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VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Recognizing National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE VICTIM SERVICES

In the U.S. nearly 1.5 million girls and boys in high school have admitted to being physically abused by someone they are intimately involved with in the last year. For Native American youth, more than 40% of them have experienced two or more acts of violence by the age of 18. We also know Native American women in the United States experience the highest rates of sexual assault in the country.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, nearly half of all Native American women have been raped, beaten, or stalked by an intimate partner; one in three will be raped in their lifetime; and on some reservations, women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than the national average . In Native communities 64% of suicides are committed by Native American youth ages 10-24 years old.

All the static’s above are important data that can help us to address Teen Dating Violence so we as people can help youth understand what dating violence is and what it leads up to. Dating violence is about power and control, and it’s about making a choice to control their partners everyday activity. Teen Dating Violence is defined as any dating relationship in adolescents that results in physical, sexual, psychological/emotional abuse in the relationship. An abusive partner will think that they have every right to control their partners everyday life from what they do, who they see and how they behave. This is how they maintain power and control over their partner.

Teen dating violence can involve one or more types of abuse, such as:

- **Physical abuse:** It can include slapping, kicking, strangling, or punching, threats of violence or throwing items.
- **Emotional Abuse:** Some abusive partners may use emotional abuse to hurt their partners. This can include name-calling or using slurs or hurt-



ful stereotypes to put you down. Emotional abuse can include when a dating partner isolates you from family or friends or makes all the decisions in the relationship. They may even blame you for their abusive behavior or deny it completely, a tactic called gaslighting.

- **Cultural/Spiritual Abuse:** Cultural and spiritual abuse can be some of the most harmful forms of dating violence. This can look like when a romantic partner criticizes or punishes you for your cultural traditions or beliefs, tells you that you’re “too Indian” or “not Native enough,” or makes jokes about your blood quantum or tribe.
- **Sexual Abuse:** Some abusive relationships can include sexual abuse. This can look like when your partner pressures you to have sex or demands that you share sexually explicit photos or videos with them. Anytime a dating partner forces or coerces you into sexual activities without your consent, that is sexual assault, and it is never okay.
- **Digital Abuse:** In some relation-

ships, social media is being used to hurt dating partners online. The signs of digital abuse can include when a partner tags you in humiliating photos, reveals private or embarrassing information about you, or tracks where you go and what you do online. Some abusive partners may even tell you who you can or cannot be friends with on Facebook or other accounts, or demand to know your social media or phone passwords. An abusive partner may also use their cell phones to repeatedly call, text, or leave messages just to “check-in” – all of which are types of digital abuse.

It is important that we know what to look for in a young person’s relationship because what may look like an unhealthy relationship to you won’t look like that to the victim. This is because their perpetrator will manipulate them into thinking this is how a relationship works. Early violence in adolescent relationships set the build-

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GROWTH FUND

Growth Fund seeking two Tribal Member-At-Large committee members

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

The Southern Ute Growth Fund Management Committee is seeking two Tribal Member-At-Large committee members. In this unique position, Tribal members have an opportunity to learn about Growth Fund businesses and operations and assist in providing recommendations, updates, business plans and execute the mission and purpose of the Growth Fund. Committee members will attend Growth Fund Management Committee meetings, Tribal Council meetings and work sessions. Each member will receive communications, meeting notices, and meeting packets via email to thoroughly review documents and meeting materials to be prepared for each meeting/session and engage in discussion.

Wendell Vigil, current Tribal Member-At-Large Committee member said, “Being on the Committee has helped me to understand the business and what each company does. I had experience working with Red Willow and knowledge of oil and gas operations, but being on the Committee I have also learned about private equity, finance, and real estate. It has helped my presentation skills and how to communicate professionally with the membership.”

Tribal Member-At-Large Committee members are voting members who help provide direction, decisions, and recommendations in support of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund. Tribal Member-At-Large



Committee members report to Tribal Council and attend other Growth Fund, Tribal Council meetings such as study sessions, work sessions and Growth Fund general membership meetings. “Time management is important in this position, especially if you are already working. You have to be able to get your work done and attend GFMC meetings,” Vigil stated.

Committee members actively participate in providing financial direction, to include annual budgets of all Growth Fund business enterprises, financial investment opportunities, mergers and acquisitions, and due diligence review.

“As a Committee member I am a voice for the membership, I will voice my opinions and concerns. The other Committee members will listen, and we have good discussion,” Vigil emphasized. “The other Directors have been helpful to learn from and help me to understand issues.”

Applicants must be enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and the successful candidate cannot be a current employee of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. For a list of all minimum qualifications and to apply online please visit our careers website at www.sugf.com/careers/ and select the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Tribal Members Only link.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Post play pushes Lady 'Cats to first win

IHS girls hold off Bayfield 38-28

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

With two key pieces already missing from her team’s puzzle, Ignacio Girls Basketball head coach Justa Whitt was elated – if not even more so relieved – Friday night, Feb. 5, that she’d regained one lost last winter.

“You know, it’s so hard to tell what the kids have been doing when we weren’t able to do anything,” she said, alluding to gymnasium practice/conditioning time stolen from the Lady ‘Cats by the global COVID-19 pandemic. “So, she really showed that she’s been doing a lot of work – and came into the season ready to play, finish her senior year strong.”

And, when outside shots stopped falling, finish strong IHS’ 2020-21 home opener.

With visiting Bayfield closing to as close as six points, 34-28, with 2:33 left in regulation via a Cayanne Carlson free throw, center/forward Shelcie Gossney became Whitt’s go-to



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Charlize Valdez (24) fires a long jumper over Sanford’s Makenzie Reynolds (11) and others during season-opening road action Sat., Jan. 30. Ranked No. 7 in the preseason CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll going in, the injury-wracked Lady ‘Cats fell 51-41 to then-No. 3 SHS.

Tribe rolls out vaccine



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Roger Sage gets a first-round vaccination against the 2019 novel coronavirus, better known as COVID-19, Thursday, Feb. 4. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe partnered with Indian Health Services (IHS) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to host a series of vaccination clinics at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Shaw Marie Tso, a Diabetes Patient Coordinator with Tribal Health, was one of many trained nurses on hand to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible individuals during last week’s event in Ignacio. Tso explains the importance of the immunization card, prior to administering the vaccine to a tribal member.

See more vaccine photos on page 7.





FINANCIAL LITERACY

Pana-qarų ‘urų ‘apagharų
“Money Talks”

Developing a spending plan – Part one: Savings

Staff report
STRATEGIC PLANNING DEPT.

One of many strengths traditional Native cultures have is a clearer understanding of one’s beliefs and values. As proud Native people we can continue to uphold these principles by acknowledging who we are and what we strive to achieve.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted the following as “Core Values” through the Strategic Plan:

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Communication
- Spirituality
- Sustainability
- Ethics
- Health
- Foresight
- Compassion
- Partnership
- Preservation
- Safety
- Transparency
- Heritage

The core values highlighted among the 14 above could be considered the “money culture” of the Tribe. They are related to the values, emotions, and feelings we have about money. Now, think about your own family. What is your family’s money culture? Do you discuss money? How do you handle money? What habits do you have now that you can trace back to your childhood?

WANTS VS. NEEDS

Once you have a good



Marge Barry
Treasurer
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

sense of your own personal money culture, you can start thinking about saving money. One of the most difficult parts of learning to save your money is learning to distinguish between wants and needs. Usually a need is something you must have to survive: food, shelter, medical care. A want is something you would like to have, but it is not necessary to survive. This includes things like: brand-new furniture, the up-to-date smartphone, or the latest, sportiest car.

A good way to think about wants and needs is to think about food. If you did not eat any food for a long time, you would get very sick and eventually die... But now think about new furniture. You will survive without brand-new furniture in your home. Once you can decide what you want and what you need to live your life, you can save a lot of money, by not spend-

ing it on the things that you can live without.

CREATING SAVINGS

Even though it can be hard, everyone can save a small amount of their money. The trick is to figure out how to reduce your expenses or increase your income. You can build your savings by putting aside small amounts on a regular basis, increasing it over time into a larger and larger amount. Squirrels understand this concept. A single acorn might be meaningless, but a five-gallon basket of acorns stored up can make enough to eat for the winter.

Savings grow by managing how much you consume and putting aside the small amount that’s left over. Savings create opportunities to improve your family’s quality of life. Start with some simple savings goals. Savings goals are statements about things you wish you could afford. You can accomplish these goals, if you manage your finances and put aside money (savings) on a regular basis. Think about how long it will take to reach your savings goals. Divide the cost of your first goals by the number of weeks you think it will take to reach it. This will show you how much money you need to save each week to meet your goal.

Next month, we will cover creating your full Spending Plan.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Royalty members braved the cold for this year’s Snowdown Light Parade the evening of Feb. 4, 2011 aboard a grand float that made its way down Main Avenue in Durango. The annual procession is the high point of the weeklong celebration, which encourages residents to come out and mingle despite the weather. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Sage Rohde mixes in with the crowd as the floats are finalized and the excitement builds for the parade.

This photo was first published in the Feb. 11, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Acting Tribal Vice-Chairman Byron Red Sr. reads from a plaque that was presented to Corliss Taylor in honor of her service on Tribal Council from 1999-2001 on February 2, 2001. Also honored was Howard D. Richards Sr. for his dedicated service on Tribal Council during his term.

This photo was published in the Feb. 9, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Bud was one of the ten Clydesdale horses on display last week in the Indoor Arena at the Sky Ute Downs. Bud’s handlers answered questions from school aged children and adults alike. Well over 150 people came to take advantage of the free presentation and get their questions answered.

This photo was published in the Feb. 8, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

The Ignacio Bobcat wrestlers proved they were the champs by winning the league and district wrestling tournaments. The Bobcats were expected to send nine wrestlers to Denver for the 1981 State Championships that followed. Pictured are Lucas Gallegos and Danny Jaques saying “We’re Number One” after the Bobcat victory in Monte Vista.

This photo was published in the Feb. 13, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

TREASURER’S

PANA-QARų ‘URų ‘APAGHARų

Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qarų ‘urų ‘apagharų “Money Talks” Financial Year 2020 Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.

2021 Southern Ute Tribal Calendars

Available now, and are being mailed out!

Royalty 2021 *Through the years*

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Tribal Information Services (TIS) is currently in the process of mailing one calendar to each Southern Ute tribal member over the age of 18.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Sundance Institute announces Marja Bål Nango as 2021 fellow

Fellowship honors contributions of late Māori filmmaker

Staff report
SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

Sundance Institute today announced Marja Bål Nango (Sámi) as the 2021 recipient of the Merata Mita Fellowship, an annual fellowship named in honor of the late Māori filmmaker Merata Mita (1942-2010). The announcement was delivered at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival’s Native Forum Celebration by N. Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache), director of the Sundance Institute’s Indigenous Program and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work.

Sundance Institute selected Marja Bål Nango from a global pool of applicants, and will be awarded cash grants and a yearlong continuum of support with activities, including a participation in the 2021 Sundance Film Festival, access to strategic and creative services throughout the year offered by the Institute’s artist programs, and ongoing mentorship opportunities.

Marja Bål Nango is a film director, screenwriter and producer. She has studied directing at Nordland College of Art and Film and producing at a collaborative program between International Sámi Film Institute and Sámi University. She wrote, directed and produced the short film “Hilbes biigá,” which has screened at nearly 30 film festivals, and won the UR Award for Best Film at the Uppsala Int Film Festival, and the Skårungen-award at Tromsø International Film Festival. Her latest short film, “The Tongues,” follows a woman’s psychological aftermath as she fights for spiritual survival after being raped in a snowstorm on a mountain. The film has been a success worldwide, winning four awards, three of them at Oscar® Qualifying Film Festivals. Marja and co-writer Ingir Bål are now developing their first feature film together, “I love my Reindeerherder.”

“This annual fellowship celebrates and honors the immense artistic contributions and memory of our beloved Sundance Institute colleague and friend Merata Mita, who was a mother, an activist, a documentarian and the first Indigenous woman to solely write,



Marja Bål Nango
(Sami)
Merata Mita Fellowship
2021 recipient

direct, and produce a dramatic feature film,” said Runningwater. “The fellowship is a testament to her influence on our global commitment to supporting Indigenous artists, which we see as even more important especially during these most challenging of times.”

“The selection of Marja Bål Nango as the 2021 recipient reflects everything that Merata possessed during her life — unparalleled talent, keen artistic vision, and lifelong creative and artistic passion for her film work,” said Runningwater.

Merata Mita (Ngāi Te Rangi/Ngāti Pikiao) served as an advisor and artistic director of the Sundance Institute Native Lab from 2000 to 2009, where she championed emerging Indigenous talent who have gone on to have impactful careers, such as Sterlin Harjo (Creek/Seminole Nations), Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Inupiaq); Sydney Freeland (Navajo), and Taika Waititi (Te Whanau a Apanui).

The Merata Mita Fellowship is supported by the New Zealand Film Commission, Indigenous Media Initiatives, Felix Culpa, Sarah Luther, Susan Shilliday, and an anonymous donor.

The Indigenous Program champions Indigenous independent storytelling artists through residency Labs, Fellowships, public programming, and a year-round continuum of creative, financial, and tactical support. The Program conducts outreach and education to identify a new generation of Indigenous voices, connecting them with opportunities to develop their storytelling projects, and bringing them and their work back to Indigenous lands. At its

core, the Program seeks to inspire self-determination among Indigenous filmmakers and communities by centering Indigenous people in telling their own stories.

The Sundance Institute Indigenous Program is supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, WarnerMedia, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Nia Tero Foundation, Indigenous Screen Office, SAG-indie, New Zealand Film Commission, Jenifer and Jeffrey Westphal, Indigenous Media Initiatives, Felix Culpa, Sarah Luther, Susan Shilliday, Chris Fisher, and an anonymous donor.

The Sundance Film Festival has introduced global audiences to some of the most groundbreaking films of the past three decades. The Festival is a program of the non-profit Sundance Institute. Sundance Institute recognizes critical support from the State of Utah as Festival Host State. The support of these organizations helps offset the Festival’s costs and sustain the Institute’s year-round programs for independent artists. sundance.org/festival

As a champion and curator of independent stories for the stage and screen, the nonprofit Sundance Institute provides and preserves the space for artists in film, theater, film composing, and digital media to create and thrive. Founded in 1981 by Robert Redford, the Institute’s signature Labs, granting, and mentorship programs which are dedicated to developing new work and take place throughout the year in the U.S. and internationally, are supported largely through contributed revenue. Sundance Co//ab, a digital community platform, brings artists together to learn from each other and Sundance Advisors and connect in a creative space, developing and sharing works in progress.

The Sundance Film Festival and other public programs connect audiences and artists to ignite new ideas, discover original voices, and build a community dedicated to independent storytelling. Join Sundance Institute on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

NAGPRA

Watts joins team following successful apprenticeship

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Xavier Watts started his apprenticeship program with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) through the Southern Ute Cultural Department in October of 2018. Now that Watts has successfully completed the two-year program, he will continue working under the guidance of NAGPRA Coordinators Garrett Briggs and Cassandra Atencio.

Watts originally worked as a Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) employee for the Culture Department then made his decision to join the apprenticeship program to fur-

ther his career in the preservation field. “When I first started, I knew nothing about how it [NAGPRA] operated ... now with the help of Garret and Cassandra I have a better understanding of how our office is essential to key projects on and off the reservation.”

Watts worked to help complete the first digital database for the NAGPRA office, it currently has every project and consultation file from 1993 to now. “This database not only streamlines our research, but it helps with our collaborations with other offices and officials,” Watts stated.

“We’re trying to preserve and document our culture and heritage,” he explained. “Without the documenta-

tion we lose pieces of our history.”

With the global pandemic taking away the opportunity for in person training and teaching Watts has turned that into a positive form of learning via the internet. Watts meets virtually with his department supervisors and is currently the only person who goes into the office to check mail and keep the office updated.

“It’s a different experience now, a lot harder to learn but that hasn’t stopped me from getting work done,” Watts emphasized. The Cultural Preservation Dept. staff is working remotely, but available via phone and email to respond to questions about cultural events and any other related matters.



★★★★ Update ★★★★★

We will not be able to hold the Denver March Powwow in March 2021 because:

1. We received notification from the Denver Coliseum that they are not scheduling events for February, March, April and probably May. It is being used as a Homeless Shelter.
2. Colorado is under Orange Level mandates which means for Indoor Seated/Unseated events a maximum of 50 people are allowed.

We are hopeful with the Covid 19 Vaccination Program underway that we can have our event later in the year. As soon as the state mandates are lifted we will be able to solidify plans for 2021.

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Attention Tribal Members



The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department is recruiting members for the Mentor's Circle. The member should have the following:

Knowledge of the Ute Language

Have experience in working with the Ute Language

The Mentor's Circle will assist in various activities around preservation and revitalization of the Ute language under the ANA grant project initiatives.



If interested please, contact
Dedra White Eagle, Culture Education Coordinator, at 970-563-2306
or Shelly Thompson, Culture Director, at 970-563-2984.

Attention

Southern Ute Tribal Elders and Ute Speakers



The Southern Ute Culture Department is recruiting Tribal Elders and Ute speakers to participate in the ANA Ute Language Initiative

We are recording, audio and video, of Ute words and phrases being spoken

If you would like to participate, please contact
Dedra White Eagle, Culture Education Coordinator
970-563-2306
or Shelly Thompson, Culture Director 970-563-2984



HEALTHY RECIPES

Need an easy high protein versatile dish?

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

Quiche

The Basic Ingredients

- One frozen pie shell*
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup milk (whole, 2%, 1%)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups filling: Mix and match any of the following or create your own:
 - Shredded cheese (cheddar, Swiss, provolone, pepper jack, etc.)
 - Chopped fresh or cooked veggies (drained, canned, or cooked then drained frozen can be used.)
 - Chopped or ground cooked meat of any type (beef, pork, ham, chicken, shrimp, sausage, etc.)

Directions

- Place frozen pie shell on a cookie sheet.
- Place filling in frozen pie shell.
- Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper.
- Pour egg mixture over filling.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until done (barely wobbly and golden.)
- Allow to cool 15 minutes before cutting and serving.

OTHER TRICKS

Cover crust edges with foil to prevent burning. Quiches may be frozen. Served with a side of soup, salad or potatoes to make a great meal.



courtesy Home Made Interest

Try these combinations or make up your own!

- Broccoli and cheddar
- Spinach, mushrooms and onion
- Bacon, onion and Swiss
- Ham and provolone
- Green chili and cheddar
- Green and red peppers, sausage and Monterey Jack

*To make this low carb, follow the above recipe and bake without a crust by placing in a 9" pie plate (or 8x8 baking dish) sprayed with cooking oil. Bake at 350 for 35-45 minutes.

Nutrition facts for a veggie and cheese quiche serving for 4:
227 calories, 14g fat, 477mg sodium, 10g Carbohydrates, 17g protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: What is trauma?

How do we maintain perspective during uncertainty?

By Stephanie Garcia
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH

What is Trauma?

Trauma can be defined as a deeply disturbing or distressing experience. Examples of this can be anything from the death of a pet, bullying, experiencing or witnessing domestic violence, or experiencing a life-threatening event.

Since the beginning of the pandemic last year, it seems as though we are all facing a collective trauma that has affected our economy, impacted the way we interact with one another, and how we show up for work each day, amongst other things.

How do we then find meaning and moments of calm in such unsettling times? What happens in our bodies, in our minds, and how do we make sense of all that is happening around us?

What happens when we experience trauma?

When I was in graduate school, I studied a type of therapy called play therapy. In play therapy there was a man named Dr. Gary Landreth, who was often referred to as "the father of play therapy". Dr. Landreth understood children in ways it seemed adults often struggled to. He would empower them to process the events happening in their lives in ways that felt most natural to them, helping them build



resiliency. One of his most popular phrases was "you can't teach a child who is drowning how to swim." In other words, you will be less successful having a conversation with a child when they are throwing a tantrum. He would say this to convey the importance of teaching ways to cope during moments when people are calm, as a preventative measure. I think this phrase also speaks to the difficulty of maintaining balance in moments when we are literally and figuratively "flooded." When we are in survival mode, as many of us have been recently, it is extremely difficult to build resiliency, look for the silver lining, or sometimes even just go about our daily tasks. Fear can become the dominant emotion. When we are living our lives and making decisions out of fear, it is difficult to maintain a sense of perspective.

How do we get back to feeling centered?

Again, that answer may look different for everyone. This could include physical exercise, getting together

online, meditation, creating, playing, or going to therapy. A first step may just be recognizing that fear is coming up and that this is a normal response our minds and bodies have when we are facing trauma or stress. Once we acknowledge this, a next step may be to take a breath. Often if we can begin by acknowledging an emotion, we can then take a step back from it, and that in turn can allow our minds to bring in a new perspective.

Take some time this week to think about what activities help you feel calm and centered. Then if you can, practice recognizing when you are feeling stressed and take a moment to take a breath.

If you would like more information on how the mind and body are impacted when we go through stress/trauma I have included the following articles for your reference:

The Neuroscience of Stress (brainfacts.org), and *Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience - A Review* (psychscenehub.com)

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma, and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meetings:

We are going virtual! For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Community Events:

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program is working to put together a virtual talking circle for teens lead by Stephanie Garcia, Native Connections Behavioral Health Therapist and Lisa Pratchett, Licensed Professional School Counselor. Our fist talking circle will be for youth in grades 9-12. More on that to come, so be on the lookout for information posted in the Drum. If you have any questions or feel this is something you may be interested in, please contact Stephanie Garcia at 970-563-2297.



HEALTH & COMMUNITY

Envision:You awarded grant to create peer support programs for LGBTQ+

Staff report
ENVISION:YOU

Envision:You has been awarded a grant from The Colorado Health Foundation to create a peer support program to provide spaces of support for LGBTQ+ people living in rural communities across Colorado. Envision:You will use the \$50,000 grant to develop program curriculum and hire two peer community coordinators to serve southern Colorado.

The Envision:You peer support program will consist of a network of LGBTQ+ peer community coordinators who will provide support to other LGBTQ+ folks within their community. The program will create more equitable health outcomes for the LGBTQ+ community by helping LGBTQ+ Coloradans, regardless of their identity, age, race, or geographic location, to:

- Address their mental health concerns with peers.
- Develop positive relationship with their sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Increase their social connections.
- Access clinical support if needed and when ready.
- Build community and reduce isolation in rural spaces.

"We are grateful to the Foundation for supporting Envision:You's peer support program," said Steven Haden, CEO and co-founder of Envision:You. "Individuals who identify as part of

the LGBTQ+ community often feel invisible in rural areas where there is a major lack of culturally relevant behavioral health services. Peer support is a proven protective factor that will improve mental health outcomes and reduce the risk of suicide for LGBTQ+ individuals living in rural communities."

Peer support is provided by people who have been successful in their mental health recovery and use their lived experience to help others going through similar situations. Based on empirical evidence compiled by Mental Health America, peer support increases engagement in services and quality of life outcomes while showing a significant decrease in substance use and a reduction in re-hospitalization and overall cost of services.

"The Colorado Health Foundation is excited to partner with Envision:You as they create a peer support program to serve the LGBTQ+ community living in rural Colorado," said Dustin Moyer, program officer, The Colorado Health Foundation. "We are confident their work will help to advance health equity in the state."

As part of the peer support program, workshops will be held in communities in southwest Colorado (Durango, Pagosa Springs, Cortez, Alamosa, Ouray, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Southern Ute Indian Tribe) and southeast Colorado (Pueblo, La Junta, Walsenburg, Trinidad and Lamar). The workshops will cover 24 psychoeducational mod-

ules that will help individuals understand more about their diagnosis, build connections, provide coping skills and find resources. Groups will start out virtually and transition to in-person when safe to do so.

"Most LGBTQ+ individuals are not raised in families or community environments that reflect their sexual orientation or gender identity," said Steven Haden, CEO and co-founder of Envision:You. "This program brings peer support to their community to validate who they are as a LGBTQ+ individual and support them on their journey."

ENVISION:YOU

The mission of Envision:You is to support, educate, and empower members of Colorado's LGBTQ+ community who are living with a mental health or substance use disorder. The mental health challenges Envision:You are addressing have deep roots and solutions are complex. Undeterred, Envision:You has committed to improving the mental health of Colorado's LGBTQ+ community with a multifaceted approach in collaboration with partners from around the state. www.envision-you.com

THE COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Colorado Health Foundation is bringing health in reach for all Coloradans by engaging closely with communities across the state through investing, policy advocacy, learning and capacity building.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavioral Health Division 69 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- 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.
- Southern Ute Police Department:** Anonymous Tip Hotline – Do you have information about a crime? Please call (970) 563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number 970-563-4401.
- St. Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- 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.

24/7 STATE OR NATIONAL RESOURCES

- 24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** SW Colorado 970-247-5245 or Text 741741
- 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.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and a 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.
- We R Native:** Join the movement by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus and the Southern Ute Tribe online at www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute

Early Detection Matters.
Get health screening tests and wellness check-ups each year at your local Urban Indian Health facility.

Watch the video and learn more at ncuih.org/wisdomkeeper





HEALTH INSURANCE

Colorado to re-open enrollment for individual health insurance

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Coloradans without health insurance will be able to enroll in coverage through the re-opening of enrollment through Connectfor-HealthCO.com between Feb. 8 – May 15, due to an Executive Order signed by President Biden on Jan. 28.

Health insurance coverage will begin on the first day of the month following plan selection. This Special Enrollment period is for people who are without health insurance and begins a week earlier than the new enrollment period through the federal exchange.

In Colorado, the annual

Open Enrollment for individual health insurance (meaning not from an employer) ended on Jan. 15. Connect for Health Colorado reported that nearly 180,000 Coloradans enrolled in 2021 coverage, which was roughly 8% higher than the enrollment figures for the previous year’s Open Enrollment.

Re-opening the exchanges is an effort to address the high number of uninsured individuals and help people who have lost their employer-based health insurance due to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

San Juan Basin Public Health’s Coverage Guide, Emma Tomlinson will be hosting Zoom presentations to provide information on how to sign up and discuss any recent changes to the coverage.

- Tues., Feb. 16: 6 - 7 p.m.
 - Tues., March 9: 6 - 7 p.m.
 - Tues., April 6: 6 - 7 p.m.
- (Dial in to any of these sessions at 1-408-638-0968.)

Contact Emma Tomlinson with any questions at 970-335-2028 or etomlinson@sjbpublichealth.org.

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

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ing blocks for an unhealthy lifestyle and future problems. This includes future relationship issues which can be intimate partner violence and sexual violence perpetration throughout life. In short if they experience this early, they run the risk of falling into a lifetime cycle of abuse.

Symptoms:

- Adolescents can feel depression and anxiety.
- Engage in unhealthy behaviors like drugs and alcohol.
- Experience suicidal thoughts.

When you are in an abusive relationship, you may feel depressed, anxious, fearful, ashamed, or guilty. You may even feel you did something wrong to be treated bad, saying it was your fault and telling yourself and others that you deserved it. What every teen or young person needs to understand that no one deserves to be treated that way and it is not your fault. It is the one who is hurting you who is at fault. YOU deserve to be treated with love and respect. Remember love isn’t supposed to hurt.

PREVENTION

- Teach safe and healthy

relationship skills.

- Promote social-emotional learning and health relationship programs.
- Engage influential adults and peers.
- Family based programs.
- Boys and Girls Club.
- Disrupt the developmental pathway toward relationship violence.
- Family engagement and preschool enrichment.
- Parenting and family skill building classes.
- Treatment for at risk youth, children, and families.
- Create protective environments.
- Improve school climate and safety
- Modify the physical and social environments of neighborhoods.
- Strengthen economic supports for families.
- Strengthen household financial security and work family support systems.
- Support survivors to increase safety and lessen future harms.
- Victim-centered services.
- First responder and civil legal protections.
- Treatment and sup-

port for survivors of IPV and TDV.

- Housing programs and patient centered approaches.

Teen dating violence can impact a young person’s life, from both sides as a victim and a perpetrator. The best way to prevent this lifestyle is to teach our young people about healthy relationships and what it looks like and helping them learn to express their emotions and communication skills in an effective way. You can also help with preventing this lifestyle by reaching out to your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or any young person in your life and talk to them about their relationships and helping them understand what to look for in an unhealthy relationship.

For the young people, remember that you should always feel respected and safe in your relationships and you deserve to have a healthy relationship. If you’re ever in a place you feel is unsafe or you know of someone that is in an unhealthy relationship, reach out to someone that you feel safe with or contact someone in your community that can help you. You are never alone in this situation and there are always resources and people out there to help you.

VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline launches 24/7 services

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline announced today it will soon expand operations by offering advocacy services seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The expanded service launches on Friday, Feb. 19. StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

“Our goal is to make caring support available to as many Native American and Alaska Natives as possible,” said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “Victim-survivors need to be able to reach out when it’s safe for them, around-the-clock.”

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence in their lifetime, and one in three had experienced violence within the past year. The study also examined how this violence affects tribal communities and Native survivors. For American Indian and Alaska Native people, the study found about half of women and nearly one in five men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, Native American victims of abuse often go without assistance.

To address these inequities and better serve Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts

has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, StrongHearts launched online chat advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly-trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.

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NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the Chat Now icon on strongheartshelpline.org. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

StrongHearts Helpline Online:

- strongheartshelpline.org
- Facebook: @strongheartsv
- Instagram: @strongheartsv
- Twitter: @strongheartsv

Ignacio is hosting a Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic for folks over 65

The vaccination clinic will be held at the Ignacio Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Register online at: https://www.comassvax.org/clinic/private_registration/5d38eb1b-86d6-4de7-9fea-f507e88d0c87

Those without internet access can call Los Pinos Fire Dept. at 970-563-9501, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to register.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center Hours

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

ALL PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS 970-563-4581.

- **S.U. HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Daily. **Covid-19 Testing:** Mon. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Lab hours:** Mon. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tue. – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
- **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
- **DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits are no longer being offered; Patients will be treated via tele-medicine.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** All appointments will take place via tele-medicine. SUHC staff will be calling patients to make arrangements for service.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Southern Ute Victim Services

Hours: Available 24/7
SUVS Office: 970-563-0245
After Hours Call Dispatch: 970-563-4401

Southern Ute Police Department

Hours: 8am – 5pm M-F
SUPD Office: 970-563-0246
SUPD Dispatch: 970-563-4401
Emergency Call: 911

Ignacio Out & Equal Alliance

Website: ignaciooutandequal.org
Email: ignaciooutandequal@gmail.com
Address: P.O Box 465 Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone number: 970-306-3555

Alternative Horizons

Website: alternativehorizons.org
Email: info@alternativehorizons.org
Administrative Office: 970-247-4374
24/7 Hotline: 970-247-9619

Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO)

Website: durangosaso.org
Email: durangosaso@durangosaso.org
Ignacio: 970-563-0695
Durango: 970-259-3074
24/7 Crisis Hotline: 970-247-5400

Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center

Website: rainbowyouthcenter.org
Email: info@rainbowyouthcenter.org
Phone: 970-903-8595

Ignacio Police Department

IPD Office: 970-563-4206
Dispatch: 970-563-4401
Emergency Call: 911

NATIONAL RESOURCES

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Hours: Available 24 hours
Website: suicidepreventionlifeline.org
800-273-8255

StrongHearts Native Helpline

Is a safe domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy, anonymous and confidential.
Hours: Daily, 7am-10pm CST
Website: strongheartshelpline.org
1-844-762-8483

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Website: thehotline.org
Advocates are available 24/7
Call: 800-799-7233

Love Is Respect

They offer confidential support for teens, young adults, and their loved ones seeking help, resources, or information related to healthy relationships and dating abuse in the U.S.
Website: loveisrespect.org
Advocates are available 24/7
Text: LOVEIS to 22522
Call: 1-866-331-9474 or 800-787-3224

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Covid operational hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Tribe coordinates back-to-back vaccination event



Amy Barry helps check in Gabriel Carmona while Heather Frost takes temperature checks at the entrance of the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Wednesday, February 10.



Jana Leslie completes her vaccine documentation with the help of SunUte staff member Elijiah Lucero at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Wednesday, February 10.

In collaboration with the Indian Health Services (IHS) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the second and third tribal vaccination events Wednesday, Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 11. Vaccines were made available to those who are eligible and scheduled by appointment. “The Tribe was able to vaccinate tribal members and their immediate household, IHS-beneficiaries and members of their immediate household, tribal staff and insured dependents of staff, residents of Southeast La Plata County aged 65+, and Ignacio School District educators. Overall, the Tribe has vaccinated over 1,100 individuals,” said Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist. The vaccination clinic was held at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. The follow up vaccinations will be scheduled for March, check the Southern Ute Drum for more details.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Tribal Member Daniel Rosa receives his COVID Vaccine from Denise Newman with the Public Health department on Wednesday, February 10.



Amy Barry and Heather Frost check in individuals arriving for their COVID-19 Vaccines at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Wednesday, February 10.



Heather Frost checks Claire Sutton's temperature before she checks in to receive her vaccine at the Sky Ute Events Center.

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Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu at least five (5) working days before the event.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

COVID-19 Call Center

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

970.563.0214

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

If you are sick self-isolate. If your symptoms get worse call your healthcare provider. Tribal members & Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment.

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Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box



CORONAVIRUS

Colorado one of the top states in administering the vaccine

Staff report
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Governor Jared Polis provided an update on Colorado's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and announced the State's move to begin vaccinating Coloradans ages 65 and older, as well as Colorado PreK-12 educators.

"This process is about saving lives and ending the crisis as quickly as possible. Colorado has made remarkable progress towards vaccinating a majority of Coloradans ages 70 and older who account for 78% of COVID deaths. Given the progress

we have made together as a state and community, Colorado will be ready to begin vaccinating anyone aged 65 and up on Feb. 8, and also start vaccinating educators and child care workers," said Governor Polis.

Governor Polis thanked General Sherman, Incident Commander Bookman and their teams, the state's entire COVID Response team, and the staff at CDPHE who have gone above and beyond to ensure that Colorado is in the best position to succeed in beating back this virus.

Beginning Feb. 8, providers will be able to vaccinate anyone 65 and over, including continuing to prioritize those that are 70 and over who have not yet received a vaccine. Colorado's PreK-12 educators will also be eligible to receive the vaccine on Feb. 8. Educators should reach out to their employers

to sign up for the vaccine.

Governor Polis also announced that the State estimates that close to March 5, frontline workers and Coloradans ages 16-64 with two or more high-risk conditions will also be eligible to receive the vaccine. It's also projected that Coloradans ages 60 and up will also be able to start receiving the vaccine around March 5.

More information about Colorado's efforts to vaccinate all Coloradans can be found at covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine or call 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926).

The state continues to encourage all Coloradans to do what we know works to prevent the spread of this virus: wear a mask in public, practice physical distancing, wash your hands regularly and avoid large gatherings.

Southern Ute Health Center Tribal Vaccination Event. SAVE THE DATE. Booster Vaccine Event. March 4, 10 & 11, 2021. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 CHALLENGE. Together, we fight COVID-19. Image of a woman wearing a mask and raising her fists.

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION. PHASE 1, WINTER. 1A, 1B.1, 1B.2, 1B.3. Includes eligibility criteria and a timeline.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE. Southern Ute Health Center Cases: 167 Positives, 139 Recovered, 7049 Total Tests. Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases: 61 Positives, 54 Recovered, 2 Deaths.

Phase 1B.2 How To Sign Up: 65-69 Year Olds. You can sign up with a local provider to schedule an appointment. Visit COCOVIDVACCINE.ORG or Call 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926).

Can a COVID-19 vaccine give you COVID-19? NO. No parts of the vaccine can cause disease in our bodies, but they do give our immune system guidelines to build the tools that fight the virus.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Effective Public Health Orders. Stay at Home Order. YOU CAN: Care for Family & Pets, Buy groceries, Obtain medical supplies, Engage in banking, Go to work, Exercise, Get or buy educational supplies, Maintain or buy things for the household. Face Covers Required. Both orders remain in effect until further notice.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are CLOSED to all visitors in accordance with the "Stay at Home" Order issued on March 25, 2020 which remains in effect until further notice.

UTILITIES

Temporary suspension of administrative fees, aka shut-off fees

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES

Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Ute Utilities Division Management has decided that, effective immediately, there will be a six-month temporary suspension of Administrative Fees (shut-off fees) associated with customer service disconnections for the following utility services, which include: (each assessed a \$31 fee)

- Solid Waste (Trash Collection)
- Sewer
- Water (including Water Haul)
- Natural Gas

Disconnection of Utilities Service due to non-payment will continue. However, the payment of administrative fees (shut-off fees) will not be required for utility service reconnection. The temporary suspension of administrative fees will be valid during the billing periods of February through July 2021.

Customers are strongly encouraged to make payments on their accounts on time by the following payment methods:

- Online Payment at www.suitutil.com: Select "Pay My Bill" at top. (Highly recommended)
- Payment over the phone at 970-563-5500 by credit card, Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Payment at Wells

Fargo Bank (Ignacio Branch): Have your account number and/or your utility bill readily available

- Payment by mail: Please mail statement stub with your check or money order (made payable to Southern Ute Utilities Division) to PO Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137

As a reminder for tribal member customers, you can arrange monthly payments to your utility account directly from Tribal Finance. We strongly encouraged this automatic payment arrangement to remain current on your account. Please contact Utilities Office 970-563-5500, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. for further details.

It is our highest priority to provide and maintain critical services to the Southern Ute Tribal membership and community during this pandemic. Safety is another priority for our employees and our customers. Please be safe and stay healthy!

Contact Info: Hayes Briskey, Utilities Manager 970-563-550, Julian Baker, Assistant Manager 970-563-5515.

The following is an example to assist in understanding the shut-off process:

UTILITY SHUT-OFF SCENARIO

Customer, Joe Jones, has been issued a late notice on Feb. 15th with an amount due of \$400. He has not

paid his December bill (\$200) and January bill (\$200). At the end of February, he has not made a payment. March 1st is a new billing period, his new bill is \$150, making his total balance due \$550. Shut off is March 3rd. Joe has not made a payment and his utility services have been shut off.

Due to disconnections, Joe will now be charged administrative late fees for each of his utility services: 1) Water – \$31 fee, 2) Natural Gas – \$31 fee, 3) Trash – \$31 fee, and 4) Sewer – \$31 fee. The fees total \$124, which will be added to his balance of \$550. Joe now owes \$674.

In order to be restored utility services, Joe must pay the December and January bill which total \$400 plus the administrative late fees of \$124 for being disconnected, which is a total of \$524. Note Joe's remaining balance is \$150 for his February bill, which is due by Feb. 28.

With the temporary waiver of Administrative Late Fees, Joe will not be required to pay the \$124. However, he will be required to pay his December and January bill, which total \$400, in order to have his utilities restored. Thereafter, he still owes the February payment of \$150 to clear his outstanding balance.

PLEASE CONTACT THE UTILITIES OFFICE TO DISCUSS YOUR INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT, IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS.

GARDENING

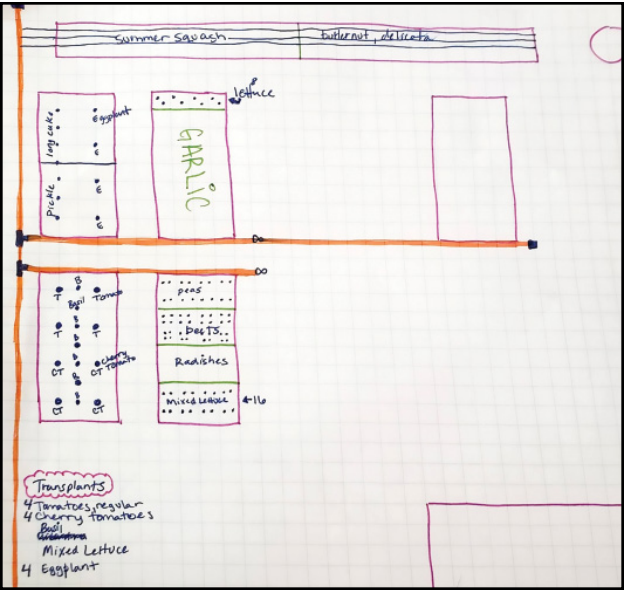
What can I do now in my garden?

By Denée Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Often, people think that gardening starts in the spring or summer. However, I beg to differ. Instead, gardening starts with dreaming in the winter. When snow is on the ground and the cold winds blows through, I take this time to start planning what I want to grow in the coming spring, summer, and fall. While this time of year may be a struggle for us gardeners, I urge you to take this time to think about what you can do now to set yourself up for success. To give you some ideas, here are five things you can start right now to prepare your garden.

First, sketch out your garden layout. I did this over the past month and it helped me visualize what I plan to grow and how it will fit into my year. I have six raised beds and several in-ground garden plots. Every winter, I print out graphic paper and draw out my plan. Drawing out my plan helps me figure out what veggies I would like to focus on. This year I did two separate layouts, one for spring/summer and the other for summer/fall. That way I know exactly how to prepare for the bed throughout the rest of the year. For example, if I need to grow certain transplants, I know how much and what types.

Check if you have enough seeds and organize. I took this time to organize my seeds and see what I have in my storage. I saved seeds from plants last year and my mom gifted me with a bunch of seeds for Christmas, so I think I'm set for the rest of the year. In an effort to conserve, this year I plan to use up my seeds and will not order any. You may just be starting out and building up your seed collection, so now would be the time to acquire your seeds. If last year was any indication of what's to come, purchasing



Denée Bex/Special to the Drum

ing seeds early may help you avoid the stress.

Now it's time to start your transplants. Think about which seedlings you'd like to start and prepare an area indoors to start them, if you plan to grow your own seedlings. Last year I grew many varieties of various plants to see what I liked best and what worked for my region. This year, I plan to focus on those veggies that did well so I can boost my production. I moved a few years ago and I found that I live in an area where it's a cold sink and my last frost date is a little later than the surrounding area. So that means I start my transplants a little later than usual. To help me prepare, I laid out a calendar and wrote out the dates of when I would need to start my transplants so I can move them outdoors at the appropriate times. This month I am going to start my cool-season veggies so I can set them out in March and April.

Organize your garage or tool shed. I don't know about you, but I become messy very fast, especially when it comes to my gardening tools and supplies. So even though snow may be on the ground now, take this time to organize and clean your space. This will save you so much stress when spring comes

around and makes preparing your garden a little easier. You won't have to worry about where your pruners or shovel went because you'll have organized and cleaned your area.

Finally, add nutrition to your garden areas. If there isn't snow on the ground and it's not too muddy, take this time to layout compost or aged manure to add nutrition back to the soil. Usually, I do this in the fall, but early spring is a good time as well if you didn't do it back in the fall. I like to give the organic matter time to decompose in the ground and feed any worms or other beneficial organisms as it warms up. This much needed nutrition will build healthy soil and will increase your vegetable production in the coming months.

While now may be the coldest time of the year, we still have plenty to do for our garden. These five things you can do now will set you up for success in the coming year. If we set ourselves up for success now, we'll have a lot less stress come planting and growing time.

Denée Bex is a Registered Dietitian and advocate for healthy traditional diets and home-grown foods within Native American communities. She can be reached at Denée.Bex@gmail.com.

HEALTH & COMMUNITY

Native Connections asking for special event dates

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS
COORDINATOR

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program will be contracting with the Native Wellness Institute for numerous virtual events, including a virtual Gathering of Native Americans (GONA), talking circles and support groups, Native humor nights, and trainings. All of these events focus on Native American health and wellness and will be offered to all community members to attend via Zoom.

Dates for these events have not been set. If you have any special events coming up, please let me know so we can be careful and not schedule Native Connections events at the same time.

Please reach out to me if you would like to collaborate or inform others of your program's/department's work with issues related to:

- Mental health
- Substance use
- Healthy relationships
- Native American youth
- Domestic violence

- Historical trauma
- Trauma-informed care
- Youth camps
- Prosocial elder events
- Overall Native community wellness

Native Connections would love to work with any program or department that wants to help create a healthier future for our Native Americans and community members!

Contact Precious Collins (she/her/hers), Native Connections Coordinator, So. Ute Behavioral Health Division, Call: 970-563-2487/ Text: 970-306-8131.

2021 Trash Permits HAVE ARRIVED

Tribal members should request a permit to be mailed by contacting the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970.563.5500, M-F from 8 am to 12 pm. Please verify the address on file. Permits are required to dump waste.

Permits are for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members only.

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, February 15, 2021 for President's Day. Modified business hours under the COVID-19 Modified Tribal Operation will resume on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

The SUIT COVID-19 Call Center will be CLOSED on Monday, February 15, 2021. Normal hours will resume Tuesday, February 16, 2021. You can reach the call center by dialing 970.563.0214.

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBMIT A TIP

Anonymous Tip Submissions

Do you have information about a crime?

Please call the Southern Ute Police Department Anonymous Tip Line – (970) 563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number (970) 563-4401.

If you prefer, you may also submit an anonymous tip online by visiting: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/supd>



PANDEMIC RELIEF

The Ballantine Family Fund awards \$332,590 to nonprofits in Southwest Colorado

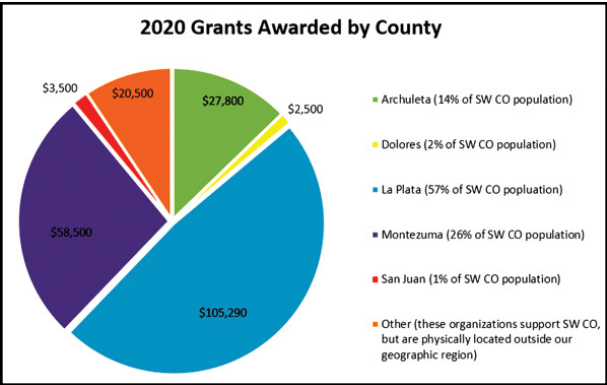
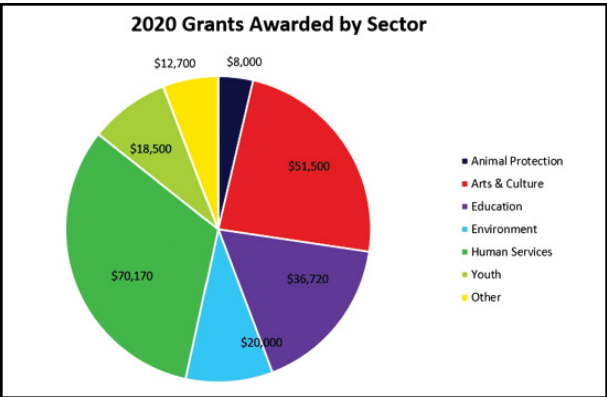
Staff Report
SOUTHWEST COLORADO
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 2020, the Trustees of the Ballantine Family Fund awarded \$115,000 in Core Value grants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Southwest Colorado. These unsolicited Core Value grants are designated annually for a significant impact in a particular area of need, as identified by the Trustees. Last year, that area of need was food security, necessitated by public health safety measures that restricted employment income for thousands of people across the region, resulting in increased demand at area food pantries.

Food security organizations across Southwest Colorado received food purchased with Ballantine funds and coordinated through the Community Foundation's Community Emergency Relief Fund. The infusion of Ballantine funds, leveraged with other CERF donations from across the region, increased the scale of the Community Foundation's group purchasing options, allowing more food to be dispersed to more organizations.

"The Ballantine Trustees understood the depth of the hunger issues across Southwest Colorado and wanted to make an impactful difference," says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and Grants Manager for the Ballantine Family Fund. "Leveraging the Ballantine Core Value grants with the donations of individuals and governmental agencies across the region allowed us to purchase more food collaboratively than each pantry could have purchased on their own. The end result is fewer hungry people, and that is certainly the goal of this type of responsive philanthropy."

In addition to Core



Value grants, the Trustees awarded \$217,590 through quarterly grant applications in 2020 to 97 nonprofit organizations in Southwest Colorado. The average grant size was \$2,243.

- By sector, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded:
- \$8,000 to Animal Protection (4% of total grants)
- \$51,500 to Arts and Culture (24% of total grants)
- \$36,720 to Education (17% of total grants)
- \$20,000 to Environment (9% of total grants)
- \$70,170 to Human Services (32% of total grants)
- \$18,500 to Youth (9% of total grants)
- \$12,700 to Other (6% of total grants)

- By county, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded:
- \$27,800 to Archuleta (13% of total grants)
- \$2,500 to Dolores (1% of total grants)
- \$105,290 to La Plata (48% of total grants)
- \$58,000 to Montezuma (27% of total grants)
- \$3,500 to San Juan (2% of total grants)

- \$20,500 to other counties that support Southwest Colorado, but are not physically located in our geographic region (9% of total grants)

The traditional quarterly Ballantine grants and Core Value grants combine to create a \$332,590 investment in nonprofits serving Southwest Colorado.

Some of the most rural parts of our region – Archuleta, Montezuma and Dolores counties – saw increased support from the generosity of the Ballantine Family Fund in 2020," says Wrinkle. "The Trustees provided extensive resources to areas hardest hit by the pandemic."

Nonprofit organizations wishing to apply to the Ballantine Family Fund for support can learn more at ballantinefamilyfund.com.

The Ballantine Family Fund was established in 1957 by Morley C. Ballantine and Arthur A. Ballantine Jr. for the purpose of providing financial assistance to nonprofit causes that benefit the human condition in Southwest Colorado. For information, visit www.ballantinefamilyfund.com.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

New electric vehicle charging station in Bayfield

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION

Bayfield residents and visitors alike now have free, 24/7 access to a local electric vehicle charging station, thanks to a partnership between the Town of Bayfield and La Plata Electric Association (LPEA).

Located in the Bayfield Town Hall parking lot, the Level 2 charging station is half a mile from Highway 160, one of the EV charging corridors identified by the Colorado Energy Office. The station allows up to two vehicles to charge simultaneously and can deliver a full charge in approximately four hours.

"In the past, we would receive inquiries regarding access to local EV charging stations, and we would have to tell people to go elsewhere," said Bayfield Town Manager Katie Sickles. "With the new charging station, we gain the opportunity to market our community to visitors and to provide a valuable service to locals as well."

The project was funded by a grant from Charge Ahead



courtesy LPEA

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Colorado, and by LPEA, to support the future of electric vehicles in the area. The station is open 24-hours a day and will be free of charge until Labor Day 2021. After that, it will cost 6.2 cents per kWh between 9 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Off-Peak hours) and 26 cents per kWh between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. (On-Peak hours).

"LPEA aims to support our community and shape the future we want through local partnerships and forward-thinking initiatives like this," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "This project has the triple benefit of delivering economic,

social, and environmental benefits to Bayfield and the broader community. We are thrilled we could help make this happen."

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786 or visit lpea.coop.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Durango approves funding for city's first-ever EV fast-charging station

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION

In its latest move to promote the local use of electric vehicles, Durango City Council recently approved \$10,997 in funds for Durango's first-ever electric vehicle DC fast-charging station. With a total cost of \$306,578, this project will leverage funding from the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), and ChargePoint.

The DC fast-charging station will be located in the Durango Transit Center parking lot next to two of the existing Level 2 EV charging stations. It will allow up to two vehicles to charge simultaneously, delivering a full charge in approximately 20 minutes. By comparison, the Level 2 charger takes roughly four hours to deliver a full charge. The station is expected to be operational by June.

The fast-charging station will be part of a network of

fast charging "corridors" developed across the state by the Colorado Energy Office and will help make electric vehicles a more reliable and convenient option for both local and visitors.

"With transportation accounting for approximately 28 percent of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, supporting the widespread adoption of electric vehicles alongside a transition to clean electricity will be critical to achieving the city's adopted emissions reduction goals," said Imogen Ainsworth, City of Durango Sustainability Coordinator.

The City of Durango and LPEA are working together to develop an EV Readiness Plan to help residents and visitors make the switch to electric vehicles, saving money and reducing pollution along the way. The plan considers EV charging infrastructure, LPEA fleet electrification, and the public adoption of EVs.

"This project hits many of

LPEA's operational objectives by supporting our community, reducing emissions, and boosting beneficial electrification," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "To support the growth of the EV market, we must first start with the infrastructure, and that takes partnerships. Working with the city to achieve joint goals that benefit our community has been a pleasure. We look forward to continued collaboration."

As of Jan. 1, nearly 33,000 EVs were registered in Colorado. The Colorado Energy Office predicts the state will have more than 800,000 EVs on the road by 2030, representing a 12 percent market share.

Community members and visitors are invited to share their thoughts and ideas related to electric vehicles through a short survey available at DurangoGov.org/VirtualCityHall. To learn more about city of Durango electric vehicle initiatives, visit DurangoGov.org/EVready

Announcing
Virtual Fashion Show
March 29 - April 2, 2021

The Cultural Preservation Department and the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is hosting a Virtual Fashion Show which is open to all Ute members and descendants. The Virtual Fashion Show is NOT a contest.

Those interested in participating may submit a maximum of five (5) photos of Ute Traditional hand-made items or regalia by mail to the Cultural Preservation Department, Special Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137 or email photols) to tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov Photos need to be sent in a JPG format. Along with the photo(s) please add a description, your name and if you would like, you may add your address, phone number and names of any individual(s) that model your item.

The Virtual Fashion Show will be on display March 29th - April 2nd, 2021 on the Southern Ute Tribal Website. The Deadline for submissions will be March 5, 2021 at 5pm.

For more information contact:
Event Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985 or
Education Outreach Coordinator for SUCCM, SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower
email sflower@southernute-nsn.gov

Massive boulder closes highway

Last week, CDOT crews blasted a 200-ton rock that fell on Colorado Highway 145 in the Southwest corner of the state. The multi-day project closed the highway and caused delays for traffic travelling between Dolores and Rico. The rock fall occurred Friday, Feb. 5 in the early hours of the morning, just north of the small community of Stoner at Mile Point 27. No vehicles were involved in the rock fall.

TRANSPORTATION

KSUT and SJBPH named among grantees enhancing ‘Best Practices during Pandemic’

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF
TRANSPORTATION

More than 20 cities, towns and other non-profit entities are receiving the second batch of Community Telework grants from the Colorado Department of Transportation for their efforts to provide healthy and safe options for employees, employers and others who are able to work remotely. Grants up to \$5,000 were awarded to eligible applicants. Grantees are promoting best practices for teleworking and social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis.

Local CDOT grant recipients for La Plata County include KSUT Public Radio/KSUT Tribal Radio and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH.)

• **KSUT Public Radio/ KSUT Tribal Radio (Ignacio):** Purchase 200 public

information announcements that will provide teleworking strategies, benefits and COVID-19 updates.

• **San Juan Basin Public Health (Durango):** Improve connectivity and support telework for both employees and clients. Includes creating a telecommuting plan and installation of video conference systems in meeting rooms. (\$4,750)

For the next round of Telework grants, CDOT will award up to \$10,000 to eligible non-profits, including local governments, agencies and associations.

“These types of programs are vital if we want to not only protect public health but also encourage more people to telecommute,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “We’ve seen a lot of innovative proposals that not only foster economic opportunities but also enhance public health and safety. If you

meet the eligibility requirements, please do apply for one of these grants.”

Telework applications can be accessed here: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/community-challenge>. Although private, for-profit organizations (e.g. – contractors, suppliers, or consultants) are not eligible to apply, they can partner with a qualified entity.

This initiative is supporting the Can Do Community Challenge, as part of the Can Do Colorado campaign. Another CDOT “Can Do” program is Revitalizing Main Streets, which is providing small-scale grants for low-cost, immediate actions to help safely improve the economy and enhance healthy activities in cities and towns.

More information on that program is available at the link above. Please submit questions about either program to: dot_candocdot@state.co.us.

From farmers to families



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Agriculture Division Head, Kevin Mallow unpacks a box during a Facebook Live to show Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribal members what was donated by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and USDA Farmers to Families Program on Friday, Jan. 29 in the Southern Ute Ag Division’s parking lot. The program was renewed for the fifth time and will offer food boxes into the month of April.



Agriculture Field Technician, Philip Carrillo helps put a food box into a community member’s car as a curb side service with respect to social distancing. The distribution occurs most Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and is open to Ute Mountain Ute tribal members, Southern Ute tribal members and community members on a first come, first serve basis.



Tribal Council Communication Specialist Lindsay Box hosts a Facebook Live video with Division Ag. Head Kevin Mallow to explain the program and encourage Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribal members as well as community members to grab a food box. The left-over boxes are donated to Pine River Shares for distribution at ELHI Community Center on the following Saturdays.

TRANSPORTATION

CDOT reminds property owners: Don’t push snow onto highways

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

With waves of winter storms hitting the area, the Colorado Department of Transportation reminds all property owners, renters and private snow removal operators that it is against the law to deposit snow onto or next to a public highway. Colorado law (Statute 43-5-301) prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways and right-of-way areas along the roadside.

“Pushing snow onto public roadways causes a hazard as snow piles become larger, freeze and are more difficult to manage with each snowstorm,” said Mike Watson, CDOT Section 3 Maintenance Superintendent in Durango. “When property owners remove snow from their driveways or sidewalks, they

are required to place that snow onto their own property and not into the street. This helps reduce icy areas on streets and ensures a safe roadway for motorists and our equipment operators.”

The illegal placement of snow onto the public roadway creates hazards such as frozen ruts or bumps that can contribute to motor vehicle crashes. Other hazards created by the improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, sight obstruction and hindered highway accessibility.

CDOT snowplow operations take place during and after a snowstorm, with trucks and equipment covering more than 3,500 lane miles of roads in Region 5 (southwest Colorado) alone. Broad clearing of snow is often necessary to widen roads to ensure that ice and snow melts from the pavement surface.

“Our operators remove snow during the storm and up to a few days after the storm event depending upon the severity of the weather conditions,” added Watson. “Unfortunately, CDOT operations may push snow back onto sidewalks and driveways. We really encourage property owners to clear a wide area next to your driveway and near the roadway. This gives plows a place to push snow and lessens the chance of a snow berm being created across your driveway.”

Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if hazards contribute to a motor vehicle crash or pedestrian injury. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow in the roadway or ROW. For more information visit our webpage: <https://www.codot.gov/travel/snow-removal>.

Durango Farmers Market is now accepting vendor applications for the 2021 season!

We are encouraging family farms that grow their own produce or raise their own animals to sign up as agricultural vendors. Other vendor categories include: Ready to eat food, value added food products, service and artisan vendors. All applications, rules and regulations can be found on our web site: www.durangofarmersmarket.com. Deadline to apply is Monday, March 1.

DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL
Recommendations for removing snow from your property

YES! Move snow from your driveway onto your own property.

A If standing on your property, facing the road, move snow to the right or left of your driveway.

B Clear the area of your property next to your driveway and near the roadway. This gives plows a place to push snow and helps reduce the chance of a snow berm being created across your driveway.

NO! DO NOT push snow into the roadway or right-of-way. It is illegal!

Colorado law (CO Statute 43-5-310) and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside. Pushing snow on public roadways creates many hazards for CDOT snow plow operators and the general public including:

- drainage problems,
- drifting,
- sight obstruction,
- hindered accessibility,
- slippery areas and
- frozen ruts or bumps that can contribute to motor vehicle or pedestrian crashes.

INTERNET

connectivity

ISSUES?

Collecting data is important to the Tribe to evaluate where service needs to be implemented and/or improved!

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

The Tribe needs your help collecting data about your internet connection and speed. This data will be used to evaluate where internet service can be improved in order to keep you connected to your school, work, and healthcare providers. The Tribe is applying for grant funding in order to build the infrastructure required to increase internet availability and usability across the Reservation and surrounding areas.

IF YOU DO HAVE INTERNET

If you live on the reservation, or near its borders, please visit this site from home to conduct this test:

<https://bit.ly/20SubsT>

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET

If you do not have access to the internet where you live (not including cellular data), please contact the SUSS Help Desk at 970.563.5050.



COLORADO ATHLETICS

Broadmoor to host CHSAA Basketball and Spirit Championships

By Bert Borgmann
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

CHSAA's 100th state basketball championships and the 30th annual state spirit championships will be held at The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. as the Association wraps up its Season B events. CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green announced Thursday. Coupled with a partnership with the Colorado Springs Sports Corp, these events mark a return to Colorado Springs and the World Arena where CHSAA has previously held other state events.

"We are excited that we can offer our student participants the state championship experience those that preceded them have had. Thank you to the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation for providing the necessary support that will make this possible. We know the experience at the Broadmoor World Arena will be a special one as it is one of the state's premier athletic facilities," Commissioner Blanford-Green said. "In the time of a pandemic, to have a civic-minded group step up to sponsor these events is pretty special."

"The Colorado Springs Sports Corporation is excited to develop a strong partnership with the Colo-

rado High School Activities Association leadership. The Sports Corp has supported the CHSAA State High School Cross Country event since 2019," said Tom Osborne, CEO of the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation. "We are honored to collaborate once again with CHSAA on the prestigious All-Class State Basketball Championships and the CHSAA Spirit Championships. The potential for future CHSAA events in Colorado Springs is very exciting."

"We are beyond ecstatic to have the CHSAA basketball and spirit championships at the Broadmoor World Arena. We look forward to strengthening and enhancing our relationship with CHSAA. And that starts this year with the state basketball and spirit championships," said Dot Lischick, General Manager of the Broadmoor World Arena.

The basketball championships will be held March 19-20 with all five classes of boys' and girls' state championship games taking place over two days. On Friday, the 2A boys and girls, 4A boys and girls and 5A girls' championships will take place, while on Saturday the 1A boys and girls, 3A boys and girls and 5A boys' title games will complete the season. All other rounds

will be at the higher seed.

"Our goals this season were to get the players back on the court for a modified regular season. Basketball, more so than most sports, touches both genders and all communities across the state. This facility gives us the opportunity to showcase basketball. Thanks to the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation and World Arena for helping our efforts as we resume playing basketball," Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann, CHSAA's basketball liaison said.

The spirit championships are slated for March 25-27 for its three-day event. The events include game day, hip-hop, jazz dance, along with the conventional poms, game day cheer, all-girl cheer and co-ed cheer events.

"What a great opportunity for our spirit participants. The way the Sports Corp and World Arena have stepped up to provide a high-quality venue speaks volumes about their commitment to Colorado's young people. It is greatly appreciated," said Assistant Commissioner Jenn Roberts-Uhlig, liaison for CHSAA's spirit championships.

Both events will launch Championship Central on CHSAANow.com on Wednesday, Feb. 10 with event information.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS boys see-saw through Classic

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Bookending an optimistic back-to-back sequence of fourth-quarter three-pointers, Ignacio junior guard Gabe Tucson's most clutch connection Saturday afternoon, Feb. 6, may have actually come with 0:10 left in the first frame.

Receiving a pass out on the right wing, Tucson couldn't help but hear a pained utterance to his left while pondering whether to shoot or maneuver nearer the hoop, in order to cut into opposing Bayfield's 7-2 lead. Glancing peripherally and spying senior forward Bryce Finn down and holding his left knee, Tucson let fly from behind the arc.

Upon its dramatic swish, the officials swiftly stopped play to allow IHS' coaches and trainer to render aid, and ultimately assist IHS' unquestioned leader out of a near-empty Durango DemonDome silenced even further by the incident – its possible season-length ramifications virtually palpable.

In the immediate short term against the Wolverines, the hit was too much for the Bobcats – collectively limping already, with senior guard Brady McCaw off his game due to an injured right ankle--to withstand in what ended up being a 50-37 loss, leaving Ignacio with a 1-1 event record at the DHS-hosted 2021 Four Corners Southwest Classic.

Tucson's second make from deep brought the 'Cats back to 13-10 right about the second quarter's midway mark, and senior center/forward Dylan Labarthe then sliced BHS' lead down to 13-12 with two free throws and 3:15 left until a most welcome halftime. Consecutive triples by Isaac Ross and Landon Kennedy, however, would soon rebuild the pad to 20-12, and Bayfield – energized by a 56-48 win the previous night over Durango – would enter intermission up 22-16 despite Tucson's last-second putback of a Labarthe miss.

Having handled 3A Montezuma-Cortez 48-32 earlier on Day 1 with Finn registering 21 points and transition-layup monster Labarthe 14, IHS' work was most definitely cut out for them with two stanzas remaining. Taking their own group task to heart, the Wolverines quickly resumed their job with senior Crosby Edwards nailing a three, Kennedy driving hard to the hole for two, and senior Hunter Bayles barging inside for a bucket.

McCaw, who'd scored a team-high 16 in a season-opening 53-48 setback Sat., Jan. 30, at non-league 2A Sanford (but was held out against M-CHS as a precaution), would then pick up his fourth personal foul with 4:38 left in the third quarter, and Bayles (11 points) netted both charity tosses for a 31-16 advantage. Not surrendering the ship, Tucson finally canned his third trey of the game with 3:49 left,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jawadin Corona (11) leaps ahead of non-league Sanford's Ethan Larsen for a breakaway layup during the Bobcats' Jan. 30 season-opener away. Ranked No. 8 in the preseason CHSAANow.com poll going in, IHS fell 53-48 to then-No. 5 SHS – their would-have-been opponent in the COVID-terminated 2020 Class 2A State Championships' consolation semifinals.

but BHS again separated to go into the fourth leading comfortably, 37-20.

Sandwiching a three by sophomore guard Eppie Quintana, Tucson's aforementioned two rally-inspiring makes gave him an impressive five threes in the contest, six for the Classic and seven in Ignacio's first three outings of the shortened 2020-21 campaign. Most importantly, the Wolverines' lead had been trimmed down to 41-29 with 6:36 to go.

Labarthe then knocked down two more FTs to bring the Bobcats (1-2, 0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) back to within ten before Bayfield senior Kacey Chandler converted a critical three-point play. IHS senior guard Jawadin Corona countered with a free throw and senior guard Joe Garcia would bury a three down the stretch, but the Wolverines (2-2, 0-1 3A Intermountain) got insurance baskets in reply from Chandler (8 points), Kennedy (13) and senior Cade Carlson (6) to clinch the Classic's crown.

Tucson finished with a valiant game-best 17 points and Labarthe managed eight as, oddly, all eight 'Cats receiving playing time managed to book at least a point. Garcia and Quintana each ended up with three points, while Finn and McCaw each recorded two and Corona and sophomore Dylan McCaw one.

Against Montezuma-Cortez, Tucson scored six points,

Garcia logged four, Quintana two and the younger McCaw one as Ignacio permitted just one Panther, junior guard J.T. Carver, into double figures. He drained three threes and finished with 12 points, while sophomore guard Austin Wood struck twice from deep and totaled nine points.

Down a notch to No. 11 in the Feb. 8 CHSAANow.com 2A rankings, Ignacio will next resume SJB� play traveling to Ouray on Fri., Feb. 12, and then invading Ridgway at 1 p.m. the next afternoon. The first showdown with Mancos is set for 7 p.m. on the 16th at MHS, before the 'Cats will, um, pause to host non-league 2A Sargent on the 19th.

Results from IHS' 2/9 home league game versus Dolores were unavailable at press time.

TOURNEY FINALE

Getting scoring from ten different players, Durango (2-2, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern) had little problem easing away from M-CHS (1-3, 0-0 IML) in the Classic's closing clash, 71-54.

Junior guard Anthony Flint's 20 points paced the Demons, while senior forward Haezen Mestas racked up ten. Junior center Walter Stauffer and senior guard Ty Martinez each finished with seven. Carver gamely piled up a Panther-best 19 points in defeat, senior guard Josh Chupp totaled 11, and Wood again approached double digits with his eight.

CHSAANow.com Class 2A Boys' Basketball Rankings (As of Feb. 8, 2021)	
1. Limon	9. Sedgwick County
2. Wray	10. Meeker
3. Mancos	11. IGNACIO
4. Fowler	12. Peyton
5. Denver Christian	13. Crested Butte
6. Yuma	14. Wiggins
7. Sanford	15. Kremmling West Grand
8. Holly	

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Any questions please contact the Boys & Girls Club of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970.563.2692

Boys and Girls Club of Southern Ute Indian Tribe

STEM PROGRAM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

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Our staff will conduct weekly ZOOM dementrations for the club members to help them create their STEM projects. More information will be sent to registered members.

PRIZES!

Club members can win prizes for participaiton in ZOOM meetings as well as sending in pictures of completed projects!

IGNACIO LITTLE LEAGUE General Membership Meeting

Ignacio Little League General Membership Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in Ignacio Town Hall.

Election of Board Members will be held along with wrap-up of season. Any interested parents of players are welcome to attend. Agenda is posted at Ignacio Post Office.

For more info contact Yolanda Duran 970-749-5944.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Resident Alien: TV series draws on Native culture

By Kenny Frost
NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTANT

It brings me great pleasure to announce a new television series: Resident Alien. Resident Alien is based on a comic book from the '60s. The jest of the story is this – an alien comes to Earth to destroy the planet, and crashes just north of the Ute reservation in Colorado. The alien takes a human form which happens to be a doctor who treats the Ute people in the clinic.

In this movie, my dear friend Valerie Taliman's daughter, Tazbah Rose Chavez, a citizen of the Navajo Nation is one of the native writers hired to ensure authentic representation of the Native characters and storylines. Taliman is the retired editor of Indian Country Today newspaper. I also assisted as the Ute cultural consultant since this alien crashes north of the Ute reservation. Also appearing is native actor Gary Farmer who has appeared in many native films.

At the beginning of shooting, Tazbah Chavez would ask her mother Valerie Taliman questions about Ute and other tribal cultural beliefs in regard to traditions and customs. I would forward answers via phone to Tazbah and the producers. It was soon realized by Universal/NBC stu-



courtesy Universal/NBC Studios

An alien crashes on Earth and hides in a remote Colorado mountain town; after assuming the identity of the town doctor, his nefarious mission is threatened when he realizes one of the townspeople, a 9-year-old boy, can see his true alien form.

dio to extend the search for a qualified person to assist with the TV series by also contacting two other native cultural consultants for an interview in Indian Country. I was awarded the contract due to my knowledge of other tribal beliefs and as a Ute practitioner.

Resident Alien was

picked up for a second season last year. The more people watching this show will ensure a third season. You can watch Resident Alien on DirecTV channel #244 at 8 p.m. (MST.) If you missed last week's show, you can download the "Syfy App" and watch what you missed.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday, we begin our journey towards the experience of Easter. The custom of the use of ashes as a sign of penance has its origin in the agricultural practice of burning pastures to release nutrients into the ground, revitalize the prairie and eliminate weeds.

Every time we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, we must first bring to mind Easter. For it is through Lent that we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Mystery of our Salvation. We must think of Lent as a positive and beautiful time, not just as a time of abstinence and penance with a black stain on the forehead and no meat or sweets.

Lent is a time of preparation to the Glory of the Resurrection. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father in all his glory and

our duty is to witness to his Resurrection by our new life in him.

What is the purpose of abstinence and penance during Lent? If after Holy Week I will turn back to my old vices, my old ways, if I will continue to live with resentment and anger towards neighbor, and continue to think so highly of myself...?

In this time of Lent, we must allow the Holy Spirit to transform us, to show us our brokenness, so that Jesus can heal us and we can become witnesses to the life-changing experience of the Risen Lord.

The penitential spirit of Lent is meant to help us grow in Faith, Hope and Love. This is the goal.

Rev. Fr. Cesar Cayetano Arras,
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February 17th, 2021
Ash Wednesday -
FAST AND
ABSTINENCE

Join us by signup at any of our Churches
Masks required



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this is a family activity.
15 kits available first come - first serve
1 kit per family

Call the MPF at 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov
Kits will be mailed, this is a Stampin' Up activity



Multi-Purpose Facility
Elder Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a puzzle at 970-563-2641
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Puzzles will be mailed or delivered by Elder Services
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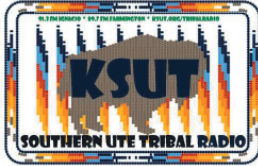


AMERICAN INDIAN
CATHOLIC MASS

Saint Ignatius Church
6:00 pm

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- KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM (Ignacio)
- KUUT 89.7 FM (Farmington/n.w. N.M.)
- KZNM 100.9 FM (Towaoc)
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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT Court Hearings now on Zoom

Tribal Court is pleased to announce that we have moved from Webex to Zoom for court hearings, a more user-friendly platform! Below you will find the weblinks to each judges' courtroom. Please consider saving them to your desktop for future hearings; the same links will be used each time.

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To join by telephone, dial: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-646-828-7666 or 833-568-8864 (Toll Free) **Meeting ID: 161 9345 7773**

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<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16188540595>

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Once you have entered the meeting you will be placed in a "waiting room" where you will remain until the clerk begins the hearing and invites you in. Please be patient and allow a moment for this entry. If there are any changes, interested parties will be notified of the changes by the Court.



**THIS Friday
February 12, 2021**

Pick-up at Southern Ute Agriculture Division

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is facilitating the distribution of food boxes donated by the USDA Farmers to Families Program to UMU tribal members who reside on the Southern Ute Reservation and all community members.

UMU Households 9 to 12 **SU & Community Households 12 to 3**

Boxes distributed on a first come, first serve basis per household, not member. Remaining boxes will be available Saturday at ELHI. Questions? Call Southern Ute Ag at (970) 563.2900.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.
**Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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| • Distribution Friday, Feb. 26: | NOON, Monday, Feb. 23, 2021 |
| • Distribution Friday, April 30: | NOON, Friday, April 23, 2021 |
| • Distribution Thursday, May 27: | NOON, Monday, May 24, 2021 |
| • Distribution Friday, July 30: | NOON, Friday, July 23, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29: | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 10: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9: | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20: | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 27: | NOON, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 |



DROP-BOX

The Finance Department has installed a mail drop-box to accommodate tribal membership needs for delivery of Finance-related documents or payments to the Finance Department. The drop-box is located at 365 Ouray Drive, on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. Documents that can be deposited into the drop-box include:

- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program applications
- Tribal Distribution documents
- Tribal Credit loan documents
- Accounts Receivable check payments
- Other Finance-related documents
- **NO CASH PAYMENTS** can be put in the drop-box

The drop-box will be checked at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All documents received in the drop-box will be stamped with the date they are received. For payments on customer accounts, the payment will be posted to the customer account on the date it is received (if received by 5:00 p.m.), and a receipt will be mailed by US Postal Service to the customer. All documents deposited in the drop-box will be forwarded to the appropriate tribal staff for timely processing.

If you have questions for Accounts Receivable/Customer Account please contact the Cashier at 970.563.0110; if you have questions for Tribal Credit please contact Tribal Credit at 970.563.4744; and if you have questions on the Tribal Distribution/COVID Relief Grant Program please contact the GL Manager at 970.563.2443



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY - CLOSED
- JAN. 18TH MARTIN LUTHER KING - CLOSED
- FEB. 15TH PRESIDENT'S DAY - CLOSED
- MAY 31ST MEMORIAL DAY - CLOSED
- JULY 5TH FOURTH OF JULY - CLOSED
- SEPT. 6TH LABOR DAY - CLOSED
- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY - CLOSED
- NOV. 12TH - OPEN
- NOV. 25TH THANKSGIVING DAY - CLOSED
- NOV. 26TH - OPEN
- DEC. 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY - CLOSED
- DEC. 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE DAY - OPEN
- DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED
- DEC. 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE - OPEN.
- JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY - CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8 AM TO NOON
SATURDAY — 8 AM TO 5 PM
SUNDAY — CLOSED

Modified Office Hours (due to COVID-19)

**Monday—Friday
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**You may reach a staff member
by phone during these hours
at (970) 563-5500.**

**Main Utilities Office is Closed to
Customers / Drive-Thru Remains
Closed**

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Pay your Utility Account

- ⇒ **NEW!** Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab.
- ⇒ Wells Fargo (Ignacio Branch) Drive-Thru
- ⇒ Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution (call Utilities office for application).
- ⇒ Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- ⇒ Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

Closing 4/23/21 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member AND one (1) Alternate Board Member. 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 dishonesty 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 St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 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.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a 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 one priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality 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.bgcus.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.

CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass

criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; and Hold weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email at dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

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JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – JOM has two (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235 or by email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; and You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled with JOM program). Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee. What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

Open until filled – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Benthic Macroinvertebrate Study

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified lab to conduct benthic macroinvertebrate analysis for an ongoing water quality monitoring within the Southern Ute Tribal Boundaries. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Rachel Vaughn, 106 Coordinator, rvaughn@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through February 19, 2021. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT. Published: January 29, 2021

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Periphyton Study

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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.

Tribal Member At Large – Growth Fund Management Committee Member (Ignacio, CO)
Closing 2/18/21m– The Growth Fund Management Committee At-Large member is responsible for assisting in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as established by Tribal Council, and in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Financial Plan. This position serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GFMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. The At-Large committee member reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. Minimum qualifications: Must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Cannot be a current employee of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. Must have a flexible schedule in order to attend various meetings and work sessions, both pre-scheduled and last minute. Must have availability to thoroughly review all meeting materials prior to meetings in order to engage in discussion. Must have some business experience, including experience participating on a board or on formal committees. Must be willing and able to respond to and receive email communication. Must pass a criminal history background investigation. Must have experience with confidentiality, including issues of extreme sensitivity, privilege, and privacy, and must comply with federal privacy laws and regulations regarding disclosure, as well. Must have the ability to communicate clearly and accurately. Must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Growth Fund Management Committee members, Growth Fund Directors, and Tribal Council. Responsible for arranging for transportation in order to attend Growth Fund Management Committee meetings and be present at other appropriate or requested Growth Fund meetings and events. Apply online using the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Tribal Members Only link

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org or ceyetoo@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of Feb. 5, 2021

- Administration, Chairman’s Secretary – Closing 2/19/2021
- Child Development Center, Part-time Assistant Cook – Open until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open until Filled
- Child Development Center, Family Service Manager – Open until Filled
- Counseling and Treatment, CAC III Counselor – Open until Filled
- Finance, Accountant (2) – Open until Filled
- Judicial Services, Bailiff – Open until Filled
- Mineral Audit, Auditor – Open until Filled
- Public Safety, WM Security – Open until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open until Filled
- Public Safety, Firefighter / Paramedic – Open until Filled
- Public Works, Relief Propane Driver – Open until Filled
- Public Works, Propane Driver – Open until Filled
- Diabetes Prevention, Registered Nurse – Open until Filled
- Shelter, Full-time/Part-time House Parent – Open until Filled
- Social Services, Case Worker I – Open until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open until Filled
- WM-Recreation, Part-time Director’s Assistant – Open until Filled

TERO Business Hours

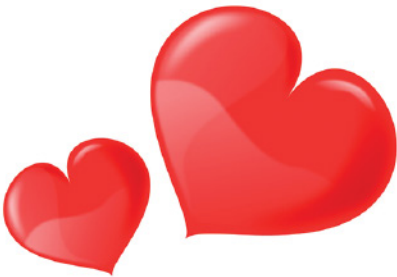
8 a.m. – 12 noon • Monday – Friday, unless a Tribal/Federal holiday
Call 970-563-0117

If you come to the TERO office, wear a mask, temperature will be taken upon entry.



did you know?

A human heart pumps about
2,000 gallons of blood every day.



Source: <https://www.healthline.com/health/fun-facts-about-the-heart>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272 or jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.

2021 Legal Rights Presentations

Presentations will take place via Zoom on the
3rd Tuesday of the Month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Date	Topic
March 16 th	Tenant Rights
April 20 th	Simple Wills
May 18 th	Divorce & Custody
June	Bankruptcy*
	Social Security Disability*
July 20 th	Tenant Rights
August 17 th	TBD
September 21 st	Divorce & Custody
October	Bankruptcy*
	Social Security Disability*
November 16 th	Tenant Rights
December 21 st	TBD

Our legal presentations are designed to provide basic information about the law and are focused on the rights of low-income Coloradoans.

Presentations marked with an * require participants to pre-register by calling the CLS Durango office. All other presentations are free, open to the public, and do not require pre-registration. Presentations will be taught by a CLS attorney or a volunteer attorney.

CLS Durango Office: 970-247-0266 | 835 E. 2nd Ave., Ste. 300
CLS Statewide Website: www.coloradolegalservices.org



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe’s website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions.
If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Coordinator of Ute Curriculum

Closes 2/23/21 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including students at the local school district, and the community. Working with the Ute Language Teachers, and parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials to assist in learning and retaining the Ute language and culture. Assists all students in reaching the goals and objectives of SUIMA and the Education Dept. Incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction. Position paid on Education Scale.

Tribal Water Attorney

Closes 2/25/21 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe’s Legal Department, with principal responsibility for representing the Tribe on water matters. Where time allows, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department’s attention, including code review and drafting, litigation, contract review, and employment matters.

Air Quality Analyst

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A 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.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Southern Ute tribal members only. Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Department. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/ benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Plumber

Open Until Filled – Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, piping and fixtures. Must be capable of both small and large-scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Public Education Tutor (Part-time/Temp.)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Position pays \$30/hour.

Security Officer

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

Substance Abuse Program Lead Therapist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. Will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program, including CAC-I / CAT and CAC-II / CAS counselors working to achieve CAC-III/ CAS credentialing. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade 23; \$69,597.00/year

TEAM Worker

Open Until Filled – Southern Ute tribal members 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

SOUTHERN UTE FORESTRY
Firewood for Southern Ute members

The 2020/2021 firewood season began Oct. 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. Firewood will only be distributed (made available for pickup or delivery) Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during COVID-19 Phase 1 restrictions. To qualify for the firewood program, you must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member 18-years or older and have a means (firewood place or wood stove) to burn firewood at your primary residence. In order to qualify for delivery, you must be a Tribal elder and live within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (a copy of the approved procedures is available upon request from the Forestry Division). For questions call 970-563-4780.





POST PLAY PUSHES LADY CATS • FROM PAGE 1

scoring option with guards Jayden Brunson, Charli- ze Valdez and Avaleena Nanaeto assigned mainly ball – and, most impor- tantly, clock – control.

Finishing with a game-high 14 points, Gosney clinched Ignacio a 10-point victory with two low-post baskets despite resistance from Lady Wolverine junior Abby Tate in a 1-on-1 matchup which became more crucial as the contest progressed.

“She’s a good player, too,” Gosney conceded. “I mean, I’ve fought with pretty big girls before and I feel like I held my ground. I feel like Bayfield thought they might have had a little bit of a chance, but we got through it ... and worked as a team.”

“We stayed calm and really thought more clearly today about plays,” said Tate, who logged six points as the guests improbably whittled down a game-starting 17-0 deficit to give themselves a chance at their first win in four tries. “We played together really well, and we’re SO close ...”

Brunson sank three three-pointers and totaled 12 points, but only Valdez (5 points) was close to joining her two ’mates in double fig- ures. Nanaeto finished with three points, while sopho- more guard Laci Brunson and freshman forward Soly- mar Cosio each chipped in two. Freshman Maci Barnes, who’d booked ten points in the junior varsity’s 27-11 win, was called up and, though scoreless, contrib- uted vital on-court minutes to help rest the regulars.

“Bless ’em, they’re doing great,” Whitt said. “We don’t have the same kind of teaching time; it’s hard to get them up to speed. So, I’m proud of the couple freshmen that got in there, filled in spots that needed to be filled. They’re improv- ing daily, so I expect to see more out of them as we go.”

“Those girls that came off the bench from JV did an amazing job,” said Gosney, “and I feel like we did a great job tonight. It was a big con- fidence-boost for us.”

Almost a full week removed from a sea- son-opening 51-41 loss at non-league Sanford – at the time ranked No. 3 in the pre- season CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll; IHS checked in at No. 7 – the Lady ’Cats blanked BHS for the first 6:53 inside IHS Gymnasium until Carlson (10 points) put in a breakaway layup. Senior Rachel Kirk later netted her first two points with 0:03.6



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avaleena Nanaeto fights Sanford’s Riley Canty (20) for a loose ball during season-opening road action Sat., Jan. 30. Ranked No. 7 in the preseason CHSAANow. com Class 2A poll going in, the injury-wracked Lady ’Cats fell 51-41 to then-No. 3 SHS.

left in the first quarter, but Ignacio still entered the sec- ond leading 17-4.

A brief 6-0 burst – via breakaways by Carlson and Tate, then a Carlson layup resulting from an Ellie Tate steal – brought Bayfield back to 22-12, indicating the Lady Wolverines (0-4, 0-1 3A Intermountain) weren’t about to wilt, but Ignacio (1-1, 0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) answered with two Gosney buckets to coast into inter- mission up 14.

“Honestly if we were able to keep them out of the paint just a little better, it might have swung the game all the way for us,” Bayfield head coach Josh Kitchen said. “But Gosney, to her credit, made a few shots I didn’t think she’d make! So it was a nice battle to see; I was proud of Abby and how hard she played.”

“There towards the end we kind of got a little slow,” said Gosney, “but we picked our- selves up and fought through.”

“Sure the ‘Shelcie fac- tor’ was great, but you know ... we definitely are trying to regroup after the loss of two of our top play- ers,” Whitt said, alluding to senior guard Ebonee Gomez and junior guard Mon- ica Lucero, victims of sea- son-jeopardizing ankle inju- ries during the first quarter (Gomez only 21 ticks in; Lucero with 28.8 left) at SHS. “And I can’t say that this was a ‘great’ game, but we got through it.”

Ignacio will next resume SJBL play traveling to Ouray on Fri., Feb. 12, for a 4:30 p.m. start, and then continue circuit work at Mancos on the 16th before pausing to host 3A power Pagosa Springs on the 18th and non-league 2A Sargent the next evening. Results from the Lady Bob- cats’ 2/9 home league game versus Dolores were unavail- able at press time.

HAPPY TO BE BACK

Having made her season debut with four points and three fouls against Sanford, Gosney admitted she was relieved to not only be play- ing after nearly a year off, but even putting weight on a rebuilt left knee.

“My fourth game into my junior year, we were play- ing against Cedaredge. Two girls went up for a rebound, and they hit into me ... and I felt the ‘pop,’” she recalled. “I went to several doctors and they told me to just go through two months of PT, and I was like, ‘Okay!’ Then in districts I played one game and was fine, but the second game I went down.”

“I had a partial [ACL tear], and then I fully tore it,” she continued. “Same knee, very painful ... So in March [2020] I got my surgery, and now I’m back at it!”

“She’d really been work- ing to get that knee better,” said Whitt. “It’s nice to see her again doing what she does.”

CHSAA NOW.com Class 2A Girls’ Basketball Rankings (As of Feb. 8, 2021)

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| 1. Rye | 9. Oak Creek Soroco |
| 2. Sanford | 10. Lotus School for |
| 3. Holyoke | Excellence |
| 4. Wray | 11. Paonia |
| 5. Cedaredge | 12. IGNACIO |
| 6. Rocky Ford | 13. Sedgwick County |
| 7. Limon | 14. Del Norte |
| 8. Fort Collins Heritage | 15. Peyton |
| Christian | |

COLORADO ATHELTICS

CHSAA shifts winter State sites south

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the Colorado High School Activities Association’s Board of Directors gave its approval for the 2021 CHSAA State Wrestling Championships to be held in Pueblo at the Southwest Motors Events Center on the Colorado State Fair- grounds, according to an association press release.

The announcement came not even a full week after the decision was made to relo- cate the 2021 State Basket- ball Championships – the spectacle’s 100th edition, in fact – to The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, in a partnership with the 501(c)3 non-profit Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, backers of the Springs-based State Cross-Country Champion- ships since 2019.

“We are honored to col- laborate once again with CHSAA on the prestigious All-Class State Basketball Championships and the CHSAA Spirit Champion- ships,” CSSC CEO Tom Osborne said in a differ- ent CHSAA press release. “The potential for future

CHSAA events in Colorado Springs is very exciting.”

“We know the experi- ence at The Broadmoor World Arena will be a spe- cial one as it is one of the state’s premier athletic facilities,” CHSAA Com- missioner Rhonda Blan- ford-Green stated in the same release. “In the time of a pandemic, to have a civic-minded group step up to sponsor these events is pretty special.”

The 30th State Spirit Championships will take over BWA – rather than, say, the Denver Coliseum – from March 25-27.

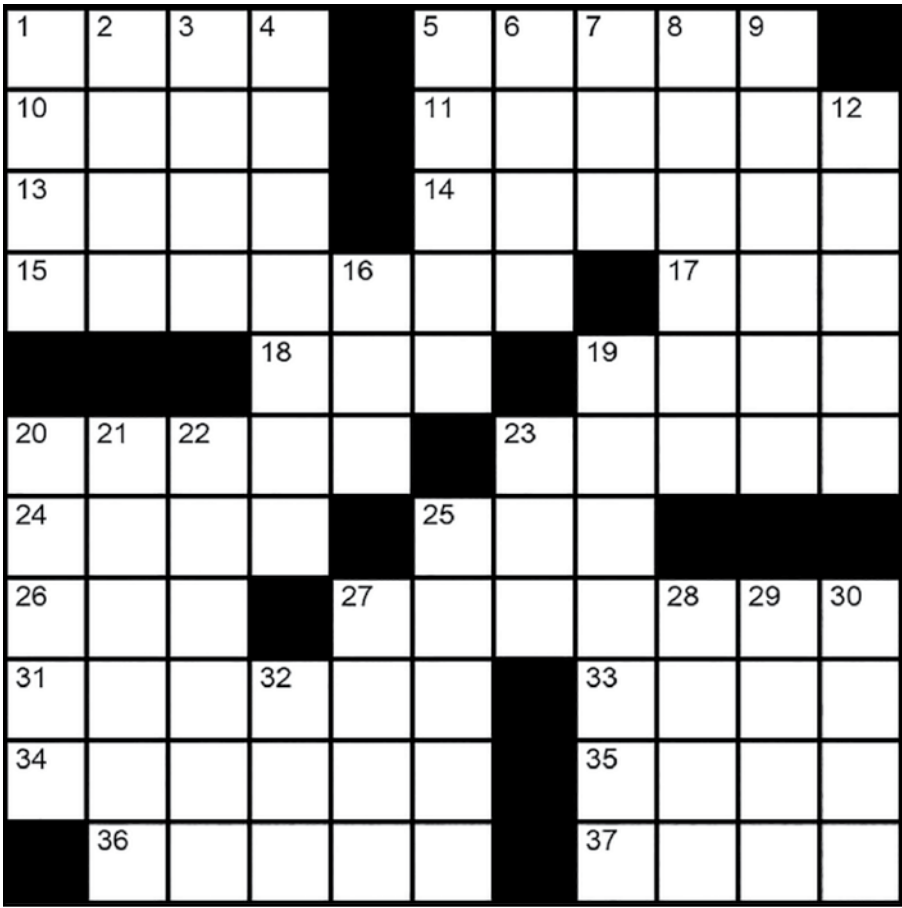
Concentrated in one spot as opposed to various ven- ues for various classifica- tions – such as Loveland’s Budweiser Events Center for Class 2A, the University of Denver’s Hamilton Gym- nasium for 3A, etc. – the State Basketball Champi- onships will be held March 19-20 with all five classes of boys’ and girls’ champi- onship games occurring.

During the Friday ses- sion, the 2A boys and girls, 4A boys and girls and 5A girls will each crown champions; the 1A boys and girls, 3A boys and girls and 5A boys will com- plete their respective sea- sons during the Saturday session. All other rounds – such as the Sweet 16, Great Eight and Final Four – will be played at each pairing’s higher seed.

Chosen for wrestling’s March 12-13 ultimate wrap-up instead of tra- ditional site Ball Arena (formerly Pepsi Center) in Denver, the SMEC has hosted CHSAA state- and regional-round basketball and cheer competitions before, and can fit multiple mats on its floor. During a typical – meaning non- COVID – year, the facility has a permanent seating capacity of 3,264; BWA maxes out at nearly 8,100 for sporting events.

“Providing a culminat- ing event with the CHSAA Championship experience is a goal for all CHSAA-san- cioned events during this season,” Assistant Commis- sioner Adam Bright, former athletic director at Durango, said in the corresponding release. “The City of Pueblo has played host to multiple CHSAA events in the past, and provides an excellent venue to continue the cham- pionship experience during this 2021 wrestling season.”

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



Across

- Catchall file label
- Binger OK is this Nation’s capital
- The Catawba Indian Nation
- All cooks should know them
- Yellow Nose’s weapon, fatal to Custer
- Trifling complaint
- It seems to upset Noah’s descendants
- Heater
- Rejections
- “... and that --- hay!”
- Reduce gradually
- Confession of faith
- Prepare for publication
- Military abbreviation for a casualty
- Railroad track crossbeam
- Car-wash step
- Nonstandard Wall Street trade
- “... you’ll be ---, my son!” (Rudyard Kipling, “If”)
- Airport serving Tokyo
- Fastener for a door
- Elegant apartment
- Plumps

Down

- Karaoke bar equipment
- Speck in the ocean
- Crawled in the water?
- It can be about a storage unit
- Baskin-Robbins stack
- French apéritif
- Excavate
- Window occupant in a song
- Not aseá
- Brief tussle
- Craggy summit
- Sand Creek Massacre victims, with the Cheyenne
- The --- Sioux, or the Lakota
- Nike competitor
- Good place for a Ute angler
- “Homeland” org.
- DC Comics supervillain
- “... and --- bed”
- Common email system
- Condé ---, publishers
- What countries earn in a year, for short
- Teeny-weeny

Answers for this crossword will appear in Feb. 26 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Jan. 29, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 SAs, 4 Pauper, 10 Bird, 11 Oglala, 12 Legislators, 14 Ono, 15 Atl, 16 Lop, 17 Tangle, 19 Says, 20 Yerba, 22 Stem, 25 Go-cart, 29 Won, 30 Yew, 31 Mio, 32 Indivisible, 35 Stokes, 36 Meed, 37 Honest, 38 Fry.
Down: 1 Siena, 2 Argon, 3 SDI, 4 Poltergeist, 5 A gal, 6 Ult, 7 Paola, 8 Elroy, 9 Rasps, 10 Blot, 13 Sale, 18 Gym, 19 Sac, 21 Bows, 22 Swish, 23 Tonto, 24 End on, 26 Amber, 27 Riley, 28 Toed, 30 Yves, 33 Ike, 34 IMF.

Air Quality in real time!

Friendly reminder – you can visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division Ambient Air Quality Monitoring page to find updates on air quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.

The link to the Tribe’s Air Quality Stations:

www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Feb. 12



42°F cloudy

Rain/snow showers, 60% chance

Saturday, Feb. 13



46°F partly sunny

Sunday, Feb. 14



37°F cloudy

Snow showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

