW Post 4031; Women's Auxiliary; VFW Post 4031; Larry Jelnik of Veterans for Veterans, Pagosa Springs, Karl Bateman HUD-VASH/GPD; Bayfield American Legion; Robert Rhodes; Robert Jones, Mike Goodwin, American Legion Post 28, Dean Casey, American Legion Department of Colorado; Sherri Wright, Misty Jefferson VFW Auxiliary 5231; VIVA, Teresa Ahl, Blue Star Mothers of Denver; Robert Lewis, Farmington Vet Center; Rob Altenbernd of Operation TBI Freedom; Winonna Brakeen of Gold Star Wives of Colorado; Rani Hold, Jeanie Dobbins of Daughters of American Revolution, Gabe Torres of Colorado Workforce; La Plata Coun-

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My apologies if I have left anyone out on this list. We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.

*Richard Schleeter,  
VSO La Plata County  
Charlie Parnell,  
DAV Treasurer  
Peggy Schroder,  
Coordinator*

## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**MONTE** – Sgt. William John Monte, age 54, met his creator on December 10, 2016 at his residence in Fort Collins, CO.

Johnny was born in Durango, CO on December 29, 1962 to Effie Red Monte and William J. Monte.

He was a member of the Southern Ute Tribe. He grew up in Ignacio, CO and graduated from Ignacio High School.

Johnny served in the U.S. Army and was a Veteran of Operation Desert Storm. During his service, he was stationed in Germany, Colorado, Iraq & Texas. It is said he traveled the world twice!

He was a Shop Foreman for the Alpha Battery, 6th Battalion 52nd Air Defense Artillery. He was the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal for exceptionally meritorious service during the period of August 3, 1989 through No-

vember 26, 1990.

Sgt. Monte's exemplary performance as a Shop Foreman significantly contributed to his units outstanding performance conventional maintenance record and exceptional mobility capability. Sgt. Monte was largely responsible for insuring the highest operational readiness record through 10 consecutive field exercises to include three army training and evaluation program exercises and 2 NATO tactical evaluations.

Sgt. Monte's outstanding technical expertise and leadership ability reflected positively upon himself, his unit and the United States Army. Johnny was a cheerful and fun person all of his life. He enjoyed the outdoors and working on his Ford Bronco. Johnny will be remembered by his warm laugh and honest approach to life.

Johnny is survived by fiancé Susan Tucker; children Marquita, Brendon, Marshall, Harley, & Emily; grandson Izaiah; Marquita's Mother Sandy; mother of Brendon, Marshall, Harley, & Emily Sara Miller Monte; brothers Victor, Drake, & Steven; sisters Victoria Gill & Sherry Salazar; Susan Tucker's children Ryan, Amber, Dustin & Daniel Tucker and Crystal Barrett. John was predeceased by his father John Monte and brother Norton.

A Recitation of the Rosary was held at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel on Friday, December 16, 2016 followed by a wake. A Funeral Service was held at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel on Saturday, December 17, 2016 followed by interment at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



**TAYLOR** – Laddie Taylor passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016, at home in Canon City, CO. He was 56 years old.

Laddie was born September 7, 1960, to Henry Taylor, Sr. and Victoria Waratza in Durango, CO. He grew up in Ignacio and has kept many of his childhood friends. He also lived in Denver and Albuquerque. Laddie suffered a motorcycle accident and never fully recovered; he moved to Canon City for advanced health care.

Laddie enjoyed music, hiking, riding horses and the Colorado Mountains. He made many friends through his travels; all who met him enjoyed his friendship.

He is survived by his siblings: Sally Velazquez, Faith Gomez, Henry Taylor, Jr., Sunni "Dez" Waratza, Henrietta Taylor, and Valerie Taylor; Several nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Siblings: Jack, Beverly, Jason and Dean Taylor and Norma Waratza-Bojorquez.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at 10 a.m., at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel.

### TRIBAL INFORMATION

## Tribe asks for feedback from membership

### Annual satisfaction survey underway

#### Staff report SU INDIAN TRIBE

The second Annual Southern Ute Tribal Membership Satisfaction Survey has been prepared and will be available through the Tribal Information Services Department (TIS) starting Thursday, Oct. 20.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council conducts the annual membership survey to collect

the thoughts and concerns of tribal members on the issues that they face on a daily basis. Your participation in this survey and your voicing of concerns is essential to the successful management of the affairs of the Tribe and ultimately, the actions and decisions of Tribal Council.

You are strongly encouraged to participate in this annual survey. The survey may be completed on-line at

www.southernute-nsn.gov/ member, or by "hard copy" which can be obtained from Tribal Information Services. Just send the completed hard copy survey back to Tribal Information Services in the postage-paid envelope, which will be provided.

For more information about the survey or to obtain a copy you can call the Tribal Information Services Department at 970-563-4702.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
**Jan. 6**  
Deadline:  
**Dec. 30**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe holiday office closures

- **Monday, Dec. 26 (Christmas, 12/25)**
- **Monday, Jan. 2 (New Year's Day, 1/1)**







### Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view full 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.

#### Royalty Audit Supervisor – GF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 12/30/16

Supervises audits of the Southern Ute Tribal Oil and Gas Royalty.

Minimum qualifications include: BA/BS degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or appropriately related area. Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) Section 202 royalty audit supervisory experience required. Five years oil and gas accounting/auditing experience. Must have solid computer experience in database, word processing, spreadsheet and network software applications. Must have knowledge of industry practices, laws, regulations and guidelines related to the reporting and disbursement of royalties. Must be bondable and able to pass both Growth Fund background check and a Federal security investigation of personal, financial and criminal history. Valid Driver's License for state of residency and must be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

### 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

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

#### Barista (Full-time)

Closing date 12/23/16

Preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. Baristas take and prepare orders. In addition to strong guest service skills, baristas need to be able to listen carefully to guest orders and prepare drinks correctly. Accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Previous coffee Barista experience required. Must have at least 6 months experience in the food service industry or related experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

#### Busser (Fulltime)

Closing date 12/23/16

Performs multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Busser job duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 14 years old. Preferably 16 years of age. Must have reliable transportation.

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

Closing date 1/2/17

Deals all craps games while providing a

positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. 1 year experience as a craps dealer with Dealer School Certification OR 3 years experience dealing craps OR Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in craps.

#### \*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 12/26/16

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

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

Closing date 12/26/16

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.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

### Civil Rights Specialist - Administrator I

### Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)

### Durango, CO

The Region 5 Civil Rights Office, located in Durango, exists to administer, manage, and direct the Civil Rights Programs at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The office ensures compliance with Federal and State Laws, departmental rules, policies, procedures and regulations including Civil Rights Acts, Americans with Disabilities Act, 49 CFR (DBE, Title VI, Title VII, Rehabilitation), 23 CFR (Internal & External Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), on-the-job training (OJT), and Title VI), Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, 4 CCR 801 (Personnel Rules and Personnel Director's Administrative Procedures), and CDOT Policy and Procedural Directives. Under the direction of the Region Civil Rights Manager, you will learn to provide technical support to local small businesses as well as CDOT's Civil Rights programs for federally funded construction projects.

**Salary:** \$3,943 – \$5,606 monthly;

**Minimum Qualifications:** At minimum, the ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree from a US accredited college or university in Human Resources, Personnel Administration, Business or Public Administration or a closely related field;

**Substitution:** Additional work experience that provided the same kind, amount, and level of knowledge acquired in the required education, may substitute on a year-for-year basis for the required bachelor's degree but not for the specific experience.

**Deadline:** 12/27/16, 11:59 p.m.

View the complete announcement and apply at: <https://www.colorado.gov/dhr/jobs>

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### 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)

#### Opportunity Room Aide/Attendance Clerk

Closing date 12/28/16

Ignacio School District is accepting applications for a 1/2 time Opportunity Room Aide – 1/2 time Attendance Clerk.

#### 1-1 Special Education Aide

Closing date 12/28/16

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### 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.

#### Education Assistant

Closing date 12/27/16

Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

#### Education Department Assistant

Closing date 12/23/16

Under the direction of the Office Manager, the Education Program Assistant will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students. Will provide the employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT Education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. Will also assist the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council “Youth Council” Coordinator and with summer enrichment programs. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

#### Health Services Manager/Lead CHR

Closing date 12/27/16

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

#### Chief Medical Officer

Open Until Filled

Full time position, organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective

clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. Will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Will require providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties.

#### 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.

#### Registered Dietitian

Open Until Filled

Providing nutrition care and education to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

#### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled

Operates the scoreboard keeping up with balls, strikes, outs, runs scored, innings and alike. Keeps accurate written records of games. Turns in paperwork and game results to designated supervisor. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

#### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open Until Filled

Officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the Sun Ute Recreation Department. Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay grade 20; \$21.32/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)

#### Family Advocate

Closing date 12/30/16

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start. Required: Associates degree in human services related field; minimum two years experience in human services area; strong organizational/computer skills; collaborative skills; compassionate and willingness to partner with families; and ability to take initiative. Preferred qualifications: BA degree. Great benefits package and team environment.

## NEW EMPLOYEES

### Sean Lane

**Job title:** Construction Services repairman

**Description of duties:** Assist in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab programs, Elders Maintenance program, tribal member and elderly/handicapped emergency repair, and tribal rental units.

**Hobbies:** Fishing, camping and hiking.

**Family:** Lana Lane, Savannah Lane and Cassidy Lane.

**Tribe:** Navajo/Southern Ute

**Comment:** Looking forward to working with Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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For more information about Team Colorado contact Kevin Winkler, SunUte Recreation Manager or Shalaunda Roan, SunUte Recreation Coordinator at 970-563-0214

Visit the NAIG link on [www.naig2017.to](http://www.naig2017.to) for game updates





IGNACIO BOBCATS SPLIT TWO IN CORTEZ “RUMBLE” • FROM PAGE 8

free throw with 3:13 left in the opening frame. Bobcat junior guard Kruz Pardo responded with his team’s first three-pointer – and eleventh of the weekend, after ten went down against 2A Moab (Utah) Grand County – but Glen made an interrupting freebie.

However, Pardo and fellow guard Joaquin King continued heating up with back-to-back treys, forcing Basalt boss Danny Martinez into a late timeout before the quarter ended with the ‘Horns up 13-11.

Having missed the previous evening’s 60-53 win over the Red Devils due to illness, junior guard Cole McCaw came off the bench to hit one FT in three tries with 6:56 left in the second quarter, pulling Ignacio (3-1, 2-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) back to 13-12, but a Glen FT began an

8-0 run – which he capped with a three at one end and a vicious rejection of IHS freshman forward Ocean Hunter at the other.

The burst proved most vital; reserve forward Marcus Chapman’s sudden nine-point production – he’d total 12 and a share of the team high – was keeping the Cats alive, and the junior’s two FT’s with 0:21 left helped Ignacio go into halftime trailing by just 11 points, 35-24, instead of by many more.

“Marcus stepped up really big for us today,” stated King. “I was very surprised, and I was very proud of him! Having all those points coming off the bench really sparked us.”

“You know, every time we play I think we see something good out of a new player, a different player,” Valdez said. “Today it was

Marcus’s time to shine, and Kruz did real well with ten points. And you know, we’ve got our consistent guys like Kai and Johnny who are always ... contributing, and Joaquin of course.”

But with junior Kai Roubideaux slowed by Glen and Basalt’s posts, and junior Johnny Valdez limited to just two points (he’d burned GCHS for a game-high 17, with Roubideaux contributing 11) by the Longhorns’ backcourt, another regular had to rise in support of Pardo.

And as BHS feared, it was King.

Having buried an impressive five treys while booking 16 points against Grand County – which then improved to 4-2 by bouncing Montezuma-Cortez (2-4, 0-0 3A Intermountain) 71-57 in the third-place game – the senior knocked down

his seventh of the Rumble starting the third quarter. He drilled an eighth to help Ignacio close to 44-37 after 24 regulation minutes, and a ninth in the fourth as the ‘Cats crept back to 49-45 before the ‘Horns decisively separated via eight of 6’3” senior Wade Soho’s 11 points.

“There’s some moments ... those days where no matter how far behind that three (arc), the basket just looks bigger to me!” grinned King, IHS’ All-Rumble choice. “Everybody has an individual role on the team ... a particular role. My role is to ... find open spots, set my feet and get the shot off.”

Still fighting an undersized, but physical blend of Roubideaux, Chapman, King and sometimes sophomore guard Clay Seibel, Glen went scoreless in the

fourth quarter as the second half was actually played to a 23-23 tie.

“Our offenses are working great when we run them, and then we try to go off-script sometimes and don’t hit what we need to do,” Valdez said. “We’ve got to take care of that. So ... we’ll take away a lot from this game; we’ve got to learn from our mistakes.”

“We’re still down three players who could make an impact,” added Pardo, who scored 12 points on Day 1. “So losing this game’s not ... I mean, it’s a big deal, but we’re not looking back on it and keeping our heads down.”

Roubideaux and Seibel each finished with five points against Basalt. Conversely, senior Miles Levy’s 11 gave Martinez three in double figures, with Rivera (nine) and junior Justin Henderson (seven) close in that category.

Though held scoreless, senior guard Kyle Roberts was still his skipper’s other All-Rumble pick – joining Glen, King, M-CHS junior guard Jasen Engel and GCHS senior G/F Kenyon Birdwell.

Regaining his form following an ACL injury which cost him most of his junior season, Birdwell managed nine points – trailing junior guard Masen Ward’s 12 – against the Bobcats, then put a potent 22 (including a King-like five triples) on the Panthers, paced in that contest by Engel’s 13.

CLEAN IT UP SOME

Though able to strike regularly from long distance, Ignacio encountered some problems operating inside – something which wasn’t all that unexpected, given a much shorter roster than their foes’. But a lack of free-throw attempts will be an addressable item for the team heading into the holiday break.

In two Rumble games, IHS was a combined 18-of-28 from the charity stripe. Grand County, meanwhile, went 22-of-32 against the Cats and Basalt 15-of-26 for an eye-opening 37-of-58 worth of resistance.

“We’re going to step up this break, you know?” said King. “Go hard at practices a hundred percent, work on what we need to do, fix our little potholes ... and hopefully get better!”

LADYCATS GRIND • FROM PAGE 8

Lady Cats used 53 seconds beginning the third quarter) clash.

“Our shooting ... in the second half it was kind of rough; we were like eight-for-thirty or something,” he said. “The good thing about that is we’ve got things to work on, identify key things we need to get better at. Basketball’s about putting the ball in the hoop and we’ve got to get better at it.”

Freshman Makayla Howell finished with seven points for Ignacio, and fellow forward Reyna Cruz came off the bench to equal that with a strong fourth quarter. Senior Tori Archuleta totaled four points, Valdez and Alejandra Lujan each had two, and Veronica Gonzales and Larissa Gallegos each had one.

“Our ‘blue team,’” Seibel said, discussing the reserves’ contributions,” they play each other every day in practice, and they gave us some energy. I really appreciated that because our first five noticed ... Reyna was getting some opportunities, so hats off to the bench! They came to play with some excitement!”

Gallegos was also an effective counter to Spurlock, grabbing nine rebounds unofficially while Gomez collected at least that many in the first half.

Josie Majors (5-10 FT) finished with seven points

and Tatum Majors (2-8 FT) four for the Lady Bears, who dropped to 1-5 overall, 0-2 SJBL under new skipper Tiffany Hill. Coming off a 1-1 showing – a 39-29 win over SJBL member Nucla, and a 61-33 loss to 2A/1A Western Slope Leaguers Oak Creek Soroco – at the Dec. 9-10 Montezuma-Cortez “Rumble in ‘The Jungle,’” IHS improved to 3-1, 2-0 before the long holiday break.

IF YOU GOTTA LOSE

Building upon an impressive 20-4 campaign, stopped just short of the State Championships by Paonia in regional-round action, SHS improved to 5-1 overall in 2016-17 with the victory over Ignacio. Results from a Dec. 16 home game versus Fairplay South Park, wrapping up the Lady Rams’ pre-holiday schedule, were unavailable at press time with the contest in jeopardy due to that weekend’s snowstorm.

Meanwhile, PHS – a postseason foe of IHS in seasons past – is off to a 6-0 start after defeating 3A’s Delta (48-28) and Cedaredge (58-35) at DHS’ Dec. 16-17 First Colorado National Bank Invitational, held in conjunction with the Jack Hawkins Alumni Games tradition in Delta County.

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40°F mostly sunny  
50% chance of snow

Saturday, Dec. 24

42°F mostly cloudy  
40% chance of rain/snow

Christmas

31°F mostly cloudy  
Chance of snow

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

December 29 January 5 January 12 January 19 January 29

**Ambient Monitoring:**  
Current up to date, daily readings for Temp, Wind, Precipitation can be found on the Southern Ute's Environmental Programs Division, Air Quality Program website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring).

**Air quality: As of 12/22**  
AQI – Ignacio: 18  
AQI – Bondad: 19

**NOTICES**

**Southern Ute Utilities**

**TRASH PERMITS**

The Southern Ute Tribal Member trash permits will soon be expiring for 2016. The new trash permits will be available for 2017 after Jan. 15, 2017. Please stop by the Utilities office to acquire the new trash permits. If you have any questions, call the Southern Ute Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

**TRANSFER STATION CONSTRUCTION**

Construction maintenance will begin on the Southern Ute Transfer Station approximately Dec. 19, 2016 and will last approximately 2 months. Use caution while utilizing the transfer station during this time. If you have any questions, call the Southern Ute Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.