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The Southern Ute Drum

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribe bids farewell to Chairman Frost, Councilwoman Barry

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Hall of Warriors, in the Leonard C. Burch building, filled with Southern Ute tribal members, employees, and visiting dignitaries on Monday, Nov. 4, to celebrate the retirement of Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost, and Councilwoman Amy J. Barry as their three-year terms came to an end.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council was among the first to offer thanks and congratulations to the outgoing leadership.

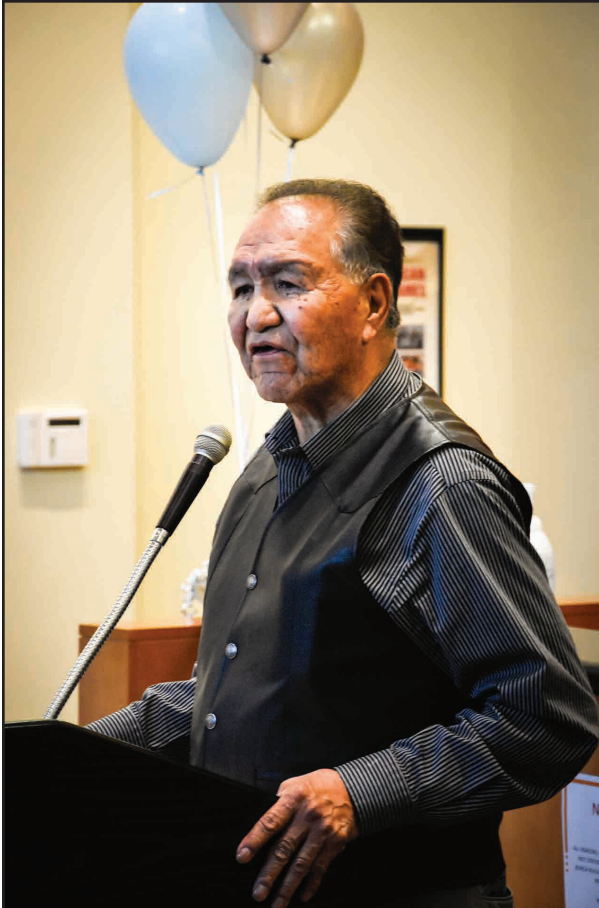
“I would like to thank Chairman Frost for the opportunity the Tribal Council gave us to travel to important events and be a voice there,” Elijah Weaver said. Sentiments echoed by fellow youth council member D’Vondra Garcia, “I want to thank Amy Barry for showing us how to be a leader and for being there for us.”

Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Executive Office each spoke in turn, both thanking and acknowledging Barry and Frost for their years of service.

“In a manner that is acceptable to everyone, Chairman Frost puts his people first. We are working hard to return this tribe to true sovereignty,” Councilman Kevin Frost said. “We don’t have many elders left to teach us why these decisions were made decades ago; this is one of our elders who understands that we didn’t have everything that we have today.”

“He has touched a lot of people’s lives,” Southern Ute Vice Chairman Alex Cloud said. “Growing up, he was a mentor to me.”

Executive Officer Ramona Eagle described Chairman Frost as having served with diligence, with patience and with love. “He has always found a way to make time to meet with the membership; he



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Clement J. Frost, outgoing Chairman of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, addresses the membership, employees and visiting dignitaries during his retirement on Monday, Dec. 4.

always provided insight and truth,” Eagle said.

Outgoing Councilwoman Amy J. Barry took to the podium to address the membership. “Today is not goodbye, we’ll see each other in the community” Barry said. “I am very proud of our youth — they are not our future — they are here today.”

“Amy brought a willingness and drive to work with our membership, our staff,” Vice Chairman Alex Cloud said, “She is going to pass that on to the next

generation.” Cloud recognized the Yellow Jacket Singers for their Honor Songs. “I want to thank Tyson Thompson as an outgoing councilman too.” Thompson resigned from Tribal Council earlier this year in order to put his name on the 2017 election ballot.

The Chairman addressed his people.

“We are still standing strong here because of our tradition, our leadership,”

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EDUCATION

So. Ute Head Start back on track



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Southern Ute Head Start student, John Scott smiles in his new class setting, Friday, Dec. 1; temporary classrooms are now located at the Southern Ute Cultural Center. Head Start students were relocated to the Cultural Center, prompted by potential health concerns, recently identified in the former Head Start building.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has given The Southern Ute Community Actions Program (SUCAP), a one year lease for the Head Start to use administrative offices, classrooms and kitchen facilities at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. This temporary solution is intended to give SUCAP enough time to establish a permanent facility for the Head Start program within the community by next year.

“The Tribe has been so gracious and accommodating,” SUCAP Executive Director, Eileen Wasserbach said. “We were asked to move out of the old building for safety reasons, and the Tribe has not made a decision about what to do with the building.”

This has been an unexpected opportunity to share a cultural space.

“To me the kids really fit here,” Head Start Director Char Schank said in refer-

ence to the large, colorful classrooms located on the south side of the Cultural Center. “Our long-term goal would be to partner with the Cultural Department and have a full immersion classroom for kids [going forward].”

Missing a total of eight school days, the Head Start closed on Oct 10, and reopened the modular classrooms on campus by Oct 23 — with all programs opening in the Cultural Center classrooms on Nov 6. “We need to give kudos to Linda Baker and Edward Box III for being very accommodating in making the space work, and the good communication,” Schank said. Baker and Box, respectively, head the Museum and Cultural Center for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

“There were some upset families in the community, we reopened as quickly as we could,” Schank said. “Every staff member

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GROWTH FUND

Exploration and production

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Department of Energy (DOE) held an informative presentation to review policies and procedures for ‘Operator’s Compliance’ in regards to energy development projects on the Southern Ute Reservation, Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Growth Fund Headquarters in Ignacio, Colo.

“There are a lot of new faces on the reservation, lots of changes in lease and gas well ownership,” said Karen Spray, Exploration and Production manager for the Department of Energy. The role of the DOE is to ensure that the Tribe receives maximum energy benefits. “This is Southern Ute land, this is their backyard, this is their home,” she said.

The presentation was aimed at introducing, or updating outside operators on the rules governing how they comply, and do business within the Tribe’s reservation boundaries.

“Leases do require Tribal Council approval,” Spray said, “part of a sequential process.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Karen Spray, Exploration and Production Manager for the Department of Energy (far right), and Environmental Compliance Specialist for the Department of Energy, Doug Krueger (right, center) welcome outside Lease Operators to the Growth Fund.

DOE presented a flowchart to walk operators through the process and keep everyone on track, and on schedule. “Start early, walk the process through. Cultural clearance is mandatory. We are trying to protect the Tribe’s environment while fostering energy development,” emphasized Spray.

Operators might work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tribal Air Permitting and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), depending on circumstances and location of the lease;

the Southern Ute Reservation is a ‘checker board’ reservation.

“We try to look into the future as much as possible,” Environmental Compliance Specialist for the Department of Energy, Doug Krueger said. “[Our role is to] protect tribal resources for the tribal membership.”

“Were here to work with you,” Krueger said, addressing the room full of oil & gas operators. “Communication and consistency is what we expect. We want you working here, we want it done right.”

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IHS VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball names its best at year-end banquet

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

More noticeable than the applause for the evening’s guest speaker – or even the award-winners as they were presented later on – was the reaction Lindy Mortensen got when she mentioned a team-building rule which her team follows on road trips.

Mentioning “zero cell phone” usage for the first hour aboard a bus, the longtime Adams State University skipper may have turned off – pun intended – some of the Ignacio Vollecats in the audience, listening during a prime-rib dinner at their end-of-season banquet Wednesday, Nov. 29.

For those still tuned in however, Mortensen’s anti-tech comment came a part of a larger talk about team unity and success in the wake of IHS’ 9-14 record in 2017, with the aforementioned remark made relative to how developing real-life communication and friendships within a team are often vital to its on-court performance.

Even more important than, say: hard work, perseverance, toughness, being a good



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Makayla Howell, left, looks over her IHS Volleyball Varsity MVP award with head coach, Thad Cano, at the team’s end-of-year banquet, Wednesday, Nov. 29.

teammate, and avoiding negative influences – all of which she discussed at length.

“I think it takes a special person to look outside that circle,” said Mortensen, whose Montezuma-Cortez H.S. teams went 60-0 in 4A/5A Southwestern League play from 1999-2004, and reached the Class 4A State Championships six times between ‘96 and ‘04. “I want you to think, ‘How can I make someone’s day better today?’ I think that’s more important than winning volleyball games. I like to win, but I don’t think that goes above...”

“I want you players to think of the legacy you’ll

leave,” she continued. “Appreciate the opportunities you have as a female athlete.... And be part of a classy program. Seniors, it’s always mixed feelings for you; good luck in your future! Returners, leave a good legacy – I wish you the best of luck in your 2018 season.”

That being said, IHS’ coaches stepped to the stage one at a time to announce their respective squads’ best. C-team ‘Red’ head coach John Saucedo named freshman Aleah Abeyta as his Player-of-the-Year, freshman Jerrika Rarick-Valenzuela as

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Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Now open for viewing is the KSUT exhibit located in the Southern Ute Museum.

CULTURE

Museum unveils KSUT exhibit

By Maria Rivera
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Recently the Southern Ute Museum opened a new exhibit focused on KSUT Public Radio, which highlights its legacy in the community.

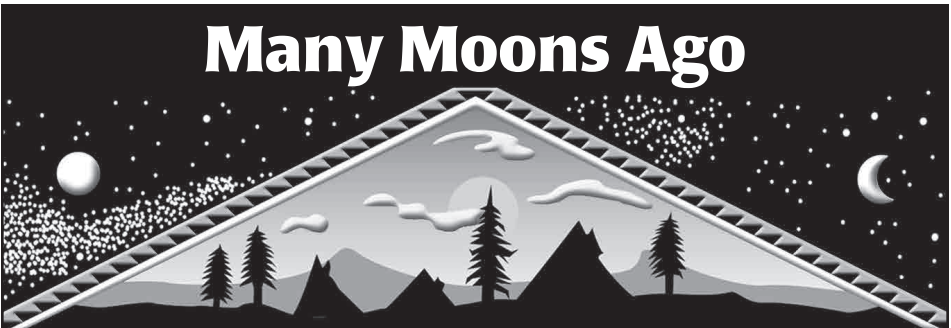
With over 40 years of history, KSUT made a mark in the Southern Ute Museum with a brand-new exhibit built by Southern Ute tribal member Daniel Rhode, Cheyenne Caraway and Jed Smith. The exhibit is now part of the permanent gallery and displays pieces of KSUT's history. Within the exhibit are a few newspaper articles, dating back to 1976-1977, written by the

Durango Herald. It also includes the old wooden sign that use to hang at KSUT, a painted drum, memorabilia, photos, achievement plaques, native music cassette, CDs as well as a 1964 vinyl record. Aside from memorabilia, the exhibit also displays one of the radio audio console mixer used by Eddie Box Jr. as well as a Marantz voice recorder.

KSUT has been part of the community since June 14, 1976, at the time it was one of eight tribal stations in the country. For the past 41 years KSUT has been a part of Ignacio and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. It has been

operating for 30 years in a small building that was previously part of the Taylor Hospital for 50 years prior. They are currently in the process of raising money for their campaign "Fund Our Future Home" to raise 5.3 million dollars for the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center which will be the new home for Southern Ute Tribal Radio and Four Corners Public Radio.

Take some time and make a visit to the Southern Ute Museum to view the new exhibit as well as others showing the history of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Southern Ute Museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



RC Lucero/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Chairman Clement Frost and Councilman John Washington shake hands with some of the children of SUIMA as a thank you after the students sang to them.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 7, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Hay! Not for you deer. No winter break for Custom Farm. John Weaver and Robert Watts dig post hold for a fence to keep away the hungry deer on Lawrence and Arlene Millich's spread. This winter's El Nino phenomenon could fetch high prices for hay.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 5, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Southern Ute Wildlife Department: Back row (l-r) Wildlife Officer Bryce Red, Officer Rueben Vigil, WCO Supervisor Alden Naranjo, Officer Byron Frost, Officer Ralph Watts. Seated Ida Harrison, Receptionist/Secretary.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 11, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Southern Ute Museum Exhibits on Display:



Ute Chieftain Memorial Park Exhibit

Located: Upstairs



Permanent Gallery: Ute History

Located: Northeast Hall





Southern Ute Veterans Exhibit

Located: Northeast Hall Alcove



THE POLAR EXPRESS

First come, first serve! **LIMITED** seats available.
Southern Ute Tribal Members: Sign up your **IMMEDIATE** family at SunUte Front Desk (no registrations over the phone or emails.)
Cost \$10 per person. By booking your seat with us you save \$43 per ticket.
You will be responsible for full ticket price \$53 on ALL cancellations made after December 17th.
Registration deadline is December 12th @ 6 pm. Space is limited!
We will meet you at the Durango Train Station December 19th at 6:20pm, sharp!
Tickets will be issued at that time, train boards at 6:50pm!
Note: This field trip is targeted to children between 3-10 years old, accompanied by a parent/guardian
Field Trip includes:
All passengers will enjoy hot chocolate and a treat served by your personal chefs who will also read THE POLAR EXPRESS story on the way to the North Pole to pick up Santa! While Santa visits each car, your chefs will lead you in specially selected Christmas carols on the return to Durango. All the kids aboard the train will receive a special gift from Santa!





Leonard C. Burch Day

December 10th

Why we celebrate Leonard C. Burch Day as a Tribal Holiday

This day of recognition was established on December 10, 1996 and is celebrated each year as a Tribal Holiday.

Mr. Leonard C. Burch served was elected to the Southern Ute Tribal Council at the young age of 32 in 1966 and served for Chairman for 28 years. Under his leadership, the Southern Ute Tribe emerged from relative poverty to become a major economic force in the Four Corners Region and the largest employer in LaPlata County. Fueled principally by successful development of the Tribe's natural gas resources, the Burch era saw countless examples of community development and improvements in education and health and social programs available to Tribal Members.



These are just a few of Mr. Burch's outstanding achievements:

- Mr. Burch was invited by five separate United States Presidents to attend conferences on Indian policy at the White House.
- During his tenure he appeared innumerable times before Committees of Congress on matters affecting the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southwestern Colorado.
- He successfully obtained passage of federal laws permitting the Tribe to consolidate land holdings within the reservation and address complex jurisdictional issues. The gaming compact between the State of Colorado and the Tribe and a taxation compact among the State of Colorado, the County of LaPlata and the Tribe were each negotiated during his tenure in office.
- In the later years of his career he worked closely with other members of the Tribal Council to establish and implement successful financial investments both on and off the reservation. The financial progress of the Tribe has been widely touted as a model for Indian tribes throughout the country.
- He helped forge a coalition of Indian and non-Indian water users in southwestern Colorado to advocate for construction of the Animas-LaPlata Project, a water storage facility built by the Bureau of Reclamation as part of a settlement of the Tribe's water rights claims. In recognition of his role in this regard, he received the Citizens Award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- As an Air Force Veteran, Mr. Leonard Burch was honored to lead the Walk of Warriors every Memorial Day.
- He received numerous awards in recognition of his lifetime achievements and contributions, including:
 - The Durango Area Citizen of the Year Award (1997)
 - The 15th Annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award (2002)
 - The Council of Energy Resource Tribe's Achievement Award (2002).

Throughout his life, Mr. Burch remained respectful of the culture and traditional ways of the Ute people. He participated continuously in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sundance as both a dancer and Sundance Chief and he supported programs to preserve the Ute language and the Tribe's museum.

His life was one of dedication and service to his family, 7 girls and his wife, Irene, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Four Corners Region.

Ute tribe hosts T-day powwow



photos Tom Alires/Special to the Drum

Mr. Rudley Weaver of the Southern Ute Veterans Association carried the Southern Ute flag in the grand entries of the 2017 Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow held in Ft. Duchesne, Utah.



Miss Southern Ute Loraine Watts, Little Miss Southern Ute Myla GoodTracks, Southern Ute Brave Dominick GoodTracks and Junior Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage, dance in the first Grand Entry of the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow on Thursday, Nov. 23.

Miss Southern Ute 2017-2018 Loraine Watts introduces herself to the crowd in her Ute language. She also wished all that attended a "Happy Thanksgiving".

LeClaire takes culture to SUIMA



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

BGC Chief Professional Officer, Bruce LeClaire gave an energetic and informative cultural presentation to Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy (SUIMA) students on Friday, Dec. 1. LeClaire who is a veteran and Traditional style dancer, hails from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and has been actively dancing for most of his life. The presentation included storytelling, and an explanation of regalia, accompanied by music and dance.

The SUIMA students had an assignment to take notes, or create individual drawings during the cultural presentation, which each of the students excitedly shared at the end of class.



Inauguration Ceremony

Tribal Membership are cordially invited to attend the Inauguration for the newly elected

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairman & Council Members

on Monday, the eighteenth of December two thousand seventeen

10:00 AM


Sky Ute Casino & Resort
Event Center

A run-off election will take place Friday, December 15, 2017
For more information & to RSVP, please call 970.563.2313

Tribal Christmas Program

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department is requesting for Departments within the Southern Ute Tribal Organization & interested Tribal Members to participate in this years Tribal Christmas Program. Dec. 16, 2017 Sky Ute Event Center 4:00 P.M.



If you or your department is interested in participating, please contact Tara Vigil at (970)-563-2985, by December 12, 2017.



Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 737, MS #8, Ignacio, CO 81137
(970) 563-0100 Fax (970) 563-1098

Tribal Christmas Program – December 16, 2017 – 4:00 PM

Please fill out the following information in its entirety, and return this form by December 12, 2017.
RETURN TO: Culture Department Office
EMAIL: tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov

 Tribal Christmas Program 2017 Sign-up Form 

Please indicate:	
Southern Ute Tribal Member	Southern Ute Permanent Fund
Sky Ute Casino Resort	Southern Ute Growth Fund

Tribal Department: _____
Tribal Member: _____
Contact Name: _____
Contact Phone: _____
Email: _____

Christmas Performance (Performance should not exceed 20 minutes.)

Performance Title _____
(Information for the program)

Type of Performance: _____
Length of Performance: _____
(Minutes)

Props, i.e. audio equip, etc.: _____
Number of Performers: _____

Comments/Special Requests:

*Once a draft performance schedule has been created, you will be contacted.

HEALTH

Why do we get tired after our holiday meals? Is turkey to blame?

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN
HEALTH & WELLNESS

We’ve all experienced it, the afternoon sleepiness that follows our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. We still have to wash the dishes, but boy, could I use a nap! Falling asleep during the game? What is really to blame?

For years we have heard that the amino acid L-tryptophan is to blame for our sleepiness after Thanksgiving. But is this true?

While turkey contains this sedative-like amino acid, is it the only food that contains it? There is L-tryptophan in all animal protein sources and some even contain the same amount or more such as chicken, eggs and shrimp. L-tryptophan is an essential amino acid, meaning that your body does not produce it. It is a precursor to the hormone serotonin that aids in the sleep cycle, which is where turkey gets its reputation. So, it’s probably not the turkey

alone since we consume other foods high in tryptophan throughout the year.

According to experts, we consume between 3,000-4,000 calories and 230 grams of fat at our holiday feasts alone! That may be more than double what we need and that’s in one meal! When we consume large amounts of carbohydrates, such as the stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, rolls, cranberry sauce and pie (to name a few!), various things happen that together, can cause drowsiness.

When we eat high amounts of carbohydrates as we do on Thanksgiving we trigger the release of large amounts of insulin to take care of all those carbs and then crash once they are used up. We also go into a state of rest when blood is pulled from the brain and other parts of the body to be used for digesting the large amounts of food we have eaten. Let the brain rest while we digest! And thus, we get sluggish and drowsy. We may also be grazing on foods all day,

drinking alcohol and sitting around which can help lead us to the recliner. So, what’s a person to do?

We can start by eating a breakfast containing protein. Breaking our fast, giving us energy and helping us to feel full before the onslaught of the holiday meal may help us not to overeat. Taking small amounts of the many foods offered at Thanksgiving or Christmas, taking time to chew and eat slowly will help you feel satiated with less overeating. Delight in some dinner table conversation before going for seconds. You may still want to go back but only take small amounts of your favorite dishes.

Do we really feel good after overeating? I know I love the food, but taking small amounts and enjoying them helps to make you feel satisfied yet still alert and without feeling overstuffed and uncomfortable. So, enjoy the day with family and friends, go outdoors and get fresh air and enjoy the food ... a little bit of everything goes a long way!

Romero retires



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Della Romero celebrates her retirement Wednesday, Dec. 6 after working 15 years with Southern Ute Community Action Programs. Tribal Services Director, Loren Sekayumtewa gifted Romero with a small white elephant, which holds significance to her Tribe, and a blessing at her retirement party.

HEALTH

Fighting addiction

By Maria Rivera
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Over 20 million people nationwide suffer from drug and alcohol abuse issues and the cost of treatment and incarceration run nearly 700 billion annually for taxpayers as stated in an article by Ashwood Recovery in Boise, Idaho. In Colorado, a person dies from drug overdose every 10 hours according to AspenRidge North, a treatment facility in Fort Collins, Colo. “Since 2005, drug overdose has been the leading cause of death, surpassing motor vehicle deaths,” said Jamie Feld, an epidemiologist with the Boulder County Health Department. Annually, over 20% of Colorado residents will use illicit drugs. This is higher than anywhere else and equates to over half a million people abusing drugs. Colorado and other states in the region have the highest death rates attribute to alcohol in the country. It’s apparent that drug and alcohol abuse is a major problem in Colorado for individuals of all ages, their families and society.

Addiction is considered a brain disease because drugs and alcohol change the brain, they change its structure and how it works. According to a recent article by National Geographic Magazine titled, ‘How science is unlocking the secrets of drug addiction; the author states; After spending decades probing the brains of animal and human volunteers, scientists have developed a detailed picture of how addiction disrupts pathways and processes that underlie desire, habit formation, pleasure, learning, emotional regulation and cognition. Addiction remolds neural circuits that make drugs and alcohol priority over health, work, family or even life itself.

Within Colorado thousands of people abuse alcohol, methamphetamine, opiate and prescription pain-killer and become addicted.

Meth addiction remains high, with drug abuse statistics showing that over 1.2 million regularly abuse it nationwide as stated in the Ashwood Recovery article. In the past few years the trend has been down, most likely due to the presence of

other more compelling alternatives, but meth related crimes among adults have tripled. It’s cheap, easy to get and highly addictive. 19.1% of all Colorado treatment admissions are for methamphetamines, that is the highest rate for any substance except for alcohol.

Governor John Hickenlooper played an active role in launching “Take Meds Seriously”, a public awareness campaign hoping to address prescription medicine abuse. A survey taken by Take Meds Seriously states that on average, 35 Coloradoans die every month from unintentional prescription drug overdoses and 224,000 people in Colorado misuse prescription medications every year. The number is decreasing due to cheaper and readily available drugs, opiates like heroin fell around 6%. It’s believed that the prescription drug crackdown forced opiate users to turn to heroin. In 2015 there was a 16% increase of deaths due to opioid overdose making the number 33,091 throughout the country, in Colorado there were 151 fatalities where-as there were 37 in 2000. In response to the crisis the first ever U.S. Surgeon General’s Report on addiction that was released Nov. 2016, it concluded that 21 million Americans have a drug or alcohol addiction, making the disorder more common than cancer.

Aside from Illegal drugs, alcohol takes a toll on Colorado residents. Alcoholism is a result of a combination of genetic, psychological,

environmental and social factors. The more risk factors a person exhibits, the more likely to become an alcoholic and sometimes it’s out of a person’s control – according to Aspen Ridge Recovery. “Excessive alcohol use is a huge public health problem. It’s killing people in the prime of their lives,” said Dr. Robert Brewer of the Centers of Disease Control’s Alcohol Program. 1 out of 20 people are addicted to alcohol in the country, approximately 18% (1 out of 5) of all Colorado adults engaged in heavy or binge drinking monthly. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Alcohol is the “main factor” in 2% of all deaths for Colorado adults between the ages of 20 and 64.

There aren’t specific reasons why an individual becomes addicted; often people become stressed, start drinking at an early age, have mental health problems, begin taking alcohol with medicine or have a family history of addiction. If you, or someone you care about, have a substance abuse problem — contact a professional addiction rehabilitation program today. Fighting any addiction is a battle and there are specific ways to fight it. Treating patients depends on the individuals level of addiction. If it is moderate the user could enter an outpatient program where a person is given medication from a treatment center and allowed to detox at home. For heavy user’s, treatment requires comprehensive courses of detoxification.

Resources for treatment and information

Peaceful Spirit
970-563-4555

296 Mouache Dr, Ignacio, CO

Southern Rockies Addiction Treatment Services
970-247-5245

450 Camino Del Rio #102, Durango, CO

24 Axis Health Local Crisis Careline
970-247-5245

1474 Main Ave, Durango, CO

Preferred Counseling Services
970-259-3952

1315 Main Ave. Suite 212, Durango, CO

Detox of La Plata County
970-259-8732

1125 Three Springs Blvd., Durango, CO

Southern Ute Health Center and Pharmacy

New Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 5:30pm

Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

Closing at noon the 1st Thursday of every month

CLINIC, PHARMACY, OPTOMETRY AND DENTAL CLOSURE

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Upcoming Holiday Closures

Monday December 11th 2017

Monday December 25th, 2017

Monday January 1st, 2018

Monday January 15th, 2018

After hours

970-563-4581 or 877-215-9635



2017 Leonard C. Burch 6th Annual Walk/Run

Sunday, December 10
SunUte Community Center
Registration: 9 a.m.
Start: 10 a.m.

Special thanks from the Leonard C. Burch family
Sponsored by:
The Southern Ute Growth Fund
Law Firm of Maynes, Bradford, Shippy and Sheftel

Door prizes and employee incentives will be awarded after walk.

The first 100 adults to register will receive a free T-Shirt!

Children (10 and under) will receive a special prize!

Refreshments provided by Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Department Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council



For more info contact Leonora Burch at 970-799-3498 or Lisa Frost at 970-799-2056.



Bobcats of the Month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for demonstrating the six pillars of ‘Character Counts’ at IES: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congrats Lil’ Cats!



First Grade
Zackariah Loudenburg



Second Grade
Kieley White Thunder



Second Grade
Craig Hight Jr.



Third Grade
Leland Richards



Fourth Grade
Andres Richards



Fifth Grade
Ethan Barry

HEAD START BACK ON TRACK • FROM PAGE 1

here worked hard to get us moved [in short notice], and the staff from Southern Ute Building and Grounds Maintenance helped with trucks, trailers, and extra hands.”

SUCAP has operated the Southern Ute Head Start for 50 years, the Tribe is a grantee from the Federal Government for the school, therefore Head Start is technically a Southern Ute Program which serves both tribal members and the community of Ignacio.

The building occupied by the SUCAP Head Start program was built in the late 1930’s by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and buildings from this era sometimes contain hazardous materials — as stated in a recent press release from the Southern Ute Executive Office; the Tribe contracted with an environmental consultant to conduct an assessment of the Head Start building. The Tribe received a final report identifying the presence of asbestos in the crawl space

of the Head Start building. To eliminate any potential risk for asbestos exposure and completely ensure the safety of the building occupants, the Tribe determined that it was in the best interest of the occupants to immediately shut down the Head Start building.

“That building has a lot of history,” Wasserbach said. Currently SUCAP is working to secure a location and fundraise for a new school, whether that be new construction, or on site modular buildings for classrooms and administration.

“Finding the property has been a huge hurdle,” Wasserbach said. “We asked the school board about a [vacant] lot and talks were very supportive.”

When a piece of land near the Pine River Education Center came to the attention of SUCAP, they realized it fit some important criteria — great access to town and basic utilities.

Ignacio School District Superintendent Dr. Rocco Fuschetto has been very supportive.

There will be some drawbacks to relocating away from the Southern Ute Tribal Campus explained Char Schank. “The loss of SunUte, the kids can walk to ‘tumbling tots’ and Halloween events on campus,” she said. Partnerships with SUIMA and the Sky Ute Casino enable teachers to bring kids over for events and presentations; those extracurricular activities could prove challenging from a new location further into town.

“We do have a request for proposal to find someone to manage this project,” Wasserbach said. The project manager will be hired on to decide best options in regards to functionality and cost.

If people would like to donate to the Head Start program and the establishment of a new facility for the school they can contact SUCAP directly, or go through Southwest Colorado Gives.

Splish splash with Santa



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum


The SunUte Lifeguards dress up for the annual Swimming with Santa event, Wednesday, Dec. 6. Shyla Casey receives a gift from Santa and his helpers.



Jacoby Velasquez dashes through the water during Swimming with Santa at the SunUte Community Center.

Tribal Students of the Month

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff have developed a special recognition program, 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.



AUTUMN SAGE


My name is Autumn Sage. I attend Ignacio Middle School, where I am a 7th grader. My favorite subjects in school are, P.E., World History and Math.

My parents/guardians are Roger Sage Jr., and Lynette Sage. I like participating in sports and Native events. In addition, I want to be a good soccer and basketball player. When I grow up. I want to go to UCLA and play basketball and soccer, and be a photographer after high school.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the month for the month of November, because I was showing the Character Counts and I had good behavior and attendance.

Comments: I’m Junior Miss Southern Ute and I’m happy to represent my tribe. My favorite baseball team is the New York Yankees, and my two favorite basketball teams are the Golden State Warriors and the Phoenix Suns.

Additional comments: Autumn was nominated for this honor by several teachers at the middle school. She is appreciated for her hard work and effort both in class and in sports. It has also been mentioned that she is respectful and kind to her peers. We expect Autumn to be very successful in the future.



ELIJAH WEAVER

My name is Elijah Weaver. I attend Ignacio High school, where I am a sophomore. My favorite subjects in school are, Biology and Culinary Nutrition.

My parent is Tami Begay. I like participating in social activities and activities involving the Tribe. In addition, I want to thank my mom for giving me many opportunities and raising me to become the person I am today. When I grow up I want to go to college at Washington State University after high school.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of November, because I am a respectful person, not only to elders but to every person I meet. Also I am a great role model to everyone and I show that by being on the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.

Comments: Elijah is always pleasant. He treats others with kindness and is always respectful. He is a great role model by serving on the youth council.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ONGOING EVENTS (YOUTH)

Tuesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.: Inklings Book Club
Join Inklings for snacks and a wonderful reading adventure every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. for any 3rd-5th graders!

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.: Christmas Classics StoryTime
Join in the fun with stories, songs, puppets and more that encourage development of early literacy skills in young children.

Wednesdays, 2-5:30 p.m.: Teen Café
Teen Café is open to teens in grade 6-12. It is a place to play games, do homework, make crafts, relax with friends, and have fun!

Wednesdays, 3-5 pm.: ICL MakerSpace
The ICL MakerSpace is open with a unique skill session happening. Come play with legos, learn about robotics, and discover other unique skills.

Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.: ICL MakerSpace
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REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Dec. 9, 10:00 a.m.: Book Discussion
“Pushing the Limits of Transformation”
The next session in the Pushing the Limits series will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10 am. We will discuss the book Lab Girl by Hope Jahren. As before, we’ll watch a short video and discuss science in everyday life as well. Books are available at the library service desk. Transformation is often on people’s mind as we head into New Year’s. Join us at the library for a different approach to the idea of Transformation.

Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m.: Mystery Book Club
Join us for our last book of 2017, a lighter mystery by author Judith Flanders. We’ll be discussing A Murder of Magpies at our December meeting. Members will bring either soup, bread or dessert to share. Sign up with Marcia for what to bring. We meet at 11:30 for social time and start lunch and book discussion at noon.

Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.: Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer
Learn how to remove programs, manage the space on your computer, speed up your browsing and more.

Dec. 14, 5 p.m.: The Art of Tatting
Join like-minded folks learning the age-old art of tatting. Randy Houtz returns to ICL to help us continue to learn and create. Join us for some fun and conversation as we work to improve our tatting skills. Open to everyone and all skill levels.

Dec. 17, 2 p.m.: Writers Workshop
The ICL Writers’ Workshop meets on the first and third Sundays at ICL. Local authors meet to share, review, and critique each other’s work. Spring and summer issues of the Cedar Moon Journal are available for a suggested \$5.00 donation.

Dec. 18, 4 p.m.: Anime Club
Anime showing and a cultural activity! Due to the content of the shows all participants must be in Middle School or older.

Dec. 21, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: No School Days Fun
Enjoy some hard earned “No School Days Fun” at ICL. Retro gaming, holiday movies, Legos, crafts, and much more. From 11am – 4pm Thursday, December 21 and Friday, December 22.

Farewell Frost, Barry



The outgoing councilmembers were greeted with by a full house on Monday afternoon, many traveled a great distance to give their respects to the outgoing leadership.



The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council honors Chairman Frost with an embroidered Pendleton Blanket during the reception.



Amy J. Barry bid farewell and spoke with resolve, giving thanks to the membership for her term on Tribal Council, while also acknowledging Chairman Frost for his support over the years.



The Yellow Jacket singers filled the Leonard C. Burch building with drumming during an Honor Song for outgoing Chairman Clement J. Frost and Councilwoman Amy J. Barry.

FAREWELL TO FROST, BARRY • FROM PAGE 1

Chairman Frost said. “Depend on your traditional culture to make your decisions today. We have never given up our sovereignty. Sovereignty is the way we live; your language is your strength.”

“As a leader; you’re not going in there to be liked, or for people to follow you

— you’re going in there to lead,” Frost said.

“I’ve enjoyed all those years as a councilman, Vice Chairman and Chairman — I’ve come a long way from where I started in the 70’s. I feel good about stepping into retirement.”

Clement J. Frost served

the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for 27 years in office. Frost now concludes his impressive political career, 16 years on Tribal Council, and 11 more as Chairman, Communications Specialist Lindsay Box stated — That of a leader who truly cares for his people.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Little Miss Southern Ute, Myla GoodTracks, introduces herself at the request of Southern Ute Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud.



The Frost family stands with solidarity alongside their leader, outgoing Chairman Clement J. Frost in the Hall of Warriors.

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

ELK HUNT RAFFLE

SIX PRIZES

TWO CHANCES TO WIN A TAG!

Raffle tickets will be sold through December 29th, 2017

Tag winners must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter meeting on Fri. Jan. 5th at 6PM in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Tickets are \$10.00/each and are sold by BGC Board & staff or at the BGC Office inside the Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.2666

Grand Prize: Cow Elk Tag

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1st: 2 Night Stay @ Sky Ute Casino

2nd: 28 Piece Premium Camping Set

3rd: Dinner for 2 @ Seven Rivers

4th: Custom Benchmade Knife

Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from Jan. 6th –14th, 2018. One free guest allowed. Additional guest requires an additional fee. Both require crossing permit which can be obtained from the Southern Ute Wildlife. Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety license. Winners will be drawn December 29th, 2017, at 3pm, at the SunUte Community Center. Winners will be notified via phone immediately.

All funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Southern Ute Grassroot Organization S.U.G.O.

Tribal Council Candidates & Chairman Forum

Wednesday, December 13, 2017
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Multi-Purpose Community Center

Information 970/769-3638



That time of the year!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance Department crew hang Christmas lights on the trees just east of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. The Maintenance Dept. hang lights every year on the trees around the LCB Building as well as lining the balconies with luminaries, making for a festive sight in the evening.

Ignacio's Taste of Christmas



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Hendren family sit upon Santa's lap at Ignacio's Taste of Christmas at the ELHI Community Center, Friday, Dec. 1. The annual event hosted vendors selling arts and crafts, food, and offered face-painting and photo ops with Santa. The evening also included the Fill your Bowl for Art event, hosted by the Dancing Spirit Arts Gallery, with music provided by One Lane Highway. The Fill Your Bowl earned \$1,800 of a \$2,700 goal that goes to Colorado Gives. As reported on ColoradoGives.org, over \$36M was donated to over 2,300 non-profit organizations during Colorado Gives Day.



Where: Multi-Purpose Facility
 When: December 29th 7P-10P
 Open to the Community
 Parents accompany children under 12
 Ugly sweater contest starts at 9P
 Admission Fee: 5\$ couple
 3\$ Adults
 1\$ Children over 5



The Los Colores de Ignacio dance group performed a number of dances during Ignacio's Taste of Christmas.

Nine-year-old, Nailah Simon gets her face painted by Susan Livingston, with festive holly, at the always popular face painting booth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum

Yeast Bread Class

Come down and learn
 how to make Yeast rolls & Bread
 @ the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
 256 Ute Road, Ignacio Co
 Give us a call to sign up or for more info.
 970-563-4784
 December 20th, 2017
 10:00a-3:00p



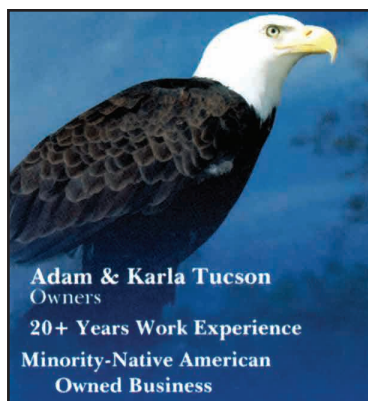
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS Upcoming Events

Crossroads Rodeos

Sky Ute Fairgrounds Indoor Arena
 December 9 and 23: 6 p.m.
 January 20, 2017: 6 p.m.
 February 10, 2017: 6 p.m.
 Entries please call 970-739-3851



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Santa's Mystery Money Tree: Promotional period December 1-24, 2017. Friday, Saturday, Sunday only 5PM-10PM. 5X Entries: Promotional period December 4-19, 2017. Monday and Tuesday only 6AM-MIDNIGHT. Prizes are non-transferable. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or better to enter casino.



O Christmas tree



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Tribal Information Services Records Retention Clerk, Shiri Howell helps decorate the Christmas Tree in the Hall of Warriors Tuesday, Dec. 5 with the help of her co-workers.

ATTENTION: ARTISTS, ARTISANS, CRAFTERS & BAKERS

ARTS & CRAFTS HOLIDAY BAZAAR
DECEMBER 16, 2017 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

So. Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 81137

Cost: \$20/space (10' X 10') one table and 2 chairs provided. You are welcome to bring your own table or additional table. For more information or to reserve a space: 970-563-4784. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate (while it lasts).



Southern Ute Christmas
Dinner & Program

Saturday, December 16, 2017
Sky Ute Casino Event Center

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Program at 4:00 p.m.

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Immediate family, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members

Southern Ute Elderly and Disabled Tribal Members unable to attend may sign up for home delivery. Please Contact: Southern Ute Elder Services, Gloria Frost at (970)-563-2323.

Christmas TOY DRIVE

November 27– December 18, 2017

New toys under \$ 10.00
Please DO NOT wrap gifts

Look out for us on December 22nd!

Drop Off Locations

- SU Growth Fund
- SunUte Community Center
- The Patio
- ELHI
- Ignacio Community Library
- Thriftway
- 7-2-11
- SU Permanent Fund (all buildings)
- Farmers Fresh
- Family Dollar
- Taste of Christmas Event

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Holiday Dining

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JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS FEAST

Christmas Day Buffet

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 10AM-8PM

Carved
Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef and Au Jus

Featuring

- Sliced Turkey • Coconut Shrimp
- Christmas Tamales
- Sole Florentine with Hollandaise
- Tenderloin Tip Chasseur over Penne Pasta
- Mashed Potatoes • Turkey Gravy
- Apple Sage Dressing

Dessert

- Candy Cane Mousse
- Chocolate Cake Glazed with Peanut Butter Caramel

\$24.95 per person
Reservations recommended.

RESERVATIONS: 888.842.4180

Menu items are subject to change. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. All Bear Club discounts apply.

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\$60 PER PERSON

Starter
Butternut Bisque served with Crème Fraiche and Lobster

Salad
Petite Seven Rivers Salad with Choice of Dressing

Entrée
Gregg Norman Wagyu Sirloin Strip
Roasted Shallot Idaho Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Green Beans and Glazed Baby Carrots
Black Garlic Demi and Creamy Horseradish

Dessert
Warm Peaches & Cream Bread Pudding with Cinnamon Swirl Sauce

Reservations are required. Please call 970.563.6235. Menu items are subject to change. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. Bar opens at 4PM.

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Christmas Candy Bagging

December 12, 2017 9:00 A.M.

SUCCM BIG CLASSROOM

The Culture Preservation Department is seeking volunteers to help bag candy for the Christmas Program.

If you need community service hours we can give you hours for your service. Any questions please contact Tara Vigil at (970)-563-2985

Senior Breakfast

Dec. 15th, 2017

9:30a-11:30a

Come enjoy a healthy breakfast @
The Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility

256 Ute Road, Ignacio Co

Any questions please contact MPF @
970-563-4784

ATTENTION
Southern Ute tribal members!

Did you know you can get a copy of the Southern Ute Drum mailed to you for free?
Call the Drum office at 970-563-0118 to get on the mailing list!



2017 Southern Ute Indian Tribe RUNOFF ELECTION

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATES




Shane Seibel
Chairman Candidate



Christine Baker-Sage
Chairman Candidate

SOUTHERN UTE RUN-OFF ELECTION



• Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline Request •
Thursday, December 14, 2017 by 5PM

• Run-Off Election at SunUte Community Center •
Friday, December 15, 2017 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Candidates for Chairman
are:

Shane Seibel
Christine Baker Sage

Candidates for Tribal Council
seats are:

Amy J. Barry Dedra White
Cheryl A. Frost Cedric J. Chavez

COUNCIL CANDIDATES



Amy J. Barry
Council Candidate



Cheryl A. Frost
Council Candidate



Dedra White
Council Candidate



Cedric J. Chavez
Council Candidate

CHRISTINE BAKER SAGE FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



A Chairman for
the membership,
who will speak
for the
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EQUALITY


RESPECT

COMMUNICATION

TRANSPARENCY

VOTE!!!!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH, 2017



STRONG-CARING-COMMITTED-LEADERSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

SHANE SEIBEL FOR CHAIRMAN

PLATFORM:

1. INCREASED TRIBAL REVENUE (THROUGH NEW EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE OWNED BUSINESSES & CREATION OF NEW TRIBAL INDUSTRIES)

2. CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING (REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING, PRODUCE A COST/ BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT & INSTILL PROFESSIONALISM AND EFFICIENCY FOR A STREAMLINED GOVERNMENT)

3. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY (I AM COMMITTED TO DO MY BEST TO BE HEALTHY IN MY MIND, BODY & SPIRIT)

4. CHARACTER COUNTS (23+ YEARS OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN GROWTH FUND ENTITIES, 20+ YEARS COACHING & MENTORING OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH, HUSBAND, FATHER & GRANDFATHER)



**December 15th,
MAKE IT COUNT!**

20+ years of Tribal Government Experience and Leadership in Healthcare, Tribal Council Affairs, Museum Experience, BIA Administration, Public Relations, Executive Office Administration, Youth Initiative and Mentorship

The leadership must continue on the path our ancestors and former leaders have set. Our Tribe must evolve and strengthen our government and entities to perform at the peak of their ability by updating policies and procedures at various levels.

We must not and cannot leave our young people behind, they are our future! They have a destiny as our Elders had when they set the vision in motion for the Southern Ute people into perpetuity!

I challenge our young people to get out and exercise your right to vote and exercise your right to have a voice within our government programs and resources. The planning for your future is here, become a part! Let OUR GENERATION continue to have a voice at the decision making table for our future and the future of our children.

Vote to Re-Elect Amy J. Barry Southern Ute Tribal Council



YOUR VOTE!

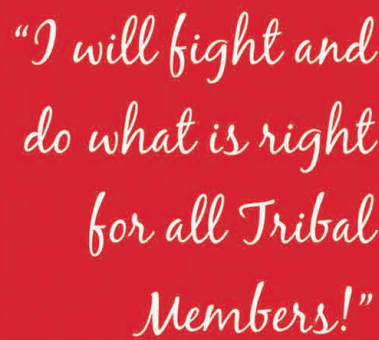


December 15, 2017

7 am – 7 pm • SunUte

Dedra White

For Tribal Council



As your Council Woman, I will:

- Work for you.
- Work for reducing Tribal budget.
- Work for taking budget savings and creating more benefits for Tribal Members.
- Work for revitalization and preservation of the Ute Language.
- Work towards listening to all Tribal concerns.
- Work for Tribal Members living on and off of the reservation.



Vote for me on December 15th, 2017

Call 970-759-1192 for more info.

VOTE
Cheryl A. Frost
for COUNCIL

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ELECT

Cedric J.

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Tribal Council





ELECT SHANE SEIBEL FOR CHAIRMAN

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VOTE SHANE SEIBEL FOR CHAIRMAN

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THE BETTERMENT OF THE
TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP.”

MR. SEIBEL POSSESSES:
COLLEGE EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
INTEGRITY
TRANSPARENCY
RESPECT



IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

#10 Bobcats blast Bulldogs in season-opener

14 3's fall, IHS puts 94 points on Dove Creek



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lawrence Valdez (11) flies past a Dove Creek defender for a first-half layup. IHS routed the Bulldogs 94-21 in the teams' season-opener.

Ignacio's Daniel Weaver (33) fires up a successful three-pointer – one of his two, and one of the Bobcats' 14 total makes from long distance – over a Dove Creek defender.

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

No. 9 Ignacio girls gouge Dove Creek, 65-19

Gomez gets 20, Seibel gets first varsity win



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avionne Gomez (25) fights through the full-court pressure of Dove Creek's Madilyn Hankins (34) during the Nov. 30 season-opener inside IHS Gymnasium.

Ignacio's Eboney Gomez (23) steps into a jumper over Dove Creek's Marissa Hatfield (2) during the Nov. 30 season-opener inside IHS Gymnasium.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Often able to turn a defender the opposite direction via a well-directed head- or ball-fake, leaving him with an unguarded three-point look, guard Lawrence Valdez noted it wasn't easy for himself—or the Bobcats as a whole—to follow the boss's instructions to slow things down during the Nov. 30 season-opener once the going got great.

"If I felt like I was far enough away, I was going to take the shot. But if he was right there I was going to give it up," Valdez said afterwards, still grinning over his side's sterling shooting. "I kind of...went off instinct."

Which meant Ignacio's collective killer instinct.

And visiting Dove Creek was just in the wrong place at about the worst possible time.

Led by senior center/forward Kai Roubideaux's three three-pointers—one on the Bobcats' first shot—in the 2017-18 slate's very first quarter, IHS cashed an incendiary 14 shots from downtown in overwhelming the Bulldogs 94-21 in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action.

"We wanted to...just right away ignite, get our season rolling!" senior guard Johnny Valdez said. "We wanted to make a statement that we're still 'here' in this league, really wanting to win this league, and it was just a great effort

by everybody."

"We wanted to come together and play 'team' basketball and I think we did that today, with a lot of assists, a lot of steals and a lot of ball movement."

And more than anything, the last of those group-oriented aspects was what longtime head coach Chris Valdez wanted to see when the score grew more and more lopsided. But finding an open man usually resulted in long-range chances too delicious not to taste—particularly during the initial eight minutes.

Back-to-back treys by Johnny Valdez and Lawrence Valdez increased Ignacio's lead to 11-0, forcing DCHS to take a timeout

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By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It didn't exactly surprise either Ignacio or Dove Creek that their Nov. 30 season-opener inside IHS Gymnasium began with each side throwing the ball out of play multiple times, and the home team taking an early 4-0 lead in the 'fouls' category.

"At the beginning, it was kind of rough," agreed Ignacio sophomore forward Larissa Gallegos. "It was our first time playing a real game, and I definitely think that over time – like, the second and third quarter – we really got together and played well. Finally got the rhythm going."

"We came out to a really slow start – it took four minutes for both teams to score – you know; I think the early jitters of ... playing their first game got to them," agreed IHS head coach Trae Seibel. "But we shook it off; we were able to call some timeouts, come back and play Bobcat basketball: Aggressive, tenacious, not getting beat."

Sparked by a three-point-er courtesy last year's top gun, now-senior Avionne Gomez, with 4:51 left in the scoreless first quarter, the

Lady 'Cats – ranked #9 in the preseason CHSAA Now. com Class 2A girls' poll – built their advantage up to 11-1 via two Gallegos free throws with 1:20 remaining, and went into the second stanza up 14-1 after Gomez fed freshman reserve post Sheldie Gosney for an and-one (which Gosney converted) basket with just 1.7 ticks left on the clock.

Gallegos got the second quarter going with an inside basket from sophomore Makayla Howell, and Gomez promptly followed with another trey. She would total seven points in the quarter, and Gallegos would do likewise as Ignacio went into halftime in full control, 33-10, before running away with a 65-19 victory.

"These ladies, we're training them to read and react. It's not about coaches ... dictating every single play and where the basketball needs to go; it's these ladies being trained in practice to see the defense," said Seibel. "So, when we get into that fast break, the ladies are just ... seeing exactly the open spot ... to get a high-percentage shot."

"After halftime, Coach gave us a little talk and told us what we were doing wrong," Gallegos said. "We got our stuff together and

pulled it into a good game. It was getting intense, and I was getting hyped.... It was just a really good night."

Gomez (20 points) began the second half with her third of four triples, and the third quarter ended with the Lady 'Cats (1-0, 1-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) up 57-11 after a long jumper by freshman reserve guard Jayden Brunson. In fact, out of eleven players Seibel utilized (sophomore center/forward Morgan Herrera did not play), nine netted at least a point for the cause.

Gosney finished with seven points to pace the bench brigade, Brunson booked six (all in the third), senior Sidney Cox scored two and senior Allisiana Baker one. Going 6-of-8 from the free-throw line, Gallegos totaled 18 points, while Howell registered a first-half six. Freshmen Charlize Valdez and Eboney Gomez also received starting-lineup spots, with the former scoring one point in her varsity debut and the latter four.

"You know we can have a tremendous starting five, tremendous six players that can play the game, but if we don't have a bench full of players that can ... we're not

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Skills & drills



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Eight and nine year olds attending the camp, hustle during practice sprints during the Skills and Drills Basketball Camp held at the SunUte Community Center, Thursday, Nov. 30.



Serenity Mirabal dribbles through the cones during a ball handling drill on the second day of basketball camp.

2018 WINTER SLAM

Basketball League

OPEN (Men's & Women's)

35 & Over (Men's & Women's)

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Starts Sunday January 7, 2018

SunUte Community Center, Ignacio CO

For more info call 970-563-2664



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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

TRIBAL MEMBERS,

I am writing you this letter requesting your vote in the run-off election scheduled for December 15th, 2017 for one of the two seats available on Tribal Council. My name is Dedra White, I was one of the petitioners for the Sisseton Settlement funds that was voted on and delivered to Tribal Members. As it turns out, because of your willingness to vote, we were able to accomplish a majority vote and obtain the funds.

There are four candidates that will be in the run-off election. I am tired of the exploitation of our tribe by others who are not from here. We need to unite and come together for a common cause. We need to regain control of our government and ultimately our inheritance. Our people cannot work for our tribe, we are not allowed to know tribal affairs or how much money we are actually worth. Our current Council has tried to take our rights away from us and is diligent with regard to privacy of the tribe and its dealings. We are the Tribe and according to the constitution we have the right, as tribal members, to obtain this information to understand where we stand financially.

This Tribe belongs to all of us. We need to be transparent with the membership with regard to the endeavors of the Tribe. If elected I will bridge the gap and become the transparency within and between council and the people. As a tribal member, I'm tired of being kept in the dark by outsiders and by our leadership. The current election received 40 off reservation votes from the membership. This is not good in view of the fact that what effects on-reservation Southern Utes also affects you.

I want to be the agent of change. I would recruit and train members to take on lead positions. I would diligently seek to bring members home to take on such positions once educated for the purpose of self-determination. We need to run our tribe, protect our interests and stop giving our inheritance away.

I would rid the tribe of the over-bloated 93 million dollar budget by trimming the unneeded fat within departments. Thus, giving those savings back to the membership in programs, benefits, and monetary increases. I would ask the hard questions that no one else wants to address. I want to work toward getting back the leadership of the Permanent Fund and Growth Fund. Are the department directors, division heads, and employees being held accountable to the membership?

There are so many other issues and concerns regarding the Tribe including: housing, employment, credit, language, education, and health. I want to address the state of the Tribe with you, the membership, what you want is very important to me. It is my intention to really listen, listen to the

people. I want to be your "public servant". I'm asking for your vote on December 15, 2017. I want to fight and do what's right for each and every individual. Ask yourself, do you want change, or the same thing again?

Thank you,
Dedra White

GREETINGS TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

I hope your holidays have been well and that you have been able to enjoy them with family and friends!

We are coming down to the run-off election and I would like to remind you all to make sure and voice your opinion by casting your ballots on December the 15th.

Regardless of how you choose to vote just remember to go down and make your choice. Make your choice for who you think will do the job and do it for the Tribe and its membership. In the end of it all, that's what we are talking about here. We are talking about every member on our rolls, every bit of land that the Tribe possesses, every amount of resources that we have been blessed to have. We are talking about our Tribe, our place, our home.

This Tribe was not put in place to pick and choose amongst the people! It was meant to bring the people together, so they could work to propel themselves into the future and work towards a common goal of prosperity for all the people!

However it has occurred, we as the people of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have either removed ourselves or been removed from having any say in how our government works for us and I say it is high time we take that right back!

This membership is tired of the secrecy! Tired of the disrespect! Tired of the mismanagement! Tired of the "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours" game! We are tired of it all. Mostly we are tired of being discriminated against within our own Tribe!

I, like you, have in the past put hope into my vote. Hope for the changes we want in our Tribe. That is what makes our vote important. Your vote is not just your mark on a sheet, your vote is part of you! It is one of your rights to stand up and have your say!

No one can do this alone and that is the basic truth but when one stands up and another stands up then more stand up. Eventually you all stand together towards a common goal in support of one another. That's what we're looking for and that's where we need to be. Supporting each other for the greater good of our Tribe.

I Thank you all for your time and consideration. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Cedric J. Chavez

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2017-PR-0145
Lustana A. Maestas, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **January 8, 2018 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 4th of December, 2017
Kayla Wing, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2017-NC-0121
Christopher Ryan Rizzo, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Ryan Rizzo has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christopher Ryan Paxson Weaver.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **January 26, 2018 at 5 pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2017.
BY THE COURT, Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2017-NC-0125
Brooklyn Schmeiser, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Brooklyn Schmeiser has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brooklyn Jade Matthews. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **December 15, 2017 at 5 pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2017.
BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2017-NC-0126
Caitlynn Marie Schmeiser, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Caitlynn Marie Schmeiser has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Caitlynn Marie Parmenter. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **December 15, 2017 at 5 pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2017.
BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING

In The Interest Of: Case No: 2017-CU-0103, Zayden Chavez
AND ALSO CONCERNING: Ilene Chavez, Petitioner/Mother, Donavon Silva, Respondent/Father.

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Custody hearing on the Petition for Custody concerning Zayden Chavez before the above named Court on Jan. 8, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Kara Cuthair, Southern Ute Tribal Court, November 13, 2017

Safety first



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Southern Ute Lands Technician, Michael McLaughlin won the Shoc-Toberfest safety incentive for the Tribe's Permanent Fund and received an auto safety kit. (Left to Right) Donald Brockus, Michael McLaughlin, Bryan Sholten, Lawaunta O'Kane, Donny Garcia, Mollie Gilliam, Steve Whiteman, Precious Collins, Peter Diethrich and Nicole Cabral.

Ahead of schedule



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Workers from Crossfire LLC put the final touches on the CR 517 sidewalk project for the season, painting strips and installing signs will take place before winter; the road will be fully open for traffic. Landscaping will resume in the spring, along with the addition of a new stoplight at the intersection of CR 517 and HWY 172.

Contractors from Canyon Construction, Durango, Colo. work to replace the infrastructure and asphalt for the water service location on Tribal Campus, adjacent to CR517 construction, this utility is used year-round by members of the community with water needs.



EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION • FROM PAGE 1

Noise was cited as the number one complaint received from the tribal membership, therefore noise standards are included as a stipulation. Visual mitigation is also a factor.

One of the expectations set forth through compliance

is to reduce the footprint of operations through reclamation. Operators are responsible for topsoil storage and salvage to meet surface compliance inspections. Reclamation also includes roads and waterways; the Southern Ute Tribal Council passed a

resolution in 2017 classifying roads for reclamation. "The reclamation process could take years," cautioned Krueger, "the manual is a tool to help you navigate."

Kruger reemphasized respect for culture and tribal resources as top priority.

Place Your Wood Orders

It is that time of year again when the snow will start to fly and a nice fire would be great! The Forestry/Fuels Program started, and wood pick up days will be Mondays & Wednesdays and wood deliveries to the Elders & Members with disabilities will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

PLEASE CALL 970-563-4780 TO PLACE YOUR WOOD ORDERS

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Dec. 22
Deadline:
Dec. 18

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov

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NOTICE from: Southern Ute Utilities Administration

The following is Transit Waste's Holiday schedule for trash pickup

Christmas Week

We will have no drivers on route on Christmas Day (Monday, Dec. 25). That entire week will be pushed back one day for their routes.

- Monday pickups will be Tuesday.
- Tuesday pickups will be Wednesday.
- Wednesday pickups will be Thursday.
- Thursday pickups will be Friday.
- Friday pickups will be Saturday.

New Year's Week

New to us this year, we also will not have drivers on route on New Year's Day (Monday, Jan. 1, 2018). That entire week will be pushed back on day for those routes as well.

- Monday pickups will be Tuesday.
- Tuesday pickups will be Wednesday.
- Wednesday pickups will be Thursday.
- Thursday pickups will be Friday.
- Friday pickups will be Saturday.

Celebrating Healthy Communities Project Coordinator

Celebrating Healthy Communities is seeking a self-directed person for half-time position as Project Coordinator for a Persistent Drunk Driver project. Person should be outgoing, flexible, comfortable building relationships with diverse populations, tech savvy, bi-lingual a plus and organized. Some travel is required throughout the region. 20 hours/week. Pay scale \$17-20 hour depending on experience. No benefits. Visit www.sucap.org or stop by the office at 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, Colo. to pick up an application. Please contact Pat Senecal, the director of Celebrating Healthy Communities at pat@ourhealthycommunities or 970-759-7644 with questions. Position will close Dec. 7, 2017.

Seeking Public Comment to the Revised Traffic Code

The Tribal Council is seeking public comments on the revised Traffic Code. A few years ago, Tribal Council sought comments. Since then, Tribal Council has revised the Code to address on-Reservation all-terrain vehicle use or off-highway vehicle (OHV), among other things. The revised Traffic Code will allow Tribal Council to designate roads for OHV use by resolution. Attached is a map with proposed designated roads. The map excludes roads on the western side of the Reservation because of ongoing reclamation work that the Tribe is doing for abandoned wells. For a more detailed map, contact DNR at 970-563-0125 and ask for GIS. Tribal Council is also interested in hearing from the public on the appropriate blood alcohol content for driving with an excessive blood alcohol content (BAC). Tribal Council is considering designating the excessive amount to be either 0.10 (to be consistent with a prior version of Colorado law) or 0.15 (similar to NM aggravated DWI) so that the amount is not the same as the BAC for driving under the influence. Tribal Council also wanted to be sure that the general public had an opportunity to comment on this Traffic Code because in this Code the Tribe will be seeking to issue civil citations for some traffic infractions against Indians and non-Indians, where the Tribe has jurisdiction to do so. Deadline to submit written comments: Please provide any written comments on the draft code by Tuesday, January 2, 2018. You can review the revised Traffic Code, map of the designated OHV roads, and associated schedules at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/2017/11/draft-traffic-code/>. Please submit your comments to the Legal Department, by one of the following methods: E-mail: legal@southernute-nsn.gov OR Mail: James Washinawatok, Tribal Attorney, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137.

Southern Ute Online Mapping

An interactive **web mapping application** with a focus on Southern Ute Indian Reservation information Is coming to a computer near you!

Type in the address below in your internet browser or go to the Tribal Member Webpage and click on the link provided

There is a link to WEBSITE HELP at the upper right hand corner of the web page or feel free to contact Permanent Fund GIS at 563-0125!



<https://geo.southernute.com/pf-landstatus/>

Tribal Energy Management Seminar Series San Juan College School of Energy

INFORMATION: Whether you are a tribal leader making decisions about energy resources, a government official building knowledge of tribal issues, or an industry representative working in Indian country, an exciting new seminar series at San Juan College School of Energy is designed to meet your needs. The Tribal Energy Management Seminar Series will increase your knowledge and build your understanding of the relationship between government, industry and Native American communities. The five seminars, each on week long, include a variety of interactive presentations and exercises along with insight from highly respected guest lecturers. The curriculum covers science, technology and regulatory frameworks as well as historical and cultural issues. The last seminar takes participants on a series of field trips to four reservations for an in depth look at energy business in Indian Country.

TEM GOALS: Enhance management and entrepreneurial capacity in tribal communities; Increase industry and government understanding of how energy business is conducted in tribal communities; and Promote a collaborative relationship between government, industry, and Native American tribes regarding resource development.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS & DATES

- **TEM 110: Intro to Federal Indian Policy (Oct. 23-27)** Federal Indian Policy from “emergent” to current times; the impact that past policies and treaties have on current situations.
- **TEM 211: Intro to Indian Energy: Water, Land, Minerals (Dec. 4-8)** A focus on Indian energy resources, including land, minerals and water.
- **TEMS 210: Intro to Tribal Governance, Sovereignty, and Regulations (Jan. 22-26)** The Impact of the Federal Indian Policy on tribal sovereignty and governance.
- **TEMS 212: Intro to Tribal Business, Finance, and Human Resources (Feb. 26-Mar. 1)** An overview of tribal energy business systems and structures.
- **TEMS 213: Doing Business on Tribal Lands: A Practical approach (April 9-13)** Application of knowledge and theories from previous TEM courses.

REGISTRATION AND COST: The cost per each seminar for non-degree seeking participants is \$600. Degree seeking students should consult with the San Juan College catalog or contact SOE Advisor Georgia Cortez 505-566-3890. The Southern Ute Education Department can provide part-time scholarships to Tribal Members for this series of classes at San Juan College. If interested, contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, Adult Education Manager, 970-563-2784, jhunstiger@southernute-nsn.gov

SUIT- EMERGENCY FAMILY SERVICES Elder's Utility Program

Current Elder's Utility Program Clients: We are writing to inform you that there have been changes to the Elder's Utility Program. On Nov. 7, 2017 the Southern Ute Tribal Council approved the following:

- Elder's Utility Program name has been changed to Water Haul Program.
- Due to budget purposes and to meet the demand for water haul services, the Water Haul Program will no longer pay for polycart (trash) rental. If we currently pay for your trash, we will no longer pay the \$30.30 each month as of Jan. 1, 2018. This program will only pay for water haul services to approved clients within the SU reservation boundaries.
- Clarification: your polycart (trash can) will not be taken away. It will stay at your residence, but you will be responsible for paying for the monthly charges.
- All current water haul clients need to come in or call the Emergency Family Services office about continuing their water haul service. If we don't hear from you by or before Jan. 1, 2018, we will stop payments until you have contacted us to continue your service.
- All clients who are under the age of 55 who receive services from us must provide us a Doctor's Statement of Disability by or before Jan. 1, 2018. If this is not on file by due date, we can't pay for your water haul bill after Jan. 1, 2018 until it's on file with us.

Please keep in mind, these changes will take effect on Jan. 1, 2018. You can also use your Emergency Family Services money to pay for your polycart bill if you wish to do so. Keep in mind, that Emergency Family Services program is limited to \$600/per Tribal Member 18 years or older/per fiscal year. You will need to bring the bill in to the Emergency Family Services office each time. If you have any questions or would like us to send you a copy of the new and approved Water Haul Program Policies and Procedures please contact us. Please see our update in the SU Drum and also on the Southern Ute website under Emergency Family Services: www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-services/emergency-family-services/

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

County Road 517/ Highway 172 Road Re-construction Winter Project Shutdown

The County Road 517/State Highway 172 Road Re-construction project will enter a winter shutdown within the next two weeks. During this time, on-going activities will consist mainly of concrete, striping, and shoulder work. Weather permitting, the project will most likely resume in late March of 2018 (weather dependent) and will focus on traffic signalization at CR 517/SH 172, additional road shoulder work and final seeding and stabilization efforts. While work continues in early December, please remember to drive slowly and cautiously when workers are present. Contact Construction & Project Management with any questions about the road re-construction at 970-563-0138.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one (1) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 PM, Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Seeking Southern Ute tribal members. KSUT is accepting letters of interest to fill three (3) Southern Ute Tribal Member seats. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. KSUT is not owned or operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, KSUT is funded by it's listeners.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has two (2) PowWow Committee Member vacancies. A committee member must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, or an interested Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian PowWow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interested individuals who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a Letter of Intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building. For further information contact: Joyce Delaware Ford, Southern Ute PowWow Chairperson at 775-671-5426.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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. Three positions are open for 1 elder member and 2 former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY YOUTH BOARD

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

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. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

Air Quality Scientist

Closing date 12/11/17
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Technical Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Closing date 12/13/17
Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Legal Department Director

Closing date 12/18/17
The Legal Department of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe represents, advises, and supports the Tribe, at the direction of the Tribal Council. The Department is responsible for advising both the Permanent Fund and Casino and ma on occasion and subject to direction from the Tribal Council, work with the Tribe's Growth Fund and its legal representation as well. Providing such representation, advice, and support while also supervising and leading the Legal Department to support the needs of the Tribe.

Security Officer

Closing date 12/11/17
Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Duties will include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Mouache-Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

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

Closing date 12/13/17
Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services.

Ute Language Teacher

Closing date 12/13/17
Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by coordinator of Ute Curriculum & Design.

Alcohol Counselor

Open until filled
Professional position responsible for acting as the primary alcohol/substance abuse counselor and evaluator for court involved youth and adults. Provides mental health guardian ad litem services when assigned by supervisor. Full-time position and is contingent on grant funds being available. Pay grade 19; \$44,347/annually.

Boys Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled
Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Home Health Care Aide

Open until filled
Under general supervision of the Home and Community Health Services Manager, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. Provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open until filled
Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Physical Therapist

Open until filled
Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annually.

Plumbing Maintenance Technician

Open until filled
Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, pipping and fixtures. Must be capable of both small and large-scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces.

Southern Ute Growth Fund (SUGF) • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.

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

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

President/COO – GF Properties Group, LLC (Durango, CO)

Closing date 12/12/17
Assumes full responsibility for the GF Properties Group, LLC's operations, ensuring its financial resources are used in the most effective, efficient, and profitable manner.

Landman I – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/15/17
Develops, obtains, and works with Land Administration to maintain orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including partnership documents, leases, Joint Operating Agreements, Divisions of Interest, and title opinions. Works with others in the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

Landman II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/15/17
Under the general direction of the Land Manager, negotiates lease terms and manages prospect level information; negotiates and drafts basic contracts for review and approval; works with Land Administration to develop, obtain, and maintain orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties including partnership documents, leases, Joint Operating Agreements, Divisions of Interest, and title opinions. Works with others in the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed. Serves as point-of-contact for landowner and partner relations for a specified area of responsibility. Represents Land on Multi-Functional Team(s) for area of responsibility.

Landman III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/15/17
Under the general direction of the Land Manager, develops, obtains, and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties including partnership documents, leases, Joint Operating Agreements, Divisions of Interest, and title opinions and other Land contracts. Leads others in the preparation of reports and the correct use of land data; re-

sponds to communications from interest owners; Analyzes Red Willow and Competitor data and makes recommendations and prepares reports as needed. Primary support for all A&D activity in particular area of responsibility. Some supervision of staff may be required.

Environmental Compliance Specialist II – Air Quality – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closing date 12/18/17
Ensuring compliance with applicable U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tribal and State air quality regulations for Red Cedar Gathering and Aka Energy facilities.

Gas Chromatograph Technician – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closing date 12/19/17
Maintaining and calibrating all Red Cedar natural gas chromatographs; obtains required well analysis samples as required by producer contracts.

Gas Measurement Technician – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closing date 12/19/17
Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks.

Internal Audit Manager – SUGF Professional Service Group (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/20/17
Designing and managing the Internal Audit function for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund. Performs risk assessment; develops and executes internal audits to assure adequate controls are in place and functioning; and ensures compliance with policy and procedures. Develops actions plans and follow up items to validate effectiveness of the corrective action plans. Coordinates internal audit plans with external auditors.

Energy Manager – SUGF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/27/17
Coordination of activities related to the exploration, development, production and accounting of natural gas and other energy resources produced on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
All Applicants Welcome • TERO-Native American Preference

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-Willows (Full-time)

Open until filled
Greet and provides exceptional guest service to all guests. Responsible for preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. The Willows Barista is 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.

*Beverage Server – Circle Bar (On-call)

Open until filled
Prepares beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly, including the responsibility of all cash and complimentary transactions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Related work experience and/or training preferred. Must have great guest service skills.

Bowling Mechanic (Full-time)

Open until filled
Entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. The entry level mechanic will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have 2 years of experience in mechanical field. Must possess basic computer skills. Must be a dedicated team player and possess a strong desire to grow. General knowledge of related OSHA regulations and safety practices. Understanding of USBC rules and regulations preferred.

*Chief Financial Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled
Under the supervision and direction of the General Manager, the CFO/Controller is responsible for setting financial policy and direction for the organization to ensure efficient control of financial resources and maximization of profits. The CFO/Controller is responsible for overall financial and accounting functions, as well as monthly and quarterly profit and loss reporting to the Tribal Council. Additionally, the CFO has director level responsibility over the Cage, Count and Purchasing departments. The CFO/Controller manages the financial recording and reporting process to ensure accurate, timely and objective financial data from which informed management decisions can be made. The CFO/Controller will develop and maintain internal controls to safeguard assets and ensure compliance with established laws, regulations, policies, procedures, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Governmental Accounting Standards. The CFO/Controller assists the General Manager in directing and coordinating the business activities of the Sky Ute Casino Resort to maintain maximum operating efficiency, profitability and organizational growth opportunities and making recommendations as appropriate. The CFO will analyze potential expansion of business on growth opportunities for financial viability. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and/or Business Administration or closely related field, AND 5 years of Senior level Gaming Financial Accounting experience. Certified Public Accountant required. Controllershship experience in a tribal gaming environment highly desirable. Must have at least 3 years supervisory experience in an Accounting and/or Finance position. Must be able to demonstrate success in managing finance, accounting, budgeting, control and reporting. This should include experience with the day to day financial operations of an organization of at least 50 staff persons. Must have experience and skills in the use of software programs such as the current version of MS Office and automated accounting and reporting systems. Oracle PeopleSoft experience preferred. Must have knowledge of advanced accounting principles and procedures. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must possess strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent organizational

and management skills and the ability to excel in handling details, multi-tasking and working under pressure. Must have knowledge of the Federal & State Payroll and Tax Regulations. Must be knowledgeable in the U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Financial Accounting Standards Board regulations (FASB) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board regulations (GASB). Must have knowledge of Casino operations and regulatory requirements, i.e., Tribal, State, Federal Minimum Internal Controls (MICs) and Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time, Graves)

Open until filled
Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred; must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Open until filled
Responsible for the preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. The position requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In House training or presently attending school. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and willingness to learn. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

*Multi-Games Dealer – Table Games (Full-time)

Open until filled
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. This position reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

Room Attendant – Hotel (Full-time)

Open until filled
Responsible for thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. This position requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. The duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Room Attendant will be cleaning an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift. Must be at least 18 years of age. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. 1 year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business. Must be able to perform repetitive physically demanding routine tasks.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled
Responsible for 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. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They are the first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency and be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field and acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment. Computer skills preferred. Must be able to work all shifts, nights, weekends and holidays.

**Must be 21 years old.*

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Tribal Deputy Coroner Vacancy

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest for persons interested in the appointed positions of Tribal Deputy Coroner. Position compensated at a rate of \$100 per call-out. The Coroner budget is administered by the Southern Ute Police Department and is available for advanced training and needed equipment. Please submit letter of interest for the Deputy Coroner to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, P.O. Box 737 – MS#10, Ignacio, CO 81137 OR in person at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building at 71 Mike Frost Way by January 2, 2018. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for their consideration. Qualifications: Must be at least twenty-one years of age; Must have law enforcement experience; Must be EMT certified or possess other similar medical training; Must have a valid Driver's License for State of residency; and Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes.

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FLY FISHING

An early Christmas present

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Early last summer my friend Sam and I discovered our young friends Nick and Kami had purchased an inflatable AIRE drift boat for their business. The boat is well-outfitted for fly fishing. There are metal casting decks to stand on. The seats are comfortable, and there are bars to lean against for balance, and a stripping basket in the front.

Nick and Kami's business is TwoFisted Heart Productions. Their company specializes in film and production work in the fly fishing world. Go to www.twofistedheart-productions.com if you are interested in seeing their work. Anyhow, Sam and I wanted to fly fish from their new boat. We figured just asking for a trip was rather crass on our part. So we came up with a two-prong attack, to angle an invitation to go angling from their new boat. Part one was for me to whine, a lot, to wear them down. Part two, Sam would have them over for dinner. Part two won an angling invitation shortly after the dinner.

Nick emailed us, no one uses the telephone these days, (and old guys don't text) with an invitation to fly fish on the San Juan River. Our initial verbal reaction was "great", and quietly to ourselves a little disappointed. Sam and I have fished the San Juan, on many occasions, and we were hoping to go someplace we hadn't fly



fished. Nick then let us know we would be fly fishing the lower San Juan. In all our years here, neither of us had ever fly fished the lower San Juan. Nick told us we would launch from the ramp next to Rainbow Lodge, and pull out at the Hammond Tract, a float of approximately 13 miles. We were like two children on Christmas morning.

So, as we launched on a perfect Chamber of Commerce weather day, the first thing Sam and I noticed was the total lack of other boats. Unlike launching at Texas Hole, where you row and fish among large numbers of boats and people, there was no one to be seen up or downstream. We also discovered everything we saw was private property. Therefore, we couldn't anchor and cast to rising fish. However, we didn't care. We were, virtually, the only people on the river.

As we floated, and Nick rowed, we were treated to a beautiful river. The river banks were lined with Russian olive and salt Cedar trees, instead of people.

There were also a large number of homes, ranches, and several fly fishing lodges. Oh, and the best part, there were lots of fish that hadn't seen thousands of itty-bitty flies. While the dry fly action was slow, the streamer fishing was great. We found the best pattern was a large green Woolly Bugger with enough weight to get it down to where the fish were feeding. Our buggers found lots of browns and a few rainbows. A couple of the browns were of grip and grin photo size.

As I mentioned earlier, the banks and bottom of the river are almost all private. So, be prepared for no stopping to get out and stretch, or a picnic on the shore. However, having no other boats on the river, and seeing only a couple of people who had accessed the river from private property, made being in the boat all day bearable. In fact, it made it an early Christmas present.

For me, when planning my next trip to the San Juan, I'll be looking for someone with a boat that wants to float where most people don't go. What a great way to fly fish, and a great way to get ready for the upcoming Christmas season. So, in closing, I will leave you with my annual politically incorrect statement. (I only make one a year.) I wish everyone Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid al-Adha, and of course Merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then may whatever touches your heart with hope be with you all of 2018.

VOLLEYBALL NAMES BEST • FROM PAGE 1

his Most Valuable Player and freshman Noelle Sitton as his Coaches' Award recipient.

C-team 'Black' boss Shasta Pontine named freshman Kaylee Egger as her Player-of-the-Year, junior Fernanda Tavares as MVP and freshman Karley Pollock as her Coaches' Award choice.

Having noted earlier in the evening that 43 young ladies in all had come out for the sport at IHS this fall,

junior-varsity head coach Katrina Richards' awards went to sophomore Larissa Gallegos (POY), junior Izabella Howe (MVP) and senior Gabrianna Creason (Coaches').

Finally, varsity head coach Thad Cano named his roster's best, with senior Shoshone Thompson (263 assists, 126 digs, 57 service aces, 41 kills) receiving Player-of-the-Year. Sophomore Makayla Howell

(114 kills, 75 total blocks, 177 digs, 31 assists) earned Most Valuable Player, and both senior team manager Trina Gearhart and freshman Charlize Valdez (46 kills, 69 digs) received the Coaches' Award.

Players receiving All-San Juan Basin League status (and/or additional awards) will be recognized in the next Drum; the list had not yet been made available by press time for the Dec. 8 issue.

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in good shape," said Seibel, whose staff includes former IHS standout A.J. Vigil, Chris Herrera and his predecessor, and father, Shane Seibel.

"But I think we've got some bench players that can contribute to this team, and I've said it before ... probably ten times: The best player on this team IS the team. And for them to buy into that concept, every single day they come to work, is key."

Sophomore Cassie Gatlin led DCHS (0-1, 0-1) with seven points, including one

of the Lady Bulldogs' two three-pointers. Freshman Kobie Beanland sank the other for her three points – a number equaled by senior Marissa Hatfield, and one point more than junior Madilyn Hankins, sophomore Taylor Hickman and freshman Grace Hatfield

each managed.

The Lady 'Cats will next compete at the Dec. 9 Montezuma-Cortez "Rumble in the Jungle," resume SJBL play at Dolores on Tues., Dec. 12, and then host Mancos on Tues., Dec. 19 to wrap up the 2017 side of their schedule.

CHSAAnow.com 2A Girls' basketball preseason poll

1. Yuma, 2. Del Norte, 3. Wray, 4. Swink, 5. Paonia, 6. Haxtun, 7. Limon, 8. Simla, 9. IGNACIO, 10. Lyons

BOBCATS BLAST BULLDOGS • FROM PAGE 1

with 5:59 still left. Senior guard Cole McCaw, however, resumed play with another three, and the onslaught reached 26-0 when Roubideaux drained another triple after Lawrence Valdez saved the ball from going out of bounds with 3:00 remaining.

The 'Dogs (0-1, 0-1 SJBL) finally got on the board with 2:42 left via a close-range shot by freshman Hayden Gray, but with Roubideaux totaling 11 points in the frame, Johnny Valdez eight, Lawrence Valdez seven, McCaw three and sophomore forward Ocean Hunter five, the guests were already all but buried – trailing 34 to 4.

"I thought the kids played well, shared the ball, and there was no selfish play out there," said Chris Valdez.

"You know, I'm glad they came out and hit some shots early, because it's kind of hard if you come out and miss a few; it kind of gets contagious," he continued. "But if you hit a few it gets contagious also, so we just got on a roll – we were shooting eighty, eighty-five percent – and shot the lights out."

Coming off the bench, senior guard Daniel Weaver began the second quarter with IHS' eighth three-ball, and McCaw followed with the ninth just seconds later. With Roubideaux enjoying a well-deserved break, fans were treated to see young

post Dylan Labarthe step in and book his first three points, and reserve guard Keegan Schurman knocked down the squad's tenth trey as the locals' lead increased to 54-12 at halftime.

"Those guys are working really hard. That's why they're on the varsity, and we're really trying to develop them," Johnny Valdez said of Ignacio's reserves, which outscored their counterparts 27-7. "They've been ... giving us good minutes so far, so hopefully we can keep ... them coming into the game and learning varsity basketball."

Hunter began the second half with a steal and layup, and after the third quarter ended with Ignacio up 83-16, the final frame featured one last three-pointer (Weaver), six points from freshman forward Bryce Finn, as well as two near-dunks in transition by Labarthe before time mercifully expired.

"I think it went pretty great, honestly," said Lawrence Valdez, who totaled a team-leading 19 points. "We talked about that we just need to play calm basketball when we came out, and that's what we did. We

made shots when we were open, made the extra passes when we needed 'em, and we just worked together ... got the 'dub.'"

"There was not a lot of pressure defense by them, and you know, they're a young team too," Chris Valdez said. "But they kept working, played hard the whole game and you've got to take your hat off to them for that."

Roubideaux finished with 13 points for IHS (1-0, 1-0 SJBL), which came in at #10 in the preseason CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll. Hunter registered an impressive 15 and Johnny Valdez 12, with McCaw and Schurman each booking eight. Labarthe totaled seven points, and Weaver matched Finn's half-dozen.

Ignacio finished 8-of-11 at the free-throw line, with Hunter going 1-1, Labarthe 3-4 and Finn 4-6.

Up next for the Bobcats will be a Dec. 12 trip to Dolores, followed by an appearance at the Dec. 15-16 Montezuma-Cortez "Rumble in the Jungle," with Mancos then visiting IHS Gymnasium on the 19th to wrap up the Old Year.

CHSAAnow.COM 2A Boy's basketball preseason poll

1. Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County, 2. Holyoke, 3. Del Norte, 4. Ault Highland, 5. Paonia, 6. Fowler, 7. Sanford, 8. Akron, 9. Ordway Crowley County, 10. IGNACIO

SETTING THE TABLES

Final Standings as of Nov. 26, 2017

VOLLEYBALL: 2A/1A SAN JUAN BASIN LEAGUE (SJBL)

Team	OVERALL			SJBL		SETS	
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	W	L
Dolores**	22	4	.846	15	0	69	23
Dove Creek	16	7	.696	9	4	57	29
Ridgway	15	9	.625	10	3	52	42
Telluride	15	10	.600	9	6	53	41
Ignacio	9	14	.391	7	6	30	52
Nucla	8	15	.348	5	7	33	49
Mancos	5	14	.263	3	11	25	43
Norwood	3	17	.150	1	13	17	52
Ouray	1	18	.053	1	10	7	56

** Went 0-2 at 2A State Championships, losing to Yuma and Rangely

FOOTBALL: 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS CONFERENCE (SPC)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		SCORING
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	US/THEM
Centauri**	12	1	.923	4	0	360/75
Monte Vista*	7	4	.636	3	1	258/199
Ignacio	4	5	.444	2	2	94/220
Dolores	4	52	.444	1	3	185/215
John Mall	0	8	.000	0	4	14/181

** Lost 10-7 (2OT) to Strasburg in 1A State Championship game

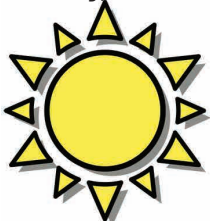
* Lost 35-7 to Centauri in 1A State Playoffs' quarterfinals

– Compiled by Joel Priest

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Dec. 8



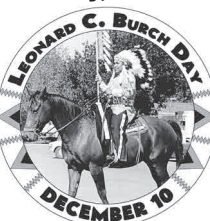
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Saturday, Dec. 9



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Sunday, Dec. 10



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Monday, Dec. 11
Monday, Dec. 25
Monday, Jan. 1

Leonard C. Burch Day
Christmas
New Years Day