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### SUNUTE

## Group Exercise instructors encouraging health & fitness at SunUte

by McKayla Lee

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Tribal members, Beth Santisteven and Jalisa Paul are currently two Group Exercise instructors at the SunUte Community Center who teach LesMills Sprint class, LesMills Core Class and BodyPump class, respectively.

Santisteven was originally recruited to train and instruct group exercise classes in 2005 when she was certified by the LesMills fitness programs in BodyPump. “I came back to teaching classes in 2016 because I really liked it before and wanted to do it again,” Santisteven stated. “I didn’t know what I wanted to teach but I asked Sage [Group Fitness Trainer] if she had room for me to teach a group.”

She currently teaches a 30-minute High Intensity Interval Training (HITT) spin class and a 30-minute core class. Each class required Santisteven to attend training and get certi-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Beth Santisteven and Jalisa Paul pose together while properly demonstrating how to lift and participate in a group exercise class.

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### NAGPRA

## Project updates from Cultural Preservation Dept., Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Staff Report

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The COVID-19 pandemic may have slowed down certain areas of society, but did not reduce the workload for the NAGPRA Office, now the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Since Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council issued the work at home order, the THPO staff worked tirelessly to review proposed projects and maintain their involvement in on-going projects remotely. The sections below are updates to previously written articles published in The Southern Ute Drum newspaper.

### Establishment of the Teller Institute Task Force

Tribal Council and THPO co-wrote a letter inviting Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to present at the December 2020 Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) meeting about the State’s intent to sell the old Grand Junction Indian School campus (GJIS). Today, the land is home to the Grand Junction Regional Center (GJRC), which is operated by CDHS. CDHS, also referred to as the Teller Institute, provides services and housing at GJRC to people with emotional, intellectual, and physical limitations.

The invitation to CDHS emphasized the urgency to locate GJIS’s student cemetery prior to CDHS selling the land. In the letter, Tribal Council emphasized their belief that “GJRC’s campus history was not adequately considered [by elected state offi-

cials] during the drafting and passage of Senate Bill 16-178 and House Bill 19-1062.” Both Bills detail the State’s intent to vacate and sell the land. THPO tried to initiate a conversation with the State to no avail. Therefore, THPO sought Tribal Council’s involvement to bring the matter to CCIA’s attention.

Ms. Barnes’s presentation was the first time that CHDS officially informed CCIA about the State’s intent to vacate and sell GJRC. CDHS acknowledged the history of the property and the need to evaluate the campus to locate the student cemetery – where 21 indigenous children died while attending GJIS between 1886 and 1911. The location of the student cemetery has been lost due to inaccurate record keeping and the mismanagement of historic documents.

CCIA requested the development of a workgroup to ensure that a timely evaluation of the property and consultation with descendant indigenous communities occurs. In January, the Teller Task Force was created. On February 5, Tribal Council nominated Garrett Briggs as the Southern Ute representative. According to Briggs, “this has been a long time coming. As a result of the relentless efforts and advocacy by the THPO, I am honored to serve in this capacity. I will do my best to ensure every feasible option is exhausted to relocate the student cemetery and that these children are treated with the respect and the dignity they deserve.”

Briggs is responsible for providing Tribal Council with updates and request guidance as the project moves forward. Currently, the Teller Task Force is postponing meetings to evaluate proposals of a third-party contractor to assist in the facilitation of consultation. Task Force meetings will likely resume in November. The original article, Project seeks to identify Indian students who perished while attending Grand Junction Indian Boarding School, was published Feb. 15, 2019.

### Bonita Peaks Ethnographic-Ethnobotanical

The Environmental Protection Agency initiated consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe about the Gold King Mine spill in 2015. In fall of 2018, the Environmental Programs Division (EPD) and THPO began to evaluate the extent of impacts to cultural resources within the Brunot Area. Based upon their recommendations, Tribal Council requested funding from the EPA to conduct an ethnographic and ethnobotanical study. Out of three respondents, the Tribe contracted Anthropological Research, LLC in winter 2019. Anthropological, LLC was selected due to their expertise, experience working with tribal communities, and their overall ability to fulfill the needs of the study.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Ute Indian Tribe were invited to participate. Based upon tribal consulta-

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## Veterans honored at home



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. readies the American Flag aside fellow Vietnam Veteran Rod Grove, attending to the POW flag and Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez (not pictured). Together with members of the Veterans Association and Southern Ute Tribal Council, they upheld the tradition of replacing and raising flags in Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park at sunrise on Veterans Day.

Association Treasurer, Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army) stands alongside Southern Ute Council Member Linda Baker in her regalia at the start of the annual Veterans Day Parade, held in the heart of historic downtown Durango, Colo. each November.

See veterans photos on pages 10 and 11.



### CCIA

## State prioritizing mental health among Native Veterans

by McKayla Lee

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In honor of November being Native American Heritage Month, The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, the Southern Ute Indian Health Center, the Denver Public Library and the Colorado Department of Human Services came together for a Behavioral Health Roundtable discussion on Monday, Nov. 8 via Zoom.

The goal of the roundtable was to focus on behavioral health, specifically on



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the services provided to Native Veterans. The discussion aimed to address the types of culturally responsive care that is necessary for Native Veterans. It was also meant to highlight the gaps and disparities found in American Indian and Alaska Native serving treatment centers.

Over the last three weeks,

the CCIA staff has worked together to celebrate the American Indian and Alaska Native communities throughout the month of November with different roundtable discussions, educational webinars and Indigenous food demonstrations.

Indigenous communities across Indian Country share many burdens, including economic and political marginalization, education disparities, discrimination and mental health challenges rooted in a long history of trauma.

Not only do Indigenous communities and their Veterans have to advocate for themselves and their mental health but they are facing key barriers to receive adequate health care and resources such as language barriers, lack of cultural competence and mistrust in providers.

Despite the need for mental health care, very few who need treatment can access it. In order to care for Indigenous Veterans, providers must first understand that all of the Indigenous populations who they serve have been met with broken promises and treaties creating a mistrust in governmental services and care. The lack of culturally responsive health care providers within rural and isolated locations have impacted access to mental health care as well.

“There still needs to be a lot more education among

### How To Seek Culturally Competent Care

When meeting with a provider, it is important to ask questions to get a sense of their level of cultural sensitivity. Providers expect and welcome questions from their patients since this helps them better understand what is important in their treatment. Here are some questions to ask:

- Have you treated other Indigenous people?
- Have you received training in spirituality or traditional practices?
- How do you see our cultural backgrounds influencing our communication and my treatment?
- Do you have training in trauma-informed care?

Whether seeking help from a primary care doctor or a mental health professional, you should leave the appointment feeling heard and respected. The amount of respect shown by the provider is the most important basis for an effective treatment relationship. It is essential to see an effort on the part of the provider to: overcome any barriers, understand the past and present experiences of Indigenous peoples, and have respect and empathy towards alternative practices and care.

Below are crisis lines to help individuals navigate support.

- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) Veterans Crisis Line also provides SMS text messaging service. Text a message to 838255 to receive support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- SAMHSA National Helpline: 1-800-662-4357 (HELP)
- Colorado Statewide Crisis Line: 844-493-8255
- New Mexico Statewide Crisis Line: 855-662-7474
- Axis Health System Crisis Line: 970-247-5245

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**Save the Date**  
**2021 General Election**  
**Swearing In**  
**Ceremony**  
*Ms. Lorelei Cloud*  
*Tuesday, the seventh of December*  
*two thousand twenty one*  
*9:30 a.m.*  
*WebEx Event*

Due to the current gathering restrictions, Public may attend via WebEx Event. Please use the registration information below to access the live event.  
 Link: <https://bit.ly/2021suge> Password: 2021ge

**End-of-Term**  
**Celebration**



Vice Chairman  
Bruce Valdez



Council Member  
Vanessa P. Torres

**Save the Date**  
**Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1:30 pm**  
**WebEx Event**

#### Agenda

1:30 pm Invocation & Welcome  
 1:35 pm Tribal Council Remarks  
 2:00 pm Visiting Dignitaries  
 2:30 pm Tribal Council Reflection  
 2:45 pm Honor Song  
 3:00 pm Social Hour  
 3:30 pm Conclusion

Due to the current gathering restrictions, Public may attend via WebEx Event. For more information, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box at (970) 563.2313 or [lbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov)

#### WebEx Event Registration Details

Link: <https://bit.ly/3wktfCA>  
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**Vote**  
**VANESSA P.**  
**TORRES**

**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**DEC. 17, 2021**

#### Southern Ute Tribal Admin. Office Closures

- Nov. 25 & 26 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 24 Christmas
- Dec. 10 Leonard C. Burch Day
- Dec. 31 New Years Eve

## Many Moons Ago



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### 10 years ago

The Southern Ute Police Department's annual Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center was a fun-filled family fright fest complete with a haunted house, kids' games, cake walks and more. Hundreds of community members turned out in their best costumes — some spooky, some goofy — to try their hands (or claws) at Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Suzi Richards and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. stand to accept a proclamation for Native American Month from La Plata County Commissioner Wally White at the La Plata County Courthouse on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011.

This photo was first published in the Nov. 18, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

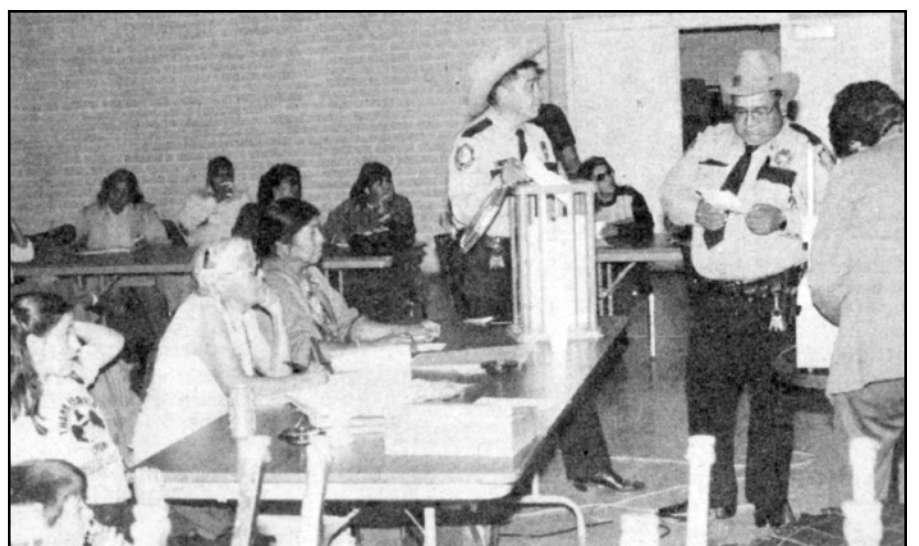


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### 30 years ago

The Southern Ute Johnson O'Malley Committee was presented an exemplary award from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. Pictured left to right is Lee Briggs, Etta Frost, Denise Thompson, Leonard C. Burch and Bertha Frost.

This photo was published in the Nov. 18, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Election Board and the tribal police officers supervising the Election Night results. Pictured are Election Board Chairman, Sunshine Smith; Election Board Member, Essie Kent; Chief of Police, Arthur Weaver; Police Sargent, Elwood Kent and Election Board Member, Kathlene Curry.

This photo was published in the Nov. 20, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

### 20 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 20 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 20 years ago photo in the December 3, 2021 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

#### Escape The Moon Escape Room!

Nov. 23—24 & Nov. 27—28

"...After a rough landing on the lunar surface, you realize it is up to you to repair the ship before it is too late. With an artificial intelligence system malfunctioning, you have little help making sense of the massive spaceship, but odd clues appear to be have been left on the lunar surface it-self. Can you crack the code, repair the ship, and return to Earth or will you be lost in space?..." Sign up for one of the 13 time slots available during the week of Thanksgiving. The escape room should take an hour to solve, and groups of 4-6 people can sign up in advance by calling the ICL and taking an available time slot. There will be a \$10 deposit for holding your spot. \*If you are no longer able to attend, please let the ICL know as soon as possible so that we can make sure every slot is filled!





Ignacio rocks their mocs



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Pearl Casias holds a pair of shoes she beaded for one of her grandchildren. Pearl spoke of the origins of some of her moccasins, including a pair of well-worn youth moccasins from the Sioux tribe. Casias won second in Adult Native Display and took home the evening's Overall Winner award.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Sky Dawn Moccasin sets up her display of moccasins from her family personal collection. She displayed family moccasins and heirlooms. Sky Dawn won first place in both the Adult Single Pair and Adult Native Display.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Mia Lopez speaks of her moccasin and shoe collection and talks of how she acquired them and various functions of some of her shoes – some good for hunting, and some for running. Mia won first place in the Youth Native Display. Navea Tensh Sandoval won second. Ember Berry won first place in the Youth Single Pair Native category.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Angela Baker won first place in the Athletic Display in the teen category for her impressive collection of Nike Air Jordans – which she paid for herself from money she made while working. She took home a skateboard and helmet donated by SunUte.

UTE LANGUAGE

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe launches digital Ute language dictionary

Staff report

UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe with support from The Language Conservancy will be launching a web and mobile Ute language dictionary Thursday, Nov. 18, during a community release event.

The Ute Language digital dictionary is the latest resource for speakers and students of the Ute Language. Time is critical for this Indigenous community as they fight to reinvigorate the next generation of learners. It is estimated that today there are a little over 110 fluent Ute Mountain Ute speakers. The Ute Mountain Ute digital dictionary will be free to access online or to download as an app on both iOS and Android devices. The release event will honor those involved in the process of creating this new language learning resource and all of the knowl-

edge they contributed. Attendees of the release event will get an interactive tutorial demonstrating how the learning software works.

Building the dictionary has been a process involving twenty-one Ute Mountain Ute speakers, a team of linguists, and multiple Rapid Word Collections (RWCs). RWC is a contemporary method of compiling language databases. The initial RWC was hosted in 2019, and speakers and linguists collected roughly 3,000 words for the dictionary. The second virtual RWC in January and February 2021 resulted in another 4,000 words collected. The Ute Mountain Ute digital dictionary will continue to be updated over time as additional words are gathered and verified.

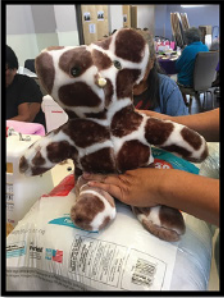
The web and mobile dictionary's release comes just ahead of what the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO) has deemed the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, starting in January 2022. UNESCO's recognition of Indigenous Peoples' linguistic rights and the concerted efforts of tribal elders, like those of the Ute Mountain Ute, will hopefully create powerful momentum for the language revitalization movement.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe are the Weeminuche band of the Ute people. The Ute Mountain Ute Reservation is a sovereign nation located in what is presently known as the Four Corners region of the United States. It is home to approximately 2,000 people.

The Language Conservancy (TLC) is a nonprofit organization that supports and advocates for the revitalization of Indigenous languages by developing programs, materials, and technologies in close partnership with Indigenous communities.

Multi-Purpose Facility  
Craft & Bake Sale  
256 Ute Road  
Saturday November 20, 2021  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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Indian Bear—Candles—Paper Flowers  
Arts & Crafts and Baked Goods  
Call for more information—970-563-2641



Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 protocol in effect  
Masks are required for vaccinated and unvaccinated guests.  
Please social distance

"Creative expression is a healthy choice."



Təvəchi toghoyaqh  
Thank you, very much

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Maykh (Hello)  
Cultural Preservation  
Department  
November Events/Classes

**Mission Statement**  
The mission of the Cultural Preservation Department is to revitalize, promote, sustain and document the culture, language, and history in a manner that honors the past generations, ensures a healthy and balanced tribal community, utilizes the advice and knowledge of the elders, and educates the general public in a manner that serves tribal interests.

Cultural Education Classes

This fall, we will host a monthly Ute language brunch, a Ute photojournalism workshop series for youth, beading, cooking/baking, traditional plant gathering, and more.

- Classes
- Nov. 21 to 24, 2021  
Youth Hide Tanning Workshop  
13yrs to 18 yrs old  
RSVP @ SUCCUM
  - Nov. 23, 2021  
Baking Class  
(Yeast Rolls) with Denise Thompson  
10am to 12pm, location TBA
  - Nov. 29, 2021  
Basket Weaving Class  
with Dreames Lehi  
9:00am-11:00am @SUCCUM Craft Room

Announcement

The Craft Room is available to reserve please contact Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
Curbside To-Go Meal  
11:30am to 3:00pm  
@Sky Ute Casino Event Center Parking Lot



Southern Ute Fair  
September 9 - 11, 2022

In preparation for entry to the Southern Ute Fair Exhibits, the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department will continue to offer classes for youth and adults from now until August 2022.

Come practice your craft and get ideas for your entry!

For more information contact:  
Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306  
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| Baking        | Duck Race       | Handgame         |
| Livestock     | Grease Pole     | Concert          |
|               | Horseshoe       | Fireworks        |



## Crown dancers visit Ignacio



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. hosted a performance from the Jicarilla Apache Crown Dancers, Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. A meal was provided by the Armijo family. The Crown Dancers are the Ga'an, or mountain spirits. Apaches believe that Usen, the Creator, sent the Ga'an to the Apache to teach them to live in harmony. There are five Crown Dancers, four masked dancers representing the directions of north, south, east, and west.

"The clown," protects the others by driving away evil spirits, usually with the sound of his humming bull-roarer, a thin piece of wood suspended from a string and swung in a circle.

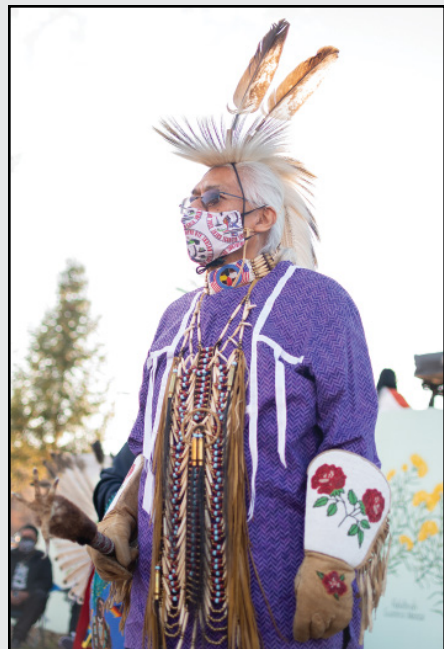


## Heritage presented at library



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Heritage Dancers performed at an outdoor celebration at the Durango Public Library in honor of Native American Heritage Month on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 17. Heritage dancers, Heather White Thunder and Edward Box III share a laugh as they dance together during a round dance.



Southern Ute elder, Eddie Box Jr. showcases his Southern Traditional dance skills for the Durango Public Library Native American Heritage Presentation.



Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Events Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoos demonstrates how to men's fancy dance during the heritage dance presentation.

## PROJECT UPDATES • FROM PAGE 1

tion, the project was divided into two field seasons. The Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribes participated in the 2019 field work, while the Ute Indian Tribe was scheduled to participate in 2020. The Ute Indian Tribe tribal members were unable to participate due to COVID; however, Betsy Chapoose, Cultural Rights and Protection Director for Ute Indian Tribe, provided information and feedback for the report via remote meetings with the other tribes and Anthropological Research, LLC.

Ute tribal members involved in this project included: Alden Naranjo, Jr., Terry Knight, Erwin Taylor, Arlene A. Millich, Ernest Pinnecoos, Elise Redd, Hanley Frost, Sr., Linda Baker, Cassandra Atencio, Edward B. Box, III., Garrett Briggs, Micha Odoms, Xavier Watts, Moav Berry, Emily Whiteman, Alfred Wall, Jr., Laverne Summa, Helen Munoz, Kathryn Jacket, Mark Wing, and Betsy Chapoose.

The final ethnography and ethnobotany report was submitted in April. The purpose of this report was to record Ute traditional knowledge associated with this portion of Ute ancestral lands. The recordation of the traditional knowledge included oral history, the identification of traditional plants, locations of use areas, as well as Ute and American modern history. The ethnography and ethnobotany report set the stage for the second part of the project – plant collection and toxicology assessment, which will begin in Spring 2022.

### Head Start Building

THPO involvement in Head Start School Building (HSSB) Project began in February of 2018. Tribal Council issued several directives to the THPO Office and EPD. First, the THPO was tasked with distributing a survey to the Southern Ute tribal membership regarding the future of the HSSB. Second, the THPO and EPD were tasked to collectively draft, publish, and contact an architectural preservation firm to digitally and physically document the HSSB, Dining Hall, and Girl's Dormitory (the Annex), as all as the murals on main campus.

May and Burch Conservation were awarded and fulfilled their contract in August 2020. The recordation of these historic structures and murals from the Indian Boarding School era were funded through EPD's Air Penalty Fund. The May and Burch Conservation team captured high-quality photographs of all artwork using Photogrammetry, examined the murals using a 50 to 200X magnification, and collected paint samples to evaluate the murals current conditions.

AQYER was subcontracted by May and Burch Conservation to perform a 3D laser scans of all three buildings inside and out. The scans precisely recorded and resulted in the creation of a database about their

form, which provides an accurate record of all structural surfaces that can be used in many ways, including the creation of a 'virtual tour' of the building. All information was collected for preservation purposes, pending Tribal Council's future determination about the fate of the HSSB.

Per the directive of Tribal Council, three tribal membership surveys were issued between 2018 and 2021. The third and final survey requested from Tribal Council occurred in July. The combined survey results indicated that 70% (96) support the preservation and rehabilitation of the HSSB, while 30% (41) voted for demolition. Those in favor of preservation and rehabilitation recommended that the HSSB be repurposed for the Boys & Girls Club, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Central Archival Repository, or be used as a living museum, among other ideas.

In 2021, EPD contracted Acumen Environmental to execute a Tribal Council directive to abate and mitigate hazardous materials from the HSSB. On August 23, May and Burch Conservation was hired to construct a protective barrier around the Ute life scene in the gymnasium. On September 8, Acumen Environmental began abatement and mitigation work, which is anticipated to last until February 11, 2022.

### Rocky Mountain Industry: Proposed Limestone Quarry Expansion

Rocky Mountain Industry (RMI) submitted a proposal to Bureau of Land Management Colorado River Valley Field Office (BLM CRVFO) to expand a preexisting limestone quarry near Glenwood Springs, Colo. in the Spring 2018. The THPO was initially informed about RMI's proposal by longstanding colleagues who have worked with Ute cultural preservation representatives for over three decades. The THPO accepted BLM CRVFO's invitation to consult in the Fall of 2018.

The THPO received their most recent update from

BLM CRVFO on November 2. Currently, the project is on hold. The Determination of Common Variety or mineral examination is ongoing. Upon completion, the hydrological baseline study will begin, which will require the drilling and monitoring of wells to inform additional environmental analyses of potential impacts to surrounding water sources. Once both studies are completed, the THPO will request an ethnographic study to ensure that Tribal interests continue to be considered at every level of planning.

### Fishers Peak

The opportunity to consult on the development of management plans for Fishers Peak is a pivotal moment in cultural preservation for the Tribe. State projects do not always require stakeholder involvement, such as tribes, to develop management plans that address their interests and concerns. Knowing this, the THPO submitted a letter to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requesting involvement by way of Tribal Council via the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs in Winter 2020.

The THPO is currently consulting on the project and reviewing the results of cultural surveys to ensure that the Tribe's concerns are taken into consideration at every level of planning. CPW is consulting with several tribes, including ours, to develop management plans that avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to or the destruction of cultural resources. These discussions guide where recreation can occur. During the month of November, meetings and site visits will occur at Fishers Peak.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or would like to assist in the Bonita Peaks Project, please call Garrett W. Briggs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, at 970-563-2257 or email at gbriggs@southernute-nsn.gov, or Cassandra Atencio, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at 970-2989 or email at catencio@southernute-nsn.gov.

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## HERITAGE PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is seeking local Pow-Wow dancers interested in public performances.



SU DRUM | McKayla Lee

Dancers will be selected based upon the number of participants needed and the style of dance needed for that event. Please note that we will have a diversified program with different styles of dancers which means that we will only need a limited number of participants per style. We will work to rotate people from our roster and update the roster as interest increases or decreases.

If you want to be added to our roster of available dancers, please contact: Marylin Pinnecoos, Events Coordinator, and specify which styles you dance. 970-563-2988 | mpinnecoos@southernute-nsn.gov

## Santa Letters Are Back!

Starting Nov. 17 stop by the Ignacio Community Library and pick up your Santa letters to let him know how your year was. He always likes to hear from kids and find out what you would like for Christmas this year. Santa's Mail box will be set up at our library book drop. We will send them to the North Pole through our library courier. Make sure and put your name and mailing address on the letter so he can write you back.





HEALTHY RECIPES

It’s cranberry time!

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

Cranberries belong to the same family as blueberries, they are packed with fiber and low in sugar. Cranberries contain numerous nutrients such as Vitamin C, E, K1, Manganese and Copper. They also have special plant compounds that promote health and may protect against UTI’s. Other possible health effects are potential protection against H. pylori, heart disease and blood pressure. Why not give fresh cranberries a try using one of these delicious holiday recipes!

Lisa B. Smith, RDN is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.



courtesy Spend with Pennies

Cranberry-strawberry Compote  
(Used instead of canned cranberries)

- Ingredients**
- 1 12 oz bag fresh cranberries, rinsed
  - 1 16 oz bag of frozen strawberries
  - 3/4 to 1 cup sugar (depending on taste)
  - 2-3 cups water
- Directions**
1. Place all ingredients in a heavy pot or Dutch oven.
  2. Heat on high until boiling, stirring frequently.
  3. Reduce heat to simmer until cranberries pop and strawberries soften, about 10 minutes.
  4. Let cool and refrigerate.
  5. Serve with turkey and thanksgiving sides.
- Serving size: 2 Tablespoons  
Nutrition per serving: 36 Calories, 9g Carbohydrates, 1 gram Fiber

Cranberry Salsa

- Ingredients**
- 1 12 oz bag fresh cranberries, rinsed
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2-3 scallions
  - 1 inch of ginger
  - 1 handful of cilantro
  - 1 jalapeno, seeded
  - 1 lime, juiced
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- Directions**
1. Place all ingredients in a food processor and blend together until desired texture (finely chopped or chunky, but not pureed).
  2. Serve on a sandwich with turkey, serve with tortilla chips or over cream cheese! Delish!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Native American Heritage Month!

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

That might sound a little weird to say it like that, “Happy NAHM!” But we should be happy. Yes, we as Native Americans, as indigenous people of these lands, have been through so much since our creation, but that just proves one thing: We are RESILIENT! We are resilient people who, thanks to our ancestors, have made it to this point in time. Yes, we recognize and talk about history but sometimes it is focused on all the negative things that have happened to us. This is an opportunity for us to remember our teachings from our ancestors and to keep moving forward. So, let’s take a step forward together. We want our children and their children to be here generations from now, right? We want our language and culture to be carried on, right? We want our people

to remember their ancestors and ancestral lands, right? How can we help make that happen? There are many ways we can do this but let’s focus on one important way for this article - forgiveness. Remember the past and take the lessons forward. Forgiveness is hard. Especially when it involves some of the historical traumas and events that happened to our people. Maybe it’s something our own people, family, friends, or community did to us. No matter what it is, forgiveness isn’t for them, it’s for us. Forgiving someone or people doesn’t mean we are forgetting what happened, or that we are weak, or it’s our fault or responsibility to forgive. It’s the exact opposite. According to the HealthLine.com, “forgiveness helps us heal.” Holding on to the negative thoughts, anger, and resentment can negatively affect us physically, emotionally, and mentally. Forgiveness has been

proven to have health benefits such as lower blood pressure, reduced anxiety, and even improved self-esteem. Forgiveness also allows us to learn healthy ways to think about ourselves and others, seeing that others do not have the power to affect us negatively. We have an opportunity this month to recognize our past for the good and bad, to celebrate and thank our ancestors for giving us life, and to forgive. Forgive ourselves, others, and things that negatively affected our way of life, our culture, language, etc. That is going to be an important key to our future, especially a healthy future for our Ute People.

Reclaiming and picking up where our ancestors left off.

“Culture is Prevention” is a great way of thinking for our community and those who work in programs that provide services, information, and support to our Native community on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. We can reclaim, relearn, and pick up where our ancestors left off so that our way of living, thinking, behaving, and doing can be taken into the future. We all belong to this way of thinking. We all have a role in our culture surviving. Help us pick up where our ancestors left off. For more information on how our program will implement “Culture is Prevention” here on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, please contact the Southern Ute Native Connections Program at the Behavioral Health Division 970-563-5700. We would love your support and input!

Don’t forget to check out our positive norming flyer in this issue: “We are Ute. We all belong.”

Resources

- **Culture Forward:** A Strengths and Culture Based Tool to Protect our Native Youth from Suicide. <https://caih.jhu.edu/programs/culture-forward> Sept. 30, 2021
- **Healthline:** How to Forgive. <https://www.healthline.com/health/how-to-forgive> April 27, 2020.



LOCAL RESOURCES

- **Southern Ute Health Center Behavioral Health Division:** (New Location And Phone Number) 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 or [dss@southernuten-sn.gov](mailto:dss@southernuten-sn.gov) for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Dept.:** 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.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO 970-759-3633
- **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.
- **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.

**Pre and Post Turkey Day Workout @ SunUte**

Reservations are required for this event. Sign-up early in person or by calling SunUte @ 563-0214

Pre Turkey Day Burn– Wednesday, Nov. 24th	Post Turkey Day Burn– Friday, Nov. 26th
6:30am– SPRINT/ Core (24/7 members)	8am–SPRINT/Core 24/7 members only!
8:30am– BodyCombat	10:15am– BodyStep –GX room (30min)
9:10am– BodyPump (full hour)	10:15-11:15am– Water Fitness (pool)
	10:50am–BodyPump– GX room (full hour)
12-1pm– BodyCombat/BodyPump (30/30)	10:15am– BodyCombat– Capote Room (45min)
	11:00am– Core-Capote Room (45min)
	10:15am– SPRINT– Mouache Room
	11:10am– RPM– Mouache Room (45min)

**SunUte Thanksgiving Hours**

**Wednesday, November 24 2021**

SunUte will be open 7am-2pm

AKC 8:25am-11:30am

6:30am- SPRINT/Core (24/7 members)

8:30am– BodyCombat

9:10am– BodyPump (full hour)

12pm-1pm– BodyCombat/BodyPump (30/30)

**Thursday, November 25th 2021 (Thanksgiving)**

SunUte will be **CLOSED**

**Friday, November 26th 2021**

SunUte will be open 10am-2pm

We will have modified AKC and Group Ex schedules.

AKC 10am-12:30pm

Group Ex– Post Turkey Day Burn, please call SunUte Front Desk for more information.

**24/7 will be available**

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treatment providers ... being able to find the right resources that are respectful and are willing to understand is difficult for Native Americans, especially Veterans,” Southern Ute Behavioral Health Manager, Mary Young stated. There are a lot of moving parts when it comes to correctly and respectfully contributing to culturally responsive services. Recruitment, training and retaining culturally competent providers is extremely difficult. The COVID-19 Pandemic has not only imposed greater hardships on Native communities, but it has made providers more aware of the need for crucial primary care, wellness programming and behavioral health care.

Cultural competency is incredibly important when it comes to your health care needs and understanding your value when it comes to receiving the proper care. There are very few mental and behavioral health programs that can provide culturally, spiritually and traditionally appropriate services, but together, the Southern Ute Health Center and their Behavioral Health Division are making strides to provide this level of care. “The Southern Ute Health Center has mental health and substance use assistance available for any patients eligible to receive services at the health center,” Young stated. “It has taken a whole team and community to build our health care capacity, we all

have to be honest and work together to make a change.” Your relationship with your mental health provider is especially important and relies heavily on proper communication. The last event for the week three celebration include the 4th Annual Native American Market presented by the Colorado Mesa University starting Friday, Nov. 19 – Sunday, Nov. 21. Keep an eye out on the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs’ Facebook page for the week four events. “Thank you all for your attendance and thank you for the healing work you do for your state and communities,” Colorado Lieutenant Governor, Dianne Primevera stated in her closing remarks.





TRIBAL HEALTH

Good health includes a healthy immune system

By Paige Kapp, CP  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, and on, we continue to have opportunities to make good choices to improve our health. Many people have received a COVID vaccine, others are cooking more meals at home, or spending more time exercising. All three reduce risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

Think of your body as a system, where each of the parts work together for your body to function. When one part of the system is not working properly, the other systems feel the effect, and may struggle to maintain normal function. For instance, high blood sugars cause the body to store the excess sugar as fat in your liver, which can lead to liver disease. High cholesterol, high blood pressure, and high blood sugars increase risk for heart disease and strokes. Being overweight or obese can raise your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar. See the circle here? Just like these conditions, your immune system functions at its best when all the other systems are working in harmony. This complex and wonderful system that makes up our bodies can be tuned up with just a few adjustments. Here are some of the choices you can make in your daily life to optimize your health and support your immune system.

**Get vaccinated**  
Since the first COVID vaccine became available last December, the Pfizer vaccine (Comirnaty) has received full FDA approval for ages 16 and up, as well as Emergency Use Authorization for children ag-

es 5-15. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have also received Emergency Use Authorization for use in adults 18 years and older and are soon expected to receive full FDA approval. Alongside these developments, the FDA and CDC have approved booster doses to give additional protection as the pandemic continues. In the early months, these vaccines were rolled out to only the most at risk groups for severe COVID-19, but now they are all widely available to anyone in these age groups, free of charge.

**Lose weight**  
Losing as little as 5% of your body weight can improve blood sugar, reduce fatty liver, lower blood pressure, and lower cholesterol. There are many diets out there that have been shown to help, including the Mediterranean Diet and the D.A.S.H. Diet. Both are low in saturated fats (fats that are solid at room temperature like lard, butter, and beef fat), and high in fruits, vegetables, and unsaturated fats (from olive oil, avocados, nuts, beans and fish). The D.A.S.H. Diet also includes lowering your sodium. A balanced diet with lots of fruits and vegetables will have plenty of vitamins, minerals, and fiber needed to support a healthy body and immune system.

**Exercise daily**  
“Use it or lose it” they say. In this case, that means muscle. Even your blood vessels are lined with muscles, and they need exercise too. Getting your body moving for at least 30 minutes a day can lower blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, and lead to even more weight loss.

The muscles you gain while exercising can help your body continue to function better even after the exercise is over. Even while you’re sitting or sleeping!

**Quality sleep**  
Getting a good night’s sleep (7-9 hours per night for adults) on a consistent schedule improves mood, and decreases the body’s stress hormones, which in turn lowers blood pressure, and blood sugar. Things you can do to get a better night’s sleep include:

- Stay on schedule, with the same wake up time every day.
- Turn off technology and screens an hour before bedtime.
- Set up your room to be dark and quiet during your sleep.
- Avoid alcohol. It may make you drowsy, but it lowers sleep quality.
- Avoid caffeine after noon.
- Talk to your doctor if you have sleeping difficulty.

**Quit smoking**  
The harms of smoking are well known, and can affect all parts of the body, not just the lungs. Much of the damage from smoking can even be reversed, so it’s never too late to quit. Help with quitting is free, just reach out to [www.coquitline.org](http://www.coquitline.org), call 1-800-QUIT-NOW, or contact a healthcare provider.

We know that underlying health conditions like obesity, diabetes, liver disease, kidney disease, heart disease and smoking all increase risk for severe COVID-19 illness, so doing what you can to prevent or control these with a healthy lifestyle is so important. Set a goal and take a step toward better health. There’s no better time to get started!

GROUP EXERCISE INSTRUCTORS • FROM PAGE 1

fied through the LesMills Fitness Programs. The Sprint class is a short, intense style of training using an indoor bike to drive the body to burn calories for hours, even after the class is done. The Body Core class is a scientific core workout that helps tone the core and is used to help sports performance. It is a class that will help build strength and stability in the muscles that support your core.

“Everything from the trainings to getting on stage to speaking into that mic for the first time is all very humbling – but once you establish that connection with the class and they can see your face grimacing just like they are then that pushes everyone to give their all,” Santisteven stated. “Holding that 45-second-long plank or finishing your last rep together connects everyone in that room, were all uplifting one another in there.”

Paul’s rise to instructing began when she first started taking group fitness classes in 2015, before taking her first class she would only utilize the treadmill on SunUte’s Fitness Floor. After her first class she was all in, “When I would come to work out, group exercise was all I did, and I managed to lose 120 pounds over all with classes and changing my diet,” Paul stated. “A lot of the instructors would

stop and ask if I have ever thought about teaching, and I would always say no – but with their convincing I was able to attend a BodyPump training in Grand Junction just before the start of the pandemic.”

SunUte currently offers over ten different group exercise classes, ranging from LesMills Fitness, Zumba, Yoga and Water Grooves classes. “Everyone who comes to class is at their own level and nobody judges, we have people of all ages in class – it’s really cool to see a mix of different people in class and they’re all pushing their own limits,” Paul shared.

The community center has always been dedicated to serving the tribal membership and the surrounding communities, they offer a safe and welcoming environment with quality customer service and knowledgeable staff. “I feel like one of the best things we have built in this building and in the community is this sense of camaraderie, the members that come in support each other and support the instructors – were all creating lasting relationships here,” SunUte Fitness Trainer, Sage Frane stated.

Even through the unknown barriers and unexpected troubles that the COVID-19 pandemic brought, SunUte worked to keep the community healthy

and safe. In December of 2020, the community center started releasing ‘Get Fit from Home!’ exercise programs. The release first began on SunUte’s Facebook page, but quickly made its permanent home on the center’s website. Everything from workout and challenges were then followed up by videos of the LesMills workout programming.

“You know COVID hit Indian Country really hard and on top of that we suffer from a lot of health epidemics as well,” Santisteven said. “Jalisa and I are here to support you, we’re here for the community, we’re not perfect by any means but we want to see members being active and putting in that effort to be healthy.”

If you’re interested in taking a group exercise class, the classes for the month are posted online at SunUte’s website, on their Facebook page and are available in print at the community center.

“My biggest tip for a beginner or anyone who’s looking to come to class is to find a partner and if you can’t find one, then call me, I will go to class with you, find something that you enjoy doing just get your body moving,” Paul stated. “Exercising, it’s good for your body, it’s good for your heart, you want to take care of yourself – no matter what you do just be consistent with it.”

HEALTH

Understanding the link between diabetes and kidney disease

Staff report  
DAVITA KIDNEY CARE

In honor of American Diabetes Month, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and DaVita are coming together to educate Americans about the connection between diabetes and kidney disease. Throughout the month of November, both organizations are sharing resources to inform people about taking steps to help prevent or slow these chronic conditions.

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of kidney disease globally. An estimated 1.5 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with diabetes every year, while 37 million are estimated to be living with kidney disease. Both chronic conditions disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic communities, many of whom are already at higher risk for other chronic diseases, such as heart disease and obesity.

Diabetes and kidney disease fast facts

- 6.2% of adults in Colorado have diabetes.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney disease.
- One in three people with diabetes develops kidney disease.
- Both kidney disease and diabetes disproportionately impact Black and His-

panic communities. Compared to white adults, the risk of being diagnosed with diabetes is higher among Black (77%) and Hispanic (66%) communities. Black Americans are 4 times more likely and Hispanics 1.3 times as likely as white adults to develop kidney failure.

More than 34 million Americans have diabetes, and almost half of all kidney failure cases are caused by diabetes.

Many people with diabetes may have CKD and not know it. Because renal disease usually has few symptoms until kidneys begin to fail, many diabetics with decreasing kidney function have not been diagnosed.

Both kidney disease and type two diabetes are preventable. Disease progression can be slowed and even stopped entirely with the right diet, exercise and better management of chronic conditions.


Five Tips for Proactively Monitoring Your Kidney Health

1. Learn about risk factors that may increase your chance of developing diabetic kidney disease, such as hypertension, heart disease, a family history of kidney disease, or hav-

ing African American, American Indian and Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. A simple questionnaire, like DaVita’s Kidney Disease Risk Quiz, can let you know if you’re at risk for kidney disease in under 60 seconds, or check out the American Diabetes Association’s Diabetes Risk Quiz.

2. Keep an eye on your blood pressure and try to keep it at 125/75 or lower, or where your doctor recommends. High blood pressure can increase your chances of developing kidney disease if you have diabetes because both higher sugar levels and higher blood pressure can damage blood vessels.
3. Seek a nephrologist if you have symptoms of chronic kidney disease (CKD), such as a metallic taste in the mouth or ammonia breath, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite, protein aversion, swelling in the face, feet or hands, itchiness (pruritus), producing more or less urine, urine that is foamy or bubbly, or blood in the urine.
4. Patients with diabetes should be tested every

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Diabetes Advisor

## Understanding Type 2 Diabetes

**What is Diabetes?**

Diabetes is a condition that causes blood sugar (blood glucose) levels to rise higher than normal. Hyperglycemia is the term doctors use to describe high blood sugar.

When you eat, your body breaks food down into glucose and sends it into the blood. Insulin, a hormone made in your pancreas, helps move the glucose from your blood into your blood cells as fuel for energy. Your pancreas is an organ in your abdomen (stomach).

There are three types of diabetes: type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes (diabetes you have when you’re pregnant).

**What is type 2 diabetes?**

In type 2 diabetes, your body has trouble using the insulin it’s making. This is called insulin resistance and it causes your blood sugar to rise higher than normal. At first, your pancreas makes more insulin to make up for this. But over time, it isn’t able to keep your blood sugar levels in a normal range. When blood sugar levels stay high for long periods of time, it increases your risk of other medical problems like heart attacks, kidney disease, blindness, and nerve pain.

**What treatments are used for type 2 diabetes?**

The goal of treatment is to help you feel good and prevent long term problems caused by diabetes. To meet these goals, your health care team will work with you to create a care plan that includes lifestyle changes and medications. Your care plan will help you reach your treatment goals. The best way to reach these goals is to:

- Have an eating plan that meets your needs and helps you reach your goals. What you eat, how much you eat, and when you eat are all important.
- Stay physically active and get regular exercise.
- Take your medications (both pills and injected medications) as prescribed by your doctor.

**Type 2 diabetes changes over time.** At first, healthy eating and physical activity may be enough to reach your targets. But most people end up needing medications, including insulin, at some point to manage their blood sugar, no matter how hard they work to reach their targets.

**What causes type 2 diabetes?**

Scientists do not know the exact cause of type 2 diabetes. However, developing type 2 diabetes has been linked with several risk factors. These include:

- A history of hyperglycemia (high blood sugar), such as prediabetes and/or gestational diabetes
- Are 45 or older
- Are Black, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander
- Have a parent, brother, or sister with diabetes
- Are overweight
- Are physically inactive
- Have high blood pressure or take medicine for high blood pressure
- Have low HDL cholesterol and/or high triglycerides
- Have been diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome

**How will I know if my diabetes treatment is working?**

Get an A1C blood test at least two times a year. This helps you and your health care team know how well you are managing your blood sugar levels. The A1C test is part of your “ABCs of diabetes”—an easy way to check how well your diabetes treatment is working. The ABCs of diabetes are:

<b>A is for A1C or estimated average glucose (eAG)</b> Your A1C test tells you your average blood sugar for the past two to three months. Your health care provider may call this your estimated average glucose, also called your eAG. The eAG shows your A1C results in the same units (mg/dL) as the glucose meter you use at home.	<b>B is for blood pressure</b> Your blood pressure numbers tell you the force of blood inside your blood vessels. When your blood pressure is high, your heart has to work harder.	<b>C is for cholesterol</b> Your cholesterol numbers tell you about the amount of fats in your blood. Some kinds of cholesterol can raise your risk for heart attack and stroke.
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Council: School board meeting



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Frequently scheduled meetings between Tribal Council and the Ignacio School Board help to strengthen the relationship between the Tribe and the Ignacio School District. The quarterly meeting between the Tribe and the school district was held Tuesday, Nov 16. was attended by Southern Ute Education Director LaTitia Taylor and the District's Curriculum Director.



The school board meeting began with statements of gratitude; Superintendent Chris deKay and Chairman Melvin Baker listen intently to others share what they are most grateful for.

Council Member Ramona Eagle congratulates newly elected Ignacio School Board member and tribal member Leila Baker; Eagle shared with Baker how proud she was of her accomplishment.



courtesy Daisy Bluestar/SUIMA

On Friday, Nov. 5 Upper Elementary students and the Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group performed at Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Swearing in Ceremony.

SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Kwanachigani pe'ekwatn - Eagle's Nest

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI  
INDIAN ACADEMY

As we continue to stay as healthy as possible, thank you for wearing your masks and helping with the temperature checks.

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Upper Elementary students and the Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group performed at Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Swearing in Ceremony.

The Upper Elementary students went to Crow Canyon on Tuesday, Nov. 9. It was a fun trip, which included lots of learning, activities and making new connections. They are looking forward to going back.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10 the Upper Elementary students visited with Tribal Veterans in the Hall of Warriors. Both the Early Childhood (Primary) and the Elementary levels produced cards for our Veterans.

SUIMA participated in Roc Your Mocs day/week with several staff and students showing off their



courtesy Daisy Bluestar/SUIMA

Upper Elementary students and the Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group attended Kwiyaaghatu school in Towaoc, Colo. and met students who performed songs to them.

foot gear.

We had a good turnout for our boxed Thanksgiving meal – thank you to everyone for celebrating this time of year with us and following the COVID protocol.

Tumiikukh kwanachiu – Eagles of the Week

Our two students for this edition will not be named, but they are highlighted in regard to a conversation that was overheard in the dining hall one morning by Ms. Mari Jo.

After coming back from the weekend, students A and B were sitting at a table, just about to enjoy their breakfast.

As I walked in, the first thing I noticed were the hand signs that were occurring at the table. Not wanting to dis-

tract these two boys, I kept walking past them. I then heard these words, which were being said in conjunction with the hand signs.

- Student A, “Mamachi kuchin panakara”
- Student B, “Your mom doesn’t have any money?”
- Student A “Uu, Mamachi kuchin panakara.”
- Student B, “Sometimes that is the same for my mom.”

I don’t know if the conversation continued, but this was amazing! Without fear of being wrong, these two students used what they have been learning to have a conversation using their knowledge of their Ute language.

Ignacio Middle School Honor Roll

6th Grade					
Gabriel Gomez	3.5		Tarah Baker	3.8	
Evan Maez	3.5		Lainee Bradley	3.8	
Elias Pena	3.5		Katie Cundiff	3.8	
Brodie Campbell	3.7		Gia Mendoza	3.8	
Aubriella Herrera	3.7		Raiya Welker	3.8	
Miguel Red	3.7		Cayson Burcham	4.0	
Jordin Richards	3.7		Matrim Jones	4.0	
Travis Bliss	3.8		Lily Quintana	4.0	
Mirra Bourriague	3.8		Kelly Sirios	4.0	
Myla GoodTracks	3.8		Gage Smithson	4.0	
Jade Howell	3.8		Thunder Windy Boy	4.0	
Amiyah Martinez	3.8		8th Grade		
Malique Rodriguez	3.8		Isabella Lorenzini	3.5	
Joseph Atencio	4.0		Maxamilian Montoya	3.5	
Veronica Brown	4.0		Lincoln deKay	3.7	
Amira Montoya	4.0		Liliauna Johnson	3.7	
Roberto Perez	4.0		Sonny Flores	3.8	
Narissa Williams	4.0		Zane Pontine	3.8	
7th Grade			Alyssa Atencio	4.0	
Katelyn Riehl	3.5		Trace Crane	4.0	
Jaelyn Alston	3.7		Samantha Riddell	4.0	
Paisley Vezeau	3.7		Autumn Schulz	4.0	
			Gregory Walker	4.0	

# SUIMA

Lucas Rael  
SUIMA Kindergarten Student

## PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

# PAG MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 30  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting link sent via Remind text messaging to SUIMA families.

DECEMBER MEETING - DEC. 14, 2021

### Southern Ute Education Department & Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

**Wednesday, November 3-5**  
Wear Braids or Scarf on your head

**Monday, November 8-10**  
Wear scarf or necklace

**Monday, November 15-19**  
ROCK YOUR MOCC'S WEEK!

November 19, bring walking shoes!  
SUIMA Sponsored Walk!  
(Stay tuned for an update on the walk.)

**Monday, November 29-30**  
Wear a Rose design on your clothing

Support our local Native American Students!

Daisy Bluestar  
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## November Native American Heritage Month

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IGNACIO SCHOOLS

The Bobcat Bulletin: Gratitude and information from your District

Chris deKay  
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Greetings from the Ignacio School District. I am grateful to serve as the Superintendent. I grew up in the lower Agency and lived most of my life in the Ignacio area. I have an appreciation for the diversity and beauty that our community possesses. I am excited to share with all of you the current focus and future plans of the district. The two goals of the district this year are on each student showing high academic growth and also providing a safe, supportive, and engaging environment. These elements go hand in hand in ensuring the success of our children.

Academic growth consists of high expectations and rigor in the classroom based on grade level standards. Curriculum is determined by an evaluation from the teachers and principals as they gauge how it meets the Colorado State Standards in each subject area. We are working hard to improve our engagement strategies for our youth as they learn important skills at each grade level.

We are also addressing the loss of learning created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The district, working in collaboration with the Southern Ute Education Department, has put e-classes and after school tutoring into place at the secondary level to address the gaps created by remote learning from the previous year and a half. This is not an easy process and will require support from both the school and from families in encouraging students to show resiliency. As a district, we track student growth through classroom assignments/tests/projects (grades) as well as through benchmark testing in math and reading in DIBELS, and STAR. Please feel free to reach out to teachers and principals if you need support in understanding growth data.

The School District is also working to improve interventions for students both academically and with social emotional programming. The Project Aware Grant is providing for a transition counselor for the eighth and ninth grade, as well as a K-12 social worker. These two new positions along with adopting the 7 Mindsets curriculum will add much needed social emotional support for our students. We will also continue to utilize our current counselors, Restorative Justice, and Character Counts to reinforce the teachings of integrity and resiliency. Senior Seminar and Freshman Seminar classes have been added to the high school to provide further academic support and emphasis on learning the soft skills that students will need in the future. These supports are in addition to Cat's Class at the high school, Bobcat Power Hour at the middle school, and WIN time at the elementary.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29-Dec. 10 Strategic Plan Survey
- Dec. 10 Leonard C. Burch Day
- Dec. 20-31 Christmas Break



DIABETES AND KIDNEY DISEASE • FROM PAGE 6

year for kidney disease. Ask your doctor to test your kidney function and to check your urine for protein.

5. Connect with a registered dietitian or a renal dietitian to manage and discover the right diet for your kidney health. You can also find kidney diet resources through DaVita's Kidney Smart Classes, which provide education around CKD.

"Diabetes and kidney disease are common – and tightly linked," said Tina Livaudais, RN, BSN, MBA, chief nursing officer for DaVita. "The good news is that by taking small, tangible steps it is possible to both prevent and slow the progression of pre-diabetes, type 2 diabetes and kidney disease. American Diabetes Month is a great opportunity for Coloradans to take charge of their

health through better awareness and management of these chronic conditions."

Join the American Diabetes Association and DaVita on Nov. 19 for a live discussion about diabetes and kidney disease. For more information, visit [diabetes.org/bigstepup](https://diabetes.org/bigstepup).

For additional information and resources on the link between kidney disease and diabetes, please visit [DaVita.com/ManagingDiabetes](https://DaVita.com/ManagingDiabetes).

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SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!  
The seven-week series kicks off January 19th, 2022. Each week, a Colorado Law professor will present on a different topic, including:

- Corporations & Business Law
- Property
- Civil Procedure
- Copyright & Trademark
- Criminal Law in Practice
- Family Law & Learning by Doing

Participants have 3 ways to join: (1) live, in person in Boulder, Colorado at the University of Colorado Law School; (2) live, online via a livestream of the lectures; or (3) watching recordings of the lectures on demand on your own schedule.

REGISTRATION IS FREE for Tribal Members and Tribal Employees.

Please contact Heather White Thunder  
[hwhiteth@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:hwhiteth@southernute-nsn.gov)  
970-5632780 to get registered



Seibel hosts student roundtable



courtesy SU Growth Fund

Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel met with Southern Ute students over dinner in Denver. Seibel reached out to the students for a meet and greet, where they discussed the Southern Ute Growth Fund, the student's future goals, and helped to answer any questions the students may have regarding opportunities and programs at the Growth Fund. Pictured (left to right) Marcus Bean attending University of Colorado Boulder, majoring in Psychology, Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel, Ebonee Gomez attending Regis University, majoring in Health and Exercise Science, Andrea Bean attending University of Colorado Boulder, majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

TUTORS

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) and the Southern Ute

Education Department are looking for 3 tutors. 1 for Bayfield and 2 for Ignacio School Districts.

Part-time tutors wanted \$30/hr

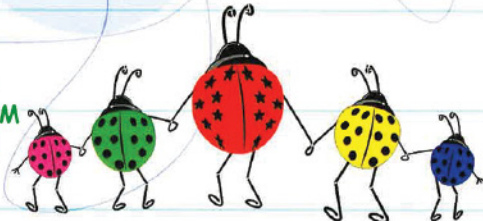
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Public Education Tutor.

Amazing opportunity to support children and young adults in their educational goals.

For more information contact Chairman of JOM committee Hilda Burch @970-563-2291



Tribal Member Portal  
Is Retiring DEC 31



Tribal Council approved retiring the older Tribal Member Portal site as the new Tribal Member Experience will take its place as information hub for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members.

The contents of the older site have been restored to the new site which has been live since September of this year!

NEW!

TRIBAL MEMBER  
EXPERIENCE

Tribal Members are encourage to sign-up for the new Tribal Member Experience, a more user-friendly platform! This new interactive platform will keep tribal members up-to-date with tribal information!

Sign Up Now At:

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>

to check out the Quick Start and Video guides, then select "Account Request Form". For more information, please contact SUSS Help Desk at (970) 563.5500 or Lindsay J. Box at (970) 563.2313



LOCAL BUSINESS

Marcella’s Gifts & More moves to new home

McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Marcella’s Gifts & More, a tri-ethnic community store officially closed the doors of their Goodard Ave location in Ignacio, Monday, Nov. 8. The gift shop has a new location at 18190 South-HWY 172, at owner Marcella Quintana’s home.

The shop originally opened in May of 2002 and was attached to ‘Julie’s El Amigo’ a restaurant owned by Quintana’s mother. “My shop was attached to my mom’s restaurant, and it worked out really well because she always wanted to have a shop, but was too busy to run one,” Quintana said.

Marcella’s features gifts for all occasions, from baptismal gifts to beadwork from local tribal members. Her shop also showcases pottery and crafts made by local artists. “I like serving the community – I sell everything from Native American goods to New Mexico Chile,” Quintana stated.

After battling and recovering from a cancer diagnosis, Marcella’s was closed for eight months while she spent time out of the country getting treatments. “When I came back at the end of August last year [2020] I had to spend a lot of time healing – and for the first time in my life,



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Marcella Quintana, owner of Marcella’s Gifts and More, a tri-ethnic community store stands for a portrait before her store front sign is removed from the Goodard building location on Monday, Nov. 8.

I took time off,” Quintana stated. “Now I am just trying to regain back a lot of business that I lost and I’m hoping that people will come out here, I am trying to fill my shop with things that will make it worth their time to come and shop.”

The decision to move her shop wasn’t hers entirely, the building where Marcella’s originally opened had sold. Her business didn’t sell, but the building where it was housed did. “I had to bring my business home – relocating will make it easier for me to go back and forth to Mexico for my recovery treatments too,” Quintana stated.

Marcella currently doesn’t have any set business hours. She has asked that people call her to set up shopping appointments

and if she is home, then everyone is welcomed to stop and shop. “They can always come out here and I will meet them in the shop, I am not one to be out and about much – I have a business to take care of,” Quintana said. “They can come out and see me as early as eight o’clock and as late as seven in the evening, as long as I am home, I am available.”

Marcella’s has requested that those who do come out to shop keep the gate to her driveway closed. She wants everyone and anyone to come out and shop at her business. “I will have some nice holiday sets available soon, they will make good gifts for families,” Quintana stated. Contact Marcella’s Gifts and More at 970-759-6621.

SUPD: Naranjo retires



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archives

Chris Naranjo retired from the Southern Ute Police department on Friday, Nov. 5. Chris Naranjo worked as a police officer for 29 years and worked for the Tribe a little over 26 years. During his time at SUPD, he has worked his way up from patrol officer, community resource officer, dispatch, sergeant, criminal investigator, acting chief, and lieutenant.



courtesy SUPD

Naranjo worked as a police officer for 29 years and worked for the Tribe a little over 26 years. During his time at SUPD, he has worked his way up from patrol officer, community resource officer, dispatch, sergeant, criminal investigator, acting chief, and lieutenant. Naranjo attended Police Academy in Marana, Ariz. in 1992 alongside Southern Ute tribal member Jack Frost II, the two would later work side by side on the Southern Ute Reservation. Naranjo hails from the Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico, where he served on the Tribal Police Force before joining SUPD in 1995.

SUPD held his retirement party held in the Justice & Regulatory’s large conference room; where many people gave speeches and thanked Naranjo for his service to the community and his many years serving the Tribe.

Hired by the late Eugene Leonard C. Burch — Naranjo has worked his way through SUPD, holding numerous positions over the years including: dispatch, patrol, community resource officer, senior patrol officer, sergeant, investigator, and even acting police chief. “I have literally held every position here, which is part of the reason I’ve stuck around so long,” Naranjo reflected in a 2018 Drum article. “I have always been treated well, and enjoy working here — it has become my home.”



courtesy SUPD

Frost swearing-in



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Court Judge, Paul Whistler, oversees the swearing-in of Southern Ute tribal elder, Byron Frost to the Gaming Commission at the Southern Ute Courts, Tuesday, Nov. 16. This will be Frost’s third time serving on the Commission and he will continue serving as the Vice-Chairman for the Commission.

Signal to improve crosswalk



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Construction crews continue to work on the stoplight infrastructure in downtown Ignacio at the intersection of Goodard Avenue and Becker Street. The signal light will improve traffic flow and safety along Ignacio’s main corridor, while also improving the turn onto Becker Street, which leads to the Ignacio High School. The primary reason is heavy foot traffic from students using that intersection to cross from residential neighborhoods over to the school property. In the process, ADA compliant ramps and sidewalk extensions have been added. The town & the school were behind the request for signalization. The cost for this project was shared by CDOT, Town of Ignacio and the Ignacio School District. Striping of the crosswalk is the final step and the signal is scheduled to be up and running before the end of November. This will be Ignacio’s fourth stoplight.

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## Soochiwa Kapi Ivikay - Coffee with Veterans



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The temporary exhibit erected in the Hall of Warriors also created interest among the tribal membership. Tribal elder Marty Pinnecoose attended the final morning to view the artifacts and share his own stories.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal elder and Vietnam veteran, Tim Watts, discusses his shared military experience with Captain Charles Hamby also a veteran. Watts also shared details of the patches on his Southern Ute Veterans Association coat.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal elder and Vietnam veteran, Eddie Box, Jr. took a moment from work to visit with his grandson, Roman Seibel, enjoy breakfast, and view the exhibit. The Veterans exhibit will remain up through the end of November.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum


Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students visit with Veterans and view the Veterans Exhibit on Wednesday, Nov. 10 during Soochiwa Kapi 'Ivkay 'Coffee with Veterans.'



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Vanessa Torres and her husband, Mark Torres attend the Coffee with Veterans event on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

**The Southern Ute Tribal Council honored Southern Ute Veterans and employees who served by hosting a multi-day event called "Soochiwa Kapi 'Ivkay," or Coffee with Veterans. The program was held from Monday, Nov. 8 through Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. The event showcased a special proclamation written by Tribal Council which thanked all veterans for their service and sacrifice. A special exhibit was also featured in the Hall of Warriors showcasing items from the Southern Ute Museum along with photographs, banners and a video. Refreshments were served and gifts were given to all veterans who attended. The temporary exhibit will remain open through the month of November.**



### Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2021 Run-off Election

ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT

The Election Board has determined these dates for the upcoming Run-off Election according to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Constitution and Election Code.

**Run-off Election – Friday, December 17, 2021 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**held at SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, CO**

Notice of Election–	Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Voter Registration Deadline–	Wednesday, December 08, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline–	Wednesday, December 08, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline–	Thursday, December 16, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

**Tribal Council Candidates:**  
**Vanessa P. Torres**  
**W. Bruce Valdez**

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2728/2729/2730 Email : election@southernute-nsn.gov  
 Off Reservation Tribal Members Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303


### Southern Ute Indian Tribe Run-Off Election 2020

**COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & VOTING DAY PROCEDURES**

Due to COVID-19 and winter coming up, the Election Board will be supervising and administering the **Southern Ute Indian Tribe Run-Off Election 2020** at SunUte Community Center, Ignacio CO.

- Voting will take place inside SunUte meeting rooms as in previous elections due to winter conditions
- 2 voters in the polling place at one time.
- Temperature check will be conducted upon entering Voting area at SunUte Community Center.
- An "X" will be located outside on the sidewalk next to the meeting room outside doors, marking every (6) feet where voters will stand when more than one voter is present.
- We ask all voters to please wear a mask. If you do not have one we will provide a disposable one for your use.
- Sanitizing of the voting booths will occur throughout the day, please be patient.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for your use, please sanitize before coming to the election area.

The counting of the ballots will be a closed session, only the board members and personnel assisting the board in this process will be allowed for safety due to it being in an enclosed area.



Election Board: 970-563-2303 or ext. 2305/2729/2728  
 Off Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
 Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION DECEMBER 17, 2021

### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER NOTICE – VOTE FOR ONE (1)

☐

Vanessa P. Torres

☐

W. Bruce Valdez

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2021 RUN-OFF ELECTION ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming Run-Off Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code

### RUN-OFF ELECTION

Friday, December 17, 2021 – 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. held at SunUte Community Center

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, December 8, 2021 by 5 P.M.**

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE – Wednesday, December 8, 2021 by 5 P.M.**

**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE – Thursday, December 16, 2021 by 5 P.M.**

**Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729/2728/2730**  
**Off-Reservation Tribal Members: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303**  
**Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov**





# Veterans Day



Southern Ute Vice Chairman and Veterans Association Member, Bruce Valdez, raised the Southern Ute Tribal Flag during a small ceremony held in Veterans Memorial Park in recognition of Veterans Day.



Southern Ute Veterans Association Member and Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove stands with the National League of Families POW/MIA flag, which bears the script "You are not forgotten."



Kiko Pardo, son of Lindsay Box, shakes hands with Howard Richards Sr. following the flag ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

**Veterans Day events filled the days leading up to November 11th this year – culminating with a flag ceremony in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio and the annual Veterans Day Parade in Durango, Colo. Members of the Veterans Association and Southern Ute Tribal Council upheld the tradition of replacing and raising flags in Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park at sunrise on Veterans Day. The Veterans Day Parade returned to downtown Durango, where it graced the historic façade of old Main Street to the delight of spectators – young and old.**

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Association Treasurer, Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army) and Southern Ute Vice Chairman and Veteran, Bruce Valdez, and Southern Ute Council Member Linda Baker — represent the Tribe in the annual Veterans day Parade in Durango, Colo.



Southern Ute tribal members: Shawna Steffler, Carolyn Eagle, Linda Eagle, and Carol Baker support the veterans in downtown Durango, during this year's Veterans Day parade.

**The Cultural Preservation Department, in conjunction with the Wildlife Division, Presents**



**Youth Hide Tanning Workshop**  
Ages: 13 yrs. to 18 yrs.  
November 21 to 24, 2021  
\*Attendance for all four days required\*  
Location: SUCCM  
Limited to 10 participants, RSVP required  
Deadline for RSVP- October 20, 2021

Meet at Museum every morning at 8:00 A.M.  
Pick-up children at Museum at 5:30 P.M. daily

**Southern Ute Tribal Members & Descendants**



For more information, contact:  
Crystal Rizzo, Cultural Education Coordinator  
970-563-2306  
crrizzo@southernute-nsn.gov



Standing Tall — Southern Ute Vice Chairman and Veterans Association Member, Bruce Valdez, carries the Southern Ute Tribal Flag during the annual Veterans Day Parade in Durango, Colo.





Raymond Baker visits Council



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Following their regular meeting, Tuesday, Nov 16. Tribal Council spent time with Retired Navy Veteran and Southern Ute tribal member, Raymond Baker, who currently resides overseas in Italy. The group stands in front the temporary exhibit which featured panels from Baker's military service with the U.S. Navy.

Retired Navy Veteran and Southern Ute tribal member, Raymond Baker explains to Tribal Council what life is like as a tribal member residing off the reservation and shares ideas on how to provide equitable programs and services.



Laguna Cultural Hunts



Hunters from the Pueblo of Laguna spent a week on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to take part in an approved cultural hunt. The visitors also brought with them baked goodies from home which were distributed to Southern Ute tribal elders.



Southern Ute elder, Hanley Frost serves on the Southern Ute Wildlife Advisory Board as Cultural Advisor and attended the meet and greet between Tribal Council, Pueblo of Laguna, and the Tribe's Wildlife Division.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION 2021



Vanessa P. Torres Tribal Council Candidate



W. Bruce Valdez Tribal Council Candidate

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker and Council Member Linda Baker listen as a hunter from the Pueblo of Laguna shares his appreciation and what the cultural hunt means to their people.



Photos by Lindsay Box Southern Ute Council Affairs

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2. STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CONNECT. SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

FRIDAY MORNING

Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman Valdez will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG



Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez takes a moment to laugh with a member from the Pueblo of Laguna visiting the Southern Ute Reservation to participate in the cultural hunt.

TREASURER'S PANA-QARU 'URU APAGHARU



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qaru 'uru 'apagharu "Money Talks" Quarterly 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.



Photo Credit: Jeremy Wade Shackley, Southern Ute Drum



Tribal Council seeking Elders participation!

5-7 Elders to help with Committee of Elder Bylaws



Photo Courtesy of Southern Ute Drum Archives

Southern Ute Tribal Council is seeking 5 to 7 Tribal Elders to review and revise the Committee of Elders by-laws. This will be a volunteer group.

How to Participate

- Participation is voluntary
If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sunshine Whyte at (970) 563.2319 or via email at swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov
DEADLINE: Friday, December 10, 2021

Questions

For questions related to the Committee of Elders please contact Council Member Ramona Y. Eagle at (970) 563.2402





Most Children & All Teens Can Get COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.

Authorized For	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J / Janssen
4 years and under	No	No	No
5–11 years old	Yes	No	No
12–17 years old	Yes	No	No
18 years and older	Yes	Yes	Yes

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. People who are fully vaccinated can safely resume many activities that they did prior to the pandemic. Children ages 5 years and older are able to get an age-appropriate dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Learn more about what you and your child or teen can do when fully vaccinated. – [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

CORONAVIRUS

With COVID-19 surging, SJBPH calls for statewide mask order

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) amended its local public health advisory today amidst a statewide COVID-19 surge with transmission and hospitalization rates comparable to the worst peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The advisory updates vaccine eligibility to include 5 to 11-year-olds, expands booster eligibility based on an Executive Order by the Governor, and adds information related to monoclonal antibody treatments and upcoming federal ‘vaccine or test’ mandates.

Colorado currently has one of the highest seven-day incidence and seven-day death rates per 100,000 people in the nation, and currently has approximately 1,500 COVID-19 hospitalizations. Modeling provided by the State of Colorado projects hospitals may exceed ICU and acute care capacity in the coming weeks.

SJBPH strongly urges residents to fully adhere to the local public health advisory and wear masks in all public indoor spaces and businesses whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. For local governments, schools, and businesses, full adherence to the advisory means requiring a mask for entry into their facilities and indoor spaces.

Colorado’s COVID-19 surge has the potential to lead to the rationing of health care for both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients. Earlier this week, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) activated crisis standards of care guidelines for hospitals allowing them emergency flexibility in how they allocate resources, staffing, and provide care to patients. Titer 3 of the Combined Hospital Transfer Center (CHTC) has also been activated and is the highest tier available to manage patient transfers on a statewide level. The Governor signed an Executive Order yesterday declaring the entire State of Colorado as high-risk for exposure or transmission, making Coloradans 18 years of age and older eligible for a COVID-19 booster (for adults six months past their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two months past their Johnson & Johnson vaccine). Vaccine clinics and providers offering first, second, and booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are available on the SJBPH website.

“This statewide COVID-19 surge is extremely serious and is being driven by the highly transmissible Delta variant and hospitalizations among the unvaccinated.

With hospitals on the brink of exceeding capacity, residents should mask up and get the vaccine or a booster dose right away. The vaccine and boosters are a critical tool available to community members to prevent them from being hospitalized with COVID-19,” said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH.

“The entire state of Colorado has been formally declared a high-risk, high-transmission area, therefore SJBPH calls on the State of Colorado to enact a statewide mask order to help flatten the curve and save lives. A mask order can be rapidly deployed to reduce transmission and complement ongoing efforts with vaccine, testing, and COVID-19 treatments. Masks are proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19, can be turned on and off quickly, and are most effective when issued and enforced at a statewide level. If everyone was vaccinated our hospitals would be in a much better position, and we are working extremely hard at the local level with support from the State to get our vaccination rate up as high as we can. While we work together to vaccinate and boost, we are asking the State for a proven public health precaution that will help immediately,” added Jollon.

SJBPH joins the Colorado Medical Society, American Academy of Pediatrics (Colorado Chapter), Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, and numerous other medical societies and public health experts calling for a statewide mask order. High transmission and hospitalization rates are consistent across Colorado. Coloradans and visitors travel across county boundaries often and mobility across the State is high. Statewide public health orders provide consistency and limit confusion among the public. Masks are cost effective, minimally intrusive, and are proven to reduce transmission. A statewide mask order should be temporary, and once Colorado makes progress toward flattening the curve and averts further crippling of our overstretched health care system, a statewide order should have county or regional metrics allowing for customization and loosening of precautions.

**Public Health Advisory**  
Both La Plata and Archuleta counties are identified as having ‘High’ transmission according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the highest transmission rates of 2021 have been observed in recent weeks. With the holidays approaching and more activities

moving indoors with colder weather, SJBPH strongly urges all residents, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a well-fitting mask inside of public indoor spaces and businesses.

SJBPH strongly encourages business owners and operators of public indoor spaces to fully adhere to the advisory. A business in full adherence would require a mask for entry and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet between households or parties in enclosed spaces. The advisory also encourages employers to continue with symptom screening, testing of staff, ventilation improvements, and other measures to prevent an outbreak in the workplace. SJBPH is providing business owners with signage they can display if they are in full adherence with the advisory. The State of Colorado is also encouraging all businesses to take the Power the Comeback/COVID Safe Business Pledge to become an official Power the Comeback Business Partner.

This is SJBPH’s fourth amended public health advisory of 2021. The first went into effect on May 14th. SJBPH will update the reissued advisory as needed based on local case incidence rates, hospitalization data, and other metrics.

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

SJBPH applauds the State of Colorado for working hard to increase monoclonal antibody treatment access. SJBPH is pleased to have been informed the State will be providing a local mobile access point for monoclonal antibody treatments as early as next week. Information about how to access COVID-19 treatments is available through the State of Colorado’s website.

SJBPH will provide more details on this treatment opportunity as soon as possible. Information about treatments for COVID-19, including monoclonal antibodies, is available on the SJBPH website.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The vaccine is convenient and widely available for all residents ages 5 and up. 5 to 17-year-olds are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, and the two-dose series takes at least five weeks from the first shot for individuals to complete the series and reach maximum immunity.

There are numerous vaccine providers in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and SJBPH is offering clinics seven days per week in partnership with Jogan Health. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, third, and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics, pop-ups, and mobile clinics is available online with convenient dates and times available across both counties.

Although advance registration is preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. Additional providers and information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on SJBPH’s website.

For COVID-19 data, testing locations, and more information about vaccines visit the SJBPH website.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE**  
(As of November 17, 2021)

**Southern Ute Health Center Cases**

392 Positives  
265 Recovered  
42 Breakthrough  
15,614 Total Tests

**SUHC Vaccination Update**

**Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!**

Fully vaccinated persons can also schedule a 3rd dose Pfizer/Moderna and 2nd Janssen Booster!

**Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases**

152 Positives  
113 Recovered  
3 Deaths

**Vaccine Eligibility:** Anyone 18 years of age and older (5 years and older for Pfizer). IHS-eligible patients will receive priority when scheduling.

**Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581**

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 “TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”**

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT**

**December 13 & 14th**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate household members (including those who are not enrolled) and Tribal Caregivers. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members are also welcome to attend. Individuals are required to wear a face mask.

Tribal Elders and those who identify as high risk have priority from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. both days.

Testing will be open to tribal staff and the community both days!

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. Southern Ute Health Center Staff will contact individuals who test positive. If your test is negative, you will not receive a call reporting your test results.

**Southern Ute Health Center**

**COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids!**

**Kids ages 5 to 11 years and older are eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine today!**

Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and IHS Beneficiaries will have priority when scheduling an appointment.

**Please contact the SUHC at (970) 563.4581 for questions and to schedule an appointment!**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Booster Vaccines**

**COVID 3rd Dose Booster Dose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have now approved booster shots of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for select individuals. This is in addition to the group of people who are already eligible and receiving Pfizer boosters. The new approval from the FDA and CDC allows individuals to ‘mix and match’ and get different vaccine types for their booster other than the vaccine they originally received. The Southern Ute Health Center will also begin to administer the booster for Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen vaccinations.

The Southern Ute Health Center has scheduled the following COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for the months of October and November. Please call (970) 563-4581 to schedule your appointment.

**Who Is Eligible?**

- 65 years +
- Individuals 18-64 with underlying health conditions
- High risk workers
- Living or working in a congregate care setting

Vaccine Name	Eligible Age Group	When can I receive my booster dose?
Pfizer	• 65 years and older • 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Six (6) months after your 2nd dose.
Moderna	• 65 years and older • 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Six (6) months after your 2nd dose.
Janssen	• 65 years and older • 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Two (2) months after your 1st dose.

**Upcoming SUHC Vaccine Clinics:**

Please call the SUHC for availability and to schedule your appointment.

**November 24** **December 1, 3, 14, 15, & 16**

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at (970) 563-4581 Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**TESTING WHEN YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COVID-RELATED SYMPTOMS CAN HELP PREVENT SPREAD IN OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

SUHC COVID-19 Testing Available Monday thru Thursday 8 to 4

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**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19**  
"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

**THE TRIBE IS IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2**  
Wear your face covering at all times, to keep our future generations and tribal elders safe! Face Coverings are required in most settings where social distancing is not possible, including outdoors. Individuals can schedule a vaccination appointment by calling the Southern Ute Health Center at (970) 563.4581.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND SOUTHERN UTE DRUM.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council**

**Activities discouraged while in 'Safer at Home' Order Phase II, Level 2**  
The Tribe tightens restrictions, moves to Phase II "Safer at Home" Order, Level 2 effective October 2, 2021.

Visit loved ones if you are sick

Visit non-household members in a congregate care setting

Discontinue use of face coverings when required

Discontinue social distancing

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**COVID-19 Holiday Guidance**

The holiday season is a time spent gathering with loved ones and to celebrate reconnecting with friends. Unfortunately, we continue our fight against COVID-19. The Tribal remains in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2 which limits personal gatherings to no more than 20 persons to protect the health of the tribal membership. Please celebrate the upcoming holidays together but from afar. Here are some tips to celebrate a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Southern Ute Tribal Council would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Share a meal with your immediate household members only. If you must prepare a meal for others, call and arrange a time to deliver the meal while limiting close contact.

Connect with loved ones by calling or Facetimeing as a way to catch up and celebrate in a safe, virtual way.

Be sure to wear your face covering when shopping for the holidays. Continue to practice social distancing and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19**  
"Together, we will fight COVID-19"

Designed and Published by Lindsey J. Rice

The Tribal Offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 26 and tribal offices will resume normal operations on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021.  
For more information or updates visit the Tribal website, SU Drum, and social media.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council**

**Activities allowed while in 'Safer at Home' Order Phase II, Level 2**  
The Tribe tightens restrictions, moves to Phase II "Safer at Home" Order, Level 2 effective October 2, 2021.

Care for Family & Pets

Buy groceries or household supplies

Obtain medical supplies

Engage in banking

Go to work or get things from work

Exercise or engage in non-group activities

Get or buy educational supplies

Maintain or buy things for the household

**Preparing Children and Teens for Vaccination**

The experience of getting a COVID-19 vaccine will be very similar to the experience of getting routine vaccines. Use our tips to support your child before, during, and after routine vaccinations when they get a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your child before vaccination about what to expect. It is not recommended you give pain relievers before vaccination to try to prevent side effects. Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have. To prevent fainting and injuries related to fainting, your child should be seated or lying down during vaccination and for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given. After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15-30 minutes so your child can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment. For info visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/)

**Powwow Grounds Survey Sent to Tribal members**

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee recently sent out a survey by mail to the tribal membership regarding pow wow grounds enhancements to be determined along with location. To respond, tribal membership can drop completed surveys back into the mail with a self-addressed stamp, leave in the DROP BOX located on the LCB tribal campus South entrance, or at the Powwow Committee mailbox (#16) located in the Central Receiving Building during regular business hours. Surveys can also be emailed back to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee email at: [soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov).

Thank you and further questions can be answered by Rochelle Aguilar, Southern Ute Powwow Committee Secretary, at 970-759-1722

**ADD SOME SOUTHWEST FLAVOR!**

Rolling Thunder Grill at Sky Ute Casino Resort is back!

**VISIT US**  
Floor Hours :  
11AM – 9PM Sunday – Thursday  
11AM – 10PM Friday and Saturday  
[skyutecasino.com](https://skyutecasino.com)

**SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM**

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## Cats victorious at Regionals



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Volleycats gather around the 2A-Region XII Championships' first-place award Sat., Nov. 6, following a five-game victory over Greeley Union Colony Prep (as well as an earlier three-game sweep of Collbran Plateau Valley) inside IHS Gymnasium.

Ignacio senior Alexis Pontine leaps with the CHSAA Class 2A-Region XII Championships' first-place – and State Qualifier – plaque as the Volleycats sing the IHS Fight Song following their 23-25, 20-25, 25-22, 25-17, 15-10 come-from-behind win over Greeley Union Colony Prep inside IHS Gymnasium Sat., Nov. 6. Joining Pontine in celebration, from left, are Grace Gonzales (10), Lexy Young, Elisia Cruz (11) and Kacey Brown (4).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lexy Young (center) leads the Volleycats in a celebratory shout on Day 1 inside The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs.

### BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

## Ignacio Cats swept twice in Olympic City, USA

*Wiggins, Soroco stop Volleycats at State*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If there was one team in the CHSAA State Volleyball Championships' Class 2A field who could empathize with State tourney rookies Ignacio, it may have actually been defending State Champion Wiggins.

"We lost four of our starters from the State Championship team, so we've kind of known that we have a lot of work ... and a long ways to go," said head coach Michelle Baker, following the teams' Day 1 encounter Thurs., Nov. 11. "And like we've told them all year long; this is a completely different team than what it was. We're doing things a little differently, have people playing different positions – it's a totally different team and we've tried to kind of get their minds wrapped around that, so they didn't feel the pressure of last season's success."

"Getting them comfortable, I think, is the biggest thing," she continued, speaking of both her underclassman-dominated Lady Tigers as well as the Volleycats – making their program's return to the final weekend after a 34-year wait – inside The Broadmoor World Arena. "I hope they [IHS] don't put too much pressure on themselves in this circumstance, you know?"

Welcomed into the Big Dance with a service ace from WHS senior Rachael White, the 'Cats quickly fell behind 8-2 in Game 1 before rallying all the way back to as close as 19-18 via a kill by junior Grace Gonzales. Wiggins sophomore Taelynn Eppe answered with a kill and classmate Tyleigh Fehseke – like Eppe, one of two Lady Tiger sophs and three overall listed at 5'10" – followed with another, putting WHS on track to a 25-19 win capped by a double-contact violation against Ignacio junior setter Laci Brunson.

Continuing to show the unknown 'Cats the biggest stage's proverbial ropes, Wiggins rode a Gonzales foot-fault infraction out to a 7-0 lead before IHS senior Alexis Pontine downed a cross-court kill. Undaunted, the Lady Tigers capitalized upon another Brunson double-touch and increased their lead to 12-1 en route to a comprehensive 25-9 win and 2-0 lead in the match pitting 11-seed Ignacio against No. 6 WHS.

But back to Baker's 'pressure' comment for a mo-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Solymar Cosio (20) attempts a kill shot over Oak Creek Soroco's Kayedence Bruner (12) and Irene Hoff (14) during Day 2 play inside The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs.

ment. If the underdog Volleycats were feeling any, it may have been mostly mental due the simple fact that – due to a swift 2A opener with 8-seed Denver Christian sweeping No. 9 Hoehne, plus a slow-played opening match in Class 3A – they found themselves in action at the same time as, and around the corner of the floor's divisive netting from Bayfield, making for a likely State first between the Pine River Valley schools.

And indeed, Game 2 against Wiggins would be IHS' low moment in the Championships. Bouncing back well, Ignacio traded evenly with the Lady Tigers all the way out to 8-8, when Baker took a timeout following a Gonzales kill off a Pontine assist. And in being able to outscore the 'Cats 12-5 after the pause, WHS pressed Shasta Pontine into calling a timeout with Ignacio down 20-13. Momentum, unfortunately, would remain with Wiggins – which polished off a 25-14 win and first-round sweep when Gonzales smacked a back-row attempt into the net.

"You know, our record was only 16-9 for the regular season – our losses were against some pretty big teams – so I thought (Ignacio) did great," said Baker. "They were exciting to watch, had a big block and had some great hits ... were able to move the ball around. Strong servers, and I think they were scrappy; you love

to see teams like that." "Watching them grow is exciting – we have only one senior – so it's exciting to see those girls' potential," she added.

Simultaneously in action with not only BHS (versus Intermountain League rival Alamosa, no less) but also 2A/1A San Juan Basin Leaguers Dove Creek (1A, against Idalia) the morning of Day 2, Ignacio squared off against Oak Creek-based Soroco – an opponent they'd have seen earlier this fall at the Simla Invitational, had COVID-19 worries not canceled the Volleycats' trip.

"It just shows we're really high-level volleyball down here in southwest Colorado," Alexis Pontine said. "It's really exciting and we're all really dedicated to the sport."

"One point at a time ... just keep your head in the game," she continued. "If you mess up, shake it off and focus on the next point; the past is in the past and you've got to focus on the future."

Proud of having earned their own program's first-ever State berth, senior-blessed SHS, pained by an upset loss to 5-seed Holyoke the previous afternoon, made 8 a.m. amends at the expense of unlucky Ignacio.

"I think they were a little mad at themselves and knew they had missed an opportunity," said SHS skipper Jeanne Jo Logan, referring to her

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## Native American World Series



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Tim Velasquez, from the 'Swingers' softball team, gets ready to bat in the Native American and First Nations World Series USSSA Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 13 in Las Vegas, Nev.

## Volleyball returns to SunUte



Bird Red from the "Sweet and Salty" volleyball team stuffs down a tip shot from the opposing team during the SunUte Community Centers Recreation Co-ed Volleyball game on Tuesday, Nov. 16.



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

"Reservation Dogs" team player, Kelsey Frost, flawlessly returns a kill over shot during SunUte Community Centers Recreation Co-ed Volleyball game on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

### Bayfield Coed Basketball and Indoor Soccer

#### Coed Basketball K-4th

Come dribble into basketball season this winter and give your child the opportunity to develop balance, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, social skills, and confidence with Bayfield Youth Basketball for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. Registration deadline is Nov. 26, 2021. League Dates are from Jan. 8 – Feb. 5. Registration Fee is \$35. Register at [www.ourbayfieldparks.org](http://www.ourbayfieldparks.org)

#### Adult Indoor Soccer

Indoor Coed soccer at the Old Middle School Gym on Monday and Thursday nights, possibly Sundays pending number of teams. Games are 5-on-5, there must be 2 females on the floor at all times. Registration deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. Registration fee is \$300 per team. League begins on Jan. 10, 2022. Register at [www.ourbayfieldparks.org](http://www.ourbayfieldparks.org)





IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

What is community?

By Marcia Vining
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

What is community? What does it mean to you? Webster's has a couple of definitions beginning with the obvious: a group of people with similar characteristics or similar interests, and the less obvious: a social state or condition. For me it means a sense of finding "my people," folks I can identify with, be myself with and have meaningful connections. That's part of why I appreciate the name of Ignacio Community Library (ICL). At its foundation, its heart, is community. Community can mean a group of people coming together for similar purposes such as our Maker group or our book clubbers. These are fairly small communities gathering for a singular reason; to create, or to discuss books. Other communities are larger, more encompassing; our Friends of the Library is like that. It is a varied group of



people coming together with the common goal of supporting the ICL. I find that I enjoy many different communities within the greater Ignacio community. From groups at the Rec Center to acquaintances I see at the grocery store, I have come to depend upon and cherish our community members. I love the diversity, the uniqueness of our special corner of Colorado. Because I'm at the library, I get to see people from other communities, sometimes from nearby Durango or Bayfield and sometimes from further away; even including international travelers. I relish the com-

ments that I hear about this community, the special feeling that Ignacio has and the friendliness and connection found here. I was speaking with a colleague from the Midwest recently and she was amazed at what we have to offer within our tiny town and within the library. So, if you're feeling a lack of connection, a lack of community, maybe we over at ICL can offer you a sense of place and belonging and an opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends. I know that we're all experiencing at least some degree of covid fatigue. We're ready to be done with this and move on with our lives and our futures. Last December the community came together in a big way to help our kids celebrate Christmas with the light parade and the Taste of Christmas. I'm looking forward to doing it again this year and to seeing your smiling faces throughout town.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

REFLECTING ON MY FIRST 11 MONTHS ON TRIBAL COUNCIL

One year on Tribal Council has passed by quickly. Being sworn into office during a pandemic changes the color of any lens, including a unique situation for all tribal operations. A notable observation is how the Permanent Fund, the Growth Fund and the Casino have met the challenges of opening their doors to the tribal membership and the public. The operations of these three entities serve different purposes. In a nutshell, the Permanent Fund serves the tribal membership, the Growth Fund is a business, and the Casino provides entertainment (gaming and dining). And during this time of Covid, each entity makes decisions to meet the needs of their constituents. Those needs vary greatly and have different values to those who rely on them. Within each of these entities, changes from Covid resulted in negative impacts, positive benefits, and room for reflection. Each entity could write a long list under each head-

ing, but "room for reflection" offers room to grow and to think outside the box. A tribal service organization, a successful business, and a gaming and dining establishment have no parallels, and operate in industries that could not be more different from one another. Yet each of them faces the challenge of moving forward based on why they exist and who they serve. Despite differences, what opportunities are there that could propel each of them forward into new areas of growth? What lessons did each entity acknowledge, address, and attempt to resolve? What could be done better for the tribal member, for the employee and for the community? These questions existed prior to Covid, but the power behind the questions have changed. Hopefully, the future will be a recognition of the negative, a change toward the positive, and a practiced application of reflection.

Linda K. Baker
Southern Ute Tribal Council Member

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Are you up for a holiday challenge? Then enter our GINGERBREAD MAN DECORATING CONTEST. Pick up a Gingerbread man from the library starting November 17 and take it home to design your own! Bring it back to the library by December 12th. Gingerbread will be on display for public vote. Winners broken down by age groups.

CELEBRATING Native American Heritage Month WITH COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA K. BAKER. I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS TEACHING FROM MY GRANDMA - "For us/our family, this is how a child receives their first name (Ute name). After a baby is born, the father runs at dawn a long ways to a tree or landmark in the distance. He should carry a small bundle of sage, or sweet grass, or water plant, like willow or short cottonwood branches. During his run, he needs to pray and observe his surroundings. From this run, the child's name is formed. It is a good beginning for a baby, having someone, even another family member, running at dawn and praying. This should be done for our children, to start their identity as a Ute person and receive their first Ute name."

Taste of Christmas Agenda. 5:30 - 6:00 PM Light Up The Town Parade. Tune in to 93.1 KSUT LIVE broadcast. 6:00 - 8:00 PM Taste of Christmas Events: Outdoor Bazaar @ ELHI, Fill your bowl fundraiser @ ELHI, Horse Carriage rides @ ELHI, Christmas Goodie Bags @ Library, Gingerbread man contest @ Library, Letters to Santa @ Library. 6:30 - 7:00 PM Outdoor Ugly Sweater Contest @ Library. 7:00 - 8:00 PM Photos with Santa @ Library. Site / Event contacts: ELHI Site Manager: Allison 970.563.4100 / elhimanager@gmail.com, BGC Coordinator: Journii 970.563.2692 / jonez@southernute-nsn.gov, Library Facilities Manager: Dixie 970.563.9287 / dcook@ignaciolibrary.org

Grateful. Thankful. Blessed! Christmas Concert. When: Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 3:00pm. Where: Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 15449 HWY-172, Ignacio, Colorado. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OFFERED AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.

Correction. Southern Ute Veterans, Edward Box Jr. and Arthur Johnny Weaver were misidentified in the previous edition of the Southern Ute Drum. The graphic depicting Veterans from the Vietnam era conflict, misidentified Box and Weaver as deceased.

Drum Deadline. Next issue Dec. 3. Deadline Nov. 29. THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM. A biweekly newspaper owned and operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Ignacio, Colo. SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$29 per year • \$49 two years. PHONE: 970-563-0100 • DIRECT: 970-563-0118. TOLL FREE: 1-800-772-1236 • FAX: 970-563-0391. MAILING ADDRESS: The Southern Ute Drum: PO Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137. PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 356 Ouray Drive, Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, CO 81137. STAFF EXTENSIONS & EMAIL ADDRESSES: The Southern Ute Drum (sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov), Jeremy Wade Shockley • Editor, ext. 2255 (jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov), Robert Ortiz • Graphic Specialist, ext. 2253 (rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov), McKayla Lee • Reporter/Photographer, ext. 2252 (mlee@southernute-nsn.gov), Trennie Collins • Admin. Assistant/PR Coordinator, ext. 2251 (tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov), Fabian Martinez • Media Archivist, ext. 2274 (fmartinez@southernute-nsn.gov). The Southern Ute Drum does not assume responsibility for unsolicited material and does not guarantee publication upon submission. Published biweekly and mailed 1st class from Ignacio, Colo. Printed by the Farmington Daily Times in Farmington, N.M. The Southern Ute Drum is a member of the Native American Journalists Association, the Society of Professional Journalist and the Colorado Press Association.





REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Fish Tissue Laboratory Assessment

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct fish tissue analyses for a study of metal bioaccumulation within the Animas River. The project area includes four sampling sites along the Animas River within the Tribe’s boundaries. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Taryn Chaya, Animas River/WIIN Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137, tchaya@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through Dec. 3, 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: Nov. 5 & 19, 2021

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
State Of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Closes at 5 p.m. on Nov. 22, 2021. Commission Member Description: Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Commission Purpose: Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. Summary of Commission Duties: Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the Reservation Air Program long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Preferred Commission Member Qualifications: Knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order; Knowledge of the Clean Air Act; Ethical, strong integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player. Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions: Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve for three-year appointment terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis and may require Commission participation. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. If employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a short letter or email from the employee’s supervisor approving of appointment to the Commission is required. Meeting Location: Justice & Regulatory Administration Bldg., EPD Large Conference Rm. 71, Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 or Virtual Meeting Platform. How to Apply: Send letter of interest to: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail to: Air Quality Program Office PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137 or hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Bldg., Air Quality Program, 71 Mike Frost Way Ignacio, CO 81137

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.

- 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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Green Roof Removal and Installation of New Commercial Roofing  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Property and Facilities, 970-563-2945

**Proposals due no later than, Nov. 19, 2021.**  
For more information, contact TERO at Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office: 970-563-0117, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Proposals requested for the removal of an existing “green” roof and installation of commercial roofing in its place at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Museum and Culture Center. The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe’s Property and Facilities Department requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP). The scope of the project will include, but not limited to the following: Removal and disposal of dirt and/or associated media; Framing for new roof deck; New roof deck substrate; Waterproofing roof deck; Fabrication and installation of new metal roof (color to match existing); Detail roofing materials; Detail product warranties; Detail workmanship warranties; Weekly meetings, either virtual or onsite, will be scheduled during the project for team updates; Crossing permit and TERO fees will be included in the contract amount. See below for TERO requirements; There may be changing COVID responses that will demand certain work practices or restrictions during the project.

**SUIT Project Team: Southern Ute Property and Facilities, 970-563-2945**

- Tyson Thompson, Property and Facilities Director, thompson@southernute-nsn.gov
- Gerard Gallegos, Building Maintenance Division Head, ggallego@southernute-nsn.gov
- Stephanie Goodtracks, Property and Facilities Executive Admin, sgoodtra@southernute-nsn.gov

Please call to schedule on site visits for building your proposals. Please email your proposals to the entire project team. All services to be provided by the selected contractor shall be in accordance and agreement with the Southern Ute Tribes contracting process with specific requirements for working on the reservation. Project team members can answer questions. The selected contractor will be responsible for procurement and payment for any subcontracted services, reports, materials, surveys, documents, copies, public notices, public meetings, travel, expenses, and any other item(s) or services required to complete the scope of work. Project to be completed before end of September 2022.  
**Request For Proposal (RFP) Submittal Statements:** This RFP does not commit the SUIT to award a contract nor pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposals. The SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals because of non-conformance; to waive any irregularities and informalities; and to re-advertise when it is in the best interest of the Tribe. The SUIT reserves the right to ask questions of clarification of any or all firms as part of its evaluation.

**Submittal Requirements: Interested firms are required to submit the following information**  
Contact Information. Provide name and address of firm, contact person, title, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address and mailing address. Unit Cost Information. No specific format required. Project Experience. Provide a minimum of three (3) projects the firm has completed in the past five (5) years. Include the Owner’s name and telephone number as a Reference. Project Approach and Schedule. This section covers the proposer’s understanding of the project, proposed approach, and work plan to complete the Scope of Work. Describe how the proposed project will be undertaken, including methods and assumptions. A schedule of work chart must be provided indicating a start date through completion of the project. Claims History and Professional Integrity. Provide an accurate summary of any claims initiated against your firm in the past five (5) years and any currently pending claims. Provide a certified statement that the firm is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal or state agency. Copy of Certificate of Insurance and Bonding Capabilities. The candidate firm shall submit a Certificate of Insurance (photocopy) indicating the firm’s present General Liability coverage.  
**SUIT TERO Requirements / Native American Preference / Crossing Permits:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The TERO policy must be applied to your selection of consultants and/or sub-contractors when putting together your bid proposal. For the purposes of this bid solicitation a 5% bid preference will be given to all TERO Certified Indian Owned Businesses. The firm awarded the contract will be responsible for paying a TERO fee at the end of the project which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. This should be included in your Fee proposal. The firm awarded the contract, and all subcontractors will be responsible for obtaining and paying for crossing permits for the duration of the project. This should be included in your Fee proposal. For more information about crossing permits please contact the Southern Ute Lands Division at 970-563-0126.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

TERO COMMISSION

Closes 12/20/21 – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest from Southern Ute Tribal Members for One (1) Alternate Commissioner; to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, three (3) year terms and they are compensated positions. Applicant must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal Member Alternate: Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2021. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for “Member-At-Large” and One vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality, Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 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. Questions? Call the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

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 Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Mique! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. This committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. This will also require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. This committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. So please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137, and at soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov.

USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program

Due January 31, 2022. For students seeking careers in Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences, and/or other Related Disciplines. The USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program was established to strengthen the long-term partnership between USDA and the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions by increasing the number of students studying, graduating, and pursuing careers in in food, agriculture, natural resources, and other related fields of study. The USDA 1994 National Scholars Program is implemented under the USDA Fellows Experience Program (FEP). Successful applicants will receive a temporary appointment to the USDA, not to exceed 4years. Upon successful completion of the degree requirements and the end of the agreement period, the scholar is eligible for conversion to permanent appointment in service to USDA without further competition. The USDA 1994 National Scholar is required to: Be a U.S citizen; Have been admitted as well as enrolled as full-time student in a 1994 Land-Grant Tribal College or University or be a recent graduate of one of these schools; Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale; Have demonstrated leadership and community service; Have submitted an official transcript with a school seal and/or the signature of an authorized school official; Submit an essay that is 500-800 words describing 1) What motivates you to consider a career in public service working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Include information about your educational and career goals and how this scholarship may assist you to achieve them; 2) How did you become interested in studying food, agriculture, and natural resource sciences or another related discipline in college.

KSUT is your Radio Station!  
KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member  
to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976.  
KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.



- KSUT Board of Director Duties:**
- Advance KSUT’s mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving Ignacio and the Four Corners community
  - Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
  - Participate in fundraising and community events
  - Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
  - Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan
- Desired Skills:**
- Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.
- Board Member Term:**
- Board member will serve a three-year term.
- To apply, submit a letter of interest to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director  
Email: tami@ksut.org or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255





# Notices

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November 19, 2021



In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed November 25 & 26, 2021 for Thanksgiving. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 29, 2021.

## FY2022 Forestry Wood Program

The Wood Program will begin on October 1, 2021 and run until April 30, 2022. Wood orders will be taken Mondays thru Thursdays, wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wood pick-ups will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Each load will be 3/4 of a cord for household heating. Deliveries are for Elders Only or Handicapped Tribal Members, all other Tribal Members will need to pick up. Please call in enough time to have our crew handle the workload, otherwise, you may not get your wood until the next pick up or delivery day. Thank you, Forestry/Fuels Crew.



Southern Ute Utilities Division  
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 11/16/21



### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- NOV. 25<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING DAY – CLOSED
- NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup> – OPEN
- DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY – CLOSED
- DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE DAY – OPEN
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY – CLOSED
- DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEAR'S EVE – OPEN
- JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEAR'S DAY – CLOSED

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

Tribal Members: Pick up 2021 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Tribal ID is required.

Happy Holidays!  
Be Safe & Enjoy



#### Winter Tips

- Frozen Pipes? Tribal Members can call Construction Services or hire a qualified 3rd party contractor to fix
- Have a pump house? Activate heaters to keep from freezing
- Winterize your home to save on heating costs this winter

#### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reach a staff member by phone during these hours at (970) 563-5500

#### Friendly Reminders

- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month  
December 1st / January 5th  
February 2nd / March 2nd
- Avoid **Late Fees**, pay your bill by due date.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

##### Pay your Utility Account

- Online at: [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)  
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab.
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
- Wells Fargo (Ignacio Branch) Drive-Thru
- Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution
- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

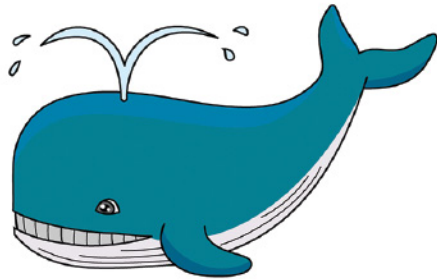
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)



# Did you know?

Blue Whale arteries are so large a human can swim through them!

Source: <https://www.whalefacts.org/blue-whale-heart/>



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

# FOR SALE

Ignacio Floral has been in business for 31 years!

The business, equipment and inventory is now being sold with the option for a long-term space lease at it's current location.

For more information on how to make this established business yours, contact Kasey Correia at 970-769-1364.



**Attention Tribal Membership, preparation for upcoming cold temperatures:**  
Construction Services Division would like to remind everyone to plug in their heaters at your pump house and heat tape to your water lines to prevent any freeze-up on your home this winter. Also, if you have not serviced your furnace please contact Construction Services at 970-563-0260 if you need assistance.

## CREATE YOUR FUTURE



# Become a Paramedic

The Paramedic program at PCC Southwest will increase your knowledge and skills that will enable you to handle critical pre-hospital care situations. Subjects will advance your current EMS knowledge including airway, cardiac, medical, trauma and pharmacology. You will also receive ACLS, PALS and trauma certifications.

Spring 2022 program starts **Jan. 17**

For more info or to apply, email [Carter.Smith@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Carter.Smith@pueblocc.edu) or call **970.564.6206**

**Pueblo Southwest**  
Community College

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](mailto:Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu) at least five (5) working days before the event.

Worth it.



## COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS AT PCC SOUTHWEST

PCC Southwest offers multiple CIS degree and certificate options. Earn your associate degree on campus or pursue one of our fully online degrees. Or focus on a shorter course to boost your skills. You can even get a bachelor's degree in Secure Software Development right here at PCC.



The National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security designated PCC a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education in 2017. This designation ensures that you are getting the best instruction available and offers your future employers the assurance that you are well qualified in the rapidly growing CIS industry.



**Pueblo Southwest**  
Community College

Spring classes start **January 17**  
For information, call **970.564.6201** or visit [pueblocc.edu/programs](http://pueblocc.edu/programs)





Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

Set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the AV Lead System Engineer. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and wearing the appropriate uniform at all times.

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Depts. Pulls the containers, and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food & Beverage facilities and equipment.

Door Greeter (Full-time)

Providing quality guest service by greeting and welcoming guests when they enter the building, monitoring temperature checks for all guests, ensuring that mask mandates are being followed, and assists guests by answering questions about the Casino such as hours of operation, location of restaurants and restrooms, etc. Should display a friendly and welcoming attitude.

Event Staff (On-call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. In this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the fa-

cility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include, luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

Kitchen Utility Steward

Will perform multiple tasks and duties as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

\*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time/Temp)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

Accounts Payable/Receivable Technician – SU Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 12/2/21 – Administering the billing program for the Utilities Division in an accurate and timely manner. Provides administrative support for the Utilities Division, including receptionist duties.

GFMC Tribal Member At-Large – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 12/13/21 – 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. 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.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email [Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org](mailto:Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org) or [ceyeto@utemountain.org](mailto:ceyeto@utemountain.org) or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

- Child Development Center, Part-time Assistant Cook – Closes 11/29/21
- Child Development Center, Full-time Assistant Head Start Teacher – Closes 11/29/21
- Higher Education, Receptionist/Clerical – Closes 11/29/21
- KCA, Educational Assistant – Closes 11/29/21
- Natural Resource, Cowboy – Closes 11/29/21
- Public Health, Part-time CHR – Closes 11/29/21
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Closes 11/29/21
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-B, IV – Closes 11/29/21
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open until filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Full-time White Mesa Security – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Full-time Security – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open until filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open until filled
- Social Services, Director – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open until filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open until filled
- WM Recreation Center, Part-time Assistant Director – Open until filled
- WM Education, Adult Education Coach – Open until filled
- WM Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open until filled
- WM Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open until filled

Job Opportunities at Rocky Mountain National Park

Biological Science Technicians

The seasonal Biological Science Technicians (Plants) will assist with the vegetation program and the seasonal Biological Science Technicians (Wildlife) will assist with the wildlife program. Announcements for the GS-6/7 Biological Science Technicians are currently open and can be accessed by visiting on the links below. The GS-5 Biological Science Technician will be announced Nov. 15 and the GS-4 Biological Science Technician will be announced Nov. 29. If you have questions about the responsibilities and duties of the Biological Science Technician positions, contact Jim Bromberg, Restoration Ecologist, at 970-586-1302 or [Jim\\_Bromber@nps.gov](mailto:Jim_Bromber@nps.gov). [www.usa-jobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/620230200](http://www.usa-jobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/620230200); [www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/620161600](http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/620161600)

Archeological Technicians

Hiring three seasonal GS-0102-07 Archeological Technician positions to assist with a variety of projects including post-fire recovery efforts and database management. Two positions will focus on post-fire recovery projects that include completing rapid condition assessments and working

with trail crews to minimize impacts to archeological resources. One position will focus on data management and be responsible for updating existing records and creating new records in the Cultural Resources Inventory System (CRIS). Field positions are required to hike long distances (10+ miles) in steep and rugged terrain sometimes in inclement weather while carrying heavy packs. These positions will conduct work in remote areas where overnight wilderness camping is necessary. The anticipated Entry on Duty (EOD) is mid-April. Will be directly supervised by the Cultural Resources Program Manager and will work as part of the cultural resource team to help the park identify, document, and protect cultural resources. There will be opportunities to gain a broader understanding of Section 106 compliance and to contribute to the growing cultural resources program at the park. Job announcements are scheduled to open on Nov. 17 and will be posted on [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov). If you have questions about the responsibilities and duties of the Archeological Technician positions, contact Kelly Dick, Cultural Resources Specialist, at 970-966-4974 or [Kelly\\_Dick@nps.gov](mailto:Kelly_Dick@nps.gov).

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://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

Custodian

Closes 11/30/21 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

Executive Office Manager

Closes 11/29/21 – Provides administrative support to TMHB Department Director. Maintains office systems to ensure the efficient operation of the Tribal Health Dept. Acts as Liaison between Tribal Council, Executive Office, Directors, and Tribal Staff. Managing information to Dept. Directors, Tribal Staff, Tribal members, the Southern Ute Health Center, and the public. Presents a positive and professional image to Tribal Council, Tribal employees, Tribal members, and the public. Pay grade E12; \$45,236.26/year.

Housing Department Admin. Assistant II

Closes 11/29/21 – Performs administrative support for the Housing Dept., including secretarial duties, receptionist, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

SunUte Receptionist (Part-time)

Closes 11/30/21 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the SunUte Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – A regular part time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; \$13.47/hour.

Air Quality Analyst I (Part-time) – Southern Ute members only

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager. Performs administrative, technical, and clerical support for the Tribal Air Quality Program and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Position is for an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E12; \$45,236.26/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

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: house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Starts at \$14.48/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 N11; \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide SUIMA students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Com-

municate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E11; \$41,456.65/year.

Farm Equipment Mechanic

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Agriculture Division Head, completes mechanical repair and maintenance on Agriculture Division equipment and/or secures repairs through outside vendors. Ensures that equipment maintenance and repair services are provided for the Agriculture Division/Custom Farm Program and other Tribal Departments in a prompt and efficient manner. May also perform welding tasks. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Starts at \$26.21/hour.

Lifeguard (Full-time & Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour with: \$200 sign-on bonus (part-time); \$400 sign-on bonus (full-time).

Media Technician (Part-time) – Southern Ute members only

A part-time position only for the duration of a grant project; position is contingent on grant funds. Creating audio and video documentation of language very specific to grant project requirements. Pay grade N11, \$19.93/hour.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade N16; \$32.33/hour.

Patrol Officer I

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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; \$23.81/hour. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment.

Payroll Manager

Open Until Filled – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

TEAM Worker – Southern Ute tribal member only

Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. Opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tumbling Tots/Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities for the Tumbling Tots Program at Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Dept. sporting events. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Internship with Forest Service MobilizeGreen Continental Divide Trail Program

The U.S. Forest Service is currently recruiting a CDT Resource Assistant. Announcement is available through Mobilize Green. The Social Scientist/Cultural Resources Specialist Resource Assistant (RA) will work with the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) Administrator, tribal liaisons, and partners to better understand historic and current uses along the CDT and landscapes associated with the Continental Divide. Conduct a cultural landscape assessment along the Continental Divide. The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail is a 3,100 mile trail from Mexico to Canada across five states in the Rocky Mountains (NM, CO, WY, ID, and MT).



## IGNACIO CATS SWEEP TWICE • FROM PAGE 15

4-seed Lady Rams’ 8-25, 16-25, 17-25 second-round set-back avenged via a 30-28, 25-16, 25-20 sweep of IHS. “So just wanting to turn things around ... the girls did well on it; it was on them.”

Primed to pounce, so were the ‘Cats, who pressured Soroco often during each stanza’s earliest movements, and who very nearly pushed the survival show-down beyond the minimum number of them before Brunson was called for a double-contact with SHS on match point, 24-20.

Having rallied out of a 9-6 hole to tie at 11-all, Ignacio relinquished the upper hand – for good, as it turned out – when Gonzales was whistled for a back-row violation on an otherwise-successful roll shot. SHS junior Shelby Geiger followed with a kill and SHS separated out to 16-11, forcing Shasta Pontine to take a timeout – and offer advice to which the ‘Cats steadily took heed as they crept back to as close as 19-17 via a service ace by freshman Ollyvia Howe.

But senior Sophia Benjamin, the Lady Rams’ top gun, tooled a kill (one of her match-high 14) off a Gonzales block to spark a crippling 4-1 run – including a Benjamin serve unable to be fielded – putting Soroco up 23-18. Gonzales managed to place a cross-court kill and IHS also scored on the next exchange, but Alexis Pontine’s subsequent attempted push to the deep corner floated just long – giving SHS first crack at claiming the contest.

“We went out there ... the highest we’ve ever been in a long time,” Gonzales said. “We’ve been practicing really hard all year, and ... I’m really proud of our team. I think we’re going to do well in future games.”

Against Wiggins, Gonzales downed seven kills and Pontine six with Brunson distributing nine assists but five teammates also logging one each. Junior libero Trinity Strohl came up with a team-high ten digs, while Pontine booked nine and Gonzales eight. Pontine also zipped five aces over the strings.

In the Soroco match, Pontine paced Ignacio with nine kills and Gonzales was credited with five. Senior Lexy Young downed an improved seven and junior Harmony Reynolds four as Brunson logged 16 assists. Defensively, however, was where the ‘Cats shone; Young came up with a team-high 20 digs – trailing only Lady Ram senior Emi Ramirez’s 23 – while Pontine and Gonzales each tallied 16, while sophomore Solymar Cosio was in on three solo and two assisted blocks.

“When you just want that ball so bad, you’re reaching for it all the time,” she said.

Reynolds was credit-



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With Laci Brunson (2) thinking likewise, Ignacio’s Solymar Cosio (20) gets a fingertip deflection on the shot of Oak Creek Soroco’s Kayedence Bruner during Day 2 play inside The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs.



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Ignacio’s Alexis Pontine, head coach Shasta Pontine, Grace Gonzales and Lexy Young observe the sort of action they’re in for on Day 1 inside The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs.

ed with two solo and two assisted stuffs, and Strohl again reached double-digit digs with ten.

Senior Irene Hoff booked 35 assists for SHS, as senior Eden Mayer slammed ten kills and senior Peyton Parker eight. Hoff also racked up 15 digs for a key statistical double-double in the victory – pushing Soroco (19-4) into a test against Limon (16-11), which eliminated – by 26-24, 16-25, 25-17, 25-21 scores – Denver Christian (20-8) immediately following SHS-IHS.

“I’m proud of all of us for sticking together,” said Brunson.

“I’m just sad this is our last year playing together,” senior reserve Elisia Cruz said. “We’ve grown up together and I’m just so proud of everyone.”

“Focusing on having fun and playing well together,” said Shasta Pontine, “they really came together as a team.” All told, Ignacio finished Fall 2021 standing 19-8 overall, their win count believed to be a single-season most since Melanie Taylor’s 1992 crew tallied 19 – according to IHS’ 1993 yearbook – before losing a postseason regional-pigtail in Delta to Walsen-

burg John Mall.

### AFTERMATH

Soroco’s State dreams were dashed by Limon in a competitive 21-25, 23-25, 19-25 loss, leaving the Lady Rams 19-5 overall. The Lady Badgers, however, then fell 16-25, 18-25, 17-25 to SHS rival Meeker and ended up 17-12.

Having survived into the single-elimination Final Four, MHS then fell 20-25, 9-25, 22-25 to Julesburg-based Sedgwick County – which then stopped Lower Platte Activities Association rival Holyoke 25-10, 23-25, 25-23, 25-20 in the grand finale.

SC finished 25-3 overall, while the Lady Dragons – after previously sweeping Wiggins 25-19, 25-12, 25-21 – dipped to 23-8 after their third loss this season to the Lady Cougars. Having defeated MHS (26-3 overall) 25-17, 24-26, 25-19, 22-25, 15-12 during double-elimination play (Meeker would then sweep Limon) to initially sustain hopes of earning a repeat State crown, WHS – another LPAA member – ended up a solid 19-10.

## Volleycat send-off



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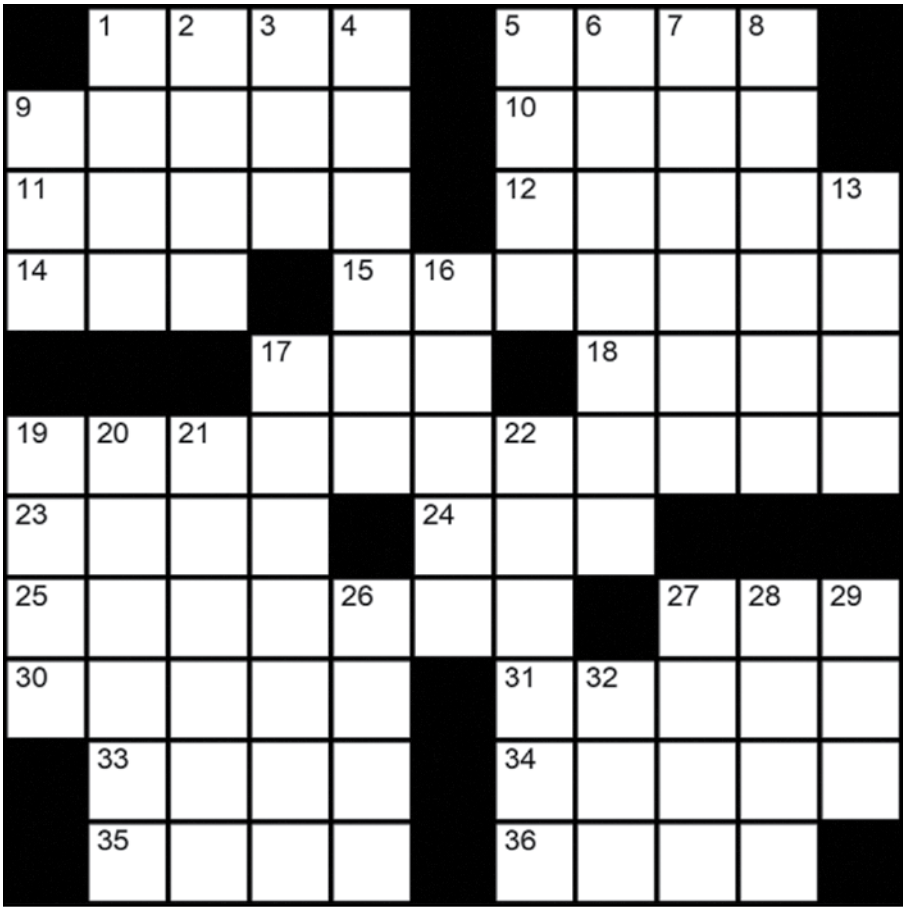
The Ignacio High School Volleycats were treated to a 2021 CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association) 2A State Tournament sendoff with a first responders escort on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Families, tribal dignitaries, and tribal staff attended the sendoff to show support for the student athletes which included Southern Ute tribal members and first descendants Ignacio High School Volleycats. Dozens of community members attended the Ignacio High School Volleycats state sendoff of the #11 seed.



Ollyvia Howe, Volleycat Freshman flashes a sign promoting her jersey number while on the school bus headed to the Volleyball state tournament.

Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker and Ladycat mom, Daisy Bluestar attend the departure of the girls Volleyball state sendoff.

## The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Lampblack
- 5 Police alerts
- 9 Type of courage or treat
- 10 Casino machine
- 11 Overjoy
- 12 Pentateuch
- 14 Believe
- 15 The Otoe speak it
- 17 1955 merger letters
- 18 Relocate
- 19 Disorganized Nurse Daphne is dull
- 23 Andalusian appetizer
- 24 Transgression
- 25 Former Tribal Council Member Martha Ruth ---
- 27 Controversial missile: Abbr.
- 30 Took care of
- 31 Happen
- 33 “M\*A\*S\*H” transport
- 34 Dresses with fat
- 35 Chances
- 36 Shorter than eons but longer than periods

### Down

- 1 “Enterprise” helmsman
- 2 “Our Gang” affirmative
- 3 Columbus Day mo.
- 4 Cloak and dagger group
- 5 Sparkling Italian wine
- 6 Field laborers
- 7 Had to do with
- 8 Go hungry
- 9 Ball honoree, for short
- 13 Take seriously
- 16 Heroin, in slang
- 17 Uttered rhythmically
- 19 As you are solving this puzzle, you are probably one of these
- 20 Largest federally-recognized tribe
- 21 Discharged, we sped off
- 22 Flour made from corn, beans, etc.
- 26 Douceurs
- 27 Ancient fort in Jerusalem
- 28 “... the darling --- of May” (Shakespeare)
- 29 Mr’s mate
- 32 Ford or Lincoln, but not Biden

Answers for this crossword will appear in December 3 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for November 5, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Swab, 5 AMD, 8 Pair, 9 Cursor, 13 Alky, 14 Triage, 15 Spear, 17 Meted, 18 Minnetaree, 20 Bun, 21 Kykotsmovi, 28 Sauna, 29 Kilim, 30 Ulcers, 32 Flop, 33 Mikado, 34 File, 35 DSC, 36 Seal.

**Down:** 1 Spasm, 2 Walpi, 3 Aiken, 4 Bryan, 5 Act, 6 Murmansk, 7 Drier, 10 Sate, 11 Ogee, 12 Red, 16 Reboards, 19 Tut, 21 Kali, 22 Yuck, 23 Knead, 24 Miffs, 25 Ollie, 26 Viola, 27 Impel, 28 Sum, 31 Soc.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Nov. 19



Mostly sunny 58°F  
10 to 15 mph morning winds

Saturday, Nov. 20



Mostly cloudy 57°F

Sunday, Nov. 21



Mostly sunny 57°F

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