



# NAH VOOKET OOM OOH AH PAH GUN **WARRIORS' VOICES**

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Charles hoop dancing.



Shawna and Charles facilitating the Jeopardy Game!



Larry Cesspooch telling us important stories about Ute people.

## What I Learned During Indigenous Week

By Azriel Brooks

Indigenous Week went from **November 1 to November 4**. I thought Indigenous Week was cool because Charles did hoop dancing, which I thought was awesome. People brought stuffed animals that were real, fur, and bones, and traditional clothes and talked about all of them. I loved the game when other teams had to guess the answer of the question when we played Jeopardy on the first day with Charles and Shawna. Also I liked the stories, and all of the smells of the things that Larry Cesspooch, the storyteller brought. He said an important word to remember was *Pooetka*, which is asking the Creator to help us.



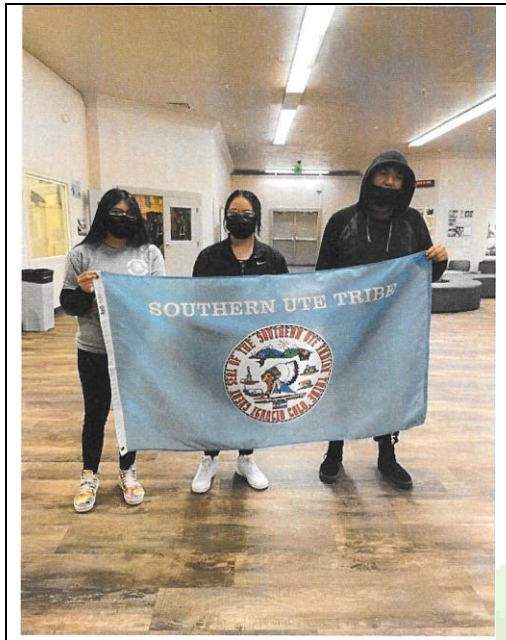
Jaime Arrive talks about animals native to the Basin.



Carrie Cesspooch displays beautiful traditional clothes.

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Rylei, Estrella, and Leland from 1<sup>st</sup> hour Ute class.

## Flags Donated to Ms. Emeline Root's Ute Language Class

By Rylie Redfoot, Estrella Nakai, Leland Piapont, Erias Nez, Sadie Angus, Tsequan Long

**Left:** Thank you from Mrs. Emeline Root's Ute Language class to Chairman Manuel Heart for the Ute Mountain tribal flag.

The flag will be displayed in our classroom to show our pride in the Ute Nation.

**Right:** Thank you from



Erias, Sadie, Tsequan from 2<sup>nd</sup> hour Ute class.

## Teacher Spotlight By Shalena Murray

On November 4, I interviewed Mr. Rodger Pitts. He teaches art.

This is his first year at Uintah River High School

He says that the best thing about working here, is that the students are both talented and eager to learn!

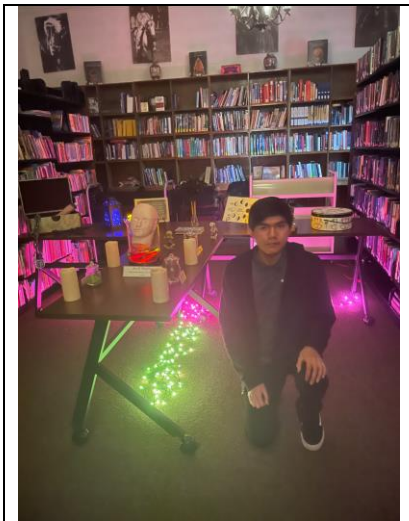
His hobbies away from school include training dogs, blacksmithing, and hiking.

When I asked him what advice he could give to the students, he said, **"Do things that you enjoy, and always be the best you can be."**



Mr. Rodger Pitts





Branden in the Escape Room

## Escape Room

by Branden Thompson and Aiyana Murray

On Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, a lot of students had a great time in an escape room that Branden organized, with help from Aiyana!

The theme was Dracula's Castle. Several kids went through it, and had a great time! An escape room, as you may know, is a room where you're put in, usually with friends, and are locked in (unless there's an emergency of course) and you have to find clues to let yourselves out. It is really fun!

Branden said that it was alright and stressful to organize.

## Frightmares

Several students and teachers were able to attend Frightmares on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone who was asked, said they had a great time! At Frightmares, you get to ride on rides, and go into haunted



Aaron and his Frankenstein's monster!

houses that have varying degrees of scariness. Some are not that scary. Others could make you wet your pants if you're not prepared.



Ms. Emily and students having fun!



Azriel and others having fun!



## Trunk or Treat

On Oct. 22, a few students and staff participated in the Trunk or Treat, giving kids candy before Halloween! Everyone asked said they enjoyed it!



## Ms. Rhonda Angus's Sewing Classes

Ms. Rhonda Angus's sewing classes have been hard at work as usual making beautiful and useful objects out of fabric. Take a look at this beautiful quilt by Janala! In previous newspapers, some other students' work has been highlighted this year from backpacks, to pillow cases, to quilts!



Janala Givens' quilt

# A History of Thanksgiving

By Caitlyn Root

(originally published in Warriors' Voices November 25, 2014)

The real history of Thanksgiving has facts that are not in the popular idea of what Thanksgiving is about. Most Europeans, for example, didn't treat the natives very good at all. In order to take land, they pushed the natives off of theirs, more often than not, killing a lot of people as they did, including women and children.

While the pilgrims that landed at Plymouth rock did have a good thanksgiving dinner with the Wampanoag people, this was a rare thing. And it was already something the natives were familiar with.

For centuries, the Wampanoag people and other people native to America, had feasts to celebrate the end of the harvest, and to thank the creator for such bountiful food that would last them through the winter.

In fact, all over the world, most cultures have a tradition of giving thanks to the creator at harvest time for all the food they were able to grow during the spring, summer, and early fall.

It is important to remember the things that we are thankful for at Thanksgiving time, and to be grateful for the good things that we have.

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# Brief History of Christmas



All around the northern hemisphere, different cultures have had mid-winter celebrations to commemorate the beginning of the return of the sun. December 21<sup>st</sup> is the winter solstice, and marks the shortest day of the year. After that, the days begin to get longer and longer as spring nears. In Northern Europe, the celebration of Yule has been celebrated for centuries, beginning on December 21<sup>st</sup>, and going for 12 days into January. (That's where we get the 12 days of Christmas.) It tended to last as long as the giant Yule log burned.

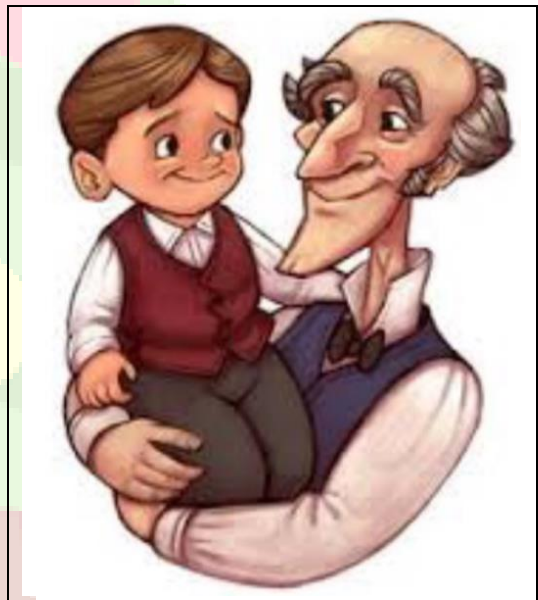
In Rome, the Romans celebrated a mid-winter holiday which they called Saturnalia, which was a time of general partying and fun. Around this time, they also celebrated Juvenalia, or Children's Day.

When Christianity came to Europe, Christians realized that they would have an easier time converting Pagans if they let them keep their holidays, so they adopted the holidays instead of stamping them out. But they gave a Christian twist to them. Not knowing exactly when Jesus had been born, they started celebrating His birthday during the time that Yule was celebrated, in mid-winter. They also started celebrating His resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox when the Pagans were already celebrating Eostre, which became the Christian Easter.

The tradition of Christmas Trees came to England and also to America during Queen Victoria's time, in 1840. Her husband, Prince Albert, was from Germany where the tradition started, and he brought the tradition with him.

Christmas became even more popular after Charles Dicken's book A Christmas Carol came out in 1843.

It portrayed Christmas as a fun time to make memories, build stronger family connections, and to be more charitable and willing to change for the better, as Mister Scrooge did; all popular and uplifting ideas which many people liked.



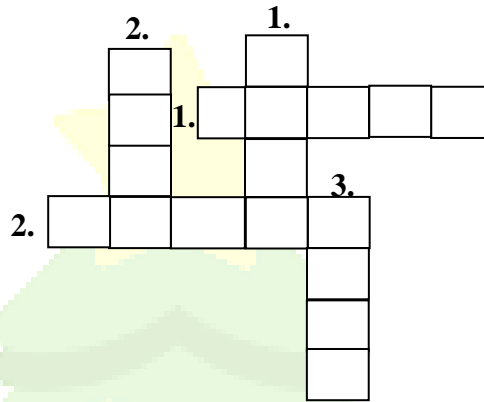
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## Ute/English Crossword Puzzle and Word Search

**Christmas!**

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| <b>Across</b><br>1. Pahnahnyt<br>2. SurVPH | <b>Down</b><br>1. Naheyt<br>2. Tee-eeh<br>3. Noovuhv |
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**Word Search:**

Find the five English translations from the cross word puzzle above in the word search below. Words might be backwards, forwards, up, down, or diagonal!

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