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The Southern Ute Drum

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the staff of *The Southern Ute Drum*

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Maria Rivera/SU Drum

2017-2018 Southern Ute Tribal Council (l-r): Kevin Frost, Adam Red, Lorelei Cloud (Treasurer), Christine Sage (Chairman), Cheryl A. Frost, Alex S. Cloud (Vice Chairman) and Cedric J. Chavez.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribe welcomes new leadership

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe held an inauguration ceremony for their newly elected leadership, Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Christine Sage, and council members, Cheryl A. Frost and Cedric J. Chavez. The ceremony was hosted at the Sky Ute Casino & Resort Events Center, Monday, Dec. 18.

The morning's presentations were emceed by the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, "I'm very excited to see what is in store for the future of our tribe," youth council member Allisiana Baker said.

"It's always great to be back in 'Nuche' country, especially on such a great day," Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Executive Director, Ernest House Jr. said. "It's because of our past tribal leadership that we are where we are today. When our tribal nations succeed, we all succeed."

The Tribe held its Runoff Election on Friday, Dec. 15, in Ignacio, Colo., Christine Sage won the chairman's seat with 269



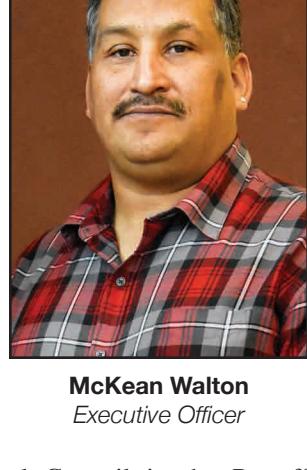
Cedric Chavez
Southern Ute Tribal Council



Cheryl Frost
Southern Ute Tribal Council



Esther Rima
Executive Officer



McKean Walton
Executive Officer

votes, against Shane Siebel who closed with 206 votes. Candidates who vied for the two open seats on Trib-

White (201 votes), and Cedric J. Chavez (273 votes).

The invocation was given to the membership by Southern Ute elder Vida Peabody.

"I am so humbly honored to represent my tribe," Chairman Sage said. "I would like to thank the outgoing Executive Officers, Ramona Eagle and Andrew Frost, who have worked hard for the last three years."

Chairman Sage named Southern Ute tribal member, Esther Rima as her Executive Officer. Mrs. Rima previously worked 11 years with the Southern Ute Permanent Fund's Finance Department. The Chairman appointed Mr. McKean Walton as Co-Executive Officer on Wednesday, Dec 20.

She confirmed that Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud will remain in his position.

Christine Sage becomes the second woman to lead the sovereign nation. Sage grew up on the Southern Ute Reservation and continues in the footsteps of her father, the late Chairman Christopher Baker.

Former Southern Ute Chairman and tribal elder,

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Jimmy Newton Sr. take a moment to reflect, while admiring the bronze plaque honoring his son, the late Southern Ute Chairman, Jimmy Newton Jr., Tuesday, Dec. 19.

REMEMBRANCE

In honor of Jimmy Newton Jr.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

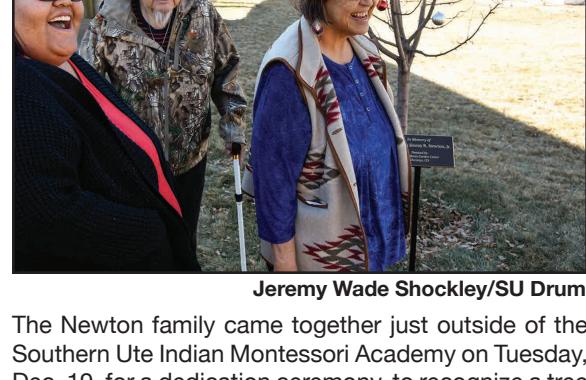
memorial and its location near the school.

The tree was generously donated by Native Roots Garden Center in recognition of the late Chairman Newton, whose passing affected so many. Amy Barry, a longtime friend and colleague of Newton suggested that it be placed near the school, because it was the youth that Jimmy cherished most. The tree was set in the ground that spring.

"I thought it was a good idea to plant the tree near the academy. He cared a lot about the kids ... no matter the age," Maylon Newton said.

She mused over the passing of her father for a moment, then remarked that she looks forward to visiting the tree in the spring, full of life and teeming with new leaves - I'm looking forward to seeing what kind of tree it is.

"It has been almost four years now. You get that little reminder that he's still here," Newton said. "It's a good feeling."



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Newton family came together just outside of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Tuesday, Dec. 19, for a dedication ceremony, to recognize a tree placed in honor of the late Chairman Newton.

Christmas program



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy primary students perform their Christmas songs in front of family and friends during the annual Southern Ute Christmas Dinner and Program held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center, Saturday, Dec. 16.

Ignacio is Aztec Strong



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Department officers light their candles in honor of those whose lives were taken in the Aztec High School shooting. The shooting took place in the early morning hours of Dec. 7 in Aztec, NM, claiming the lives of two students.

TRIBE WELCOMES NEW LEADERS • FROM PAGE 1



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage gives her first speech after being sworn into office joined by the newest council members Cedric Chavez (far left) and Cheryl Frost.

Pearl Casias addressed the audience as the program's guest speaker. "I appreciate your attendance on this historic day," Casias said.

"I'm very proud to say that while I was the first [woman] to serve in that office, I will not be the last," Casias said. "May you create your own history with your dedication to your people."

Dignitaries from state and regional government, along with tribal leaders from the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, reinforced a single sentiment — that they wish to uphold strong working relationships and collaborations with Southern Ute leadership. "We have a lot of work



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Southern Ute council member Cheryl Frost is sworn in Monday, Dec. 18 by Chief Judge Chantel Cloud during the 2017 Southern Ute Tribal Inauguration.

on the table, the players "We've come here as leaders change, but the work continues," Ute Mountain Ute Councilwoman, Juanita Plentyholes said.

leadership for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe," Cedric Chavez said. "To everyone who has brought us here, thank you."

Ignacio remembers Aztec



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

A small crowd of community members and police officers gathered outside of the Ignacio Community Library on Wednesday, Dec. 13 to honor and show their support for families who had lives taken from them on Dec. 7 in New Mexico's recent Aztec High School shooting.

2018 Southern Ute Drum Deadlines

Deadline Dates	Publication Dates	Federally Recognized Holidays/Tribal Holidays	Southern Ute Indian Tribe Administration Office Closures
Dec. 29	Jan. 5	New Years Day (1/1)	SU Tribal offices closed (1/1)
Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day (1/15)	SU Tribal offices closed (1/15)
Jan. 29	Feb. 2	Valentine's Day (2/14)	
Feb. 12	Feb. 16	President's Day (2/19)	SU Tribal offices closed (2/19)
Feb. 26	Mar. 2		
Mar. 12	Mar. 16		
Mar. 26	Mar. 30	Easter (4/1)	
Apr. 9	Apr. 13		
Apr. 23	Apr. 27		
May 7	May 11	Mother's Day (5/13)	
May 21	May 25	Memorial Day (5/28)	SU Tribal offices closed (5/28)
Jun. 4	Jun. 8	Father's Day (6/17)	
Jun. 18	Jun. 22		
Jun. 29 *	Jul. 6	Independence Day (7/4)	SU Tribal offices closed (7/4)
Jul. 13	Jul. 20		
Jul. 30	Aug. 3		
Aug. 13	Aug. 17	Labor Day (9/3)	SU Tribal offices closed (9/3)
Aug. 27	Aug. 31		
Sep. 10	Sep. 14		
Sep. 24	Sep. 28		
Oct. 8	Oct. 12	Cultural Diversity Day (10/9)	
Oct. 22	Oct. 26	Halloween (10/31)	
Nov. 5	Nov. 9	Veterans Day (11/11)	SU Tribal offices closed (11/12)
Nov. 15 *	Nov. 21	Thanksgiving (11/22)	SU Tribal offices closed (11/22-23)
Dec. 3	Dec. 7	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10)	SU Tribal offices closed (12/10)
Dec. 17	Dec. 21	Christmas (12/25)	SU Tribal offices closed (12/24-25)
Dec. 27	Jan. 4, 2018	New Year's Day (1/1/18)	SU Tribal offices closed (12/31-1/1)

*denotes early deadline

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Many Moons Ago



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of "Small Axe" a Native American Club within Fort Lewis display t-shirts made by Demockratees, which they sell to raise funds for their club. Pictured left to right are, Robyn Jackson, Megan Krichke, Cassandra Yazzie, Derwin Begay, and Ooclub Buckskin.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 21, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Head Starters Angel Burch and Natelle Thompson adorn the Christmas Tree at Ignacio Town Hall as a part of Ignacio Community Christmas.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 19, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Breakfast with Santa!



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Families had the opportunity to sit down with Santa and his elves during Breakfast with Santa, at The Patio restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 17. Aeden Richards looks at his Cousin Joseph Howell as he lets Santa know what he would like for Christmas. All of the children received a candy cane and were wished a Merry Christmas by Santa himself.



Skysun Manning (left) and Zoe Velasquez got to take a picture while letting Santa know what they wanted for Christmas.



STORYTELLING

How the badger's white stripes came to be

By Ronald YellowBird

The summer day was stretching long into the night's time. Late in the afternoon, I sat with grandma under the cabin porch as the dry hot breeze remained well into summer. The heat lingered from mid-morning to supper time. The only relief was under the porch. I can still remember the incense released in the breeze from the Sagebrush Forest. I would lie on the wooden porch and find myself complaining about the long, hot days.

I said, "I wonder how the animals feel on this hot day?" Listening to my complaints, my grandmother always answered my curiosity with a story.

One evening after supper, we moved to the cabin porch, she on her rocking chair with me lying by her. The heat of the day was cooling and as the evening came on, I felt relief from the daylight that was casting shadows from the Sagebrush Forest and soon the evening star appeared. I had always felt comfortable in the gradual descent of darkness while walking barefoot on the warm sand until the footpath ended in a maze beneath the canopy of the Sagebrush Forest. It was there I met Mr. Badger as he was preparing to venture out from his burrow in search of something to eat.

He stood up and asked me if I was the Ute boy who lived on the edge of the Sagebrush Forest.

"In a cabin I believe, and with the medicine women of long ago, does she still collect herbs from the surrounding hills?" asked Mr. Badger. "Is there something wrong or do you not speak?"

"Of course, I can talk and how come you can speak my language?" I asked.

"Do you live there beneath that thicket? How come I've never seen you before until now?"

"Actually, I've lived here for quite some time. I met the WeNchu (old Utes) when I was a kid and I remember how they looked, how they lived and most of all, how their spiritual belief of coexisting with all life around them was pervasive. I did not fear them, nor did they wish to eat me, but we shared our taste of prairie dogs. Yes, I can remember hearing you cry in pain and yes it was a day that we all will never forget." All my neighbors here were told by magpie and blue jay. They told of an infant Ute boy who was given to his grandmother, the medicine woman for doctoring and left with her. Throughout the night the crying persisted and in the background, you could hear her chanting and praying. The scent of herbal rub and drink drifted about the cabin, it brought calm to the living air. Glowing dim from the lantern light within the cabin, I saw a mystical appearance of spiritual angels. We all sat around the cabin that night and there in the heavens was a sign! The night sky was without moon and the stars were endless. Warm breezes blew from the southwest and all the bugs, toads and the classical night sounds were silent. Even in the



Grandma Effie

darkness one can see the ridgeline against a backdrop of the universe. We waited and listened for the passing, the medicine woman was talking to the child's great grandmother's spirit. That night in the soft glow of the kerosene lantern that sat on the wooden table, next to the kitchen window, there were Nuchu talking and whispers of agreement and then appeared a spiritual angel who would watch over the Ute boy.

The old Raven says that the great-grandmothers returned in spirit form upon hearing the chanting and smelling the essence from oils long forgotten. The one angel spirit smudged the Ute boy with cedar before she took the infected spirit out of him and left his little soul with him. In that moment was born again, the

Ute boy who is standing before me. The screaming from the infant stopped, the pain disappeared, and a new life began.

"The scar from that night remains in your walk," said Badger. "You have not cried since and there is a presence around you, that is visible only to a kindred spirit." "Yes, I have lived here for sometime now," said Badger, then he reminded me of how vulnerable my physical strength was and how I stood out from everyone. What they didn't know was the bond I had with my inner spirit. Although I would not listen to my intuitions, I would find myself in trouble on occasion. Maybe my curiosity would lead me to find out about how others live. Certainly, I have experienced an out of body travel in consuming a bitter herbal tea, that is when the exchange was made and now here I stand."

"Yes, here I stand talking with Badger," said I.

That must have been a sight there in the Sagebrush Forest. After all, we stood eye to eye having of many talks to come. Before I say anything else, I had to ask of the white stripes on his face. Badger looked at me and said, "That is a story that happened a very long time ago. If there is one creature in this world not to trust it would be Coyote. My old friend and a lifelong prankster, I knew not to listen to his brazened talk. Here, sit down and I will tell how events came

to be. Before I do though, let me offer some dried prairie dog."

"Now one fine day, I met Coyote on the trail while we were going to a gathering." I asked him, "What's in the sack that you are holding so tightly? Of course, Coyote replied without haste."

"What's in your bag?" he shot back.

"I asked you first ... and he would object wildly and throw a tantrum, right there on the trail."

Coyote said that the contents of his sack was very powerful, and he couldn't show anyone its powers. He held up the sack near his face with a smile and a wink. "I should have known better, however my curious nature was getting the best of me."

"Come on, let me have a look," I pleaded.

Coyote asked me, "What's in your bag that you have been holding since we met. I bet it's something good to eat or is it a prized possession from your collection of odd and ends?"

"Neither guess is correct. However, I will tell you that my bag of darkness is of greatest importance, when you show me what is in your sack and why are you holding it behind your back?" I looked at him carefully, especially his eyes. One could see his thinking was becoming a burden. Suddenly, Coyote with his mischievous smile and the shifting of a nervous foot surprised me by agreeing to let me see first the contents in the sack.

"In this sack contains light and it is as bright as the sun," he said. As I was starting to look for the sack to come out from the owner's clutches, Coyote pulled a fast one and opened the sack to surprise Badger. The light streaked out across the face of Badger and burned his face with white stripes. The unprepared look into Coyote's sack caused such a fright, that Badger burrowed into the ground and there he remained, taking with him his bag of darkness and a sign for rest.

Coyote was howling up the country and could be heard with his pack of thieves. They were celebrating another successful prank. The motley crew

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ELECTION

S.U.G.O. highlights runoff candidates

By Trennie Collins

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

With the Southern Ute Indian Tribal election season in full force, the Southern Ute Grassroots Organization (S.U.G.O.) held their very own meet the candidate's night on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

Out of six candidates who are in the runoff election, four of them made their presence known with a second chance to get their voices heard; Shane Seibel, Cedric Chavez, Dedra White and Cheryl Frost.

The Southern Ute Grassroots Organization was formed by Southern Ute tribal elder, Sage Remington back in the '90s to halt the Animas La-Plata Water Project (ALP) Dam. All starting with a couple ambitious elders, S.U.G.O. was formed. With the belief that the ALP Dam would bankrupt and do more harm than good to the Southern Utes, Remington and S.U.G.O. stalled the project. They made many trips to Washington D.C. lobbying on behalf of S.U.G.O., and



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Dr. James Jefferson gives insight and knowledge about tribal politics at the Southern Ute Grassroots Organization meeting held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

were able to help alleviate the Southern Ute Tribe's burden associated with the project and even help our sister tribe, Ute Mountain Utes, share the money to have water delivered to their reservation.

Southern Ute Tribal Candidates heard concerns and suggestions from the small group of mostly elders. Hoping that whoever gets in office in the election, held Friday, Dec. 15, does their best and stands up for what's best for the tribal membership.

"Regular tribal members

are left in the cold. I decided to run to make change, real change. Not let me promise you [something] now and not do anything later," Chavez said.

With the hopes of new and vibrant changes, all the candidates had one thing in common, to be there, willing to work for their Southern Ute people.

"I want to wish you all good luck." Southern Ute elder Judy Lansing said, one of the many tribal elders who attended the S.U.G.O. meeting ahead of last week's election.

Christmas sale

All pottery 20% off

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Located: Northeast Hall



Southern Ute Veterans Exhibit

Located: Northeast Hall Alcove



HEALTH

12 tips to stay healthy through the holidays

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

1. **Move.** It can do wonders to boost your mood, clear your head and keep your heart pumping. Continue with physical activity. A 10-20 minute walk is helpful.
2. **Vegetables.** Make a commitment to eat some colorful vegetables every day
3. **Gratefulness.** Be grateful for what you do have. We can't all have everything, but we all have something to be grateful for.
4. **Give.** Studies show that we are happier when we give rather than when we receive.
5. **Love.** Tell someone you love them every day.
6. **Embrace.** Touch lowers blood pressure, shows someone you care.
7. **Meditate.** Clearing your mind of all your daily "stuff" helps improve mood, let's go of inconsequential worries.
8. **Call.** Make connections with old friends and relatives.
9. **Forgive.** Let go of anger and resentment, it does more to hurt you than others.
10. **Celebrate.** Rejoice in the season, in your loved ones, in all your blessings.
11. **Cook.** Not only are homemade meals more nutritious as you control the ingredients, but they provide a sense of accomplishment. Share your home cooking with those you love.
12. **Laugh.** Nothing lowers blood pressure, breaks the ice, or provides a sense of merriment and delight as a good belly laugh. Try one today!

Happy Holidays from Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

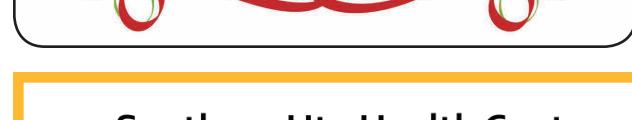


Community & Home Health Services will be Closed on Monday December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Happy Holidays

Dialysis Transport will start on Sunday instead of Monday

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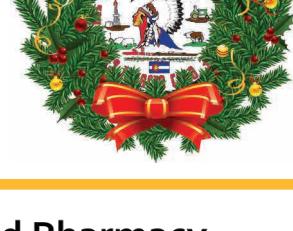
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Schools celebrate holidays



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio School District presented the; Ignacio Middle and High School Holiday Celebration, Friday, Dec. 15 in the Ignacio High School auditorium. The Ignacio percussionists took the stage to close out the program with a percussive take on "Carol of the Bells." The program was conducted by Alexander Finley, and also featured the eighth-grade band, who performed "The Little Drummer Boy," and "Joy to the World."



The Ignacio High School Choir sang three songs, "Shika Njiya Nyote (Follow the Star)," a Swahili song, "Soon It Will Be Christmas Day" and "Carol of the Bells."

Lexi Young and other sixth and seventh graders of the Ignacio Middle School band started the program with two songs, "Old St. Nick on Hold" and "A Christmas Fanfare."

Christmas lunch at IES



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Richards family enjoys a meal at the annual Ignacio Elementary School Christmas luncheon, Wednesday, Dec. 13. Ignacio High School students volunteered their time to help serve the meals at both the Ignacio Elementary and Middle schools.

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 one 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.

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

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.
- **TEM 210: Intro to Tribal Governance, Sovereignty, and Regulations (Jan. 22-26)** The Impact of the Federal Indian Policy on tribal sovereignty and governance.
- **TEM 212: Intro to Tribal Business, Finance, and Human Resources (Feb. 26-Mar. 1)** An overview of tribal energy business systems and structures.
- **TEM 213: Doing Business on Tribal Lands: A Practical approach (April 9-13)** Application of knowledge and theories from previous TEM courses.

Academy celebrates Christmas



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy held their annual Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec. 18. SUIMA kitchen staff greeted each class as they made their way into the dining hall to get their food.



Students from the SUIMA primary, kindergarten, lower and upper elementary classes all got to spend time with friends, teachers and family before the Christmas break.

Bob Humbug, Christmas Grump



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary School performed a play by Carol B. Kaplan, "Bob Humbug, The Christmas Grump!" in the Ignacio High School Auditorium Monday, Dec. 18. The performance featured songs, music and traditional Spanish dancing by Ballet Folklorico. Boy Scout Troop 813 presented the colors, and the Elementary Bobcat Choir sang the "Star Spangled Banner."



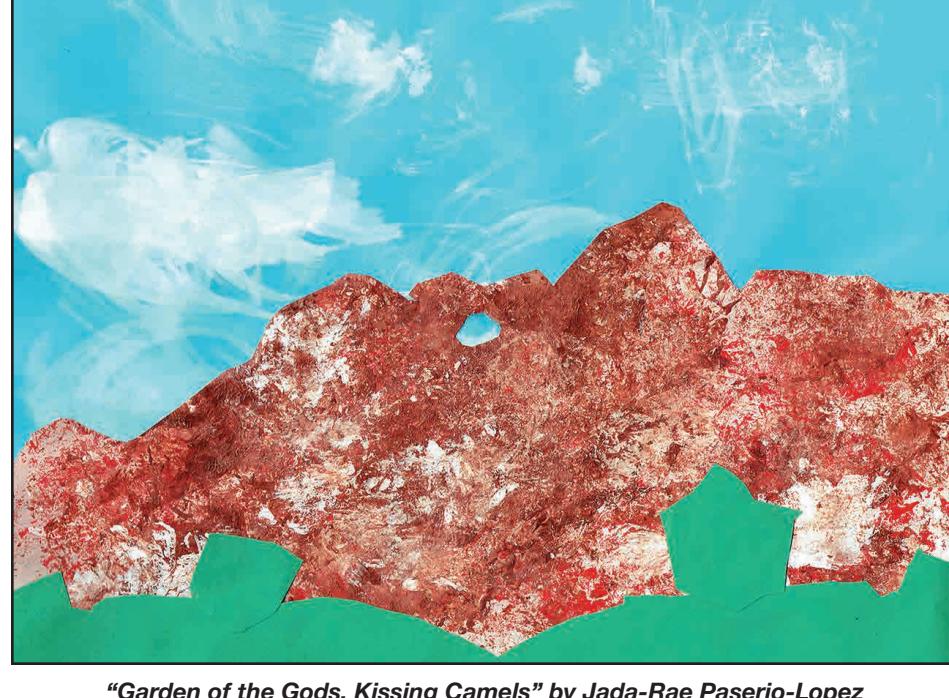
Mattie Jo McCoy as "Carter Cat" (left) and Daya Thompson as "Mia Mouse" sing the "Boo Hoo Song."

Various narrators spoke throughout the play, Natalie Howell (left) narrated "Great Idea!" The play ended with a holiday sing-along, to Jingle Bells and Deck the Halls. Cookies and Hot Cocoa were served after the performance.

ATTENTION Southern Ute tribal members!

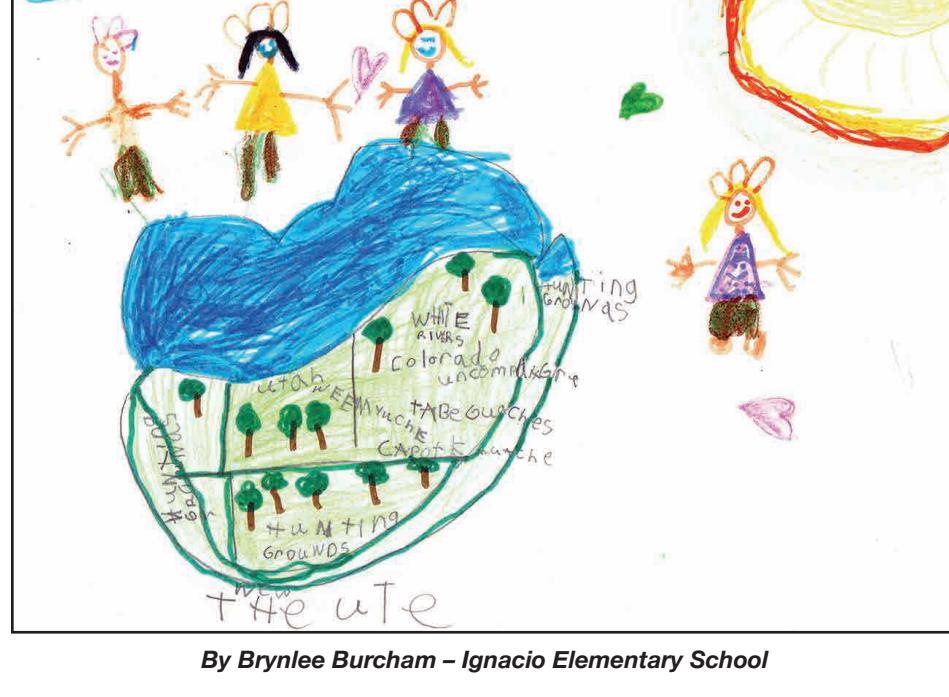
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KINDERGARTEN WINNER



"Garden of the Gods, Kissing Camels" by Jada-Rae Paserio-Lopez
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

FIRST GRADE WINNER



By Brynlee Burcham - Ignacio Elementary School

FOURTH – FIFTH GRADE WINNER

Stinky Water

By Tallias Cantsee

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Filled with hope
Relaxing waters
Amazing waterfall
Hot pools healing me from pain
River slowly going by
Creator who made this place
Shooting stars at night

When I see the stars I pray –
For me being here, for the people who
are hurting, for you who are reading this
I'm thankful for the hot springs.

I will pray for your loved ones.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER

Garden of the Gods

By Madison Hollingsworth

BAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7TH GRADE

"My people feel our spiritual way of life started here ... This is where we resided; this is where our elders grew up." -Alden Naranjo - historian & member of the Mouache band of Southern Ute Tribe. (Denver Post)

Long before settlers, with a history dating back 12,000 years, the Ute Indian Tribe lived and traveled vast lands of the Great Basin. Originally comprised of 7 bands (Mouache, Caputa, Weenuchi, Tabeguache, Grand, Yampa, and Unitah), the Ute Indians would travel and split into smaller groups to make the difficult task of hunting and gathering food easier (w3.dl.org). Through their travels, the Ute people came across a site that would forever hold special place in the heart of the Southern Ute tribe. Below Pikes Peak, in the town of Colorado Springs, Colorado, there lie grand formations of 300 million year old red rock, known today as Garden of the Gods; And to the Southern Ute Tribe, the Garden of Eden (Impression Evergreen).

Although this national natural landmark was more recently named Garden of the Gods in August of 1859, by two surveyors who were exploring the surrounding area, the Ute people have had physical and spiritual ties to this site with evidence of existence dating back 3,380 years (Wikipedia). Annually, they would gather and camp there during the fall/winter months and indulge in festivities, storytelling, and would even arrange marriages. The Ute people even claim to have ancestors buried there, thus the importance of their spiritual ties (Impression Evergreen).

During these harsh times of early existence, efficient hunting and gathering was a crucial part of survival. With basic tools made of stone and wood, men would hunt large game (elk, deer, and antelope) while the women harvested and gathered wild

plants and roots along with smaller game. Their harvest consisted of wild plants and fruits such as amaranth, wild onion, rice grass, dandelion, sumac, chokecherry, prickly pear cactus, wild raspberry, gooseberry, and buffalo berry. Their root harvest consisted of sego (mariposa) lily, yellow pond lily, yucca, bear root, Indian onions, and Indian carrots. They made use of any resource they could, including harvesting the inner bark of ponderosa trees for medicinal and healing purposes. The Ute people would pride themselves with their central values and their close relationship with nature (History of the Southern Ute). Although existence during these times were rough, things became easier for the Ute during the 16th and 17th centuries, when they acquired the horse. However, with the good came the bad. In the 18th century and early 19th century trappers and traders began to cause conflict and invade Ute land. (w3.dl.org)

These pioneers discovered this land was abundant in natural resources such as water, wood, and precious metal such as gold and silver. Once this became the focus of the newcomers, the Ute soon found themselves in a losing battle for the land they called home. During this time, many treaties and agreements were made and broken. Finally in 1874, the Brunot Treaty was ratified and the Ute's land was fraudulently taken away. This treaty not only took their homes away, but also their annual harvests. Towards the end of the 19th century, the reservation for the Southern Ute was created- A strip of land reaching 15 miles wide and 110 miles long, which would be divided and shared amongst tribal and non-tribal citizens. Today, the Mouache and Caputa make up the Southern Ute tribe of Ignacio, Colorado and its surrounding land. With approximately 1,400 tribal members, this group bands together and calls this place "home". However, they will never forget their spiritual roots and the Garden of the Gods.

6th annual LCB Art and Literacy contest winners

KINDERGARTEN

"Garden of the Gods, Kissing Camels"
By JadaRae Paserio-Lopez
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

FIRST GRADE

By Brynlee Burcham
Ignacio Elementary School

SECOND GRADE

By Miguel Red
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

THIRD GRADE

"Ute Council Tree"
By Leandra Litz
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

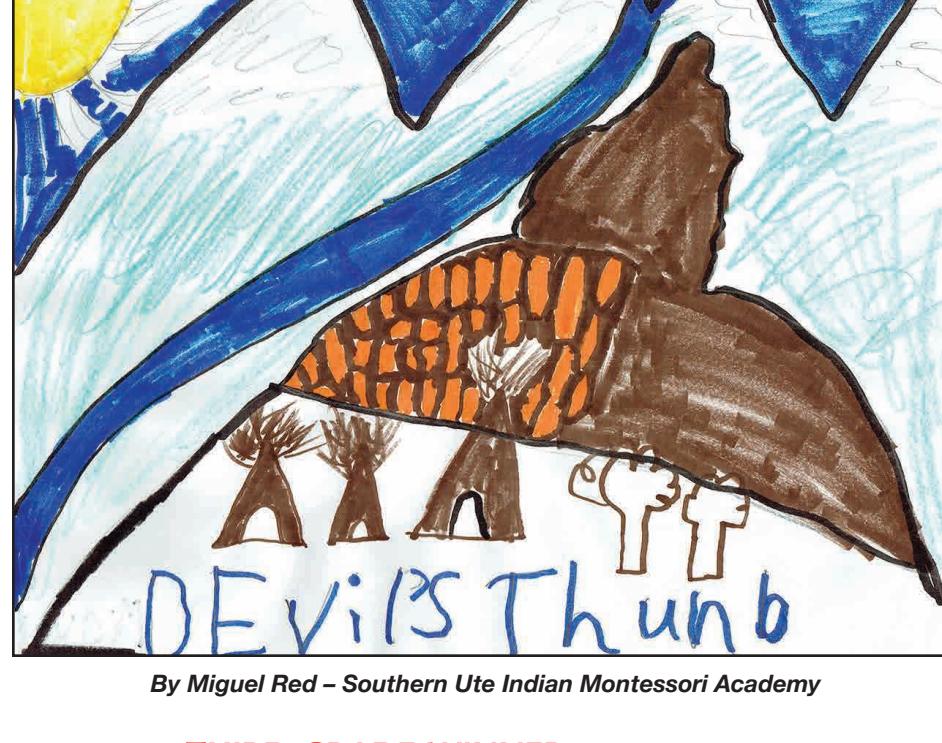
FOURTH – FIFTH GRADE

"Stinky Water"
By Tallias Cantsee
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

MIDDLE SCHOOL

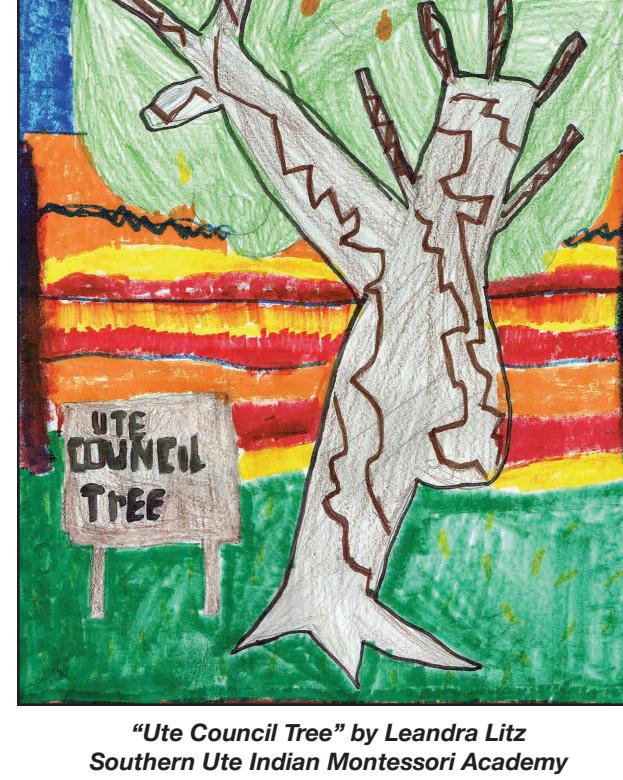
"Garden of the Gods"
By Madison Hollingsworth
Bayfield Middle School, 7th grade

SECOND GRADE WINNER



By Miguel Red - Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

THIRD GRADE WINNER



"Ute Council Tree" by Leandra Litz
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Art & literacy winner winners



The essay winner of the Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest, Bayfield student Madison Hollingsworth received a balance wheel for writing the best essay about the former Southern Ute Chairman. Hollingsworth is pictured with Leonora Burch, Trennie Collins (Public Relations Coordinator), Lena Gallegos and Leona Burch.

Four Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students Jada Lopez, Miguel Reynolds and Leandra Litz won a Kindle Fire for their art pieces and Tallias Cantsee receives an electric scooter for having the winning poem.





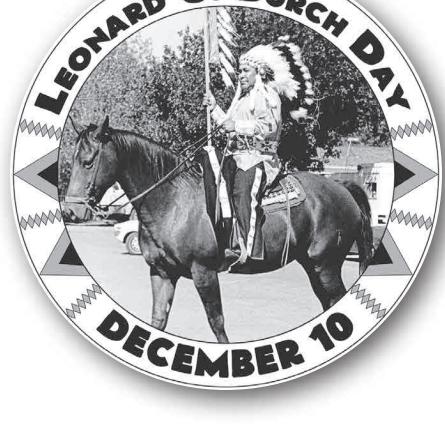
LCB walk celebrates life of Chairman Burch



Leonard C. Burch's wife, Irene Burch, and her daughters celebrate another successful walk Sunday, Dec. 10 at the SunUte Community Center.



The Burch family celebrated another successful walk Sunday Dec. 10. There were over 50 participants that attended the 6th Annual Leonard C. Burch Walk held at the SunUte Community Center. The family and sponsors gave away snacks, drinks, door prizes and employee incentives. It was sponsored by the Southern Ute Growth Fund and the law firm of Maynes, Bradford, Ships & Sheftel.



Southern Ute Brave Dominick Goodtracks, and Osias Goodtracks support each other during the Leonard C. Burch Walk.

Photos by Maria Rivera
The Southern Ute Drum

Chairman Christine Sage smiles as she finishes the LCB Walk on Sunday, Dec. 10.



The Burch Family lead the walker's and runner's to start the annual LCB walk.



Lena Gallegos, Shawna Steffler and Lisa Burch enjoy themselves as they take part in the annual walk.

Franklin Thompson and Ava Morgan follow Claudette Casias as she guides the walkers and runners through a Zumba warm-up.

BADGER'S WHITE STRIPES • FROM PAGE 3

began laughing about Badger, for now a permanent streak ran along his face. Coyote and his band of misfits didn't notice that the temperature was rising and getting uncomfortable. The day was getting longer and hotter. Everyone was miserable and crabby. Soon, the howling began to sound of someone in pain and in dire straits. Coyote was not laughing anymore, in fact he ran back to Badger's burrow. He was panting so hard that he could hardly talk.

"B ... B Badger my old friend, I came to say that your bag of darkness is more important than my sack of light. I know you can hear me, if you only could see me for a moment. I'm dehydrated and burning up. Hey bud, I was just joking, and I didn't mean to scar your face!"

Now, Badger was still smarting from the burn and he could hear Coyote complaining outside his burrow. "Well, well ... it sounds as if he's had enough, thought Badger and I shall be the better critter."

Slowly Badger emerged from his home, cautious of Coyote. Afterall, he is commonly known in the ghetto of prairie dog town, as the "Sultan of Prank." The Badger however, is a scrappy customer and can stand his ground with any grunt. Still, Coyote was his old friend and he sounded desperate.

In the shade of the Sagebrush Forest the Badger popped out of his home and screamed, "Oh My God, what happen to you! You look like my old bathroom throw rug and what's that smell?" "Hey, watch it you're drooling on my fur

and what's with you, why aren't you gloating about your mean trick?" said Badger. "That's okay, tell me why the commotion outside my home?"

"Well, first of all I wish to apologize for my behavior and the underhanded prank that left your face with those white streaks. Let me confess that your bag of darkness is important and is very much needed. Please, open your bag so I can get some much-needed sleep."

Feeling sorry for his old friend, Badger opened his bag of darkness. "Now remember that darkness is slow in coming and with the appearance of the evening star, darkness soon follows," proclaimed Badger.

I can still hear grandmother say, "That's why the days are long and hot in the summer, and in the winter the night remains longer."

Sanchez earns certification



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Laura Sanchez receives a certificate of achievement Saturday, Nov. 11, for fulfilling the certification requirements as defined by the National Native American Human Resources Association as a certified Tribal Human Resources Professional (THRP).

CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY



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



SunUte Recreation Presents:



January 13th
One Day Field Trip
Ages: 13-18 Years Old
Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members
Fee: \$30.00
Seating is limited



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Entrée

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Dessert

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SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS Upcoming Events

Crossroads Rodeos

- January 20, 2017: 6 p.m.
- February 10, 2017: 6 p.m.

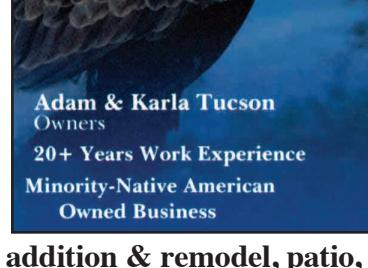
Entries please call 970-739-3851



CSU Master Gardener Program application deadline is Dec. 31

The Colorado State University Extension Office in La Plata County is excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2018 Colorado Master Gardener (CMG) program until Dec. 31, 2017. Students will receive training in tree care, vegetables, soils, native plants, water wise gardening, pruning and much more. The training utilizes on-site and distant education experts to teach a series of multiple classes. The 12-week series starts Thursday, Jan. 25 and will take place at the La Plata County Fairgrounds every Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The cost is \$170.00 if you intend to volunteer, or \$530 for a certificate without volunteer time. The CMG training is equivalent to a four credit hour course. In comparison, tuition for an instate resident, undergraduate, four-credit class is \$1729 at CSU, plus books and fees. CMG volunteers are expected to complete 50 hours of volunteer time in the first year and 24 hours in subsequent years. To receive an application packet, please contact or stop by the La Plata County Extension office. Applications, as well as additional information on the program, are also available online at www.laplatextension.org and are due no later than December 31st to the Extension Office: 2500 Main Avenue, Durango, Colo. 81301.

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Christmas



Leandra Litz steps forward and leads her classmates in a Christmas carol.



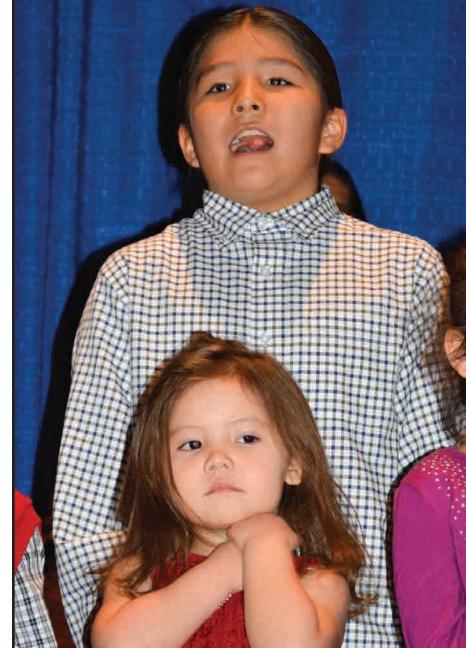
Singing songs and celebrating tribal traditions



Jada Lopez tells Santa her Christmas wish list.

Joyful songs and smiles filled the Sky Ute Resort Resort during the Southern Ute Christmas Dinner and Program, Saturday, Dec. 16. Southern Ute tribal members and visitors joined the festivities, while students from SUIMA sang Christmas carols to the audience. Royalties from sister tribes and Southern Ute Royalty performed during the annual program. Santa Clause made a visit to the kids and gave out stockings filled with goodies.

Photos by Maria Rivera
The Southern Ute Drum



Tallias Cantsee takes the lead in a traditional song during the SUIMA Christmas Program. Cyana Whiteskunk and Nuna Bison sing a reindeer song for their families.



Little Miss Native American U.B.I.C. does her performance in sign language, Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Southern Ute Christmas Dinner and Program.



Sharing Christmas cheer



SUIMA Student Jayla Porambo lends a helping hand with the bagging of Christmas gifts at the Southern Ute Cultural Museum.

Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Ute Royalties grace the attendees of the Annual Southern Ute Christmas Dinner and Program, with their presence and smiles.

Riding the Polar Express



Ceriss Blackwood and her children enjoy their ride on the Polar Express themed train ride Tuesday, Dec. 19, a special event hosted by the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad each winter.



After the train ride, Elijah, Kalynn, Roshae, Cameron Weaver and Landon Miles, admire the beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

With only a few days left until Christmas, the SunUte Community Center provided discounted tickets for the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad's "Polar Express" themed train ride, Tuesday, Dec. 19. The group enjoyed a nice ride, hot chocolate, cookies, a visit from Santa, all centered around the Polar Express story. Families also viewed reindeer, Christmas tree decorations and take photos with Santa inside the historic train museum.



Angela Baker and Vanessa Gonzales lounge comfortably in pajamas inside the D&SNGRR Museum.



August Tarver and Jacqueline Frost receive a magic bell from Santa during the Polar Express.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Baby Julian Bravo is staying warm during the Polar Express Train Ride at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Station.

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Ignacio's Shoshone Thompson (17) sets during SJBL road action at Ridgway late in the 2017 season. Thompson and RHS' Hunter Gentry (5) were named First Team All-League.

Ignacio's Makayla Howell (7) leaps into an attack during SJBL road action at Mancos during the 2017 season. Howell received Honorable Mention All-League distinction for her efforts.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

IHS' Thompson named First Team All-League

Howell also collects postseason volleyball honors

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats overwhelm Mancos by 57 at home

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Even as the driving force during a devastating 34-0 scoring run which bloomed midway through the first quarter – she'd sparked it with a steal and lay-in out of a suffocating full-court press – and thrived until Mancos' Isis Jaime sank a three-pointer with 6:32 left in the third, Ignacio's Morgan Herrera knew she had to right a wrong.

Her steal from MHS junior guard Emily Cole, with 2:40 left before halftime, had been a little too forceful and she wasn't hesitant to let anyone nearby know it with an annoyed exclamation: "Oh, I put my arm out!"

"I was not even surprised," she laughed afterwards, recalling the foul. "I was like, 'Well ... that's on me!'"

And despite IHS holding a 23-4 lead, a re-ignited Herrera proceeded to score consecutive baskets at the front of the Lady Bobcats' press, took a feed from senior Avionne Gomez for another and a 30-4 advantage, then immediately helped repay her teammate by helping set up a Gomez three-pointer. 33-4.

Reserve guard Jayden Brunson then got into the act confidently canning a 17-foot jumper, and reserve forward/center Shelcie Gosney capped off the half with a free throw in the waning seconds. Jaime's transition hit from long range, following a Gomez free throw, made the score 41-7 and was the last of two field goals Ignacio allowed in a thorough 67-10 victory.

"We just pushed as hard as we could," Herrera said, "and played our defense as hard as we can do it."

"The starting five ... started to get the same rhythm," she added, "and it just kept going on and on and on!"

Even when sophomore



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Hammered by Mancos' Emily Cole (left), Ignacio's Allisiana Baker (10) accepts contact as part of a post's workload while squeezing a defensive rebound, Dec. 19.

starting forward Larissa Gallegos exited the game early – she would return to the floor after the game on crutches – the Lady 'Cats didn't miss a beat, with Gosney (11 points) and senior Allisiana Baker proving more than able to operate near the hoop offensively, and able to help bottle up MHS freshman interior threat Madi Hale defensively.

"We really had to step up a lot from what Coach [Trae Seibel] wanted us to do," said Baker, who totaled nine points and scored in each quarter. "He got mad at us at first – yelled at us for not boxing out, not playing our roles as good as we can."

"He really had a lot of faith in us to finish ... and I think we played really good."

The 'finish' came in the form of a 9-0 fourth quarter played under CHSAA's new mercy-rule, running-clock format, in which IHS' starters proudly sat the bench and observed the second unit's work. The start of the game, however, couldn't have been better for the hard-luck Lady Jays (0-7, 0-3 2A/1A San Juan Basin)

if affable skipper Cory Cole

had planned it himself.

Mancos won the opening tip, and quickly managed two Cole free throws in four tries as Gomez – who'd tied the state record for threes in a game (ten) during the teams' previous meeting inside IHS Gymnasium late last season – picked up two personal fouls in only 55 seconds.

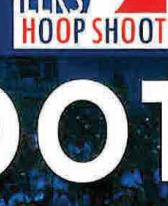
Not included in the starting lineup, Herrera quickly went to work, logging two tying FTs with 6:51 left in the first quarter – the first two of what ended up being a game-high 19 points – and after Cole sank a mid-range jumper to bring MHS back to 7-4, the Lady 'Cats (5-0, 3-0 SJBL) decided that was close enough.

Herrera's aforementioned early steal and basket preceded a jumper by sophomore Makayla Howell and a Gomez 15-footer – putting Ignacio up 13-4 through the initial eight minutes.

"We need to get more in shape," quipped Herrera, "but ... we're doing good at this point. I think we can do better, but ... the team's coming together."

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IHS BASKETBALL

Bobcats burn Basalt, save third at Cortez tourney

81-52 victory caps IHS boys' two-day stay

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Lasting longer than a regulation varsity quarter, one of the longest scoring droughts witnessed in recent seasons killed off not only the most quality start – considering the opponent – to an Ignacio Bobcat basketball game yet this season, but unfortunately IHS' hopes of winning the 2017 Montezuma-Cortez "Rumble in 'The Jungle'."

"An eleven-minute run where we didn't score," head coach Chris Valdez said in amazed disbelief, following a 56-48 loss to Moab (Utah) Grand County – which successfully erased a 15-2 first-frame deficit with 1:05 still left in the second. "You can't do that and beat a team ... that will be top-five, guaranteed, in their division."

"And I think that's what we are," stated senior guard Johnny Valdez. "We made a lot of bad passes, tough decisions Which is not something we need for a championship-level team."

Put into the shoes of so many squads squashed in the past, the 'Cats weren't about to let another large lead wither and die with a chance to salvage third place on Day 2 (Saturday, Dec. 16) of the event. And despite senior guard Justin Henderson's Rumble-best 25 points, a rebuilding Basalt roster was no match for Ignacio.

Picking up where a desperate 22-point fourth quarter nearly got them against GCHS, the Bobcats resisted the Longhorns' best advances through the first eight minutes, and went into the second quarter even at 16-16.

Fearing only Henderson, who netted 12 first-quarter points after dropping a game-best 24 on M-CHS in defeat, IHS built up a 35-26 halftime lead behind the inside play of senior Kai Roubideaux and sophomore Ocean Hunter, a three midway through by junior guard Lawrence Valdez, and a Johnny Valdez free throw with 0:00.9 left on the clock.

Starting to show the ef-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kai Roubideaux (3) speeds around Basalt's Justin Henderson (4) during the Montezuma-Cortez "Rumble in 'The Jungle'" third-place game on Sat., Dec. 16.

fects of a limited bench, the 'Cats slowed during the third quarter as BHS crept back to 41-36 on a hard take by junior forward Trevor Reuss with 2:09 left, but a late Johnny Valdez three-pointer helped Ignacio go into the weekend's last stanza owning a 50-37 advantage.

Staying relatively free

from the foul trouble which

hurt worse than, and contributed greatly to the Red Devils' rally – Grand County

finished an outstanding

20-of-22 from the free-

throw line – the previous

evening, IHS mashed the

proverbial gas pedal and

burned off every last bit of

fuel in their collective tank.

"I kept dribbling the ball

off my leg!" Lawrence Valdez quipped afterwards.

Hunter made his way to

near point-blank range regularly for the last eight of his team-leading 22 points.

Roubideaux, who showed

a knack to pass the ball as

well as any of the backcourt

regulars, booked the last six

of his 15. Johnny Valdez's

final four points also gave

him 15, and Lawrence Valdez sank one last trey and

laid in two more baskets to

give him 18 points.

Putting icing on the cake,

freshman forward Dylan La-

barthe nailed four of five free

throws – the last following a

hoop which Reuss committed

his fifth personal foul,

"Mistakes we made, dumb fouls away from the basket ... killed us," Chris

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Ross Denny Memorial Men's All Indian Basketball Tournament

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STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS CAPRICORN! It's official now. We can say HAPPY NEW YEAR. 2018 is here! You have hit the planetary lottery with 4 planets lined up in your sign, plus little MERCURY after the 10th. The SUN, VENUS, PLUTO, and SATURN, will be working together to insure a year of productive, personal growth. Topping it all off is the NEW MOON in CAPRICORN on the 16th encouraging a fresh beginning to your goals. You have a natural gift for organization, it's the ideal place to begin. Remember, SATURN is your ally this year.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

It's time to revise old habits. In spite of your spontaneous actions, you may still have some hesitation, and want to cling to the same routines. January's CAPRICORN planetary line up may inspire you with a few constructive solutions. THE LUNAR ECLIPSE/BLUE MOON on the 31st in the sign of LEO might be an attention grabber. Who's attention? Yours. Close relationships might require more of your attention. It's possible there may be a decision to make. URANUS moves forward on the 2nd favoring decisions.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

NEPTUNE has been moving through your sign for quite some time. During its ongoing visit it might have introduced you to new experiences, music, or friends. For January, it will stay in your sign all month. You might as well enjoy the visit Little Fishes. There is much to be gained by what it can teach you. The 16th may be a learning period when a NEW MOON releases constructive energies. Opportunities might pop up. Put your most important objectives at the top of your wish list.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

The month begins and ends with a FULL MOON. The first one on the 1st, falls in the home and family section of your chart. URANUS awakens from its retrograde slumber in your sign on the 2nd and resumes its forward motion. But that is only part of January's story. SATURN'S recent entry into its own sign of CAPRICORN might change your attitude about your place of employment. Making mental adjustments may turn out to be more satisfactory for you. SATURN is about good work ethics.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

MERCURY joins the early January CAPRICORN party on the 10th and increases your expectations regarding travel, and education. MARS, and JUPITER take a stand in your opposite sign and may indicate a partner, or spouse might have other ideas. After the 10th, practical solutions become more available when MERCURY the idea planet slips into practical CAPRICORN. It may be best not to delay your decisions. This blanket of favor will only last until the 18th. Resolutions anyone? Maybe not.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Finances, work, and health are the areas of greatest activity this month. It may be best to cancel less important matters, and just concentrate on the subjects mentioned above. Your sign is noted for actively creating fresh ideas. Like how to increase your income, and hatching a new plan. January is the reality, get down to business month. This is usually the time when we face the prospect of paying the holiday bills. A FULL MOON on the 1st shines its bright light on the financial area of your Horoscope.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Relationships are the main focal point this month. Your opposite sign of CAPRICORN is jam packed with planets. The FULL MOON in your sign on the 1st initiates a modification period regarding close alliances, and spouses. The NEW MOON on the 16th is favorable for promoting more productive conversations between you and those you love the most. Be sincere, honest, and diplomatic MOON KIDS. Just relax and let the New Year unfold. MARS and JUPITER offer loving surprises for you.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Just in case you've never had a BLUE MOON of your own, the Solar System is giving you one on the 31st. It also comes with a LUNAR ECLIPSE..what a bargain! There are options as well. Namely a more productive cycle than you had last year. It's a good thing your middle name is CREATIVITY. A favorable aura sets in on the 11th, 12th, and 13th. The same type of energy prevails on the 22nd, and 23rd. This month offers a wonderful opportunity to showcase your art, beadwork, quilting, cooking, or dancing.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

A sparkling stellium of planets maximize the entertainment section of your 2018 Horoscope. This may encourage you to spend more time with loved ones and take some time out to play more. These are some of the best days to choose from VIRGO. January 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, and 25. MARS and JUPITER take command of your daily activities. You can rely on MARS to put some pizzazz into your days until the 25th. While JUPITER adds to your enjoyment for the whole month. Blend work and play.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

MARS and JUPITER are currently living in the money zone of your Horoscope. Their influence has a dual nature. One is to save money, the other is to spend on important items. The planetary array in the sign of CAPRICORN may not encourage calm domestic relations until after the 18th when the SUN enters airy AQUARIUS. Until then employ your diplomatic skills. The NEW MOON on the 16th might promote some practical financial considerations. Chances are you may find a good deal somewhere.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

With your ruling planet PLUTO taking charge of the communication sector of your chart, it's important to think about what you say to others. Be truthful in a nice way. Tiny PLUTO encourages regeneration and progress. After the 8th it may become easier for you to expand your short trips, and make more frequent visits to relatives. Favorable days for you in January include the 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 29th, and 30th. The planetary pattern for January encourages an active lifestyle.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

The NEW MOON teams with the SUN, VENUS, PLUTO, and SATURN on the 16th. Together they shake up the financial area of your Horoscope. In a good way. It's a brand new year, are you ready for new adventures? Later after the 2nd some old obstacles that began last August might be cleared away. Relations with children and loved ones, gain momentum now. You may also discover that you have gained a more practical outlook regarding money, and finances. Way to go Saggies!

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Seeking public comment to the Revised Traffic Code

Staff report

LEGAL DEPT.

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 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

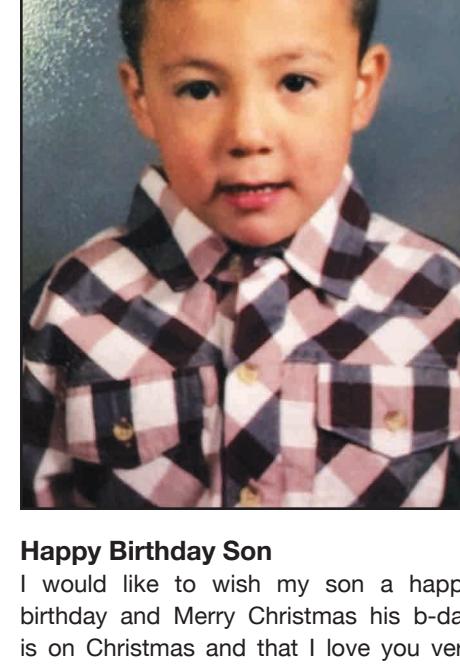
that the general public had an opportunity to comment on this Traffic Code because in this Code the Tribe will be seeking to issue civil citations for some traffic infractions against Indians and non-Indians, where the Tribe has jurisdiction to do so.

Deadline to submit written comments: Please provide any written comments on the draft code by Monday, February 5, 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
- Mail: James Washinawatok, Tribal Attorney, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.
- Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

For further information contact: James Washinawatok, Tribal Attorney, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2210; e-mail jwash@southernute-nsn.gov.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Happy Birthday Son

I would like to wish my son a happy birthday and Merry Christmas his b-day is on Christmas and that I love you very much!

Love, Dad

Catch of the day

On Sunday, Dec. 10, Ricky Jefferson and Jacoby Scott got the caught of the day. Catching a Brown Trout, over 12' inches long. With the two guys working as a team, they ended up bringing dinner home.

Correction

In a photo published in the Dec. 8 issue of the Drum, Atticus Harlan was misidentified in the swimming with Santa photo.

In a photo published in the Dec. 8 issue of the Drum, Serenity Velasco was misidentified in the basketball camp photo.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

TRIBAL OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, Dec. 25
Monday, Jan. 1
Monday, Jan. 15

Christmas
New Years Day
Martin Luther King Day

DECEMBER EVENTS

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 & have fun!

Wednesdays, 3-5pm.: 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

The ICL MakerSpace is open with a unique skill session happening. Come play with Legos, learn about robotics, and discover other unique skills.

ONGOING EVENTS (ADULT)

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Open Art Studio

The Open Studio is a time for artists to gather to work on their own projects while

getting to socialize with other like-minded folks. Participation is not dependent on having taken classes at the library. All artists are welcome. Pat Knight will be on hand most days to offer assistance as needed.

Tuesdays, 1 – 3 p.m.: ICL Knitters

ICL Knitters meet to work on knitting projects, socialize, and share ideas. Everyone is welcome to drop-in.

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Open Art Studio

The Open Studio is a time for artists to gather to work on their own projects while getting to socialize with other like-minded folks. Participation is not dependent on having taken classes at the library. All artists are welcome. Pat Knight will be on hand most days to offer assistance as needed.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Dec. 28, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: "No School Days Fun"

Retro gaming, holiday movies, Legos, crafts, and more. From 11am – 4pm Thursday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Dec. 29.

Dec. 28, 5 p.m.: 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.

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**Deadline:
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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 one day for those routes as well.

- Monday pickups will be Tuesday.
- Tuesday pickups will be Wednesday.
- Wednesday pickups will be Thursday.
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

CR 517 / HWY 172 Road Re-construction Traffic Signal Work

Given the warm, dry temperatures this winter, the project team has decided to move forward with traffic signal work before the project is shut down for the winter. The work is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19. During this time, there will be planned, intermittent stops at the intersection of County Road 517 and State Highway 172. These stops in traffic are not anticipated to last more than 10 minutes at a time. The amount of work completed will depend on weather conditions, though we would like to complete the entire intersection before moving to a full winter shutdown. Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously when workers are present, especially along SH 172 southbound where speeds will drop dramatically enroute to the construction. Contact Construction & Project Management with any questions about the road re-construction at 970-563-0138.

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 LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2017-NC-0153

Cheryl Root, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Cheryl Root has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Chispas Root. 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 29, 2017 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the

Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2017.

BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2017-NC-0125

Brooklynn Schmeiser, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Brooklynn Schmeiser filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brooklynn Jade Matthews. As of December 18, 2017 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Brooklynn Schmeiser name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Brooklynn Jade Matthews.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2017.

Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2017-NC-0126

Caitlyn Marie Schmeiser, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Caitlyn Marie Schmeiser filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Caitlyn Marie Parmenter. As of December 18, 2017 no

person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Caitlyn Marie Schmeiser name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Caitlyn Marie Parmenter.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2017.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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 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

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/

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with knowledge and experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming and; A person with knowledge and experience in Tribal energy resource development to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Knowledge and Experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming; Knowledge and Experience in Tribal Energy Resource Development; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and Confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

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.

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 its listeners.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) PowWow Committee Member vacancy. 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.

**Seeking individuals to fill SOUTHERN UTE
vacancies on KSUT'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**KSUT IS ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INTEREST TO FILL
THREE (3) VACANT SOUTHERN UTE MEMBER SEATS.**

• Southern Ute Seat applicant MUST be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member.

Interested in an opportunity to be a part of KSUT's growth and development?
Submit a Letter of Interest to
KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham.
Email: tami@ksut.org or
Mail: PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.
Info: 970-563-0255, or www.KSUT.org
Seats open until filled.

Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916). photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)



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 Analyst (MSP)

Closing date 1/2/18

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Paygrade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Closing date 1/2/18

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Elders Services Driver/Secretary

Closing date 12/28/17

Provides office support for the Elder Service Program to include, but not limited to, reception, secretarial, office management and records management services. Provides transportation and services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Elders and Handicapped/Disabled individuals. Provides transportation to the Committee of Elders and Handicapped/Disabled. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Gaming Investigator II

Closing date 12/28/17

Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Records Retention Clerk (Temporary)

Closing date 12/27/17

Provides professional, technical, clerical and program support to the Records Retention Division and the Department of Tribal Information Services as directed. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Closing date 12/27/17

Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the Sun Ute aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with Sun Ute individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Alcohol Counselor

Open until filled

Professional position, 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; \$69597/annually.

Plumbing Maintenance Technician

Open until filled

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

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

Open until filled

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

So. Ute Shared Services (SUSS) • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers 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.

Support Analyst II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/27/17

Configuration, installation, and support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, end user applications and production support of PeopleSoft, Kronos and other Shared Services applications for the end user/customer. Provide enterprise-wide applications support with emphasis on the functional view of production applications. Provides day-to-day end-user support related to PeopleSoft, Kronos, other Shared Services business productivity applications and end-user hardware. Minimum qualifications: A high school diploma and four years relevant software, hardware or end-user support experience; OR an Associate Degree and two years relevant, software, hardware or end user support experience; OR a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Business/Finance; is required. Knowledge of Microsoft Productivity applications is required. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the vehicle insurance policy. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Geographic Information System Analyst II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/29/17

Provides technical and development support on spatial technology projects for staff and business unit customers, to include duties within GIS database creation and maintenance; project coordination; application development; client services; geo-spatial product production; and, GPS technology coordination. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in a science related field and three years GIS experience; OR, a high school diploma or equivalent and seven years working GIS experience. Must have a thorough knowledge of ESRI ArcGIS Desktop, Server, Mobile and related database software. Must possess strong troubleshooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under Company vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Business Intelligence Expert Applications Systems Programmer – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/29/17

Top level technical expert in data analytics development and data warehousing development. Responsible for design development recommendations on long term Business Intelligence (BI) strategy for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its affiliates. Provide expertise regarding the integration of various sources of data across the business enterprise. Determine specifications, development planning, and design of complex business requirements into software solutions using the appropriate software engineering methodology. This position is responsible for assisting and supporting the most complex data analytics problems across the enterprise. Must act as an advocate, mentor and change agent across diverse computing platforms. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Business is required. A bachelor degree or associates degree in another discipline maybe considered with appropriate and relevant PeopleSoft development experience. Seven years of experience in software development, systems analysis, technical design and software architecture is required. Seven years business systems experience is required. Seven years programming/technical experience including use of Extract, Transform and Load (ETL) tools and SQL is required. Must have knowledge of web services design and architecture. Must have knowledge of security authentication and identity management development. Must have a solid understanding of web based services architecture. Must have familiarity of web development languages such as Visual Basic, .NET, Java, HTML 5, PHP, Python, Ruby. Must have the ability to think analytically, manage change, and participate in multi-directional communication. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have a valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Administrative Assistant– Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 1/3/18

Provides secretarial and clerical support to the President and managers of Red Cedar Gathering Company, to include preparation of correspondence and reports, maintaining filing systems, coordinating the flow and processing of information and documents. Minimum qualifications include: A High School diploma or equivalent is required. Must have three years full-time experience in a secretarial or clerical capacity. Must have knowledge and skill using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Outlook. Must have knowledge in organizing and scheduling meetings; agenda development; and organization and distribution of materials. Must have experience establishing and maintaining complex filing systems. Must have strong mathematical skills and general knowledge of accounting procedures. Must be skilled using modern office equipment to include, calculator, copy machine, and fax machine. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, including recording and relaying accurate messages. Must have professional telephone etiquette. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under Red Cedar's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

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

*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. Controllership 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).

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Open until filled

Responsible for the cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by facilities management and/or supervisor. The deep cleaning staff will clean food and beverage facilities and equipment. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to take and provide written and oral direction in English. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, holidays and weekends.

*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

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 trustworthy. 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.

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Open until filled

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. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. 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.

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Open until filled

Installs, repairs, and performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. CCTV and/or electronics 2-year degree OR two (2) years of equivalent experience is required. Intermediate Windows based computer skills. Proficient in current Microsoft Office applications. 1 year Casino related gaming experience preferred. CAD experience preferred. Must have excellent attendance and be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic electronic testing equipment.

*Must be 21 years old.

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IHS WRESTLING

Ignacio goes 2-3, takes tenth at Panther Classic

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

About the worst that could happen for any team at the Dec. 16 Piedra Vista Panther Classic was that any team would end up included in the same opening pool with the Farmington, New Mexico-based hosts.

Gallup, N.M., Miyamura, Shiprock, N.M., and Ignacio were the unfortunate three at the dual-style event's 2017 edition, with the NMAA Class 6A Panthers completing a clean run into the Gold Bracket by dealing MHS a 72-6 defeat. But after PV had ripped through SHS and IHS by perfect 84-0 scores, that's when things got interesting for Jordan Larsen's Coloradans, looking to avoid placement in the meet's fourth-tier bracket.

Squaring off against Shiprock, one of the Land of Enchantment's Class A-4A teams present inside Jerry A. Conner Fieldhouse, neither Ignacio nor the Chieftains sent out an entrant at 145 pounds. Bobcat junior Dustin Sanchez got the scoring started with a forfeit win at 152, but after 160 went uncontested, SHS' Latrell Ben pinned Micah Westbrook in 32 seconds at 170 to tie the dual at 6-6.

IHS' Cesar Pedregon, however, won by forfeit at 182, and heavyweight Randy Herrera also picked up a free six points after the 195- and 220- pound divisions were left open, giving the 'Cats an 18-6 advantage heading back into the lower weights.

Shiprock's Janelle Redhouse and Savannah Pettigrew claimed forfeit wins at 106 and 113, and after 120 remained vacant, Chieftain 126-pounder Cauy Ute defeated Hunter Robbins by a 10-2 major decision, giving SHS a short-lived lead before Bobcat Diego Valencia claimed a forfeit at 132 – giving the 'Cats a 24-22 victory after neither crew sent out a 138-pounder.

"All ... represented the integrity and intensity that Bobcat athletes strive to exemplify," declared Larsen.

Having staved off Copper Bracket relegation by placing third in Pool A, IHS began Bronze work against Moab (Utah) Grand County and prevailed by tiebreaker after drawing 24-24 with the UH-SAA Class 3A Red Devils.

Sanchez again started things with a forfeit win, and Westbrook followed at his normal 160 with a pin of Kyler Maxwell in 1:12. GC's Treya Meyer, however, pinned Pedregon in 1:38 at 182 and heavyweight Gage Hansen stuck Herrera in 51 seconds to tie the match at 12-12.

Robbins and Valencia were both victorious, but GC's Kayden Robertson won the last contested weight by forfeit to make things interesting. Awarded the win, Ignacio squared off with Pojoaque (N.M.) Valley in the bracket's first-place showdown, but fell 48-24.

The A-4A (Dist. 2/5; Shiprock represented Dist. 1/3) Elks took a 12-0 lead after the dual began at 160 pounds, but Pedregon got the Bobcats on the board with a pin in only 23 seconds of Ben Lujan. Pojoaque responded with 24 unanswered points before Robbins stuck Javin Lujan's shoulders down in an elapsed 3:50.

Valencia then won by forfeit at 132, but the Elks won by forfeit at 138 and 145 before Sanchez pinned down Jurhmane Gallegos in just 68 seconds to close the book on the day.

To nobody's surprise, Piedra Vista's varsity won the tournament, defeating downtown rivals Farmington 53-18 in the Gold Bracket's grand finale. PVHS' 'Silver,' or junior-varsity squad, placed fifth overall after winning

the Silver title 42-30 over 3A Bayfield, Colo. With just under half a full squad, Ignacio still finished tenth overall at the 15-team gathering.

"The coaching staff was extremely pleased with the performance of the boys," Larsen said. "And as a team we look forward to hitting the practice mat Monday to ... work to fix the mistakes and address areas of weakness on an individual level as we head into break."

Having started the Classic pinning 5A Miyamura's Nancy Rodriguez in 1:26, Sanchez finished with a 4-1 mark – including his two forfeit wins – with his loss via third-period pin, courtesy Panther Terrence Thompson.

Westbrook finished 1-4 overall at 160/170, while Pedregon went 3-2 at 182 and, like Sanchez, pushed his Panther foe – Jesus Espino – into the third period of their bout before losing via pin 24 ticks in. Herrera finished 1-4 overall in a weight class counting 11 total individuals, and did take MHS' Jairo Gonzales deep into the second period before losing by pin in 3:34 elapsed (the 'Cats lost their day-starting dual against the Patriots 53-18).

Losing only to Ute, who went 4-1 at the event, Robbins finished 3-1 overall (his win over GC's Dylan Harrison came at 132) while Valencia ended up 3-2 – an even 1-1 at 126 and 2-1 (both wins via forfeit) at 132.

Up next for the Bobcats will be Pagosa Springs' Rocky Mountain Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

"Back to the drawing board for the next few weeks," said Larsen, "and ready to come back strong!"

2017 Panther Classic Final Standings

GOLD BRACKET: 1. Farmington (N.M.) Piedra Vista, 2. Farmington (N.M.), 3. Bloomfield (N.M.), 4. Kirtland (N.M.) Central; **SILVER:** 5. Piedra Vista 'Silver,' 6. Bayfield, 7. Gallup (N.M.) Miyamura, 8. Mancos; **BRONZE:** 9. Pojoaque (N.M.) Valley, 10. IGNACIO, 11. Moab (UT) Grand County, 12. Grants (N.M.); **COPPER:** 13. Dolores, 14. Shiprock (N.M.), 15. Montezuma Creek (UT) Whitehorse.

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sition, 9-14 overall.

Included on the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games' Class 2A-Red roster (coached by Hollen and IHS' Thad Cano) on Sunday, Nov. 19, senior setter Shoshone Thompson was named First Team All-League. Joining her in that regard were THS senior setter Sydney Evans, RHS senior Hunter

Gentry, MHS junior middle Morgan Rose and Norwood senior Courtney Lemon.

Dolores junior setter Abby Jones and Dove Creek senior setter LaRissa Randolph anchored the Second Team All-SJBL honorees, which also included DCHS junior middle Breea Meyer, Telluride junior outside hitter Sierra Shambaugh and Nucla se-

nior middle Emily Case.

Used all along the net at the middle, outside and opposite positions, IHS sophomore Makayla Howell received Honorable Mention All-League. Joining her were Ridgway senior Jessie Miller, Norwood sophomore Lillian Parino, and DHS senior outside hitter Sierra Schwartz.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Dec. 22



38°F sunny

Saturday, Dec. 23



39°F mostly sunny

Sunday, Dec. 24



33°F sunny

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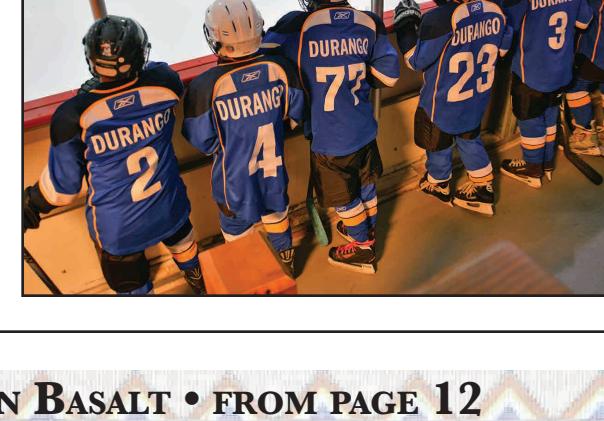
Durango puts Telluride on ice



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Durango Youth Hockey team in the "Squirts" division, outplayed Telluride, winning both games, 8-2, 8-2 respectively. The Durango team traveled to Telluride, Colo. over Lizard Head Pass under overcast skies, on clear roads, Saturday, Dec. 16. The Durango "Squirts" team have gone undefeated thus far, in the 2017-2018 season.

The Durango Youth Hockey Team await the buzzer to take the ice to begin their double-header in Telluride, Saturday, Dec. 16. The teams will take time off the ice for the Holiday break but return to action the first week of January 2018. Check the Durango Youth Hockey schedules and online info at [www.durangohockey.org](http://durangohockey.org)



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Valdez said. "Our guys had some consistency – Johnny shooting, Kai working hard and not giving up – but we've got to stay out of foul trouble."

"Depth was our downfall; we've only got five guys who can play at this level, really, right now," he continued. "The other guys are working on it, and they've got to be able to come in the game and at least give us some good, supportive minutes. And right now, we're not there."

"On defense, I think we played well. We of course had our blunders, missed a few guys here and there, but you know, we're learning as a team and trying to bring it together – bring the guys off the bench and help them learn," said Johnny Valdez, who drilled four threes and logged a game-high 22 points against GCHS.

"That's going to be a really big thing ... after winter break. I think we'll do alright."

Limited by two first-half fouls, Roubideaux managed eight points against Grand County while Lawrence Valdez scored seven before fouling out with 2:39 left in the game. With just two points to his name, senior guard Cole McCaw

had fouled out with 4:05 left in the third quarter, and Hunter logged as many points (four) as fouls.

Senior guard Maser Ward paced the Red Devils with 14 points, and senior guard/forward Brayden Schultz and junior center Cameron Hoppenstead each booked eight as head coach Scott Horton benefited from being able to rotate five players at a time on several occasions.

"We came out slow, but I knew we were a deeper team," he said. "And eventually it took its toll on them, because we could continue to sub and they didn't have very many ... off the bench."

"We've got people that can play no matter ... if it's zone or man, and we're alright with that. You never know who's going to score for you 'that' night; it could be anybody! It's a good problem to have."

In similar come-from-behind fashion, GCHS improved to 6-1 overall (0-0 UHSAA 3A Region 15) with an acrobatic, exciting 68-65 win over the hosting Panthers (3-3, 0-0 3A Intermountain) in the Rumble's championship on Day 2. Schultz scored a team-best 18 points, and senior Alec

Williams spearheaded a second-half charge, wiping out M-CHS' 11-point lead in fewer than five minutes, with all 15 of his points coming after intermission.

"We always have problems coming out hot early," Williams said, reflecting on both Red Devil wins, "but what we do best is stick together and battle strong – really try to finish the game harder than we started."

"It was a tough test," summarized Johnny Valdez. "I think what we really need to take away from this ... is we need to keep attacking the basket, getting contact to go to the free-throw line."

"We of course had a fourth wind, and a third, and a second ... Had good scoring runs, but we just need to keep those throughout the whole game ... never slow down."

"And run plays like in the first quarter [versus GCHS] – we were as good as anybody," Chris Valdez noted.

With the holiday break imminent, Ignacio will begin the 2018 side of its schedule at the 4 Corners Tournament, to be held Jan. 5-6 in Bayfield with Montezuma-Cortez and 4A Durango also set to attend.

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"We need to build on our cardio," agreed Baker, "to play Bayfield and everyone else ... keep up with them."

Five-of-12 from the foul line, Cole finished with sev-

en points in defeat. Making just two three-balls, Gomez totaled 15 points and Howell six in victory as nine white jerseys scored at least one point apiece.

"Overall ... we're playing pretty good," Baker said. "We haven't peaked yet though, so once we peak we're going to be really good!"

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