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Grinch steals Christmas in Ignacio

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Maylon Newton stands tall while holding a Missing Native Women sign prior to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous walk, Monday, Nov. 25.

In the past twelve months our news coverage has touched on many firsts, the first female majority on Southern Ute Tribal Council; Jared Polis was elected as Colorado's first Jewish governor and the country's first out gay man as an elected gubernatorial leader. Electric cars make headlines in the promise of a cleaner future. But, there is no future without a past, and cultural heritage remains strong in the Southern Ute community, from bringing back the legacy of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo to honoring Ute culture and language through youth empowerment and cultural preservation.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A full moon filled the sky during the weekend of tribal fair, where rodeo riders ready their horses for competition at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Saturday, Sept. 14.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Tuesday, Aug. 20, which included a trip to Ms. Pepper's Kindergarten Class; Polis makes his exit by way of a small door designed for the young students.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Gomez leads Wildcats to victory

Staff report

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

Sophomore Avionne Gomez exploded for a career-high 32 points to lead the Johnson & Wales University women's basketball team to a 58-54 road win over Centenary College on Monday.

Gomez caught fire from deep, going 7-of-11 from the 3-point line to lead the Wildcats (1-8, 1-3) to their first victory of the season. Gomez's performance was just the third 30-point game by an SCAC player this season.

Sophomore Brianna Bailey finished with 12 points and two steals and classmate Katey Guzman added nine points, 11 rebounds and four assists for JWU. Freshman Kaleya Corke chipped in eight boards.

With her team trailing by



courtesy Johnson & Wales University

Former Ignacio High School Bobcats, Avionne Gomez scored a career-high 32 points to lead the Johnson & Wales University women's basketball team to a 58-54 road win over Centenary College.

a point with 4:21 to play, Gomez knocked down her seventh 3 of the game to give the Wildcats a 49-47 lead. Gomez made a jumper shortly after to extend the Wildcats' lead to five, and the visitors never trailed the rest of the way.

The Wildcats totaled seven steals as a team, including three by senior Salma Oros and two by Bailey.

Johnson & Wales University returns home to host the University of Dallas on Friday, Jan. 4 at the Wildcat Center in Denver.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Natural Resources Director, Lena Atencio presented each of the retirees with a large handmade dish and mug set crafted by local Ute Mountain Ute artisans — inscribed with their years of service, Friday, Dec. 20.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Longwell, Moore recognized for longtime service with federal government

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Long time Bureau of Reclamation employees, Barry Longwell and Linda Moore were recognized for their service and dedication at a joint retirement party hosted at the Four Corners Construction Office on Friday, Dec. 20 in Farmington, N.M.

Longwell and Moore each worked on the Animas La-Plata project during their tenors with the federal government, each of their careers spanning 34 and 40 years respectively.

The Animas-La Plata water project is a water project which was designed to fulfill the water rights settlement of the Southern Ute Indian and Ute Mountain Ute Indian

Tribes. While the funding and authorization process for ALP goes back over half a century, actual construction on the project did not start until 2002. Final steps in the construction officially came to a close in 2013.

Lake Nighthorse provides water storage for tribal and water right claimholders along the Animas River, as stipulated by the Animas La-Plata project.

Nighthorse was formally dedicated by members of the Colorado Ute tribes, City of Durango and Bureau of Reclamation in May of 2018. The reservoir, located in Ridges Basin, sits southwest of Durango. The reservoir opened for recreation in April following the dedication.

Southern Ute Natural Resources Director, Lena Atencio was one of many who travelled to New Mexico to wish these two colleagues the best on their future endeavors; giving each of them a large handmade dish and mug set crafted by local Ute Mountain Ute artisans.

Longwell reflected on his years with the federal government, working on what he described as, "life changing projects — I couldn't ask for more out of a career."

"I admire anyone who can work 35-40 years with the federal government," said Jim Dunlap. "Barry worked a long time for the Bureau of Reclamation, and he did it very well."

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Introducing Tribal Council 2020



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ushering in a new era ... The Southern Ute Tribal Council becomes a female majority for the first time in history, following the run-off election in December. The newly elected council members, Ramona Eagle and Margorie Barry, took their seats on Tribal Council following the certification of votes on Monday, Dec. 16. Pictured from left to right: Cedric Chavez, Lorelei Cloud; Treasurer, Marge Barry, Christine Sage; Chairman, Cheryl Frost; Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle and Bruce Valdez.



Snow removal 2019/20

Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800

GENERAL INFORMATION
During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please **move your vehicles** to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also, please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are Disabled or a Frail Elder and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the **Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800**.

WALKWAYS – SNOW REMOVAL
Snow removal from walkways will only be done for the **Disabled or Frail Elders** the order of priority is: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders.** If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Tribal Housing 970-563-4710.

ROOF – SNOW REMOVAL
Snow removal service from the roof of the home is for the **Disabled and Elders**. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates more than **twelve (12) inches** or to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. **Snow will ONLY be removed from areas where the crew can reach safely from the ground.** If you believe you need this service, please contact **Construction Services Division 970-563-0260**.

LIVESTOCK – SNOW PLOWING
Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 970-563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes or any other item out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows.

NOTE: 1st and 2nd Priority Only: Please contact department to notify them of **early morning** doctor appointments.

SNOW PLOWING FOR: SU TRIBAL MEMBERS, DRIVEWAY FOR HOME ACCESS, S.U. CAMPUS, LIVE STOCK
The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. **The order of priority is: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders; and, 3rd) Tribal Member Elders.** Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below. Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over **five (5) inches**. Dialysis/the Disabled/Frail Elders snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly.

Construction Services Route: 970-563-0260
Cedar Point East and West, Cedar Point Townhomes, Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak, Town of Ignacio – Elders/ the Disabled, HWY 172 South from County Rd. 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River, South of Bayfield to La Boca Allison & Arboles area.

Motor Pool Route: 970-563-0280
North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area, Airport & Weasleskin.

Custom Farm Route: 970-563-0220
Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

Forestry Fuels Crew: 970-563-4780
WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only). Shovel walkways for: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail. Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12” or more.

BIA Route: 970-563-9484
BIA does not clear driveways: Roads include Ute Road, Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, Pow Wow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Ave., Bear Dance Road, and North Ridge.

Housing Authority Route: 970-563-4575
Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder: Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak’s Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave., and Jefferson Dr.

Grounds Maintenance: 970-563-0272
All campus parking areas: Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, Sun Ute, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, Election/Tribal Housing, Food Distribution, Parking lots, & Sidewalks.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Chairman Manuel Heart of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute tribal member Jerald Peabody wrap newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Council members Joycelyn Dutchie and Jim Newton Jr. in Pendleton blankets emblazoned with the tribal seal on December 21, 2009.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 31, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Elders sang Christmas songs at the annual Tribal Christmas program. Pictured here (left to right) are Annabelle Eagle, Junia Ruybal, Alice Neash, Joyce Duran, Annie Bettini, and Alvina B. Spencer.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 30, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Eddie Box Sr. blesses the new housing project that will be adjacent to Ignacio Peak.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 5, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Fritz Box and Ralph Cloud wait for the Powwow to start after enjoying a meal at the Tribal Christmas Dinner in the Southern Ute Community Center on Saturday, December 22, 1980.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 4, 1980, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council



The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council is looking for interested Tribal Members to run for seven (7) open seats for a two (2) year term.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to

the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural actives, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited home-school program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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100th ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department would like to announce the 2020 Logo and Theme Contest for the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members.

All art media will be accepted until April 3rd at 5PM, NO EXCEPTIONS. Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. **Artwork can be drawings, photos, paintings etc.. Artwork must be signed.**

Selected artist must sign a waiver and the artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department. Artwork will be featured on all items associated with the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair.

The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award plus Fair merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department with the Fair Logo and Theme.

Winner will do a short interview & picture with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2020 Fair Premium Book. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES!**

Submit artwork to the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department @ PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR Call (970) 563-2985 if you any questions.

Celebrating a new year



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Singers encircle the drum, singing songs to bring in the new year, Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The annual event brings blessings, singing, food and community members together to ring in the coming year.

Ute Mountain Ute elder, Alfred Wall Jr., Southern Ute elder, Elwood Kent and Justin "Bear" Lang sing songs celebrating the coming new year.



2020 Tribal Calendars are in!



The 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Calendars "Celebrating 100 Years" are in, and will be mailed to Southern Ute tribal member head of household.

If you would like a calendar please visit the Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch Building (limit 2 per person).

If you had not received a calendar in the mail by Jan. 13, please call the Tribal Information Services office at 970-563-0100 or the Drum office at 970-563-0118 to ensure we have your correct mailing address.

Attention

Southern Ute Culture Preservation is seeking Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe teachers for the following classes;

**Beaded or Plain Moccasins/ High-tops
Ribbon Shirts
Ribbon Dresses
Beaded or Plain Gloves
Loom Beading
Cradle Board Making
Drumsticks and Hand Drum
Choker and Breast Plates
Growlers**

If interested please contact Education Coordinator, Hanley Frost Sr. at 970-563-2306.

Ute word Of the week

Pari Nuuchi

Elk Eaters

ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTERS

Laguna Pueblo Hunt Opportunities Available
Please contact the Wildlife Division for more information
(970) 563-0130

Barbary Sheep



Season dates for both species:
Friday, February 21st-
Friday, February, 28th.

Himalayan Tahr



Sip, Chat & Chew



**Friday January 17, 2020
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**

**Special Event:
Storytelling Contest - Funniest, Scariest, Traditional**

**All Utes (UMU, NU, SU) families welcome, all ages.
We make the main dish you bring the sides**

**Door prize donations welcome
call 563-2640 for more information**

Elder Celebration Dinner

All Ute Elders Are Welcome!

Doors open at 5:30PM for coffee, tea and socializing

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

Monday January 13th, 2020

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

Sponsored by:

**Southern Ute Elder Services, Tribal Services,
Public Relations**



**If you need a ride, please contact Elder Services for transportation
(970)-563-0156**

**There will be no November Elder's Dinner
In the event of a funeral, the Elder's
Dinner will be rescheduled.**

For more information, contact: Morgann Box at (970)-563-2349



NUTRITION

Three Sisters stew

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Enjoy this easy to make stew. The “three sisters” are beans, corn and squash. You can rotate this stew into your regular meal pattern and serve through the cold winter months. Try substituting the beef for other meats like elk or chicken and using winter squash varieties such as pumpkin or butternut in place of, or in addition to zucchini and yellow squash.



courtesy Art of Natural Living

Ingredients:

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| 16 oz. stew meat, cubed | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 Tablespoon oil (olive, canola ...) | 1 teaspoon pepper |
| One medium carrot, sliced | (Optional to try: One parsnip, turnip or rutabaga, chopped) |
| One celery stalk, chopped | |
| One onion, chopped | |
| Two small zucchinis, sliced | |
| Two small yellow squash, sliced | |
| 15oz. can pinto beans, low sodium | |
| 1 cup frozen corn | |
| 12oz. low sodium V-8 | |
| 12oz. low sodium beef or chicken broth | |
| One bay leaf | |
- Nutrition facts per serving:**
400 Calories, 18 g Fat, 27 g Carbohydrates, 8 g Dietary Fiber, 36 g Protein, 600 mg Sodium
- Serving size:**
4-6 servings, 1-1 ½ cups each

Directions:

1. Place oil in a skillet over medium heat, brown meat, turning as needed, for 8-10 minutes
2. Meanwhile, in a large pot add all other ingredients and bring to a boil
3. Turn down heat to simmer
4. Add stew meat and cook covered for 30 minutes (or until veggies are tender)
5. Remove bay leaf, serve and enjoy!

NICOTINE VAPING

Lung injury cases from E-Cigarettes and vape pens continue

Paige Kapp, PharmD,
BCPS, NCPS, CDE
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

As of Dec. 10, 2019, cases of vaping associated lung injury are up to 2,409, with 31 hospitalizations and 7 deaths. The following is a statement from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Colorado has an unusually high rate of teen and young adult nicotine vaping. Colorado clinicians, school-based health centers, campus health centers, parents, and people who vape should be aware that this outbreak is occurring and be on the lookout for symptoms.


- Symptoms include:**
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
 - Chest pain
 - Cough
 - Fatigue
 - Possible fever

People who vape and currently have a lung illness or may have had one in the past three months should contact their doctor or local health department. Vaping products contain more than just harmless water vapor. The agents causing this illness could possibly be pesticide contamination, residual solvent contamination, additives with unknown inhalation effects, or heavy metals contamination inhaled from vaping products.


- Health care providers, school-based health centers, and campus health centers should:**
- Screen all youth, parents, and caregivers for e-cigarette use and exposure.
 - Counsel children and adolescents about the harms of e-cigarette use and clearly communicate the importance of never

- using e-cigarettes or other nicotine products.
- Report suspected cases to CDPHE’s Disease Reporting Line: 303-692-2700 or 303-370-9395 (after hours). This includes potential cases who presented since June 1, 2019. CDPHE personnel will conduct a medical record review and contact the patients to administer a thorough investigation questionnaire.
- Parents should:**
- Talk with your kids about the risks of using e-cigarettes. Get the facts for your conversations at www.tobaccofreeco.org/know-the-facts.
 - Set a smoke and vapor free rule for your home and car.
 - Be aware that although vapor products may have the potential to benefit
- fit adult smokers who switch completely from cigarettes to vapor products, they are not safe for teens to use. Parents who choose to quit vaping or using any other tobacco product can access free support through the Colorado QuitLine at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or coquitline.org.
- Youth and young adults who vape should:**
- Be aware that this illness is occurring and be on the lookout for symptoms.
 - If you have symptoms of lung illness or may have had symptoms in the past three months, contact your doctor or local health department.
 - Learn more about free resources available to help you quit all tobacco products at coquitline.org or 1800-QUITNOW.


Do you have any of these symptoms?



Cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain




Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea



Fatigue, fever, or abdominal pain

Do you use vaping products?

If you answered YES to BOTH of these questions, ask your doctor to check for lung injury.



colorado.gov/cdphe/vaping-lung-illness



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bee heard: It’s okay to ask for help

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPT.

There comes a time in our lives when we need to ask for help, whether that may be to complete some chores around the house or taking the children or grandparents to their appointments or activities. Maybe even needing someone to talk to and help you work through some hardships or obstacles. Whatever it may be, it’s okay to ask for help. We are the people and the people are you.

Nuchus were self-governing and self-sustaining people who were connected both physically and spiritually to the world around us and we were also very knowledgeable about our own physical, emotional and mental state. In the past, we had people who we could ask to help heal us and we had ceremonies to help balance and sync us back with the creator.

Those teachings and ceremonies are now scarce and, in some cases, aren’t practiced anymore. So how have we been keeping balance in our lives? Who have we been turning to for assistance and help? How have we adapted with modern day life and technology to meet our emotional and physical needs? Are these healthy solutions for the help we seek?

These are just a few questions some of you might have. The answers to these questions probably vary from person to person and family to family. One thing is for certain: as Nuchu, we have been through many things throughout history and one thing is for sure, we are resilient people! The old ones (Weenuchu) before us faced barriers and obstacles

in their lives and they overcome them. We are living proof of this. With that said, I hope this encourages you to ask for help if you need it. Let’s be there for one another, help one another, because many of us is stronger than just one of us. Tough times happen and we are here for you. Please reach out.

LOCAL RESOURCES:

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health 69 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule an appointment.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI) 970-759-3633
- **Clarity Coaching and Counseling:** Jessaca Cassidy 970-903-3354 (Christian counseling services in Bayfield or Ignacio).
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners** believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women’s Resource Center** creates personal, social and professional growth opportunities for

- all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.
- STATE OR NATIONAL RESOURCES – ALL ARE 24/7**
- **Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text “TALK” to 38255. You’ll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- **Man Therapy** is designed to help men deal with issues like depression, anxiety, anger and suicidal thoughts. ManTherapy.org
- **NM Crisis Line** for support and resources call 855-662-7474.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** has both an online chat and 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project** which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.
- **Trans Lifeline** hosts a unique program which offers peer counselors to transgender people thinking of suicide 877-565-8860.

We are the people and the people are you!

Want to help and be a part of the change? Looking for community members and youth to join the Community Board tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention. Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.



Alive At 25


Defensive Driving Course

Saving Lives Through Education

1/26/20 Sunday

Time: 12:30 to 5:00

Ignacio Library
Second Floor
Room



Enroll Online
www.aliveat25.us
Call 866-605-3900

Instructor: Don Folsom
Phone: 970-563-0246
Cell: 970-769-9431

Automobile Crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds. The life you save may be your own.

Sign up now for this defensive driving educational course and become a better driver. You may use this course for getting your learner’s permit under the graduated licensing law. You can satisfy a court ordered defensive driving course requirement. You may ask your insurance company for a discount after completing this course. You learn how to take control when driving.

SunUte Pool Winter Hours

Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 6 am – 7 pm • Tue. & Thu.: 7 am – 7 pm • Sat./Sun: 10 am – 4:30 pm

For more information, contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at 970-563-2651.



EDUCATION

Student of the season

Student interview by
McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Tarah Baker has been nominated as the Southern Ute Student of the Season for the Fall of 2019. Baker currently attends the fifth grade at Ignacio Elementary School. Her parents are Julius Baker and Candice Johnson.

“Tarah has high expectations of herself and works hard at school. She is kind and respectful to others and is a joy to work with at school. Continue the awesome work!” exclaimed Southern Ute Public Education Teacher, Mrs. Dorian Morris.

McKayla Lee: Why do you think you have been nominated to be student of the season? How does that make you feel?



Tarah Baker
Fifth Grade
Ignacio Elementary School

Tarah Baker: I have been nominated because I work hard, and I am respectful to others. I stay kind as well.

ML: Do you have any role models? Why are they your role models?

TB: Yes, my dad and my grandfather, because they teach me stuff and tell me how to be positive.

ML: Do you have a fa-

vorite subject?

TB: Uhm yes, science, math, ELA and PE. In PE I can be active, in ELA I learn about history, math I can do equations and science I like to do the projects.

ML: Do you have any hobbies or anything you do outside of school?

TB: I like to play volleyball and I like to do art.

ML: Do you know what you want to do after high school?

TB: I want to go to college and be an athlete.

ML: Really, where?

TB: I want to go to UCLA in California, where I was born or FIDM which is a fashion institute.

ML: How does being student of the season make you feel?

TB: Happy.

ML: And why is that?

TB: because I feel proud of myself.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

The ‘Montessor Method’

Staff report
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

On Jan. 6, 1907, Maria Montessori opened her first school, in Rome, Italy. Today, the “Montessori method” is one of the most well-known and widely used educational approaches in the world. Not only is SUIMA a Montessori school, it was the very first Native American Montessori school in our nation.

While 2020 brings 113 years of Montessori education to the world, SUIMA brings 20 years of education to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. When the school first opened, we didn’t have a functional dining hall or completely built infant and toddler classrooms. Yet, just as that first day of school arrived for many students, building completion was soon to follow. With a beautiful dining hall, one administration building and three educational buildings, SUIMA now has 115 students enrolled, ranging from seven months to 12 years of age.



SU Indian Montessori Academy

Sammy Velasquez, Charles Alston, Evan Lansing, Shayne White Thunder, and Tyler Heart pose for the picture after putting some plants into the greenhouse grounds.

In a Montessori school, children develop because essential truths regarding the purpose of childhood, and the necessary role of adults to guide children, as they fulfill that purpose are built. The purpose of childhood is to become the adult you are meant to be. This means to know who you are.

Here at SUIMA, in addition to: mathematics, science, history, language, Ute language, and PE, our guides and teachers support the students as they become adults. From the youngest child to the oldest student, it is a whole person education.

SUIMA SECURITY FENCE

As SUIMA follows the country in upgrading school safety, our security fences are fully in place with gates being installed. Our morning carline’s will continue to be held in both areas of the school. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we provide a safe, learning environment for your children.

SUIMA Events and Activities

- Mon., Jan. 6 – **Students return** to school
- Tue., Jan. 14 – **Parent Advisory Group (PAG)** meeting 6 – 7 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 20 – No school in observance of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Wed., Jan. 22 – Parent Advisory Group (PAG) **Family Night**

Directorate Fellows Program (DFP)

Application Deadline: Jan. 10, 2020

Eligible students are encouraged to apply to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 2020 Directorate Fellows Program (DFP) announcement that is currently open thru January 10, 2020. FWS is collaborating with the American Conservation Experience, Greening Youth Foundation, Hispanic Access Foundation and the Student Conservation Association conservation partner organizations this year to assist with recruitment, application, and administration of over 100 Fellowship project opportunities nationwide!

What is the Directorate Fellows Program?

The DFP provides eligible students interested in conservation related careers with full-time paid 11-week rigorous Fellowship opportunities working on projects that support FWS priorities. The 11-week fellowships begin in mid-May/mid-June 2020 and end in August/September 2020. Eligible students who are pursuing degrees in biological science and/or natural resources management will possess the desired qualifications for the 2020 DFP. These Fellowships offer a unique opportunity for the student to gain special direct hire authority (upon successful completion of the program requirements). This authority enables FWS (and other land management agencies) to be able to hire former Fellows into permanent, full-time positions within two years of their graduation.

Benefits:

- Living allowance – paid bi-weekly.
- Travel allowance.
- Hands-on experience.
- Housing provided in select locations.
- One-week Orientation at the FWS National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV.
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DFP Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a rising senior or senior in undergraduate program or a graduate degree program, and will not complete their degree requirements prior to the completion of the 2020 DFP 11-week fellowship ending in August/September 2020.
- Cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or higher.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Demonstrated interest, education, and/or experience in conservation.
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- week orientation plus 11-week fellowship).
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Must be 17 years of age or older.
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How to Apply:

Review the list of states that you are interested in working and apply at the partner organization(s) that is accepting applications for the state(s) you select. Follow the application procedures on the partner websites. Each partner may use a slightly different process.

There is no limit on the number of DFP projects for which you may apply. If you are interested in project locations nationwide, we recommend that you apply to all of the partner sites so that you can be considered for the maximum project location opportunities. For example, if you are interested in projects located in Alaska, Florida, and Virginia, you will need to apply through all three organizations, since each location of interest is administered by a different partner

- Student Conservation Association: DFP projects located in any of the following states: Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington DC, and Wisconsin. Note: SCA has a 2-Step application process you must follow. For questions on SCA application process, contact Felicia James at fjames@thesca.org or Chris Burley at cburley@thesca.org.
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- Greening Youth Foundation: DFP projects located in any of the following states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and Wyoming. For questions on GYF application process, contact Eboni Preston at epreston@gyfoundation.org.

For other general questions on the DFP, contact connect@fws.gov.

Academy raises field trip funds



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Attorney, Julianne Begay browses the baked goodies being sold by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s Upper Elementary class in the LCB Hall of Warriors, Thursday, Dec. 19. The class is raising funds for future field trips.



The Academy’s Upper Elementary students will be holding various fundraising events throughout the school year to raise money for field trips.

Upper Elementary student, Sinaav Larry prepares a Frito pie for a customer during the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s Frito pie and goodies fundraiser. REZ Girls Catering provided goodies to help raise funds for field trips.

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ELEMENTARY – KINDERGARTEN
Charli – Ignacio Elementary School



ELEMENTARY – FIRST GRADE
Seraya Ruybal – Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

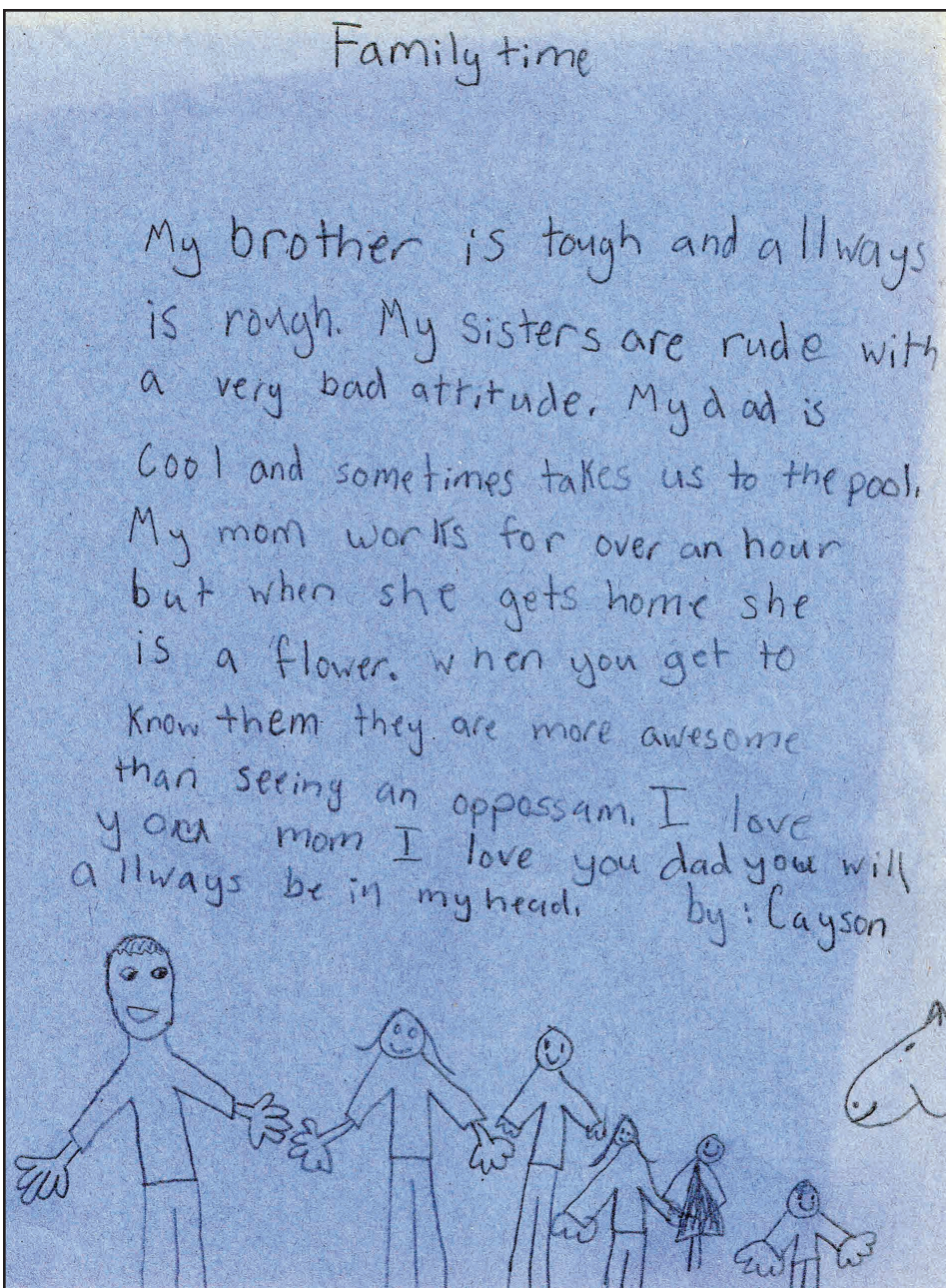


ELEMENTARY – SECOND GRADE
Meonahan "Joe" Howell – Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

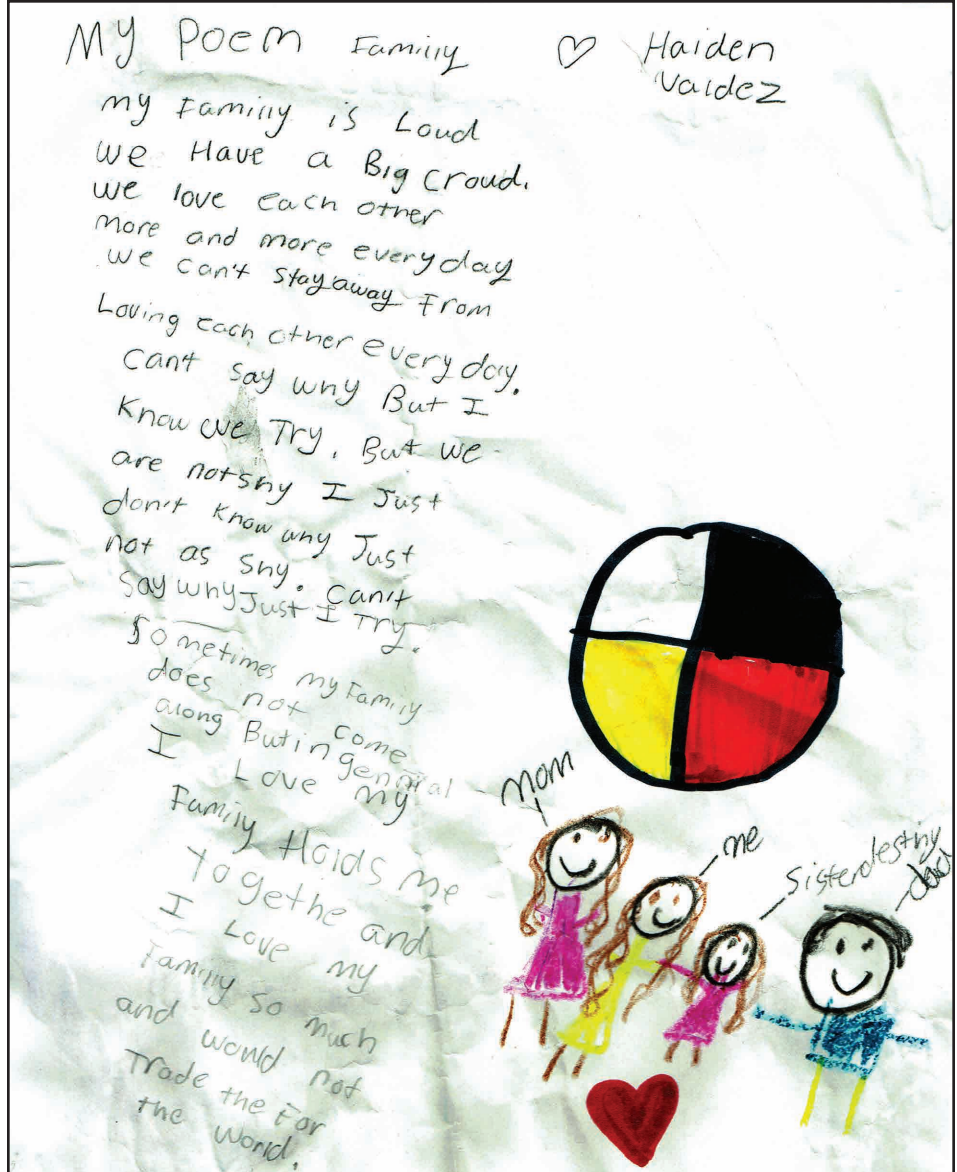


ELEMENTARY – THIRD GRADE
Makenne Rae – Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

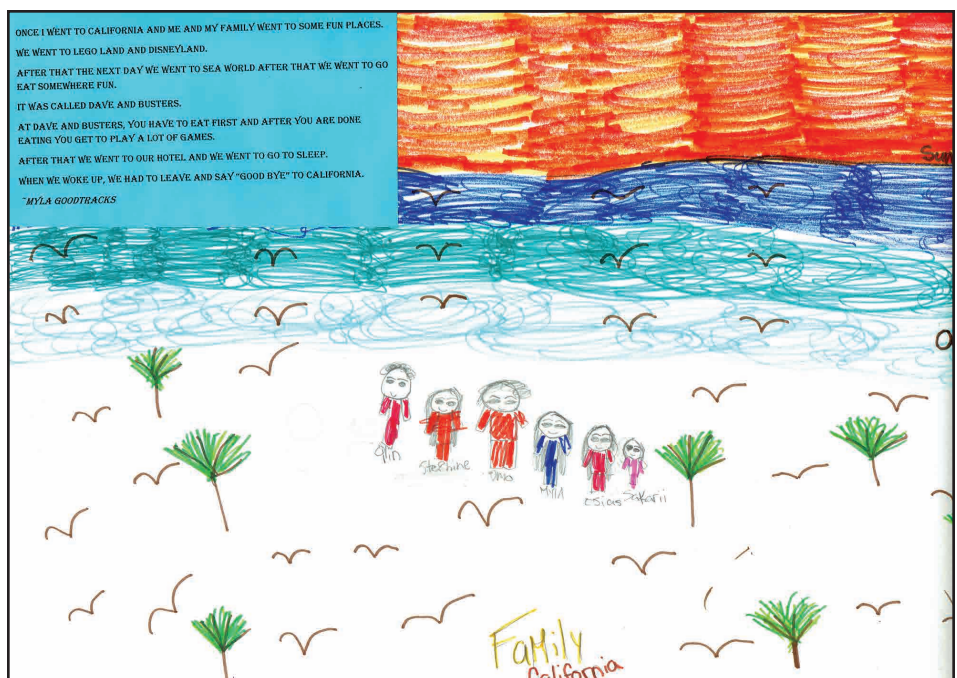
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe invited students to participate in the 8th Annual Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest. Leonard C. Burch was the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for more than 32 years. Under his leadership, the Southern Ute Tribe became a major economic force in La Plata County and in Indian Country. The Southern Ute Tribal Council passed a resolution in 1996 to declare Dec. 10 of every year as Leonard C. Burch Day. The 8th Annual Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest honored Leonard C. Burch and his life. The theme of this year's contest is, "Family," with all entries pertaining to this theme.



4TH – 5TH GRADE – FIRST PLACE
Cayson L. Burcham – Ignacio Elementary School



4TH – 5TH GRADE – SECOND PLACE
Hayden Valdez – Ignacio Elementary School



4TH – 5TH GRADE – THIRD PLACE
Myla Goodtracks – Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Art and Literacy Contest Winners



MIDDLE SCHOOL – FIRST PLACE
Moriah Ashley – Ignacio Middle School

I AM FROM

By Moriah Ashley

I am from a Lowrey Piano passed down by my Great Grandma I am from the shelf of classic tales from the 1800s on
I am from Friday night movies on our comfy family couch
I’m from delicious, homemade meals that my mother makes for me I’m from a bouncy bed and fuzzy blankets that keep me warm

I am from swinging on a dreamcatcher swing Over the ditch, from a weeping willow tree
I am from flowerbeds with vegetables and bulbs I am from hot summer days, lazing in the shade
Rocking on the hammock hung from a willow tree I am from wild times on the tram-poline

I am from my parents, Nathan and Rachel I am from my sisters Zoey and Hadassah
I’m from onery brothers, Judah and Solomon I am from Long trips to Denver, visiting My grandma Char and Grandpa Will
I’m from seven cousins on my mom’s side And seven cousins on my dad’s
I am from Loving Aunts and Uncles to Trixie my wild dog She makes me say “Egads!”

I’m from meatballs at each Bliss family gathering To the prayer song that we sing
I’m from raspberries in cream Before Great Grandma Judy died
I am from camping in the mountains each Labor Day I am from family traditions that never go away

I’m from Grama calling me pumpkin to my nickname Riah-Roo I am from my mom saying “Cool your jets!”
I am from Bathtime when my Aunt would say “Scrub- a- dub-dub keep the water in the tub!” I am from being called for hair fixing
I can’t forget, “Come on over Rover!”
I am from goodnight prayers and “Love you Mo”

I am from memories at my old New Mexico Home
I am from the cottage by a Lake in Wisconsin
I am from family up in Thornton and family in Utah And Most importantly
I am from my farm home

I am from Loving memories
I’m from cherished things in my home
I am from special parts of my yard and land I am from my family
I’m from heartfelt traditions to family sayings I’m from the places in which my heart is
The things that make me, me



MIDDLE SCHOOL – SECOND PLACE
Addison Baker – Ignacio Middle School

MY LIFE

By Addison Baker

My life starts from my brother and cousin playing just dance
To me sitting on my dad’s back while he was doing push ups
To hitting my head on the coffee table then busting it open
To going to Salt Lake City, Wyoming, Las Vegas and Denver
To seeing beautiful red, yellow, and green leaves in the fall

My little brother dipping his bananas into ranch
To my cousin getting kicked in the head by a calf

Seeing milk come out of my friends nose,
My dad trying to dance,
Cold winter days playing in the snow, making tunnels and snow getting all in my boots

Moving into a bigger and better home,
Almost falling off a raft at camp
And going to my first dance

Getting my puppy named Grace
And going to a rockies game for the first time

Getting sick a lot when I was younger, getting my food brought to me on the couch and bed

Cooking burnt pancakes and really good scrambled eggs

I’m from 12 really good birthdays to spending time with friends and family

Hanging out at football games and basketball games to going to the movies with friends.

I’m going to the hot springs every year for 4th of July to now doing work with friends that support me and care for me and respect me so I say thank you to all the people that made me laugh and still make me laugh.

I’m from playing volleyball and basketball to losing and winning games then going to McDonalds after and buying food for Kimber.

FAMILY MOMENTS

By Maddison Egger

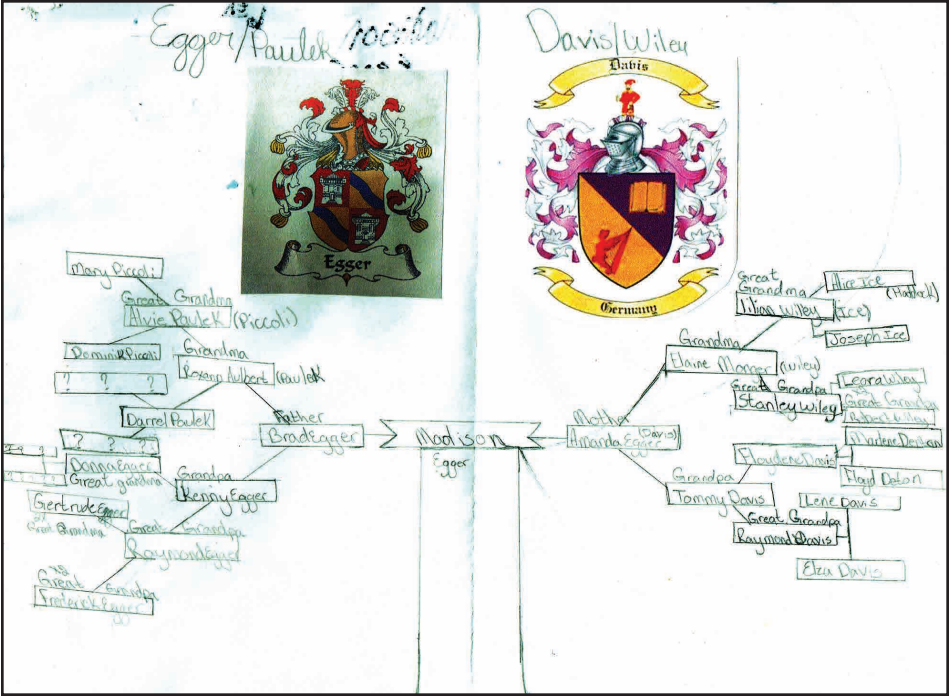
I’m from having sleep overs
With my cousins on the trampoline
I’m from jamming out with my sisters,
I’m from partying at the lake with my family,
I’m from going hunting in the mountain and fresh air

I’m from the beautiful lakes around us,
I’m from the howling coyotes to the Aspen trees
In fall, I’m from the flowers in the spring, I’m from smell of nature

I’m from getting a Christmas Tree,
I’m from Bonyaucalda with the Italian family,
I’m from taking road trips with my sisters and dad

I’m from the lemon chicken pasta
My mom makes, I’m from the smoked
Pulled pork Uncle Travis makes, I’m from the
Homemade noodles my grandma made for Christmas Day.

I’m from Idaho to Washington
I’m from Arizona to Florida, I’m from
Oregon to North Dakota, I’m from Texas to Montana,
I’m from “Sweet home Colorado”



MIDDLE SCHOOL – THIRD PLACE
Madison Egger – Ignacio Middle School



LONGWELL, MOORE RECOGNIZED • FROM PAGE 1

Moore was described by USBR colleague, Pat Paige, as a “Budget Guru” — referring to her superb skills in keeping large-scale federal projects on time and on budget. Moore transitioned from the ALP project later in her career to work on the New Mexico based Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. She began working with Reclamation in 1979.

Longwell and Moore both received recognition in the form of career service certificates from the Bureau of Reclamation, whose motto is: Managing



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Linda Moore receives her 40-year career service certificate from the Bureau of Reclamation, Friday, Dec. 20.

Water in the West. This work has never been more important— especially in the communities of Colorado and New Mexico, which these projects serve.

2020 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINE & PUBLICATION DATES

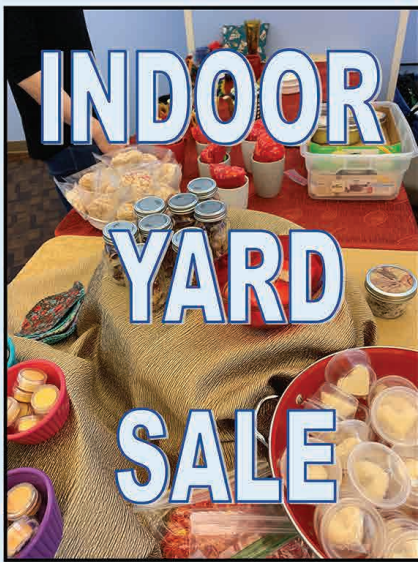
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Dec. 24	Jan. 3	New Year's Day (1/1)	Tribal offices closed (1/1)
Jan. 13	Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/20)	Tribal offices closed (1/20)
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Mar. 23	Mar. 27	SOUTHERN UTE DRUM	THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM
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Apr. 20	Apr. 24		
May 4	May 8		
May 18	May 22		
Jun. 1	Jun. 5		
Jun. 15	Jun. 19		
Jun. 26*	Jul. 2	Independence Day (7/4)	Tribal offices closed (7/3)
Jul. 13	Jul. 17		
Jul. 27	Jul. 31		
Aug. 10	Aug. 14		
Aug. 24	Aug. 28		
Sep. 4*	Sep. 11	Labor Day (9/7)	Tribal offices closed (9/7)
Sep. 21	Sep. 25		
Oct. 5	Oct. 9		
Oct. 19	Oct. 23		
Nov. 2	Nov. 6	Veterans Day (11/11)	Tribal offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 16	Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Day (11/26)	Tribal offices closed (11/26-11/27)
Nov. 30	Dec. 4	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10)	Tribal offices closed (12/10-12/11)
Dec. 14	Dec. 18	Christmas Day (12/25)	Tribal offices closed (12/25)
Dec. 24*	Dec. 31	New Year's Day (1/1/2021)	Tribal offices closed (1/1, 2021)

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Potential Firewood Shortage

This public service announcement (PSA) is to inform the Southern Ute Tribal membership, that utilize the Forestry Fuels Yard, of a potential firewood shortage. This current situation is a result of the heavy winter of 2018/2019 that brought deep snow to the reservation and prevented our program from wood cutting, an increase in demand and utilization of the firewood program, and equipment failures throughout the year. Firewood deliveries or pickups may be affected through April 2020. We encourage the membership to only order firewood when needed (no stockpiling) and to use firewood conservatively to supplement other heating sources in their residence. By doing so, we hope to avoid a decrease in monthly allowances of firewood or a complete shortfall. We will keep the membership informed with future PSAs as the firewood season progresses.

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Instead of stealing Christmas, the Grinch chose to give back. With the help of the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club, the Grinch helped give away dozens of toys to families in the Ignacio community on Monday, Dec. 23 at the Meadow Brook Trailer Park.

Southern Ute Community Resource Officer, Don Folsom and Victim Services Case Worker, Brandi Archuleta help the Grinch hand out toys to kids and families in the Meadow Brook Trailer Park. All toys were purchased and donated as part of the Boys and Girls Club Toy Drive.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Veronica Lasater, shows off her 'Carlton' dance decked out in her 'Carlton' sweater during the Southern Ute Human Resource's Ugly Sweater raffle, in the LCB Hall of Warriors, Friday, Dec. 20.

As the holiday season wraps up, the community celebrates with one another to ring in the new year on a good note. Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe along with many other tribal departments, the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and community volunteers helped bring joy to the youth of Ignacio. The Grinch and Santa handed out toys to kids in the community and even made an appearance at the Ignacio Early Learning Center. SunUte invited Santa to visit with SUIMA students; the tutoring program at the Education building hosted a holiday party for their students as well. For the adults, the ugly sweater contest made a return to the Leonard C. Burch building for tribal employees just ahead of the Holiday break – an opportunity to celebrate with their families near and far.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Karma Watts and Liliana Castro work together to create Christmas cards at the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council party on Thursday, Dec. 19 hosted at the Education Dept. building.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Finance employees, Kailey Cuthair and Jason Randolph display their ugly sweaters, as part of the Southern Ute Human Resources Ugly Sweater raffle. Joy Miller and Jason Randolph won the gift basket raffle.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center invited Santa to swim with Southern Ute Montessori Academy student's on Thursday, Dec. 19. Max Veneno lets Santa know what he wants for Christmas.



Lindsay J. Box/SU Tribal Council Communications

The Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) donated food items for the Christmas lunch to the preschoolers and staff of the Ignacio Early Learning Center, Sunday, Dec. 19.



Lindsay J. Box/SU Tribal Council Communications

Officers brought some very special guests with them to visit the kiddos; Santa Claus convinced the Grinch to get into the Christmas spirit and spread holiday cheer.

Wishing you all...



FROM THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum staff paid homage to The Beatles and the 50th anniversary of the famous Abbey Road photo, as the Drum is celebrating 50 years of publication this year as well! Happy Holidays!

The Southern Ute Drum presents

Capitol honors Utes



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage shakes hands with Colorado Representative Rochelle Galindo in the House on Thursday, March 21.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Tribal flags from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe are now posted in the State Capitol Building in Denver. They were placed there on Thursday, March 21 when all three Ute tribes were recognized by the State of Colorado at what is now known as "Ute Day at the Capitol."

MMIW



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, San Jean Burch hung red signs and cutouts of red dresses in her front yard to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Red dresses are a symbol of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Dream Warriors



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

One of the Dream Warriors, Wake Self works with and listens to Sarafina Chackee bust out her rhyme, Aug. 20-22 at the ELHI Community Center.

Rodeo returns to Fair



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Bull Riders compete once again, at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Friday, Sept. 13 at the Southern Ute Fair Rodeo.

Vets in Hawaii



courtesy Kat Wade | Special to the Honolulu Star Advertiser

The 45th annual Honolulu Intertribal Powwow brought Native American groups from the mainland to Ala Moana Beach Park on Oct. 5-6 to dance and perform with fellow tribal members living in Hawaii. The Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard led the Grand Entry for this year's intertribal event.

Polis ushers new era



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Jared Polis and his partner, Marlon Reis stand together as the crowd applauds the new governor after being sworn in on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Earth's Call in Aspen



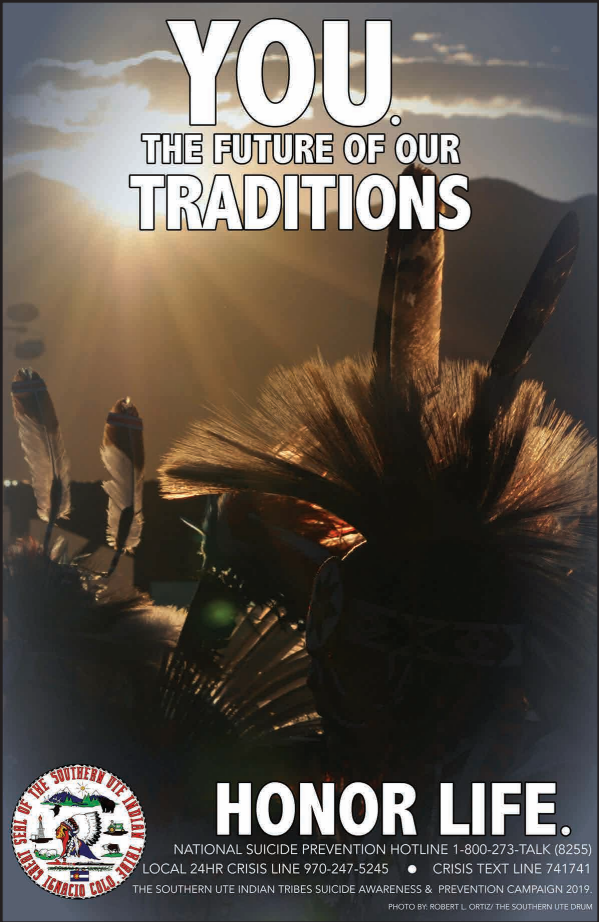
courtesy Earth's Call

The Box family and relatives squeeze into the elevator dressed in their regalia just before they take to the stage at the Earth's Call concert on Saturday, May 18 in Aspen, Colo.



2019: The Year in Review

Suicide prevention a priority



Suicide prevention has been on the minds of everyone, from community members to tribal departments. With outreach efforts being spearheaded in the school district and at a grassroots level; taking steps to engage those in need and raise awareness with a resounding message that there is hope and support.

KSUT launches Native Braids



courtesy Native Braids

KSUT Tribal Radio launched their Native Braids project on air over both the Four Corners and Tribal signals, Monday, Nov. 18. Native Braids features 11 unique stories, told by tribal members in interview style audio clips.

Tri-Ute Games in Ft. Duchesne



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Ute Warrior Challenge for the Tri-Ute Games was held on Friday, July 19. Young athletes and coaches took the challenge in Fort Duchesne's heat and participated in a 5k run, obstacle course and swimming event. Athletes took it in full strides having to run the Ute Indian Tribe's hilly terrain and brave the mud pit.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute athlete, Elijah Weaver swings his club while teeing off in the golf competition at the Tri-Ute Games on Wednesday, July 17 at the Roosevelt Golf Course in Roosevelt, Utah.

Sand Creek memorial



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Runners from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma raise their eagle staffs and get the crowd excited for the last leg of the Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run-Walk on Sunday, Dec 1 at the Riverside Cemetery in Denver. A group of 45 Cheyenne and Arapaho runners and supporters attend the 21st annual Sand Creek Massacre Spiritual Healing Run. The healing run is held each year to honor and commemorate the massacre of 230 Cheyenne and Arapaho elders, women and children.

Nanaeto, underclassman of year



Jerry McBride/Durango Herald

Avaleena Nanaeto of Ignacio High School was named The Durango Herald's Girls Underclassman of the Year for the 2018-2019 season. She qualified for state in cross-country and was also a key defensive stopper for her freshman basketball season.

Southern Ute Drum turns 50



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Thursday, May 9 marked the 50th anniversary of the Southern Ute Drum. To celebrate this special occasion, a special edition of the Drum highlighted some of the most memorable articles, photographs and historical events published over the past 50 years.

FLC goes all out for N7



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Noah Shadlow and other Fort Lewis College students explained to Southern Ute youth the benefits of using the Native American center and joining the Native American run clubs on campus. Students, tribal leaders and youth attended events at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. on Friday, Nov. 15. The events were sponsored and held by Fort Lewis to highlight Native American Heritage Month.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

20-20: IHS' focus unified entering New Year

Bobcats ruin Bruins, avenge last season's loss

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Dominant enough to render Cedaredge High's public-address announcer silent after only two quarters, the Ignacio boys' basketball bunch closed out an undefeated pre-holiday schedule burying the 3A Bruins by no fewer than 38 points Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21.

Jokingly praised by head coach Chris Valdez after making not one, not two, but three double-bonus free throws late in the game, but then razzed by the skipper after subsequently missing not one, not two, but three back-end tries with senior reserve Johnathon Whitt waiting at the scorer's table to check in for him. Junior forward Bryce Finn was 'officially' credited with a game-high 15 points in an apparent 61-23 win, but in fact netted 16 – making the final margin actually 62-23 – as one make seemingly slipped the scorer's mind.

Not that the oversight had any real consequence; Valdez concentrated more upon the Bobcats' outstanding group effort – which included winning the second quarter by a devastating 18-1 count – despite lacking both starting guard Triston Thompson and reserve forward Dylan Labarthe.

"If you've got kids out there stepping up for each other, playing for each other, you're going to get the result we had," Valdez stated. "What I like about it, is it's next-guy-up: We had a couple guys gone, and the 'next' guys stepped up ready."

It all began with guard Keegan Schurman. His cap-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ocean Hunter (32) angles himself for an attempted scoop-shot around Cedaredge's Conner Brooks (11) during road action Saturday, Dec. 21.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Flattened by Cedaredge's Alex Barron, Ignacio's Joe Garcia (10) none-the-less attempts to save a ball off the floor – regardless of their sideline proximity – during road action Saturday, Dec. 21.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Monika Lucero (20) tries shaking free from defense applied by Cedaredge's Megan Gastineau during road action Saturday, Dec. 21.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats seeking to develop knockout power

Loss at Cedaredge IHS' third to top-tier foes

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Familiar with her from last season's encounter inside IHS Gymnasium, and that memory more or less refreshed by a solid effort – in a battle of two Class 3A unbeatens – witnessed just the night before, Kammie Henderson wasn't the name concerning Ignacio head coach Justa Whitt prior to tipoff Dec. 21 at Cedaredge.

Upon her home court, as she'd been in a near-upset of La Jara-based Centauri – at the time No. 6 in the CH-SAANow.com poll – not 24 hours earlier, the star would probably get hers no matter how closely monitored.

Instead, two other Lady Bruin regulars warranted worry.

And unfortunately performed up to Whitt's expectations in a 48-35 victory.

"I was looking at Number Ten and Number Eleven – and Eleven, particularly; we knew we had to stop her from driving the ball," she said, focusing on sophomore Megan Gastineau with an initial tip of her proverbial cap to senior Makayla Kehmeier. "And if you look at the shot chart, we did some of that but we didn't do enough of it."

Mixing point-guard mentality with toughness virtually inherent in a last name National Football League quarterbacks once feared, Gastineau's repeated intrusions into the paint created numerous opportunities for herself and teammates alike, while also forcing IHS' players to act out of system – junior guard Charlize Valdez would finish the game with four fouls, while senior forward/center Makayla Howell picked up her disqualifying fifth with 2:30 still remaining in the final frame.

Making things worse, junior center/forward Sheldie Gosney departed with what appeared to be a left knee injury only 11 seconds after Howell's removal.

"That was a real bummer," said Whitt. "I hope it's nothing super-serious, hope she can ... come back o.k. We'll see."

"Our girls played hard," the skipper continued. "We had a little bit of a lapse there in the fourth quarter, but they brought it. They held them, had the lead for a good portion of the game, so that says a lot."

Unluckily, however, an 11-10 lead gained during the opening eight regulation minutes slowly erod-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ebonee Gomez tries tapping a mid-air pass between Cedaredge's Makayla Kehmeier (10) and Aspen Furubotten (25) and to a teammate during road action Saturday, Dec. 21.

ed; CHS broke a 16-16 second-quarter deadlock to go into halftime up 25-19, helped by a clutch Kehmeier three-pointer late, and the 2A No. 9 Lady 'Cats (2-3 overall) found themselves playing catch-up.

Up to the task, treys by junior guard Ebonee Gomez and sophomore guard Monika Lucero helped Ignacio win the third quarter by a 12-8 edge and go into the fourth down 33-31. With 3:34 left in the third, IHS could have gained even more momentum when Henderson – who netted the Lady Bruins' two field goals during the stanza – appeared to pick up her fifth foul.

However, an infraction just before intermission was removed from her line in the official scorebook and re-assigned to a player wearing No. 3 (Henderson sported No. 4) on her jersey. No such player, however, existed on Cedaredge's roster, making for a confusing situation never properly addressed.

Making lemonade out of that lemon, the Lady 'Cats managed to hold Henderson to just one more bucket the rest of the way. Gastineau and Kehmeier – a relative/descendant of 1983 CHSAA Hall-of-Famer John 'Jack' Kehmeier, his name officially affixed to the CHS Track & Field Complex in March 2019, and 1992 CHSAA HOF inductee (as a participant) William 'Bill' Kehmeier – however, would not be denied; the duo combined

for three baskets and 5-of-8 free-throw shooting during the fourth quarter, which the Lady Bruins claimed by a decisive 15-4 margin.

CHS (5-1 overall) made the most of their charity-stripe chances with 15-of-19 accuracy easily besting IHS' 6-of-14.

Henderson finished with a game-high 16 points, while Gastineau booked 12 and Kehmeier eight. Post player Elizabeth Gilmore came off the bench to contribute six, including four vital FTs in as many tries during CHS' sluggish third quarter.

In a 52-45 loss to Centauri – Cedaredge entered the non-league test having allowed only 79 points in four outings while posting 226 – Kehmeier had netted 11 points while Henderson chipped in ten and Gastineau nine. Gilmore also threatened to reach double figures with her nine points, but Whitt had a sense that like in previous battles with high-caliber foes 2A Limon and 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central, her squad (which outshot CHS 3-1 from downtown) could still hang.

"We came and watched that game last night, once we got here ... so I know that helped us, definitely, to know what we were up against," she said. "I think that they were tired – they'd just played a tough game ... against a tough team – and we could have capitalized a

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ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST



DEVELOPING GRITTY KIDS

CONTEST LOCATION: ESCALANTE MIDDLE SCHOOL, DURANGO, CO

HOSTED BY: DURANGO ELKS LODGE; **LODGE NO.:** 507

DATE/TIME: JANUARY 11, 2020; 10 A.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 9 A.M.)

DIRECTOR: DEWEY WALDRON; **PHONE/EMAIL:** 970-769-8636/dbw54@frontier.net

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age-group is determined by the contestant's age as of April 1, 2020. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.



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SUIMA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THANKS

The SUIMA Ute Language program staff sends out sincere, heartfelt thank you's to our families for trusting us enough to send their beautiful children to our classroom. A big thank you for all the families who made sure their students studied their lines!

We are very grateful to the students for playing a role in our first-ever, bilingual Ute play.

We are so grateful to our Storytellers:

- Waasaghwapuuchiimawisi – Sassy,
- Saakwanachi – Niko,
- Tavaycha'achiraachi – Neeka,
- Wichitachi – Myla,
- Tuukwiyaghatu – Malikai,
- Mugwi – Sinaav,
- Wichitachi – Myla,
- Toghwanaanaasichi – Leandra,
- Temetavaycha'achi – Aydin B.V.,
- Kwiaghatapanakuru – Dwight,
- Muratachu – Saniyya,
- Wichivwiyevu – Sibrya,
- 'ayapuchi – Osias

– and our actors:

- Saakuchu-Kennith,
- Ktsinipitgheyetu-Keyon,

for their courageous bravery and hard work. I mean, how many of you could have stood on stage and spoke in a microphone at their age, right? And didn't our beautiful

little choir sing their hearts out?

We are eternally grateful for the endless and patient support of our SUIMA staff for helping our actors learn their lines, our singers learn their songs and making sure no child fell off the stage or pulled some MMA moves while on stage!

Special thanks to Dr. Tom Givon for recording, transcribing and publishing the Ute story, Where Humans Came From, by my late grandfather Ralph Yellow Wolf Cloud; Cassandra Atencio for co-writing the play and making the beautiful back-grounds; Mary Inez Cloud for translating the Ute songs; Esther Belin for offering play-writing directions; Eddie Box for advice on sound; and Marty Pinnecoose for teaching us how to mark off the stage.

Our students have caught the acting bug and requested plays with more lines and singing. Next year, they want to do a play on the Basket Lady, Water Babies and Si'ach with fog, red lights and a spooky set. If you want to help with any aspect of our program, please do so. We will appreciate all the help we can get!

*Toghoyaqh,
Wachimamachi – Dr. Stacey Oberly,
Tavamawisi'uwatikyu – Shawna Steffler,
and Náana'asimamachiwa – Maria Rivera*

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In Loving Memory of Leah S. Weaver
“God in Heaven”

If God came down from Heaven,
I know what I would do.
I'd ask Him why He didn't take me,
instead of taking you.

If God came down from Heave, I know what I would say.
I'll give everything I have,
if He would let you stay ...

If God came down from Heaven, I know what I would pray.
I'd pray He'd leave you here with me,
if only for a day.

But God won't leave His Heaven.
Not now that you are there.
He has the sweetest angel,
Entrusted in His care ... “Leah.”
Love you, waiting to join you ...
Your mom, Faith.

In Loving Memory of Victoria W. Taylor
“The Greatest Treasures

The greatest treasure in the world,
is not found beneath the earth.
It's bounty has been with me all my life,
from the very moment of my birth.
When opened there is no gold or silver,
and it isn't hard to find.

It comes with unconditional love,
and gives me peace of mind.
When things are tough and I get down.
It's the treasure I was given,
gently smiles and always says ...
I love you and you're forgiven.

I wonder how she knows,
What you was feeling every day,
and when she held me in her arms.
Knowing just the right words to say.
Yes the greatest treasure in the world
could only come from God above.
It is the tender, gentle heart that is
“My Mother's Love”
Mom, Love you always ...
Your daughter, Faith

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♊ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)
A pack of planets have assembled in your sign CAPRICORN. They leave you little choice other than to push forward with your personal agenda. Their hard core determined influence softens a bit on the 8th, when MERCURY links with compassionate NEPTUNE and releases a more understanding aura. Make it a point to maintain an open minded attitude. There might be friends, or relatives who would like to assist you. They may have some very productive ideas to share with you. HAP-PY BIRTHDAY.

♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)
This is the time of year when many of us take stock of our achievements, or unsuccessful ventures. For you AQUARIUS most of your changes were influenced by your planetary ruler URANUS. Friendships may have moved in and out of your life, like a speeding locomotive. However, most AQUARIAN'S do like change, and excitement, but in the spring it slows down a little. URANUS enters the fixed, and stable earth sign of TAURUS on March 7th. It's shift may have you staying closer to your home base.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)
Rest assured there are plenty of reasons to wel-come 2020 with joyful expectations. MERCU-RY and NEPTUNE beam inspiring ideas to you on the 8th. After JANUARY 10th an old cycle fades away. VENUS gently floats into your sign on the 13th and stays through the first week of FEBRUARY. A crowd of planets have rotated into a different section of your horoscope. This area is associated with your fondest hopes and wishes. Their influence may be rewarding, gen-erous, and favorable for you PISCES.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)
Now that 2020 has officially been launched, you may be looking forward to enjoying some of the perks of the NEW YEAR. Before you go jumping into action, carefully consider your objectives for the year ahead. Employment and finances are a large part of the planetary picture for JANUARY. It may feel as though the plan-ets have made those issues more difficult for you. Be patient ARIES, the NEW MOON on the 24th ushers in more enlightenment related to the above subjects. Think positive thoughts.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)
Unusual and interesting planetary events are unfolding on the 10th. The first one is a LU-NAR ECLIPSE. This one won't be visible in our part of the world. You may benefit from this Eclipse TAURUS. It signals the end of a cycle. Fresh opportunities to begin a new ven-ture may pop up soon. They could be related to travel, education, and culture studies. For a sign that doesn't adapt to heaps of adjustments easily, you might be rolling out the welcome mat for this one. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)
There could be some of you out there who are concerned with assets this month. A weighty influence of planets have tipped the balance of finances in your chart. Insurance, taxes, or debts, may be troublesome. Keep your wits about you GEMINI. The best you can do is to tackle one dilemma at a time. MERCURY enters light hearted AQUARIUS on the 16th followed by the SUN on the 20th. Both of these events can shed new light on a sensible solution to the problem. Think first, then step forward into 2020 with a smile.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)
Hey MOON KIDS, your sign has the pleasure of hosting a LUNAR ECLIPSE on the 10th. The general rule for a FULL MOON eclipse is to complete unfinished projects. This is the end of an outworn cycle, and the beginning of a new year filled with remarkable planetary activity. Start it with a fresh prospective and a clear vision of your future objectives. Talk to your spouse, or to others who may be a part of your household. They might have opposing opinions. Discussions are best on the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 18th.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)
It's here Lions, 2020! Appropriately it will be launched on the 24th when the NEW MOON enters the airy sign of AQUARIUS. Romantic relationships warm up under the sweet aura of VENUS. This month the planets are also promoting a reminder to focus on health and wellness. The spicy planet MARS is focused on your enjoyment. This planet may be red, but if you were standing on MARS you would see a blue sunset. It's a bright and colorful planet. Just like your sparkling personality LEO THE LION.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)
The JANUARY celestial parade is led by a STAR, and four planets. The SUN, MERCU-RY, JUPITER, SATURN, and PLUTO, have linked arms and stand together like a line of soldiers at attention. This month they have set-tled comfortably into the like minded sign of CAPRICORN. That area of your chart is re-lated to entertainment. You may feel like cel-ebrating the NEW YEAR all month. Chances are you have been working extra hard lately and could be in dire need of some relaxing good times... ASAP!

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)
A boat load of planets have invaded the do-mestic section of this month's forecast. They may have you taking on some extra remodel-ing, or are busy entertaining visitors from out of town. Don't stress LIBRA, look for less complicated alternatives to some of your proj-ects. VENUS gives you entertaining ideas af-ter the 13th. Consider the 15th, 16th, and 23rd They are favorable days for you. Once again tap into your exceptional artistic talents. Look your best, and celebrate 2020 in grand style.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)
HAPPY NEW YEAR SCORPIO people. Are you ready to venture into 2020? The plan-etary pattern is chock full of magical choices to make. This month a posse of planets have taken command of your communication zone. Be mindful of your words. Meanwhile MARS has taken up residence in a money area of your chart, and might be urging you to go overboard collecting pricey items. Be very selective. One exceptional piece could turn out to be a trea-sure that you will enjoy far into the future.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)
Adventure loving MARS is now in your sign. Its main goal may be to stir up your personal plans. A bunch of planets have taken up resi-dence in the main money section of your horo-scope. They are MERCURY, JUPITER, SAT-URN, and PLUTO. This highly organized group are traveling through the no nonsense sign of CAPRICORN. Their message is very clear. Stick to conservative methods of mon-ey management. Later a NEW MOON on the 24th encourages more playful daily activities.

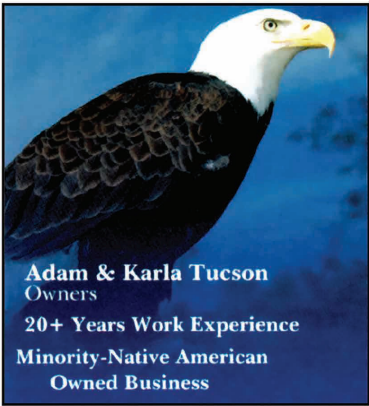
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Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has two (2) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

ELECTION BOARD

Closing 1/21/20 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full-Time Regular Board Member. Closing date is Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 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: 285 Lakin Street. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

ETHICS COMMISSION

Closing 2/20/20 – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill one vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” position on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration

Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by Feb. 20, 2020. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full Time Gaming Commission position term is 4 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 1 year and 10-month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 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 letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Powwow Committee is seeking interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member or a Native American Community Member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture through Powwow song and dance. All interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing 1/31/20 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Members must maintain confi-

dentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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 Dept. at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

TERO COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest from Southern Ute Tribal Members for One (1) FT Commissioner and One (1) Alternate Commissioner; to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, three (3) year terms and they are compensated positions. Applicants must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal Member Ft Commissioner: Tribal regulatory knowledge and experiences; Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and Confidentiality. Southern Ute Tribal Member Alternate: Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020. 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).

WILDLIFE CULTURE EXPERT

Open until filled – Tribal Member Needed for Ute Cultural Expert Position. The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member wishing to fill a special Cultural Expert vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This individual will fill a non-voting position with a non-expiring term on the Board. The Cultural Expert is expected to incorporate traditional Ute Indian values, beliefs, and perspectives into the Boards’ various deliberations involving the welfare, use, management, and protection of the Tribe’s wildlife resources. The Cultural Expert must be recognized within the community for his or her expertise in Ute culture and traditions as they pertain to wildlife and hunting. 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. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, typically on a weekday morning, and a commitment to attend and participate in all the meetings is expected. Each Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already a employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at: PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 Attn: Wildlife Advisory Board. This letter should address the individual’s qualification to serve in a Ute cultural expert capacity on the Wildlife Advisory Board. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – 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. 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. Information? Call Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Advertising and Marketing for Sky Ute Casino Resort

Sky Ute Casino Resort, P.O. Box 340, 14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Brenda Grajeda: 970-563-1769
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for advertising and marketing for the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Sky Ute Casino Resort, located at 14324 Hwy. 172 North in Ignacio, CO 81137 until January 10, 2020. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Brenda Grajeda for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-1769 or Brenda.Grajeda@Skyutecasino.com. Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563- 0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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Closing 1/6/20 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee
Closing 1/7/20 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Trainee position for a Southern Ute tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Dispatcher position. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 17 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

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Closing 1/7/20 – Lifeguard activities at the SunUte Community swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Tribal Health Dept. Executive Office Manager
Closing 1/6/20 – Provides administrative support to Tribal Health Department Director. Maintains office systems to ensure the efficient operation of the Tribal Health Department. Acts as Liaison between Tribal Council, Executive Office, Directors and Tribal Staff. Managing information to Department Directors, Tribal Staff, Tribal members, the Southern Ute Health Center and the public. Presents a positive and professional image to Tribal Council, Tribal employees, Tribal members and the public. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Clinical Supervisor
Open Until Filled – Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Cultural Preservation Director – Southern Ute Members only
Professional management position; formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal language, cultural and historic programs and various related activities. Provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute Language, culture and history. Shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspective of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

Family Practice Physician
Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Lifeguard (Part-time)
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.

Dentist (Part-time)
Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Part-time with benefits.

Physical Therapist
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.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)
Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Social Services Division Head
Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B-Foster Care program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

Speech & Language Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)
Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

TEAM Worker
Southern Ute tribal member only. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker
Under the supervision of the (Tribal Employment Rights Office) TERO office. An opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

and management reports and dashboards. Must have computer experience with advanced skills in the Microsoft Office Suite and experience with an ERP system (such as Oracle, SAP, PeopleSoft, Lawson). Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Internal Auditor – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)
Closing 1/21/20 – Review the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control processes. Conduct substantive testing of key control activities and evaluate results. Note deviations from policies, guidelines, manuals, and industry best practices in order to identify risks, significant concerns, and weaknesses in the control environment. Compliment internal audits with robust data analytic procedures. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance or similar discipline and three years full-time accounting experience including two years in public accounting or internal audit. Must have experience with audit programs and procedures. Must be able to work and manage assignments in a deadline-oriented environment. Must have excellent computer skills including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid drivers' license and be insurable under the Growth Fund's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

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.

Controller – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)
Closing 1/10/20 – Directing and participating in the Growth Fund's accounting and financial reporting functions, to include establishing and maintaining the Growth Fund's accounting policies, practices, and procedures. Coordination of accounting and finance related training and development of team members, coordinating with the Southern Ute Shared Services staff regarding information systems, and implementing accounting and financial reporting policies. Coordinates with outside auditors, tax and valuation consultants, monitors capital spending and budget compliance, and presents findings and recommendations to the Growth Fund Finance Director, other Growth Fund Directors and the Growth Fund Management Committee. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or a closely related field is required. Must have eight years full-time experience in a senior level accounting position for organization(s) with at least \$250 million in consolidation assets. Must have public audit experience or experience managing external auditors as well as interpretation and implementation of complex accounting issues. Must have at least five years experience supervising others. Must have experience with multi-company consolidations. Must have knowledge of accounting for energy and/or real estate investment and development activities. Must have extensive experience with financial reporting including generation of annual financial statements with accompanying footnotes

Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time/Independent Contractor)

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Health Center is seeking a Part-Time Peer Recovery Coach to work in the Health Center and community as an Independent Contractor. The contractor will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. Provides educational outreach and group facilitation services. Must have general knowledge of available resources & organizations affiliated with behavioral health services. Position is open until filled. To apply, send cover letter & resume to: Southern Ute Health Center, ATTN: Mary Young, PO Box 899, Ignacio, CO 81137

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • All Positions Open Until Filled

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

AV Technician (Full-time)
Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Set up and breakdown of audio and visual equipment for meetings, conferences and special events. Performs minor repairs, adjustments, and routine checks and cleaning of audio and video equipment throughout the property. Controls the lights and sound of events, such as live concerts, before and after performances and during intermissions. Must have a Bachelor Degree in audio & visual or related field. Must have at least one (1) year audio & video experience. Must have a working knowledge of digital control systems, operations, maintenance and repair of audio visual equipment. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Previous experience with Creston control systems or similar systems preferred. Certification in at least one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including night, weekends and holidays.

Line Cook (Full-time)
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High school diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one (1) year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR four (4) months In House training OR presently attending culinary school.

***Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)**
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Greets and interacts with guests in a friendly, professional and welcoming manner. Efficiently and accurately deals blackjack, three card poker, roulette and other Class 3 specialty games according to Casino policies and procedures and Southern Ute Division of Gaming ICMP's (Internal Control Minimum Procedures). Monitors guests' play and table action to ensure security of game and Casino assets and notifies supervisor of any irregularities. Must be at least 21 years old, have a High School Diploma or equivalent, and must have at least 6 months as a Table Games Dealer or have Dealer School Certification.

Cafe Cashier (On-call)
Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Must be at least 16 years old. High School Diploma or equivalent preferred. Must be able to count money and make change. Cash register experience preferred.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)
Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed. Must be at least 18 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

***Beverage and Cocktail Server (On-call)**
Must maintain the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. Efficiently and accurately takes and delivers orders. Provides prompt and excellent guest service to all Casino guests. Cigarette sales to Casino guests. Checks

guest's identification in order to ensure that they meet minimum age requirements for consumption of alcoholic beverages. Monitors guest consumption of alcohol and intervenes as needed according to guidelines. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be at least 21 years old, 6 months prior customer service experience and/or cocktail service preferred.

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**
Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must be at least 21 years old. High school diploma or GED preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have excellent attendance.

***Slot Technician I**
Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. Performs simple routine preventative maintenance, cleaning, and testing on all gaming devices and signage. Assists with the installation, removal, break-down, relocation, and set-up of relocated slot machines and stands. Troubleshoots defective equipment (meter variances, door switches, etc.) to isolate and replace/repair faulty components. Assists with game conversions and upgrades. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years old. One (1) years' experience in a related field (slot machine repair, electronics, circuit boards, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Must have basic knowledge of computer hardware and software.

Kitchen Utility Steward
Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. Wash dishes, sweep and mop floors, clean equipment, take out trash and cardboard boxes. Assist Cooks with minor cooking duties. Maintaining accurate rotating stock items. Must be at least 18 years old. High school diploma or equivalency preferred. Must demonstrate cooperation and support skills and willingness to learn.

***Restaurant Supervisor**
Monitor and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Rolling Thunder Grill and Lounge area, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional guest service experience. Supervise all floor staff including host/hostess, servers and bussers. Ensure staff is working together as a team to provide optimum service for guest needs. Complete opening and closing duties. Monitor dining room for seating availability, service, safety and well-being of guests. Assist management in training, scheduling, evaluating and/or disciplining, motivating and coaching employees and serve as a role model. Supervise restaurant staff for the efficient operation of the restaurant. Constantly monitor staff performance in all phases of service and job functions and ensure guest satisfaction and exceptional service. Ensure that all areas of the restaurant are properly staffed and in accordance with business volume. Assist Manager in organizing and conducting pre-meal and departmental meetings to communicate pertinent information to the staff, such as house count and menu changes, etc. High school diploma or equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. At least five (5) years in the restaurant industry with a minimum of two (2) years' experience as a Restaurant Supervisor in a restaurant or in a hotel environment. Must demonstrate proficiency in cashing and cash handling ability. Must have previous experience or demonstrate proficiency in Digital Dining or related restaurant management software systems and be familiar with manual systems or procedures should a computer malfunction.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4545/4517.

Driver – Road Runner Transit (Part-time)
Open until filled – CDL Licensed Driver with P2 Endorsement. \$17.03/hour. Part of the Bustang Outrider team, driving the route from Durango to Grand Junction. High School Diploma/GED; Must be insurable by SoCoCAA; must be able to pass a drug/alcohol test and background check. Please submit with your application a Motor Vehicle Report, current medical card & passenger endorsement.

Monitoring Technicians (Part-time)
Open until filled – Preferred qualifications include High School diploma/GED; previous experience & training working with recovering substance abusers; must be able to obtain a CPR & 1st Aid certification and must pass background checks. Individuals in recovery must have 2 years of continuous sobriety.

Substitute Teachers
Open until filled – Are you a passionate person who enjoys working with children? Come and

join our program where we offer positive early learning experiences to toddler age children. Ignacio Early Learning Program is looking for Part-time Sub-teachers. Must have experience in working with toddler & preschool age children; must be 18 years of age; must pass TB exam; must pass criminal history and child abuse registry checks.

Therapist – Peaceful Spirit
Open until filled – Will assure the evidence-based multisystemic (MST) program delivers quality family-based care in Archuleta and La Plata Counties. MST training is provided and no previous MST experience needed. MA in a social work, counseling, or other behavioral health related field required, although relevant work experience may also be considered. Must be able to be credentialed as a Medicaid provider. Must pass Criminal History & Child Abuse/Neglect background checks; be insurable through SoCoCAA. \$43K for qualified individual DOE.

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Sky Ute Casino Events Center Asset Giveaway

Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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FLY FISHING

Staying warm in the cold

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Just because winter and cold weather are now upon us is no reason to stop fly fishing. It's been my experience that great fishing can be had when the mercury in the thermometer heads south. However, to stay safe and warm while fly fishing in cold water and weather, one has to dress properly.

In order to stay warm, the first thing you should never do is put anything on made of cotton. Cotton, while comfortable, absorbs moisture and keeps it next to your body. The cold air and water will make that body-hugging moisture very cold, and even harder for you to get warm.

So, what's the best way to dress for fly fishing in cold weather? Everything I've ever read about dressing for the cold says "dress in layers." I can attest to the fact that is a true statement. It has helped keep me warm in some very nasty weather. So where to start?

Start with a t-shirt and a pair of long underwear that are made with some type of moisture-wicking synthetic fabric. Long underwear comes in various weights for differences in the temperature. Pick a weight that is appropriate for the conditions. Over the t-shirt wear a turtleneck shirt similar to what snow skiers wear. Again, there are different weights of turtlenecks. I suggest you try on different materials to see what is most comfortable for you.

Once you're comfortable with the base layer, the op-



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tions for the next layer seem endless. I suggest you put some type of polar fleece over the turtle neck. Then, over that goes a wind blocking vest. The turtle neck, fleece, and vest should have zippers for ventilation. The options to keep your legs warm are also endless. If it's not going to be freezing you can stay with just the long underwear under your waders. If it is freezing cold wear some type of polar fleece pant over the long handles. Again, there are many weights to choose from.

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feet aren't happy, none of your body is happy. To keep your feet warm, do not put on multiple layers of socks, and do avoid cotton. Multiple pairs of socks will slow circulation down and bring on cold feet. Multi-layers of cotton socks will make it happen faster. I suggest you wear a pair of socks that are made with a combination of wool, nylon, and lycra.

Your head acts like a chimney. And, if like me, you have no hair on your head; the heat vents out very fast. Don't have the perfect layers on your body and forget about your head. I like to wear a baseball cap, then cover it with some type of stocking hat. Pure wool, even through a cap, is itchy. So, wear a stocking hat with a fleece lining in it, on top of the cap and over your ears.

The last area, your hands, can be very tricky. Since it takes exposed fingers to tie on a fly, use your forceps to remove a hook, or put your rod in the water to melt the ice off the guides, what's one to do? There are many variations to winter fly gloves and mittens. Again, go to your favorite fly shop and try on several pairs. Once you have made a choice, buy two pairs. I guarantee, no matter which pair you choose they will get wet. Your hands will thank you for the dry pair in your pocket. Then pull on a pair of boot-footed waders. It's my experience that boot-footed waders will keep your feet warmer than neoprene-foot waders.

Of course, the other way to stay warm when fly fishing in the winter is go the Bahamas.

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taincy temporarily stripped earlier in the week, the senior not only provided Thompson-like scoring, totaling 11 points and sinking three of IHS' ten three-pointers, but also effectively helped junior Brady McCaw in directing offensive schemes and keeping CHS counterparts Alex Barron and Damon Hudson – who combined for just five points, all by Hudson – under wraps.

"I felt like I did a pretty good job," said Schurman, whose first trey opened the first-quarter scoring, whose second began the second stanza, and whose third began the fourth – immediately after Bruin senior Owen Craig unceremoniously fouled out with 7:49 left. "Having Triston's a big thing; he's a main player ... and I tried to fill in as best I could to help our team win."

"Yeah, it's fun to score, but we won at the end. That's all that matters."

"We had a big talk this week ... and so he came out, I think, to prove to us that he can do something special," said Valdez. "And I'm glad he did!"

In Labarthe's stead, senior forward Bird Red entered the game off the bench and contributed an important six points while assisting Finn and senior Ocean Hunter (11 points) with necessary rebounding.

"Getting rebounds like crazy," said Schurman. "Ocean, he had key rebounds in the beginning, and Bryce

... had a lot of rebounds. We were all just playing together and that's how we won."

Cedaredge junior Conner Brooks managed a team-best eight points in defeat, with seven coming during a third quarter in which the Delta County locals managed to stay within two points, 16-14, of a surprised Ignacio. But with McCaw (Nine points) draining the visitors' final triple, IHS won the fourth by an asterisked 12-2 count.

Ranked No. 4 in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A Boys' poll going in, the 'Cats (4-0, 1-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) had led 15-6 after one quarter, 33-7 through two and coasted into the final eight regulation minutes ahead 49-21.

"You figure last year they lost two players – one their best player – and we ... have the same exact team," Valdez said. "And then them beating us by 12 (inside IHS Gymnasium), and we beat them by 35 or whatever – that's a big difference, and it's because we're a lot more focused on 'team' this year than individuals."

"That's exactly what you have to do to win."

Trounced 71-26 the night before by La Jara Centauri, No. 9 in the 3A rankings, the Bruins fell to 2-4 overall.

Ignacio will next see action resuming SJBL work Tuesday night, Jan. 7, 2020, at Dove Creek. Ending the Old Year hosting their own Bulldog Classic on Dec. 20-21, DCHS managed to

stun 1A Montezuma Creek, Utah, Whitehorse 51-50 on Day 1, but then dropped to 2-5 overall (0-1 SJBL) via a 58-43 loss to 2A Monticello, Utah, in the next evening's finale.

"We're taking it one game at a time ... but we definitely are going for it all," stated Schurman. "We're playing as a family now; it's all together and that's how we're winning. We're just together as a family."

"We're a ... really, really good team, and if you add a couple more we're super-great," Valdez said. "There's a lot of unselfishness out there, and we've still got a lot to work on as a team, but I think we're stepping in the right direction."

Hosted by Montezuma-Cortez, the Jan. 10-11 Four Corners Southwest Classic then follows on the schedule for the 'Cats, slated to battle 3A Bayfield on Day 1 at 5 p.m., then the tourney-hosting 3A Panthers at 3 p.m. on Day 2.

M-CHS will conclude Day 1 varsity play with a 7 p.m. rumble versus 4A Durango, while DHS will then commence Day 2 action with a 1 p.m. test against BHS.

Inside M-CHS' auxiliary gym, junior-varsity play will pit Montezuma-Cortez against Durango at 5 p.m. on Day 1, followed by Bayfield-Ignacio at 7 p.m. The Saturday session will then pit M-CHS against IHS at 1 p.m., with Durango-Bayfield to follow at 3 p.m.

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little more on that."

Howell finished with eight points, while first-half catalyst Avaleena Nanaeto and Gomez each finished with seven. Gosney fought for four points, while Luce-ro, Valdez, and senior forward Larissa Gallegos each logged three.

"We've just got to work more on our transitions, on our offense, really get those things rolling better and I think that we'll be on the right track," Whitt said. "Turnovers ... they did better with that. It's just that crazy luck of the draw

sometimes."

"Of course we'd like to see some wins from these big games, but they're definitely improving along the way. And the whole goal is to keep improving a little each time, learn from our mistakes and ... be at the right place in March. These are the type of things that will help us get there."

Up next, Ignacio will resume play Tuesday evening, Jan. 7, traveling to Dove Creek for a 2A/1A San Juan Basin League challenge from a Lady Bulldogs squad standing 5-2 overall

(and also 1-0 SJBL). Most recently, Julie Kibel's crew dropped a physical 41-32 game to 1A Montezuma Creek, Utah, Whitehorse on Day 1 of the Dec. 20-21 Bulldog Classic, but bounced back on Day 2 and saved third place by routing the 4A Durango JV 62-23.

WHS improved to a reported 9-2 overall by hammering SJBLers Nucla 63-28 in the Classic's championship.

After Dove Creek, IHS will host 3A Alamosa on the 11th, then visit non-league 2A Del Norte on Thursday, Jan. 16.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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Case No.: 2019-PR-0169
Nathaniel Carmenoros, Deceased

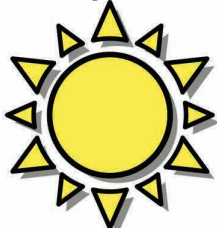
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing

before the Tribal Court at the above address on **January 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 11th of December, 2019
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

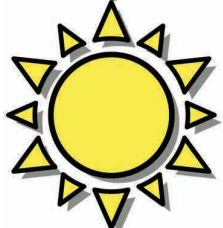
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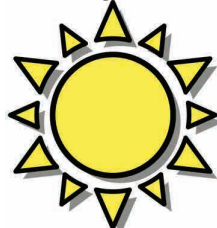
32°F mostly sunny
Calm winds in afternoon

Saturday, Jan. 4



38°F sunny

Sunday, Jan. 5



40°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Teacher's qualification
- 5 Fairy tale name
- 10 Skin eruption
- 11 "This Boy's Life" author --- Wolff
- 13 Kind of Greek/Roman themed party
- 14 Bombed
- 15 Islamic leaders
- 17 Former name of Thailand
- 18 --- Obispo
- 21 --- who must be obeyed
- 22 Field of vision
- 24 Ingot
- 26 Least obese reps sat all over the place
- 29 Plaintive woodwind instrument
- 31 --- Vader
- 32 Right now!
- 35 "Arrivederci!"
- 36 They share a state with 9 Down
- 37 Mille --- Band
- 38 Windows forerunner
- 39 "A Shot in the Dark" actress --- Sommer

Down

- 1 --- Motel ("Psycho" setting)
- 2 New Mexico people and pueblo
- 3 Ships' power centers
- 4 Beloved introduction
- 5 Sporty autos
- 6 Decay
- 7 Egyptian sacred bird
- 8 Acting as an agent
- 9 Washington people
- 12 Unspecified in number
- 16 Goes to law
- 19 AOL, for one
- 20 Sport fish
- 23 Feature of ancient Delphi
- 24 Knocks on the head
- 25 Abraham's first name
- 27 Pile
- 28 That group
- 30 Vance AFB site
- 33 General ---'s chicken
- 34 Surprised sounds

Answers for this crossword will appear in Jan. 17 issue of the Drum.

Answers for the Dec. 20 crossword puzzle.

Across: 1 Taos, 5 Afros, 10 Abra, 11 Peers, 12 Moil, 13 Severo, 15 Evolved, 17 GIA, 18 Denies, 19 Moss, 20 Net, 21 Con, 22 Op-ed, 24 KSUT-FM, 27 Fab, 28 Samaria, 29 Trucks, 31 Cask, 32 Oldie, 33 Hike, 34 Natty, 35 Elsa.
Down: 1 Tamed, 2 Above, 3 Orion Nebula, 4 Sallied, 5 Apses, 6 Feed, 7 Rev, 8 Oregon Trail, 9 SSRIs, 14 OAS, 16 Vet, 19 Mouache, 21 CSM, 22 Oft, 23 Paron, 24 Kasey, 25 Fisks, 26 Make a, 28 Skit, 30 CDT.