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MUSEUM

Rodeo roundup: Museum unveils ‘Riders of the West’

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The work represents photography “unplugged” – captured on film and printed in a wet darkroom,” explained photographer Linda MacCannell, “The camera of choice is a slow and eccentric partner – extending its curious bellows and allowing time to weave a conversation into the experience. The resulting photograph is a memento of that unique afternoon and the warm conversations that resulted.” While the photographer was unable to present these sentiments in person, her words were read aloud by Southern Ute Museum exhibit curator Delana Joy Farley.

The exhibit, titled ‘Riders of the West: Portraits of Indian Rodeo’ opened



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Professional bronc rider, and bull riding champion, Travis Nanaeto stands alongside his son Jonas, at the Museum’s new exhibit titled – Riders of the West: Portraits of Indian Rodeo, Friday, Feb 23.

at the Southern Ute Museum on Friday, Feb. 23, and presents a combination of MacCannell’s photography, and excerpts from the book written by Peter Iverson. Accompanying this collection of black and white photography are items from the rodeo cir-

cuit, vintage memorabilia of a life in the bucking chute. One of the contributors being, Ignacio’s own, Travis Nanaeto who spent over 25 years in the professional rodeo circuit – riding broncs and bulls.

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EDUCATION

SUIMA encourages creativity though vision board

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Dr. Stacey Oberly helped bring The Vision Project of the Southwest home to Ignacio, with the realization of an interactive art sculpture for students. The new art piece sits on the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) playground, and boasts an all-weather chalkboard as its center piece, a venue for students to share and express their words, ideas and visions creatively. The sculpture incorporates a sandbox at its base, and large wooden panels on either side, framing this outdoor space for creative expression.

Oberly is the Ute language guide for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, with strong ties to her own culture. She is also one of 26 regional par-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Dr. Stacey Oberly shakes hands with Adam Tucson of Eagle Feather Construction, thanking him for his generous contributions in creating the art sculpture. Oberly’s cohorts: Monica Devi Bhakti, Marie Anne Hurley and Sheree Volrab also expressed their gratitude on Thursday, Feb. 15.

ticipants who took part in an intensive leadership training through the non-profit Tiospaye, whose mission is to help people live to their full potential. The group was inspired by The Vision Project and has members who live in many of the local communities, which fueled the concept for the creation of four

unique public art pieces to be constructed throughout the region. The art installation in Ignacio, was the first of these to be fully realized. The others will be implemented within the neighboring communities of Durango, Cortez and Aztec.

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Ignacio to host Region 8 Tourney

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS boys bag 11th straight district-tourney title

Bobcats outlast Mancos in D-3



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

From left, Ignacio seniors Kruz Pardo, Daniel Weaver, Kai Roubideaux and Johnny Valdez (Cole McCaw had already returned to a celebratory huddle) show off the 2A-District 3 Tournament’s first-place award following a 45-30 win over Mancos, Feb. 24 at Montezuma-Cortez High School.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Sacrificing steering for speed wasn’t what head coach Chris Valdez had in mind.

Though his Bobcat boys were able to take command of the 2A-District 3 Tournament’s championship clash against Mancos early in the second quarter – via a 10-0 burst, giving Ignacio a 20-7 advantage – they also nearly ran their own wheels off and lost control when the road to an 11th consecutive district-level title roughened Saturday afternoon, Feb. 24, inside Montezuma-Cortez High School Gymnasium.

“We tend to panic,” admitted senior guard Kruz Pardo, “and make a lot of

passes we ... don’t need to. And towards the end of the third quarter, start of the fourth, we figured out that if we just thread the ball, make ... nice, crisp, bounce and chest-passes where everybody wants to catch them ... they’re going to catch them. We had to call timeout, take a couple deep breaths.”

Having seen their earlier advantage trimmed down to just 24-22 at halftime, and erased completely – by an Anthony Medina free throw with 1:03 left in the third – before a Pardo FT gave the San Juan Basin League’s preeminent muscle machine a shaky 31-30 lead entering the home stretch, the ‘Cats refueled mentally and went on to race away in style.

“We got a little lead on them and let them back in the game – at that point I knew it was going to be a dogfight,” Valdez said. “And at the end, that fourth quarter, we were tired ... but you could see the look in your seniors’ eyes that, you know, ‘We’re not going to be the one team ... not to get a district championship!’”

“I saw Kruz attack the basket that one time, hit that layup, and junior Lawrence Valdez with that little ball fake and layup ... and I was like, ‘It’s time. They’re going to do it,’” he continued. “And I just kind of sat back and let them do their thing, and they outscored them 14 to zero that last quarter!”

IHS Boys page 12

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady ‘Cats devour Dolores in D-3 title game

Ignacio to first face Sanford



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With senior Sidney Cox, hoisting high the hardware, Friday, Feb. 24 inside Montezuma-Cortez High School Gymnasium, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats celebrate a successful defense of last season’s 2A-District 3 Tournament title after a 46-11 rout of Dolores.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Burying two of Ignacio’s three three-pointers in three trips down the court, beginning in the fourth quarter, and finishing with four long-range makes all told, Jayden Brunson couldn’t have done better imitating sidelined senior Avionne Gomez in the 2A-District 3 Tournament’s finale, even if opposing Dolores had expected her to do so.

And with sophomore Makayla Howell, back in action for the Feb. 23-24 event (held at Montezuma-Cortez H.S.) after missing much of the season due to surgery on her left wrist, able to use her own inside/outside skills to replace freshman Eb-

once Gomez, neither the Lady Bears nor semifinal foe Telluride could deny IHS the title, as well as the honor of hosting one of the Class 2A State Tournament’s eight regional rounds.

“We ... all had to be able to step up and take their places, keep going,” said the freshman Brunson, after logging a game-high 14 points with first place in the balance. “Even though they weren’t there, we had to step up.”

“There was a little bit of a difference, missing two of them,” she noted, “because some of our guards didn’t get as many [fast] breaks as we usually do. But I still think we did good for them not being there.”

“You know, it’s not just about one player; it’s about the whole team. I think we always are ready to play with one another,” Howell said. “We want them in the game because they’re really vital players, but being able to play with other teammates is great too!”

Able to overcome sluggish starts in neutral territory each day en route to sinking THS 38-18 and DHS 46-11, the Lady Bobcats (19-2 overall) will next see Sanford (15-7) Friday, March 2, inside IHS Gymnasium at 3:00 p.m.

The winner will then meet either Denver Christian (17-4 going in) or Paoia (14-8) – participants

Lady Cats page 12

Frost appointed to Vice chair



Maria Rivera/SU Drum archive

Exercising my authority under the Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I have appointed a new Vice Chairman. Ms. Cheryl A. Frost will serve in this capacity effective today, February 26, 2018. Please support a positive working relationship as she transitions into this new role. I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Alex Cloud for his service to the membership in the role of Vice Chairman.

Christine Sage,
Chairman

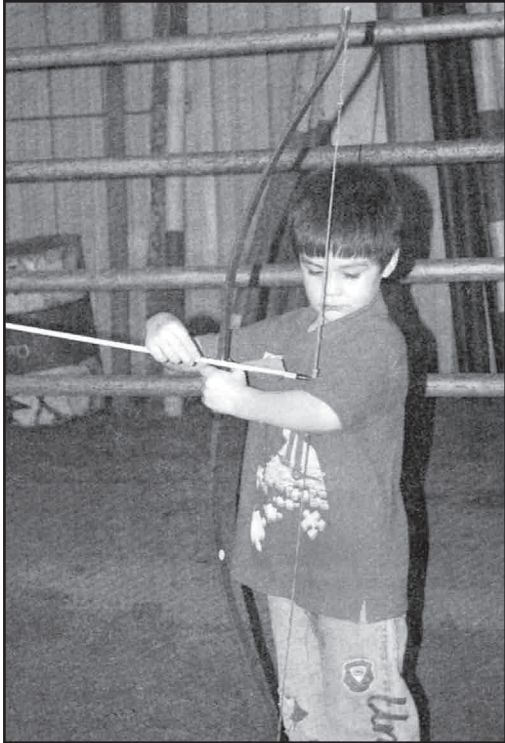
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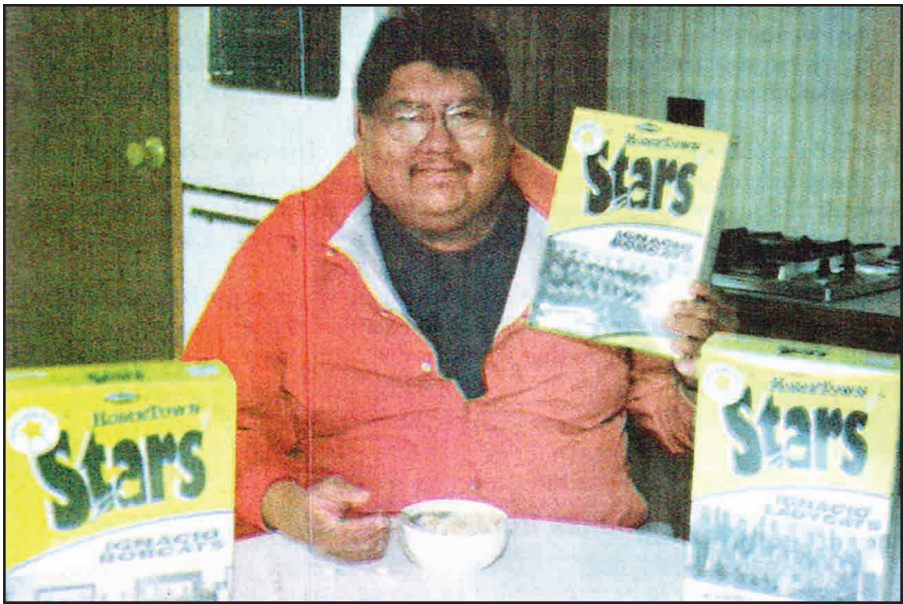
10 years ago

The youngest of the current archers, Lorenz Wilbourn (5), notches his arrow onto the string of his youth traditional bow.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 29, 2008, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

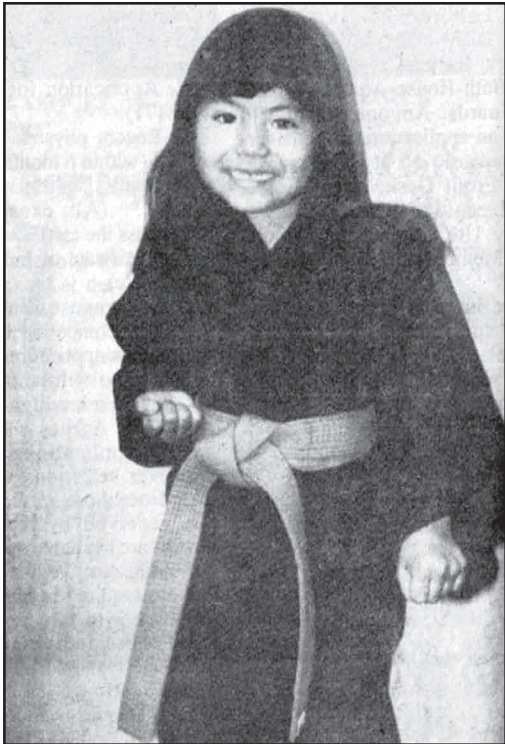


Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

“Eat your cornflakes and grow up to be athletes like these members of Ignacio-Bayfield basketball and wrestling teams,” boasts Al Cloud of the Southern Ute Recreation Department. These special boxes of cereal are being promoted by the Ignacio Shur-Value store. Pictures of the teams are featured on the front of these boxes of “HomeTown Stars” a production of Carlisle Cereal Company in Bismarck, ND.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 27, 1998, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Five-and-a-half-year-old Brandi Naranjo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Naranjo recently completed and received a “Certificate of Advancement” and has achieved the rank of “1st Degree Red Belt” at the Black Dragon Kempo-Karate School in the Ignacio Children Kempo-Karate Program.

This photo first appeared in the March 4, 1988, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

LA PLATA COUNTY THRIVE

The Living Wage Network: A coalition of living wage certifiers

Staff report

LA PLATA COUNTY THRIVE

La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition is helping to launch a new nationwide network of living wage certifiers. The network is composed of living wage certification programs that recognize employers who pay a living wage, significantly impacting the lives of tens of thousands of low-wage workers across the country. Currently, seven of the network’s members actively certify employers in locations nationwide. A list of active programs and their locations can be found online at www.livingwagework.org.

Thrive! Living Wage Employers tell us why they think it is important to pay a living wage. Jessie Kileen of Grassburger, a fast-casual, family-owned restaurant in Durango, Colo. says “Our team is vital to our success. We feel it’s important to pay a living wage for employee morale, loyalty, and job security”. Erin Youngblood at Evenings Porch Assisted Living in Bayfield, Colo. states “We have a low turnover of staff, which ensures our residents receive the best consistent care”. Diana Hammond at Basin Printing & Imaging tells us a living wage is “important for retaining skilled employees and it helps to keep our community healthy and vibrant”.

At Manna Soup Kitchen, Kathleen Tonnessen explains “We see firsthand what those less fortunate struggle with. It is for this reason we believe everyone deserves a living wage—so they can become self-sufficient”. Or, in the words of Charles Shaw, owner of the Smiley Building, “Everyone does better when everyone does better”.

With new partnerships formed through the Living Wage Network, we see an opportunity to expand our reach and impact workers across the nation. The need certainly exists. In no state does a low-wage worker not struggle to provide for their family. In no state in America can a minimum wage worker afford a two-bedroom apartment. Nowhere is the minimum wage yet a living wage.

The network is composed of organizations and programs that encourage and certify employers who pay a living wage. Each certification program has developed its own criteria for determining what constitutes a living wage, accounting for the cost of living in each unique community. Separately, our work has significantly impacted the lives of tens of thousands of low-wage workers across the country. Together, we will build on this success.

The Living Wage Network’s mission is to support worker livelihoods by

urging employers to pay living wages by promoting living wages as a matter of conscience within our community. To date, over 2,500 small and medium size businesses across the country have certified their willingness to pay a living wage to their employees. By linking organizations across the nation and creating a formalized network, we can expand and support the movement for living wages and lift up employers who believe it is good business to pay livable wages to all workers.

ABOUT THE LIVING WAGE NETWORK

We exist to promote a just economy where workers are paid fairly, employers are successful, and our community thrives as a result.

ABOUT LA PLATA COUNTY THRIVE!

Launched in November 2014, Thrive’s voluntary program is open to employers in La Plata County and currently includes 103 employers, with over 3300 employees! Wages have been increased for some employees in order to qualify for this program, resulting in about \$65,000 in additional wages. This program rewards employers who pay, or aspire to pay, a living wage and promotes a just and sustainable economy. More information is available at ThriveLaPlata.org

98th Annual Southern Ute Fair Theme & Art Contest

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2018 Logo and Theme Contest for the 98th Annual Southern Ute Fair

- This contest is open to ALL Ute members.
- All art media will be accepted until June 1, 2018 at 5PM.
- Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches.
- Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork.
- Artwork must be signed by the artists.

Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Department and will be featured on all items associated with the 98th Annual Southern Ute Fair. The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award plus Fair merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Department with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview and picture with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2018 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES!

Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept.
PO Box 737 #88, Ignacio, CO 81137
Call 970-563-2985 if you any questions.



SU ROYALTY

Quarterly report: Southern Ute Brave

By Dominick GoodTracks
SOUTHERN UTE BRAVE

Mique,
My name is Dominick GoodTracks and I am the 2017-18 Southern Ute Brave. I am 10 years old and the son of Kalin GoodTracks and the late Tiffany Box Howe. I am also the great nephew of Jennifer GoodTracks and Gary Alires. My paternal grandparents are Robb GoodTracks and Wilinda Price. My maternal grandparents are the late Paula Howe, Don Howe and Tilman Box. The following are events that I have attended:

SEPTEMBER 2017:

I was honored to be announced as the new Southern Ute Brave and attended the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow.

Helped serve the Royalty dinner during the Southern Ute Fair and I rode in the fair parade.

Attended the event called Sip, Chat, Chew and ate with the Ute elders at the multipurpose.

Participated with my fellow royalty and we had a booth at the Ignacio Community 10 year anniversary party.

Attended the Southern Ute Tribal Annual Back-to-School BBQ.

OCTOBER 2017:

Participated in the Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering Parade.

I and my fellow Southern Ute royalties had a Halloween booth at the Halloween Carnival at Sky Ute Casino.

NOVEMBER 2017:

I attended the opening ceremony for the Youth Bull Riding Finals held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Southern Ute Royalties sponsored a Thanksgiving Walk for the community and we hope this will become an annual event. For our Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner, I shook hands with tribal members and guests.

I traveled to Ft. Duchesne and participated



in the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow.

DECEMBER 2017:

It was fun to participate in the Leonard C. Burch memorial walk.

I attended the End of Term Reception for Councilwoman Amy Barry and Chairman Clement Frost and the inauguration for newly elected Council members Cheryl Frost, Cedric Chavez and Chairman Christine Sage.

Lastly I attended our Southern Ute Christmas dinner and shook hands with members of all three Ute Tribes and guests. For the Christmas program I sang a Christmas song in Ute with Little Miss Southern Ute and Junior Miss Southern Ute.

So far I have enjoyed attending different events and traveling to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and meeting new people. I look forward to attending upcoming events and learning new things along the way.

Tog'oiak'

*Dominick H. GoodTracks
Southern Ute Brave, 2017-2018*

Quilting with care



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Kathleen Hatch works meticulously on her quilting fabrics, bringing the colorful patterns to life, Tuesday, Feb. 14. She said she never made a quilt before now and welcomed the opportunity for the new experience — even bringing her materials home to work on the project between classes at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

SUIMA ENCOURAGES CREATIVITY • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Elijah Guthrie, Carlos Tucson, Adam Tucson and Lorenzo Rodrigues of Eagle Feather Construction stands with SUIMA students for a schoolyard photo following the completion of the school's vision boards sculpture, Thursday, Feb. 15.

"In our training, we realized that without focus on our vision as people, which begins with self, family and community, then nation, and the world — lack of focus leads to disconnection and a lot of the social ills that we have," Dr. Oberly explained. The community service project was an assignment for the leadership training, which Oberly became involved with in October of 2017. The group created The Vision Project of the Southwest, and still meets informally, even though the training is completed.

Adam Tucson and his company, Eagle Feather Construction, was instrumental in the realization of the project at SUIMA, helping to expand on the original idea and seeing it through each step of the way. "Tucson really ran with the design and made it beautiful, and more interactive," Oberly said. Eagle Feather Construction not only donated their labor for the project, they also contributed an additional \$350 toward the cost of materials, an additional \$100 donation came from Home Depot.

The project was completely welcomed and embraced by SUIMA and the school's director — Patricia Hauschild.

"The vision board is for the kids, to plant the seed young and help them express their visions," Oberly said. The school wanted to put the art where different walks of life could see it, it's interactive.

The goal for the Vision Project of the Southwest is to have all four projects completed by mid-March. The Aztec sculpture is designed to be a direct response to the recent tragedy that befell the town's



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Carlos Tucson works to put the finishing touches on the wooden panels used for the SUIMA art installation and vision board.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

On Thursday, Feb. 15, students had their first opportunity to use the vision board to express themselves, colorful chalk in hand.

High School community, while the Durango installation will address suicide prevention. Each of these sculptures will have a unique concept, tailored to the community.

"One thing that is profound to me," Oberly said,

regarding her leadership training, "is that I can find a vision and see it through — what a gift that is, to have that talent. The 26 of us gained these skills that could continue to have ripple effects in our communities, that is empowering."

Ute Language Class

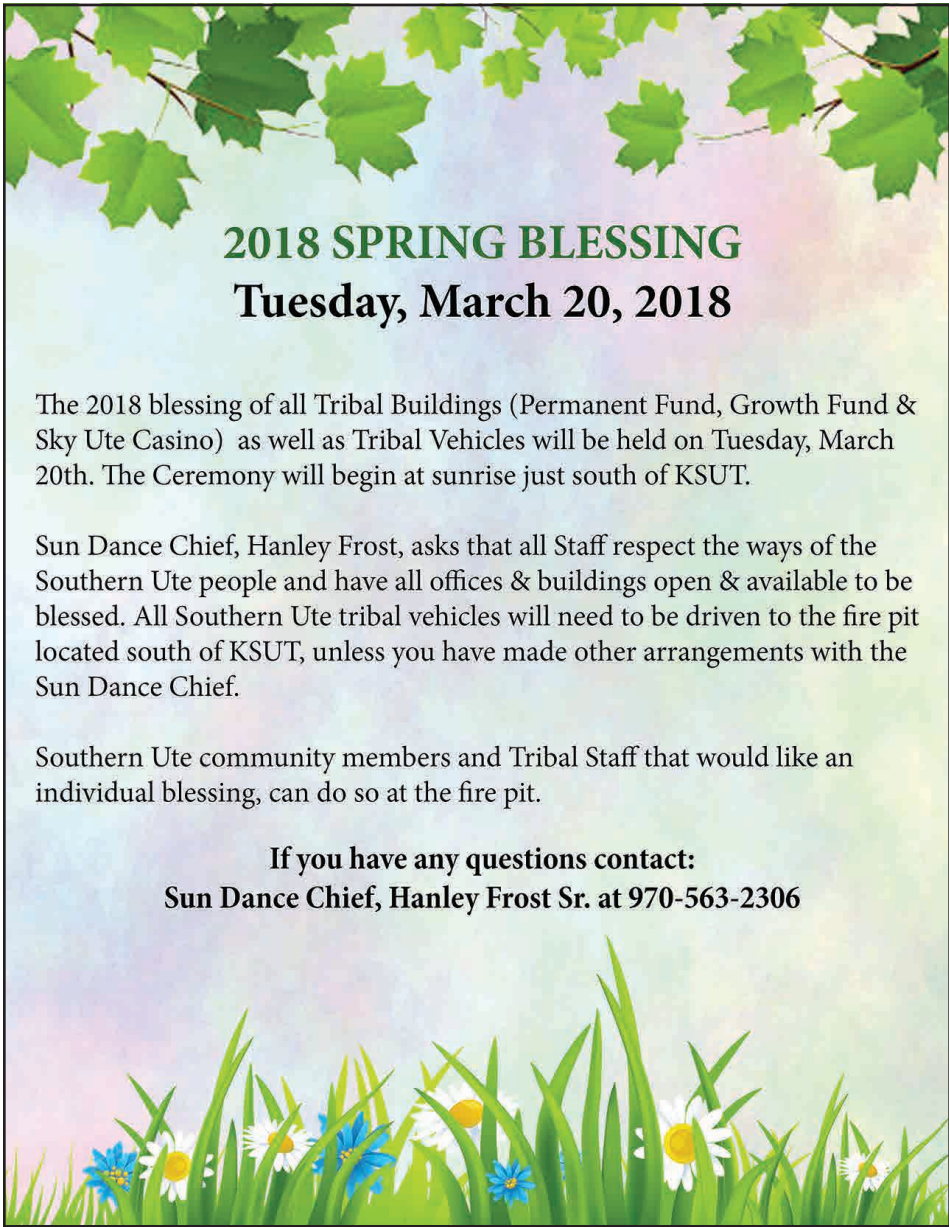


Instructor: Hanley Frost Sr.
Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Starting March 13, 2018
Every Tuesday

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM)
Large Classroom



For more information contact
 Hanley Frost, Culture Education Coordinator at (970)-563-2306
 or Email: hfrost@southernute-nsn.gov



2018 SPRING BLESSING

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

The 2018 blessing of all Tribal Buildings (Permanent Fund, Growth Fund & Sky Ute Casino) as well as Tribal Vehicles will be held on Tuesday, March 20th. The Ceremony will begin at sunrise just south of KSUT.

Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost, asks that all Staff respect the ways of the Southern Ute people and have all offices & buildings open & available to be blessed. All Southern Ute tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the fire pit located south of KSUT, unless you have made other arrangements with the Sun Dance Chief.

Southern Ute community members and Tribal Staff that would like an individual blessing, can do so at the fire pit.

If you have any questions contact:
Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost Sr. at 970-563-2306

Field trip to the jungle



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte

SunUte Fitness and Recreation collaborate to give kids the opportunity to be part of a new experience after early release from school on Wednesday, Feb. 14. A field trip to the Jungle Gym in Durango, Colo. gave the youth an opportunity to learn the proper way to run up the wall from the fitness center's owner, Daniel Rohde. Pictured (right to left) Elijah Huerta, Daymien Aguilar, Quentin Baker, Zane Olguin, Ambrose Valdez, Marissa Olguin, Mia Greene.

Walk in our Gathering Room



Indoor walking in private or with friends
21 laps = 1 mile
Multi-Purpose Facility
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Healing Spirits Walks

Wednesday "Hungry for Health" Walks
SunUte Community Center @ 12pm

- March 7th, 14th, 21st

Sunday Walks

- March 4th, @ 12pm
 - Bayfield, Eagle Park
- March 18th, @ 12pm
 - Ignacio, SunUte Park



WALKS WILL BE OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING....BUNDLE UP!
 If the weather is too bad, we may use SunUte Facilities depending on availability.
 If a walk needs to be cancelled, you will be notified via email or text.

For more information email: healingspirits@eaglearrow.org

TRIBAL HEALTH

National Nutrition Month: Go Further with Food

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

The month of March is National Nutrition Month! The theme this year is how to "Go Further with Food". How many of us have thrown away produce because it went bad before we could use it? Check out this information from the American Heart Association which will help you keep your food fresh and more dollars in your pocket:

GET FRESH WITH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Stretch your produce and your dollars by knowing how to store fresh fruits and vegetables. Don't wash, cut or peel until you're ready to eat (except lettuce and greens). Always refrigerate cut or peeled produce. Fridge temperature should be at 40 degrees F or below.

The American Heart Association recommends 4-5 cups of fruits and vegetables each per day.

KEEP THEM APART

- Fruits like apples, bananas and pears give off ethylene gas, which can make other produce ripen and rot faster.

- Store vegetables and fruits separately.
- Keep apples, bananas, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, onions, pears, potatoes and watermelon away from other produce.

PANTRY

Pack away in a cool, dark place like your pantry or cellar:

- Onions, garlic and shallots
- Hard squash (winter, acorn, spaghetti, butter-nut)
- Sweet potatoes, potatoes and yams
- Watermelon

REFRIGERATOR

Store in plastic bags with holes, in your produce drawer, unless noted:

- Apples and pears
- Beets and turnips – remove greens and keep loose in the crisper drawer.
- Berries, cherries and grapes – keep dry in covered containers or plastic bags.
- Broccoli and cauliflower
- Carrots and parsnips – remove greens.
- Celery
- Corn – store inside their husks.
- Cucumbers, eggplant and peppers – store on the upper shelf, which is the

- warmer part of the fridge.
- Fresh herbs – except basil. Keep stems moist and wrap loosely in plastic.
- Green beans
- Lettuce and leafy greens – wash, spin or pat dry, wrap loosely in a dish-towel or paper towels and place in a plastic bag in vegetable drawer. Keep stems moist.
- Melons
- Mushrooms – keep dry and unwashed in store container or paper bag.
- Peas
- Zucchini and summer/yellow squash

COUNTERTOP

Store loose and away from sunlight, heat and moisture:

- Bananas
 - Citrus fruit – Store lemons, limes, oranges and grapefruit loose or in a mesh bag. Refrigerate for longer storage.
 - Stone fruit – Ripen avocados, apricots, nectarines, peaches and plums in a paper bag, then move to the fridge where they'll last a few more days.
 - Tomatoes
- Simple Cooking with Heart.
 For more tips on healthy eating, cooking and recipes, visit heart.org/simplecooking.



Healing Spirits

600 miles in 2018 Challenge

....YOU IN?? Sign up starts January 31st, open to 100 participants.

Healing begins in the body and the mind. Take that walk on the path to wellness.....it's your year, start it with a challenge!

- Monthly drawings for reaching a monthly goal
- Giveaways at each Healing Spirits Sunday Walk (Two per month: one in Ignacio and one in Bayfield)
- Lunch Time "Hungry for Health" walks every Wednesday (12pm starts @ SunUte Community Center)

Complete 600 miles by the end of 2018 and be entered into a Grand Prize Package drawing. Includes:

- 2 tickets to a Denver Nuggets game (Redeemable between the months of Jan. & Feb. 2019)
- One night hotel stay
- \$100 cash and.....
- Gift Basket (valued at \$200)

Incentives and prizes for all participants.

To sign up and for more details email: healingspirits@eaglearrow.org

#healingspirits #walkandwater #sunute #walkinmymoccasins



Group Exercise Classes **Chair Exercise Classes** **Fitness Floor**

Tribal Member Fitness Incentive!!

Open Exclusively to Southern Ute Tribal Members!

Details:

- Fill out a raffle ticket each time you exercise at SunUte, participate in a class or take part in a walk.
- At the end of each month a winner will be drawn.
- Winner will receive a \$100 Gift Card.
- The more you use SunUte, the better your odds are for winning!

Swimming Pool

Walk/Run Events

Gymnasium

For more information, please contact one of the Fitness Staff Members:

Abel Velasquez/ Fitness Director: (970)563-2651,
 Sage Frane/Group Ex. Manager: (970)563-2656
 Sean Etsitty/Fitness Trainer: (970)563-3658

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JOIN US MONTHLY, 2ND WEDNESDAY WITH CHANGED TOPICS

DATE: MARCH 15, 2017

TIME: 12 TO 1 PM

PLACE: LACTATION ROOM IN
 MOUACHE CAPOTE BLDG,
 DOWNSTAIRS

BRING YOUR BABY AND YOUR
 BABY TO BE....

Lunch and snacks provided

RSVP: MARCH 13, 2018, 5 PM

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Autumn Harlan helps out fellow coder, Kean Richards with his codes.



Distant Learning Coordinator, Nicole Cabral helps Tallas Cantsee in Coding Club held at the Southern Ute Education Department.



Distant Learning Coordinator and coding instructor, Nicole Cabral starts each class with a refresher on coding and what was learned at the last class.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum



Nothing stops Elliott Hendren as he blows through his coding assignments.



Sassy Reynolds focuses on her screen while trying to get her codes correct.

The Southern Ute Education Dept. kicked off a 15 class series, called Coding Club, which will be held every Wednesday. The club was offered to students from fourth – eight grade levels, who are willing to learn how to code. Participants in the coding club will be learning a high-level programming language called Python, the program is taught by Nicole Cabral, Distant Learning Coordinator for the Southern Ute Education Dept. The Southern Ute Drum paid a visit to the Education Dept., Wednesday, Feb. 7, to see the Coding Club in action.

After School Youth Field Trip

6 Weeks of Fun in the Jungle Gym

February 14th -March 21st

Depart time: 2:15pm from SunUte

Class Time: 2:45-3:30pm @ Jungle Gym Durango

Ages: 9yrs-12yrs

Free to Tribal Members & 1st Descendants

Community Youth \$15

Limited to 11 spots

Visit Southern Ute Drum on a great article www.sudrum.com/top-stories/2018/01/19/welcome-to-the-jungle/

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!!

Through our partnership with **Vehicles for Charity**, you can donate old cars, trucks, boats, motorcycle & recreational vehicles. Your vehicle donation of any type will make a big difference to SUCAP. The vehicles will be sold at auction or salvage, depending on the condition, & SUCAP will receive 80% of the funds made from the sale after towing expenses.

Frequently Asked Questions can be found on our website at www.sucap.org or call **Vehicles for Charity** at **1-866-628-2277**.

Decline to Sign

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Don't let special interest groups overturn our local elections through a bogus recall.

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Basic Watercolor

Painting Classes

No Experience Necessary / Materials Provided

10:00AM-12:00PM

Every Tuesday in March

Southern Ute Education Department Kitchen

Join us at the Education Department **March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th** to learn basic watercolor techniques. Discover how to use a variety of watercolor brushes and explore the potential of water reacting to paint. All adult Tribal members are welcome. The Education Department is located at 330 Burns Ave. For questions or to reserve a spot, please contact Nicole Cabral at (970) 563-2785.



Ignacio Community Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 31, 2018

10 AM

SUNUTE PARK

(FIELDS BEHIND SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER)

AGE CATEGORIES:

- 0-4 YEARS
- 5-8 YEARS
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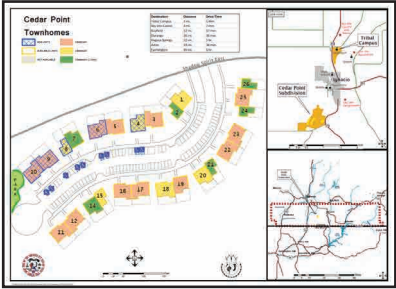
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Joy Harjo reads from one of her 13 published books of poetry, “The Woman Who Fell From the Sky.”



KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto and KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham with guest Joy Harjo.



Tanaya Winder sings one of a few songs, accompanied on acoustic guitar by Jon Chavarillo.

Joy Harjo, of the Mvskoke (Muscogee) Nation, performed a selection of songs – on both saxophone and traditional native flute, she also offered a few of her poems, Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the Strater Theater in Durango, Colo. Opening the evening, Tanaya Winder sang songs and recited some of her original spoken word poetry, while accompanied by guitarist Jon Chavarillo. Harjo’s recently released memoir *Crazy Brave* is the 2018 Fort Lewis College Common Reading Experience and she spoke at Fort Lewis College on Feb. 12 and 13. Winder has been touring nationally and abroad, and The event was sponsored by KSUT Public Radio.



Bluesman, Jon Chavarillo played both acoustic and electric guitar in accompaniment with Tanaya Winder. Chavarillo has been performing with local blues band, Plead the Fifth.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
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Tanaya Winder recited a few of her spoken word poems. Speaking of the ongoing abuse and the epidemic of missing Native women. Winder has co-founded As/Us: A Space for Women of the World and founded Dream Warriors, an Indigenous artist management company.



Jon Chavarillo, Tanaya Winder and Joy Harjo are all smiles after their show at the Strater Theater in downtown Durango, Colo.

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Riders of the West: Portraits of Indian Rodeo



Miss Southern Ute Lorraine Watts, welcomes visitors to the museum, Friday, Feb. 23.



The Southern Ute Royalty greeted visitors to the exhibit opening, standing for a photo against a custom ice sculpture — artfully engraved for the exhibition.



The Burch family takes a moment to locate a western hat, which belonged to the late Chairman Leonard C. Burch.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

RODEO ROUNDUP • FROM PAGE 1

Nanaeto got his start in rodeo in 1989, where he attended a bronc riding school in Pratt, Kan., later attending the Lane Frost Bull Riding school. He worked his way through college on rodeo scholarships and has made it to the Indian National Finals 11 times. “I knew the photographer, I met her in Gallup a few times,” Nanaeto said. Many of the riders pictured in the exhibits are old friends from Indian Rodeo he remarked.

Among the items donated to the Museum for this exhibit are riding chaps and saddles that Naneto used early in his career, bronc reigns and bull riding spurs. “It was special, they did a great job with the cases, and lighting,” Travis said in regards to seeing everything on display. “One of those is my first saddle, your first anything is sentimental I guess,” he reflected.

The museum was packed

for Friday night’s opening, with the exhibit staff welcoming Chairman Sage, members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and family who showed up in support of MacCannells work. “I was really humbled by the number of people that showed up, it was very supportive,” Southern Ute Museum Director Linda Baker said. “I think this exhibit showcases the different types of exhibits that this museum is capable of — 2D, 3D — all the large format printing was done in-house.”

“We wanted to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for allowing us to bring this to Ignacio,” Exhibit Preparator Jed Smith said. “Thanks to the family members that are here, and Travis Nanaeto who provided the majority of the items in the display cases.”

The ‘Riders of the West’ exhibit will be on display in the museum’s temporary gallery until February of 2019.



Exhibit Preparator Jed Smith gives a formal introduction to the opening exhibit, alongside exhibit curator Delana Joy Farley — thanking those in attendance.



Cheyenne Caraway puts the finishing touches on a display piece for the ‘Riders of the West’ exhibit.

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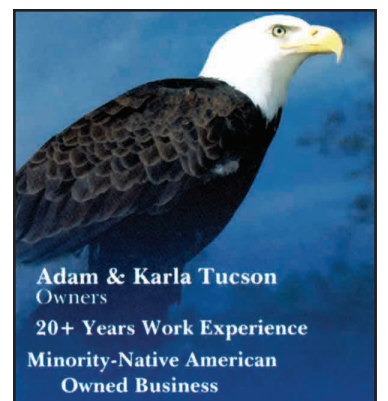
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Youth basketball play final quarter of season



Defended hard, Grizzlies player Uriyah Casey gets the rebound and gets ready to put the ball back up.



CAVS, Andre Thompson (yellow jersey) defends Chad Benally of the Bulls to keep him from scoring.



Darian Velasquez and teammate Natalia Pena both go after the ball during their game, held in the SunUte Community Center's gymnasium, Tuesday, February 27.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum



Peyton Pierre Louis puts the ball up hard trying to get past Bucks' players.



Amira Montoya puts the ball up to score two points for her team, the Grizzlies.



Two against one, Thunder player goes up facing two Raptors players trying to get the rebound.

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IHS WRESTLING

Sanchez reps IHS on Pepsi Center podium

Junior finishes sixth in 2A at 152 pounds

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Facing Kobryn Mann, a senior representing the Julesburg-Ovid Revere-Fleming cooperative (officially Sedgwick County-Fleming) and hungry for his first finals appearance after placing third at both the 2017 and 2016 CHSAA Class 2A State Wrestling Championships and qualifying for, but going winless at in '15, Ignacio 152-pounder, Dustin Sanchez finally met his Mile High match.

After defeating Stratton's Dayne Hines 7-2 earlier on Day 2 in the weight's quarterfinals, the Bobcat junior's surprising bid to re-enter Pepsi Center the next night in the Parade of Champions was denied in the semis as Mann – who would unluckily fin-

ish second to Trevor Randel of the Eads-Wiley-McClave 'County Line' co-op – hoisted Sanchez in something of a fireman's carry, then lowered him for a pin just before the second period expired.

Sanchez may have been down on Friday, Feb. 16, but he certainly wasn't done in Denver.

Guaranteed anywhere from third place to sixth, Sanchez went back to work on Day 3 and first met Wray's Cade Hillman in one consolation semifinal. Unfortunately, the Eagle junior pulled out a quick pin, prevailing 12 ticks into the second period and leaving IHS' last hope with a best possible finish of fifth.

Standing in his way was Hines, and the two again strove for six hard minutes with Hines (18-13) hang-

ing on for a shaky 3-2 win. Including a 14-6 major-decision rout of Fowler senior Chantz Lange on Day 1, Sanchez finished his breakout 2017-18 season 24-16 overall and – most importantly – with some State hardware in hand.

"Quite an accomplishment for any wrestler," declared head coach Jordan Larsen. "He peaked at the right time and brought everything he had to the table. He earned what he got and I am extremely proud of him, as are the other coaches and our district in general."

"Dustin found a way," he continued, "despite perhaps being the less naturally-gifted athlete in every match, to win through a combination of heart, strategy, and mental toughness."

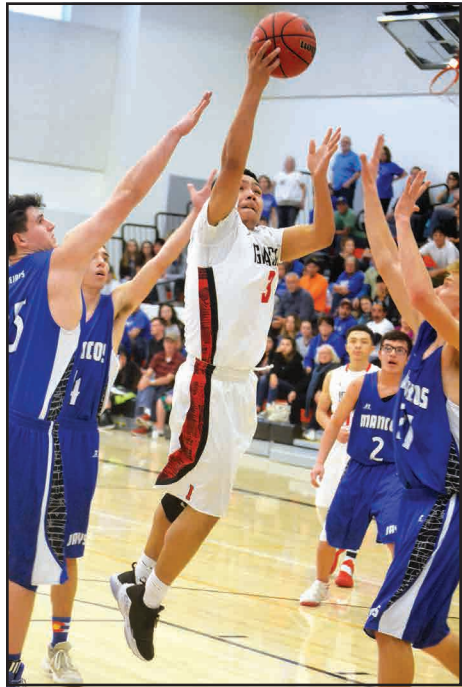
Sanchez reps page 16



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior, 152-pounder, Dustin Sanchez attempts to pin Stratton senior, Dayne Hines during the weight's fifth-place match, Feb. 17 at the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships in Denver. Unfortunately, a fall was not signaled, and Sanchez finished the season in sixth place.

BOYS BAG 11TH STRAIGHT TITLE • FROM PAGE 1



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kai Roubideaux (3) stretches out a shot between Mancos' Caden Showalter (25) and Hunter Hoover during the 2A-District 3 Tournament finale, Feb. 24 at Montezuma-Cortez High School. Ignacio's Kruz Pardo (23) sidesteps Mancos' Peyton Suazo (12) during the 2A-District 3 Tournament finale. Pardo led the Bobcats with 15 points, and IHS defeated MHS 45-30.

Both guards drove hard for aggressive, physical layups beginning the final eight minutes, senior center Kai Roubideaux twisted inside for a hoop, and senior Johnny Valdez confidently drained a three-pointer for a 40-30 lead with 5:33 left.

The Blue Jays took a timeout, but after failing to produce at the offensive end, saw Ignacio accelerate the pace even more with Lawrence Valdez slotting a perfect bounce-pass through traffic to Johnny Valdez cutting along the baseline for a layup and 12-point pad.

"Spacing was definitely vital ... in pushing the ball," stated Pardo.

And after coming in off a 52-27 romp over Ridgway in the previous afternoon's semifinals, there would be no more letting up. Roubideaux would add one more hoop, Lawrence Valdez one more free throw, and MHS was unable – after senior Peyton Suazo missed the front of a one-and-one at the foul line with 0:36.9 remaining – to avoid a shut-out stanza in falling 45-30.

"We came out and we didn't look good, I thought," Valdez said, his team leading 10-7 after the first frame thanks to a Pardo triple with 56 ticks left. "But – especially – as tired as we were, we got them tired too. We knew their shots weren't going to be on if they did get a shot off against our zone, and we could get the rebound because we're in good position."

"We were tired, we knew that they were tired," said Pardo, "but we've been working our butts off all season – conditioning, running – so ... we wanted to push the ball, get some looks inside."

Roubideaux finished with nine points, but more importantly was able to help keep Mancos' Caden Showalter occupied defensively and the sophomore big finished with just two points and no baskets. Pardo led all players with his 15 points, Lawrence Valdez totaled ten, and Johnny Valdez seven.

Senior Caleb Yoder booked a gutsy 13 points in defeat and Medina finished with seven, but just one after intermission as the Jays managed just two field goals in the third and fourth quarters combined.

"No one said a word," Pardo said, recalling the team's huddle prior to the fourth. "We were not about to give up ... no matter what. Everybody ... just had this look on their faces; we knew what we needed to do and we got it done!"

Up next, Ignacio (17-4 overall) will host Region VI and first face Denver Christian at 4:45 p.m. Friday, March 2, with the winner then battling either Limon or Hotchkiss – participants in that night's 8:15 game – at 2:45 the next afternoon for a berth into the 'Great Eight,' Mar. 8-10 at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland.

THE OPPONENTS

LHS will enter IHS Gym-

nasium 16-5 overall after having a three-game win streak cut off by Byers, 68-59, in the District 4 Tournament's Feb. 24 finale. A tough out in all their setbacks this season, the Badgers' last three losses – including 2/10 at Strasburg, and 2/9 versus BHS – have come by just 11 total points, and their five this winter by 21.

Coincidentally, their most recent win came at DCHS' expense – and by 18 points, 49 to 31 – in the D-4 semis, leaving the Lakewood-based Thunder 9-12 overall prior to a 65-51 win over Littleton Front Range Christian in the third-place test.

"We are excited about ... playing Ignacio," said skipper Ben Dirksen. "Part of the joy of the State Tournament is having the opportunity to play teams we normally don't get to see on a year-in, year-out basis, and this matchup definitely fits that."

"We have a young group who love a challenge, and there is no better challenge than traveling to top-ten Ignacio."

HHS, meanwhile, will arrive standing 14-8 and looking to avenge a 60-55 loss to Meeker in the D-5 finale. Also not to be underestimated, the Bulldogs' previous two wins in that tournament were of the upset variety; seeded fifth of eight surviving teams after three play-in games were contested, Hotchkiss first defeated 4-seed Paoonia 68-63, then stunned #1 Rangely 59-46 to meet the #2 Cowboys.

LADY CATS DEVOUR DOLORES • FROM PAGE 1



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Makayla Howell (1) shoots over Dolores' Morgaine Milligin during the 2A-District 3 Tournament finale, Feb. 24 at Montezuma-Cortez H.S. Howell was one of eight Lady Bobcats to score in a 46-11 rout of the Lady Bears. Ignacio's Allisianna Baker (10) twists around a Dolores defender for a two-point try. Baker was one of eight Lady Bobcats to score in a 46-11 rout of the Lady Bears.

in that evening's 6:30 game – the next afternoon at 1:00 p.m. for the Region VIII title and trip to Loveland's Budweiser Events Center for the decisive 'Great Eight' phase, Mar. 8-10.

"It's going to be pretty cool!" said Brunson. "I'm glad that we were able to pull it off!"

"Last night, that was my first night back actually, so districts is when I came back and ... I'm super excited to host regionals!" an amazed Howell said. "Our home court ... I'm excited! We've got to stay hungry and that's what we were; we stayed hungry like it's our last game – we always do – and came out strong."

Perhaps as an unintended psychological ploy directed at the Lady Bears, the elder Gomez, minding an ankle [her sibling was out due to concussion protocol] reportedly wracked in the regular-season finale versus Ouray, rode the bench wearing a t-shirt ... but also her uniform shorts—as if she'd be head coach Trae Seibel's stabilizing go-to in a crisis situation.

And for the first eight minutes against DHS, one could almost see her ready to request inclusion; Dolores had held Ignacio to just six points while managing five themselves, including a trey by senior Sarah Hamilton.

Fortunately, Seibel wouldn't have to consider sending Gomez out for even a short quality-control spell. Following baskets by Howell

and junior Kiana Valdez, plus a free throw by sophomore center Morgan Herrera, Brunson cashed her first triple and increased the Lady Bobcats' lead to 13-5.

With 2:21 left before half-time, Herrera sank another FT after drawing DHS sophomore Brenn Jeter's third foul. Sensing vulnerability in the post, IHS wasted little time attacking and senior Allisianna Baker drew Jeter's fourth with 1:32 still remaining. Two resulting FTs fell, and Baker banked in a 14-footer on Ignacio's next offensive rush. Finding even more salt to throw in the Lady Bears' wounds, freshman Shelcie Gosney ended the half with another bucket from deep in the paint – putting the Lady 'Cats comfortably ahead at 20-5.

Herrera barged inside against Jeter immediately beginning the third quarter, and Brunson followed with her second triple and upped IHS' advantage to twenty points. She'd later hit from closer in, and sophomore Larissa Gallegos, intensifying the low-post invasion, concluded matters with a three-point play – giving herself four FTs in five tries, six points total in the quarter, and Ignacio an unapproachable 33-9 lead.

"Posts, on our end ... we were keeping their hands up, so we were good on the fouls. They just kept going up and getting fouls called on the other team!" said Brunson.

Two Baker FTs with 5:35 remaining enacted 'mercy

rule' running-clock timing, as IHS' lead reached 44-9. And though Jeter avoided disqualification, junior Tatum Majors did foul out with 3:51 left and both starters finished scoreless. Hamilton managed a team-best seven points in defeat.

Baker and Herrera each finished with seven in victory, while Valdez booked five and Howell four.

"Last night, the energy was just ... down ... and I think we did really good with shaking it off, just focusing on this game," said Brunson. "We came out pretty good in the first half, and we picked it up even more."

"Yeah, that was definitely a hard game," Howell agreed, alluding to the win over Telluride. "We started off slow and at the end we realized, like, 'This isn't every other game; this is districts! This is our time!' So that really made us wake up."

BACK IN EFFECT

Scoreless during the win over THS – in which Herrera registered a game-best 15 points, with Gallegos contributing nine and Howell six – Brunson, who started both D-3 contests, admitted she'd surprised herself probably as much as she did Dolores.

"I was very happy that my shots were finally starting to fall," she said with a grin. "I think I just had to have more confidence in myself, and we all sort of picked up the energy. We were ready to get the game ... and kept going, kept pushing."



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

SU MUSEUM THANKS

On behalf of the Southern Ute Museum we would like to thank:

- Tribal Council
- Travis Nanaeto
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- Sky Ute Casino Catering
- Center of Southwest Studies Staff
- Head Start
- Cultural Department
- Community Members

- Friends and Family

Thank you to everyone who attended the reception, we appreciate your support. We look forward to hosting more events in the future.

*Kindest Regards,
Southern Ute Museum Staff
Linda Baker
Cheyenne Caraway
Delana Farley
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Jed Smith*

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

A Very Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday Oziah, much love!

Happy Birthday Ozzie!

Happy bday to the great and all might OZ!

*From Auntie Mel,
Mataya and family*

*Uncle Bobby,
and all of us back home!*

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♊ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Welcome PISCES people. You have until the 19th to enjoy every minute of this month's SPECIAL type of March Madness. To kick it all off there's a FULL MOON on the 1st in your opposite sign of VIRGO. It may offer a small amount of practicality. But the MOON is opposing NEPTUNE as well and you may not want to be productive, just playful. Travel might be exactly what appeals to you this month. JUPITER continues to roll through the adventure section of your chart, and promotes dreams to exciting places.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

MERCURY and his sidekick VENUS, enter your sign on the 5th (Mercury) and 6th (Venus). With these two at work your daily routine is certain to speed up. Later on the 20th the SUN joins the fun when it too enters the excitement craving sign of ARIES. You won't be disappointed on the 19th when both planets pair up to "make your day". A pleasure laden surprise might suddenly appear on the 28th when VENUS connects with the wild and crazy planet URANUS. It's best not to question the wonder of the Universe.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

It's not even St. Patrick's Day, yet you may have the luck of the Irish working for you on the 1st. VENUS and JUPITER form a harmonious union that comes with special benefits for you. This planetary influence will only last one day. Take advantage of it TAURUS. VENUS will enter your sign on the 30th and will have more of an influence next month. Maintain your focus. This month is all about friendships. Catching up with old friends, and cultivating new ones. Money matters might also be a part of the big picture.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Early March might have its tense moments, and you may not be able to see things clearly. The main reason for that confusion is because the SUN, MERCURY, VENUS and NEPTUNE are all swimming around in the watery sea of PISCES. This is not a GEMINI'S favorite place to be. It's mind over matter. You'll have to trust your instincts until after the 7th. With the exception of NEPTUNE, the other three all move into the sign of ARIES during the month. Pay attention to detail, and also your conversations.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

This is the second time in the young year of 2018 that the month begins and ends with a FULL MOON. Captured by these bookends, emotions might tend to run high. Watch out MOON KIDS. Spring Fever could strike when you least expect it. The SUN and NEPTUNE send a tempting message and it starts with the letter T. TRAVEL! Finalize your plans after APRIL 15th when MERCURY awakens from its retrograde. You'll have more harmonious results, and also a good time with folks you care about.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

There's a NEW MOON on the 17th and its major influence is to launch a refreshing financial cycle. By early afternoon the MOON slips into like-minded ARIES and you may automatically glide into a money situation. No matter if you're spending, or paying bills, your day might be occupied with paper work. With JUPITER practically lounging around in your living room you might also be inclined to upgrade your living space, and give it a new look for spring. The MARCH options are numerous LIONS.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

On the 1st there is a big bright FULL MOON that might force an opposition between you and your mate. Stay calm in the late afternoon and early evening hours. Letting go of stress is easier said than done. Yoga is a great relaxation technique. Some people also enjoy an acupuncture session and it too is wonderfully relaxing. Misunderstandings might occur due to the MOON'S opposition to the SUN and NEPTUNE. Don't let it throw you off track VIRGO. After the 2nd harmonious energies return once again.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

A happy link between VENUS and JUPITER on the 1st starts the month on an encouraging note. Check out the NEW MOON on the 17th, it's a great time to initiate a few healthier options regarding diet, and exercise. The SUN/NEPTUNE connection on the 4th might inspire guidance on a more intuitive level. The MOON shifts into your own sign on the 3rd and 4th, ushering in a calmer atmosphere. This of course is more to your liking anyway LIBRA. If there is one thing you can't tolerate, it's chaos.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Well SCORPIO you've been basking in JUPITER'S beneficial aura since mid October of 2017. On the 8th of this month the GENTLE GIANT turns retrograde and may slow some of your ambition. The good news is that soon you will have extra daylight to follow your dreams. There's more to this little tale. Spring is sprung on the 20th, followed by MERCURY turning retrograde on the 22nd. Whew! This is one very busy month! Catch up with unfinished interests, such as paperwork, and communications, etc.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

The motivating force at work this month is MARS. More than likely you may have surprise visitors on the 31st, and they might be staying for the weekend. With MERCURY in its planetary slumber, anything is possible. Let your intuition steer your decisions Saggies. Tip toe around family disputes. No need to stress over mundane matters. Simply fix your attention on more creative endeavors. Color a few more Easter eggs, and put extra meat on the grill. With that taken care of, you will be the hero.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

MARS, the feisty one charges into your sign on the 17th. Undoubtedly you'll feel its influence when it arrives. This is the "GIT ER DONE" planet that doesn't like procrastination. Remember that you are the worker Bees...oops, meant to say the MOUNTAIN GOATS of the Zodiac. In case you need a little extra incentive, here are some other CAPRICORN folks that you might recognize. Denzel Washington, Bradley Cooper, Kate Middleton, Zoëy Deschanel, and LeBron James to name a few. Get busy CAPRICORN.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

The planets launch the month of MARCH on more of a psychic level. We all own a certain amount of that gift. This month would be a good time to utilize it. Celebrate the return of the light on the 11th when daylight savings time comes back once again. On the 20th there is another reason to be festive. THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING! Take note that MERCURY, the talky little communication planet will go into its planetary sleep mode on the 23rd. It's possible that you could learn something significant, and new.

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

TRIBAL MEMBER MEETING

February 22, 2018
Multi-Purpose Building
1-4 pm

Purpose: Review & discuss Title 3
Appellate Code
Review & discuss Title 8
Probate Code

Recommendations will be submitted to
Tribal Council for their review and update.

Refreshments will be served,
Coffee/Donuts. Donations accepted.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2018-PR-0042**

Steven Craig Monte, 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 **March 20, 2018 at 10:30 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 21st of February, 2018
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2018-PR-0053**

Sylvia Taylor Valdez, 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 **April 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm**. 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 26th of February, 2018
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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 filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Chispas Root. As of January 30, 2018 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Cheryl Root name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Chispas Root.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2018.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2018-NC-0032**

Gabriel Carlos Griffith Tucson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Karla Tucson on behalf of: Gabriel Carlos Griffith Tucson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Gabriel Carlos Tucson. 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 **March 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2018.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2018-NC-0033**

Paiten Rae Griffith-Tucson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Karla Tucson on behalf of: Paiten Rae Griffith-Tucson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Paiten Rae Tucson. 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 **March 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2018.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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Boards, Committees and Commission Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

Closing 3/16/18 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) full-time Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonestly or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical location: 356 Ouray Drive/LCB, 2nd floor east wing. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: election-board@southernute-nsn.gov

GAMING COMMISSION

Closing 5/18/18 – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) 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, May 18, 2018. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

KSUT BOARD SEEKS TRIBAL MEMBER

Open Until Filled – Help shape the future of KSUT radio. KSUT seeks enrolled Southern Ute Tribal members to serve on the Board of Directors. Board Member Duties: Advance KSUT's mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving the Four Corners community; Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget; Participate in fundraising and community events; Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT; and Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan. Desired Skills: Knowledge of the Four Corners community, organized, and a team player. To apply, please submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at tami@ksut.org or mail to P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO

81137. Questions? Call 970-563-0255. Did you know ... Founded in 1976, KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America? KSUT is an independent, non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors and is not a tribally-owned station or service.

POWOW COMMITTEE

Closing 3/21/18 – ATTENTION: Tribal Members & other Natives. The Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to nurture and promote a positive impression of the Southern Ute Tribe through songs, dances and other activities to preserve the culture. The Committee is a non-paid committee and meets bi-monthly. Interested Tribal members can submit a letter of intent by March 21, 2018 3 p.m.; to the Human Resource Dept., PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO, 81137, or email your letter to mbellino@southernute-nsn.gov.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

Closing 4/5/18 – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for one (1) commissioners; A person with knowledge and experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission a compensated position. Southern Ute tribal member or other Applicants must have the following requirements: Knowledge and Experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming; 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, April 5, 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 Building, 71 Mike Frost Way; (north of the Tribal Court building).

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for eligible Tribal Member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Credit Committee will submit approved applicant recommendation to Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. The duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Committee Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

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.

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- Youth Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour for meeting attendance.
- For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

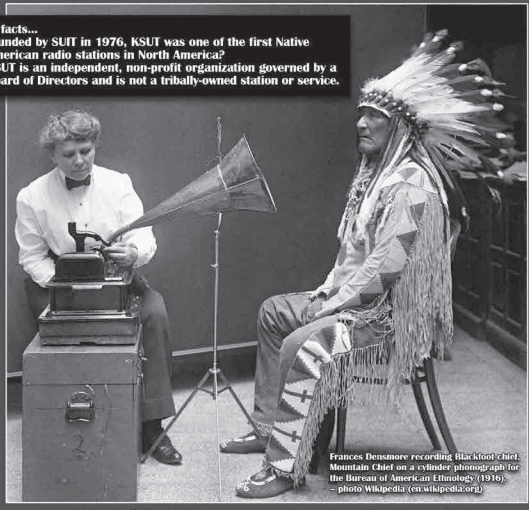


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Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot/Cherokee Mountain Chant on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916) photo/Wikimedia Commons

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- Advance KSUT's mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving the Four Corners community
- Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
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- Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
- Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

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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.

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Air Quality Technician

Closing date 3/8/18 – Operation and maintenance of all air quality monitoring equipment and assuring quality control objectives are met through weekly precision measurements, monthly calibrations, and quarterly audits. Database management responsibilities include data reduction, production reports, and maintaining auxiliary instrument programs. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Gaming Investigator I

Open until filled –Entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Grants & Information Analyst

Closing date 3/7/18 – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and writing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

Human Resource Director

Closing date 3/15/18 – Under general direction of the Executive Officer, responsible for management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Health and Safety Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Responsible for planning activities, overseeing direction of the HR Department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Department. Oversees the operational, administrative and strategic management of Permanent Fund's Human Resource programs, policies, and procedures. Ensures recruitment and employment; compensation and benefits; automated and manual record-keeping systems; employee training; employee relations; policy formulation and implementation; and performance development and evaluation programs are maintained in accordance with established tribal and federal laws, regulations, policies, and procedures. Will have responsibility for the day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

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.

Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay 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.

Nurse Case Manager

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Director of Nursing, is responsible for facilitating the patients overall healthcare needs. Coordinates with physicians, nurses, social workers, other health team members, contract healthcare providers and facilities to expedite medically appropriate and cost-effective care for patients on and off the reservation. Functions as an advisor to Tribal Health clinical leadership team and participates in multi-disciplinary committees to improve clinical quality management and overall patient care coordination of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe membership. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year

Physical Therapist

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

Speech/Language Therapist (Part-time/Benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services.

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Bowling Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Open until filled – Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. The initial point of contact for customers, providing superior and friendly customer service at all times. Proactively builds customer relations through soliciting feedback and addressing and resolving customer complaints. Continuously improves operational execution through attention to detail. Must have High School Diploma/Equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have one-year of working in a bowling center OR 2 years of customer service is required. Must have one-year cash handling experience.

*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.

*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time, Graves)

Open until filled – Will act in the leadership and training capacity. Will direct employees and help them to complete their tasks and goals defined by the Housekeeping Manager. Responsible to train employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. The Supervisor will be responsible for office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the Housekeeping Manager. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have High School Diploma/Equivalency. Must have one-year prior Housekeeping experience. Must have 3 years prior Supervising experience. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays.

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. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one-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. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Open until filled – Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers, promotes the Casino hotel to the guest throughout all stages of the guest's stay. Responsible for answering phone calls, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services. Must have a High School Diploma/Equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months previous experience in motel or hotel operation required as front desk or night auditor. Strong computer skills required; knowledge of hotel program software preferred. Must have knowledge of local establishments, businesses and the surrounding community in general.

Room Attendant (Full-time, Sign-on Bonus)

Open until filled – Responsible for thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast-paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. 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. You 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 or GED preferred. One-year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business. Must be able to perform repetitive physically demanding routine tasks. Must demonstrate willingness to learn and the ability to pay close attention to details.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled – Responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They are the first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

**Must be 21 years old.*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Seeking qualified consultant to provide comprehensive civil legal services to victims of domestic violence

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified attorney to provide comprehensive civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, including representation in the SUIT Tribal Court as well as County and State Courts in Colorado and other jurisdictions. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Purchasing Office: Attn: Steve Govreau, Purchasing Manager, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, sgovreau@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through **March 16, 2018**. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

Published SUIT Drum: March 2, 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Pine River Indian Irrigation (PRIIP) Engineering Services

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform an engineering evaluation of selected structures and channels that are part of the PRIIP. This project includes the review of approximately 109 structures and 4.1 miles of channel, located within 10 miles of Ignacio, CO. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Purchasing Office: Attn: Steve Govreau, Purchasing Manager, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 sgovreau@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through **February 26, 2018**. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

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SUCAP – Job announcements

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org
Southern Ute Community Action Program Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Early Care Educator

Closing date 3/9/18 – For those who want to enhance children's lives. Education and coaching opportunities provided at no cost. Southern Ute Montessori Early Head Start has one full-time position available. High School/GED and CDA, AA; BA in Early Childhood Education and one-year experience in early child care in a provider setting preferred. Must pass background checks. Pay based on education/experience Includes insurance, sick & annual leave. Call Melanie Brunson at 563-4566 for more information.

Public Relations/Marketing Coordinator

Closing date 3/9/18 – SUCAP Central Administration in Ignacio is looking for a person to coordinate community activities and create and implement marketing strategies for organization projects. Previous experience in marketing, promotional events required. Position is part time/temporary. AA or BA degree or higher Degree in Public Relations, Business, Marketing or related field required. Must pass background checks.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Landman I – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 3/8/18 – Under the direction of the Land Manager, develops, obtains, and maintains orderly and accurate land records for Energy Department, which includes Tribal Leases, rights-of-way, and surface leases. Coordinates and participates in on-sites for oil and gas projects. Works with others in the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Business, or related field and two years relevant oil and gas work experience, including at least 6 months participation in oil and gas related contract preparation and review; OR, a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Land Management or similar focused program is required. Must have strong computer skills in a Windows environment with word processing and spreadsheet programs. Must have strong organizational skills and the ability to prioritize projects. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Experience reading and interpreting maps, compass, and GPS. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under Growth Fund's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Home For Sale

Southern Ute tribal member only on 10 assigned acres. 5 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 3628 sq. ft. For more info please call Danny at 970-317-1029.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



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Our Board of Directors is seeking to fill one vacancy.



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Applications due March 16, 2018

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO
970.563.2694 or bleclaire@southern-ute.nsn.us

FLY FISHING

Fly fishing in cities

Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When I was growing up, 1950's and 60's, there were an inordinate number of westerns on television. One of my favorites was one starring Richard Boone, as Paladin, in "Have Gun, Will Travel." For those of you too young to remember anything about the heyday of T.V. westerns, you missed some great shows. Paladin, a West Point graduate, lived a quiet and stylish life in a San Francisco hotel. When he heard of someone who needed the help of a "Knight Without Armor" (from the theme song), he would send them his business card. Then dressed in all black, "Have Gun, Will Travel" headed out, solved the problem, and quietly returned to his hotel in San Francisco, to wait for his next outing.

For my travels to big cities, I have modified Paladin's business card to, "Have Fly Rod, Will Travel." It's my new mission statement. I've adopted this statement because recently I found myself in several big cities, either by choice or need, and accompanied by my best friend. On these trips I ended up in Albuquerque, Dallas, and Austin. None of the cities visited are known as hot beds for fly fishing, but it's there. And, if I hadn't had my fly rod with me I, would have ended up sitting in my hotel room or in a wooden chair at the mall.

For such trips I suggest



you take two rods, a 3-and 5-weight. Also, take a large variety of flies, 4 or 5-X leader, and tippet to match. Once you've arrived in a city you're not familiar with, finding a place to fish can be challenging. The first thing I do is look on the internet for "fly fishing" in that city. You would be amazed how many sites you'll find. If there is a fly shop, pay them a visit. My second choice is a sporting goods store that has a fishing department. If I can't go by, I'll just call. I have found all the store personal more than happy to direct me to places to fly fish.

The professionals at the fly shop in Albuquerque, N.M. suggested I fly fish at a park that was across from the zoo and along an irrigation canal. The park had three or four ponds, one for only flies and artificial lures. The park was well maintained with easy access to all the ponds. While I didn't fish the canal, I will next time. Dallas was my next venture. Should you fly into Dallas be sure and look out the window on approach. You will see small lake after small lake, many

connected by streams. Many of the small lakes and ponds are close to hotels, and many non-gated subdivisions have ponds. If the ponds aren't fenced or signed for no trespassing, I fly fish them. These ponds usually hold large numbers of pan-fish or small bass. What a great way to spend the day. Also, some of the industrial parks have ponds that are fishable. Once you know where you'll be in a large city, go to Google and these ponds will show up in the areas you'll be. Be sure and look at the areas where shopping is available for anyone with you who doesn't fly fish. It will make life easier if you can just be dropped off on the way to the mall. The mall owners get upset if you cast to the coelacanth in their ponds.

My last outing was to Austin, Texas. Austin is on the edge of what is called the "Hill Country." Austin, similar to Dallas, has a large number of ponds all over. It also has a couple of rivers that flow through the entire city. Access to the rivers can be difficult. Much of the shoreline is private, and most people don't want you walking through their property to get to the rivers. However, close to the downtown area there are parks that have access to the rivers. Again, call a fly shop or look on the internet. The areas in Austin will produce bass, catfish, and panfish.

I have found that "Have Fly Rod, Will Travel" can help keep the peace between two people that head out to travel and shop. Give it a try.

Utah Champs, Unitah Warriors



courtesy Ronee K. Wopsock Pawwinnee/Ute Indian Tribe Education Dept.

Janik and January Murray are Southern Ute tribal members. They both attend our charter school and play basketball here. Our girls compete in the Utah Schools Sports Association (USSA) and won the state tournament last week. They ended their season with 11 wins and one loss going into tournament play, they played and won both tournament games and came out as our new State Champions. Please help us congratulate our new USSA 2018 State Champions, the Unitah River Lady Warriors — Tuesday, March 6, at 1:15 p.m. — Unitah River Commons. Family, friends and community members are invited to attend.

SANCHEZ REPS IHS ON PODIUM • FROM PAGE 1

All told, Ignacio recorded ten team points and finished tied with Saguache Mountain Valley and Kremmling West Grand for 35th place (out of 51 squads scoring) in the standings. Helped by Hines, Stratton totaled 15 points and placed 33rd while WHS, practically victorious before Day 3 even began, piled up 197.5.

With 147 points, Paonia settled for second ahead of Rocky Ford (136.5), Cedaredge (118) and FHS (91.5).

Qualifying at 145 pounds, junior Skieler Grooms led 6-4 entering the third period but ultimately lost 11-9 to Swink junior Kaleb Fisher in the first round. He recovered

to dominate Pueblo Dolores Huerta Prep freshman Xavier Mendoza 9-1 in consolation-bracket work before Fowler junior Dylan Palomino eliminated him 7-nil.

"Skieler, despite his frustration with not making it to Saturday's weigh-in, competed the best I have seen ... all season," Larsen stated. "I never once saw an ounce of quit in him, and his intensity through and through in each match was excellent."

"Even though he fell short of his goal, he should be proud of himself and what he has accomplished in his first year as a Bobcat, as competing with the best in the state is exactly

what he did. Again, I am so proud of this young man in addition to Dustin. We are more than ecstatic for him to have joined the Family!"

Grooms finished his first campaign in 'Cat colors with an 18-12 record.

"Believe me when I say that those two gentlemen, along with the other three that finished the regular season with us, had to go through a season of rigor and intensity I believe to be one of the most challenging state-wide," added Larsen. "We are so extremely proud of our small squad and cannot wait to see what the boys choose to make of themselves in the future."

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