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The Southern Ute Drum: Winner of 14 Native American Journalist Association awards in 2021!

The Drum: Best of 2021

McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Jingle Dress dancer, Shayne White Thunder dances during the Grand Entry portion of a heritage dance presentation held at the Durango Public Library.

More 2021 highlights on pages 12-13.

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

The SunUte skate park has all the features the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council asked for – a bowl, wall, rails, 1/4 pipe, and ample surface to bike or skate.

This past year has been nothing short of challenging; yet coming together as a tribe, community, and nation we have overcome obstacles, and opened the doors to new ideas, new ways forward! Upholding cultural traditions and building on social networks in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, the Tribe has proven itself to be resilient. Programs and projects flourished, from the long-awaited opening of the Pîinu Núuchí Skate Park to the re-opening of the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

CORONAVIRUS

Rise in COVID-19 cases prompts Tribe to revert to Phase II, Level 3

“Safer at Home”

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to the rise in positive case rate and one-week cumulative incident rate, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reverts back to Phase II “Safer at Home,” Level 3 effective Thursday, January 6, 2022. The Southern Ute Tribal Council adopted amended COVID-19 metrics via Resolution 2021-104. Tribal Council in collaboration with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) has determined it is in the best interests of the tribal membership and the tribal organization to move to the more restrictive phase.

Since the start of the pandemic, tribal leadership has continued to prioritize the health safety of the tribal membership, tribal staff, and our tribal community and has taken a more conservative approach in its response. “As we see the rise in positive cases and cumulative case rate locally, the Tribe has taken its responsibility to protect the health safety of the membership and staff seriously. We have determined it is best to move to a more restrictive operation for a short period of time,” stated Chairman Melvin J. Baker. “The quicker we move to

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SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Tribe announces Taylor as new Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe announces Andrea Taylor as the new General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Southwest Colorado. Taylor served as the Acting General Manager following the retirement of Charley Flagg in November. In this new role, Taylor will oversee the daily operations of the Sky Ute Casino Resort which includes gaming and entertainment options, a hotel, and three restaurants.

“I am thrilled to assume the responsibilities as the Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager,” Taylor said. “After working on property for nearly two decades, I remain committed to providing an exceptional experience for our guests and maintain the legacy

Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Andrea Taylor is named the new General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

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Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Project Manager Victor Ramirez works with his team to finish the initial set up of the “Hurricane 755” Industrial Vacuum and shower system on Thursday, Jan. 6 outside the former Head Start building on Tribal Campus. With this technology, technicians will be able to safely go into the building to collect asbestos and use the outside set up to shower as an added precaution.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Crews make progress on abatement of regulated building materials

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division is in the final stages of a large-scale abatement and mitigation project in the former HeadStart school building on Tribal Campus. Outside contractors have now begun the process of removing regulated materials, such as asbestos and mercury, using state-of-the-art industrial equipment. The team tasked with this is Acumen Environmental Services, LLC, a certified provider of occupational safety and health service based out of Colorado Springs.

“This has been a long time and a long process for us at Environmental Programs Division,” explained Environmental Programs Division Head, Mark Hutson “We identified that the building had what are called regulated building materials; we confirmed that back in 2017. That culminated with the HeadStart program getting moved out of there,

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Pedro Zargoza Jr. of Western Specialty Contractors works in collaboration with May/Burch Conservation to cover and protect the large Sam Ray mural located in the HeadStart Gymnasium ahead of the abatement project.

out of concern for safety.” At that time, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe made the choice to move the former SUCAP program over to available classrooms in the Southern Ute Museum. Once the HeadStart building was emptied, the structure was immediately closed to people going inside and EPD set up an exclusion fence around the perimeter. “We’ve had to involve a lot of tribal departments in the process, including Southern Ute Culture Dept., Construc-

tion and Project Management, Tribal Planning, Properties and Facilities, Building Maintenance, Finance, and Risk Management,” Hutson said. “That building has some significant historical implications, we want to get the building safe, by removing asbestos and mercury. It was built in the 1930’s by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), during the Indian Boarding School era. [At that time] we were unaware of

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

In person support available to veterans at Ignacio Library

VSO advocates for veterans and their families

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute veteran, Rod Grove met with La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Greg Dotson on Wednesday, Jan. 5 to discuss how tribal member veterans and families of veterans can get assistance with Veterans benefits.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) can be a great resource in locating vital military records and assist with access-

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Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Greg Dotson (Navy), La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) met with Rod Grove to discuss services the Veterans Service Office provides to veterans. The CVSO will be at the Ignacio Community Library the first Wednesday of every month to assist veterans with benefits.



CORONAVIRUS

Continuing Core Services for Southern Ute tribal membership during Covid-19

Updated on January 11, 2022

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) would like to provide an updated summary of modified tribal services to the tribal membership. The Tribe remains under the “Safer at Home Order” remains in effect until further notice.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the Tribe to make changes to the services and programs provided to the tribal membership to ensure the protection and safety of the tribal members, tribal employees, and our community. The modified tribal services explained below have been approved by the IMT and adhere to the ‘Stay at Home’ Order and Human Resource’s policies and procedures.

Please continue to follow the tips and guidelines set in place to slow or stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for staying home, washing your hands, wearing your face covering and staying in contact with your loved ones and friends. We will get through this together.

If you have questions on continued government services being provided and hours of operations detailed below, please continue to call the main government line at 970-563-0100, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for clarification of services or to be transferred to your respective tribal department as the government continues to operate within approved protocols, phases and metrics.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

While Club is Closed: Club 2 Go Programming “activity kits” will be available. When open for In-person Programming: After School and Summer Programming areas include: Arts & Culture, Leadership and Service, Education, Health and Wellness, Sports and Recreation. BGC will provide transportation to Club from Ignacio Public Schools during the school year. BGC staff can be reached at 970-563-4753 or via the BGC website www.bgcsu.org.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Cultural Preservation Department staff are working onsite. All staff are available to answer any questions, concerns and accept ideas from the Membership. Staff can be reached at 970- 563-2983.

EDUCATION

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By appointment only for Higher and Public Education. Please call 970- 563-2780.

Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members can access the Computer Purchase Cost Share program. For more information on the program, please contact Mrs. Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 or via email at es-baker@southernute-nsn.gov.

SUIMA – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy began the 2021-2022 Academic

Year for students on Monday, August 30, 2021, with the hours of academic lessons taking place from 8:10- 3:30. Students were back in the classrooms with in-person learning. Currently, there are 93 students enrolled, with 52 of them being Tribal members. SUIMA serves Tribal members and 1st descendants. There is one infant room, three toddler rooms, four early childhood rooms, and three elementary classrooms. Ute language classes are held with every classroom four times per week, as well as the continuation of staff lessons twice per month. With a full-service kitchen, students are provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks. During the school year, SUIMA has followed all COVID protocol by requiring students and students to check temperatures daily, wear face coverings/masks, minimize the number of students per classroom, watch for signs and symptoms which may require being sent home, follow good hand washing, sanitizing classrooms daily, and adhere to social distancing whenever possible. Depending upon the level and phase the tribe is in, SUIMA may be in person or remote. As of 1/10/22 SUIMA is remote until further notice. Families will be communicated with upon approved change. Questions can be answered by SUIMA Principal, Ms. Mari Jo Owens at 970-563-2711.

Higher Education – Higher Education will advise students through email, regular mail, and phone calls. GED and Adult Education lessons will be provided through emails and phone calls or Zoom.

Public Education – Public Education will provide tutoring and student support through appointments emails, text, Zoom and phone calls. There is partial funding available if students need assistance with technology and other educational needs.

Education Counseling – Will be available by appointment and remotely. Counselors will provide support services through emails, text, phone calls and Zoom.

FINANCE

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal Distribution and Minor’s Account Withdrawals – The processing of monthly tribal distribution payments will continue as normal, including communications with membership for changes to method of payment (check/direct deposit), any other changes, and answering questions. All checks/advice will be mailed. Checks will not be available for pick up at the tribal offices. Please contact Barbara Prestel at 970-563-2260 with questions. Minors trust account services will continue. If you have questions or wish to request a withdrawal from your minor’s account, please contact Anne Flanigan at 970-563-2454. All checks/advice will be mailed. Cutoff dates for requests have been posted on the Tribal Member Experience site for tribal members who wish to inquire.

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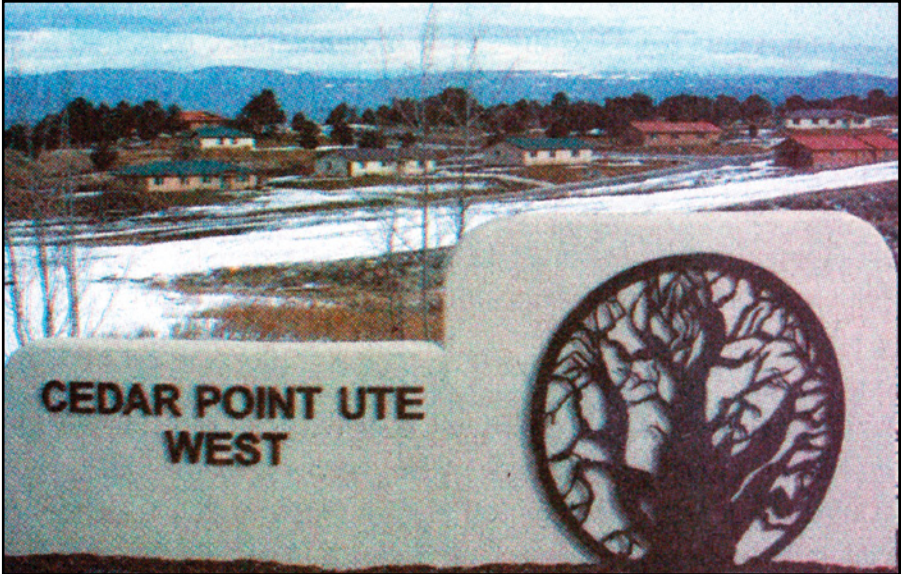


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson and helicopter pilot Mark Shelton make a pass over the mountains toward Ignacio during the annual aerial game count, conducted each year to track long-term health trends in deer and elk populations on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

This photo was first published in the Jan. 13, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Southern Ute Home Grant Program had two-, three- and four-bedroom homes for sale. All of the Home Grant homes at Cedar Point Ute Housing ready for occupancy were available to Southern Ute tribal members. The program was open to single people and families. This is the view of Cedar Point West from County Road 318.

This photo was published in the Jan. 11, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

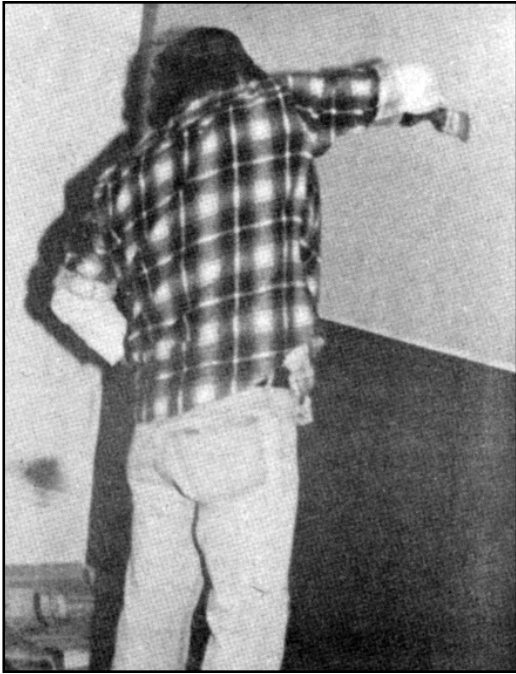


SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute tribal staff read an adaptation of “The Night Before Christmas” that brought many laughs from the audience at the 1992 Christmas program in the Ignacio High School gym.

This photo was published in the Jan. 13, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Tribal artist McGarey Gallegos, also a Community Center maintenance man, gave a new coat of color to the Community Center office. McGarey said he would draw an Indian scene to be completed the following month.

This photo was published in the Jan. 15, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



courtesy CDOT

The recent realignment of US Highway 550 near Durango, Colorado revealed one of these mysteries, a concentrated area of significant cultural resources – a 1200+ year old Pueblo 1 ridgetop village, stone artifacts, and one of the largest pit houses ever discovered in this area.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

CDOT documentary depicts new era of archaeology in Durango

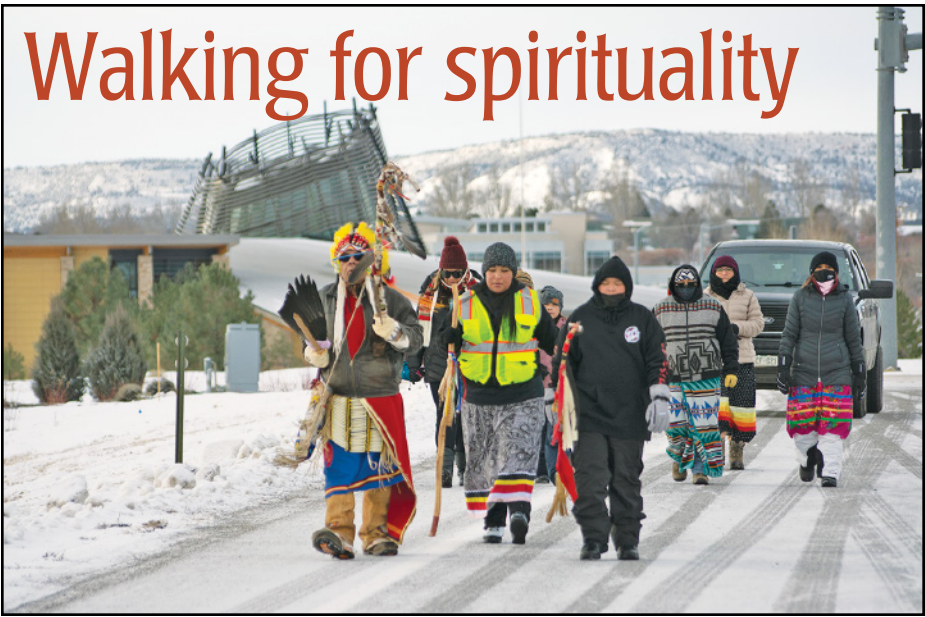
Southwest Colo. excavation involves regional tribes

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation will debut a documentary on Rocky Mountain PBS this week-end. “Durango 550 - Path of the Ancestral Puebloans” depicts how CDOT worked with archaeologists and regional Native American tribes to document, study and ultimately share the discoveries unearthed near Durango, in southwest Colorado. The archaeological excavation took place in 2018 and 2019 prior to the US 550-US 160 Connection South project breaking ground in 2020. CDOT and its contracted firm, Alpine Archaeological Consultants of Montrose, Colo., worked closely with regional tribes. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Hopi Tribe and the Pueblo of Laguna were official consulting tribes under the National Historic Preservation Act and were greatly involved during the planning and implementation processes for the archaeological dig documented in the video. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe also participated in aspects of the project. “This documentary shows the unique collaboration of all entities involved, laying the groundwork for a new approach to archaeology, blending western science with traditional cultural beliefs,” said CDOT Archaeologist Greg Wolff. “Trib-

al members frequently visited the project area during the excavations. Tribal elders contributed traditional knowledge, experience and spiritual guidance to the archaeologists and other project staff members.” The documentary features several tribal representatives involved in the project and other tribal members who worked and trained as paid interns, participating in both the excavations and educational outreach. In the video, Hanley Frost, an elder and former spokesperson for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe acknowledges that, “tribal members can learn a lot working with archaeologists.” The documentary also touches upon tribal youth groups involved with the excavation. “I like to see our youth get involved with archaeology through our (tribal) natural resources department and cultural department, that way they can better their understanding of our past history and our ancestry,” Ernest “Muz” Pinnecoose, an elder with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, explained in the video. “It’s finding that common ground, understanding and respect,” said Georgiana Pongyesva in the documentary. Pongyesva is a research assistant with the Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office. Pongyesva added, “When

you bring elders, youth and archaeologists all together, everyone is benefiting because you’re learning from each other. But also, it’s paving the way for this new era of archaeology which includes indigenous peoples that are still here and related to these places.” Rand Greubel, Principal Investigator with Alpine Archaeological Consultants agrees that the collaboration with Native tribes can provide significant contributions to the field of archaeology, “As archaeologists, we sometimes become so immersed in the artifacts, in the data and in the science that we tend to forget that these were people who had vibrant lives. Their descendants are still here and they have a lot to teach us. I’ve been especially struck at times when a Native person will look at something we revealed through excavation, and they’ll see in it a spiritual dimension that we’re not trained to see.” The documentary runs just under 30 minutes and was created by Grit and Thistle Film Company. The video will air twice on RMPBS, Sun., Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. and Thurs., March 17 at 7 p.m. The documentary will also be available to view on the public television’s website and mobile app. Visit rmpbs.org for more information about the program schedule.



Led by Nathan Strong Elk, Daisy Bluestar and Sinaav Larry (right) who carries his grandfather’s staff, the late Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs (Robert Buckskin), who led the first walks in the early 1990’s – walkers ascend HWY 151 heading north on New Years Day, Jan. 1, 2022.



Nathan Strong Elk and Rebecca Price take a break and listen to words of bringing in a new year in a good way. Prayers were said and tobacco was offered along the 4.5-mile walk.

Continuing a tradition of “walking into the new year” family and community members carry the tradition into 2022. Although the original walks were for sobriety, they have always been about spirituality and bringing in the new year with blessings and sacrifice. The 2022 Spirituality Walk, a 4.5-mile trek, began at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park and ended at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Sinaav Larry, grandson of the late Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs proudly carried his grandfather’s staff to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery. Sinaav was joined on the walk by his sisters, O’hozhoni and Sibrya, and mother Oolcu Bucksin the daughter of Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

A new beginning with songs



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The annual singing and blessing ceremony on New Year’s Eve has become an annual tradition over the years. Although the coronavirus pandemic shut it down, along with many other events throughout the community in 2020, it was good to hear the songs of healing and blessings in the Multi-Purpose Facility on Dec. 31. Alex Cloud continued the annual event, as Elwood Kent who first started the New Year’s Eve singing and blessing passed away in 2021; Cloud is the nephew of Elwood Kent.



A potluck-style meal was served to those who attended the New Year’s Eve Singing and Blessing event at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

Tim Ryder and son, Bird Red sing as part of the drum circle, filling the Multi-Purpose Building with songs and drumming.

Attention

In 2019, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe passed Resolution No. 2019-121 which established the official writing system of the Southern Ute Tribe.

As the Tribe transitions to the official orthography, staff from the Cultural Preservation Department are available to assist Tribal Members and staff with updating their written material to the current system.

For more information, please contact
Cultural Preservation Department
at 970-563-2983 | sthompson@southernute-nsn.gov



HEALTHY RECIPES

When you feel sick, chicken noodle soup is a go-to

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS



courtesy Inspired taste

Why does chicken noodle soup make us feel better? What does it have that helps?

The healing properties of grandma's chicken noodle soup are this: Warm vapors help open up our nasal passages and can help soothe a sore throat.

The veggies provide vitamins, minerals and antioxidants to help the immune system fight illness.

The chicken provides needed protein and has tryptophan, a precursor for serotonin that helps with mood and sleep.

For the noodles, whole grains provide fiber and carbohydrates. You've got all the nutrients you need in a single dish.

This is not only good if you are under the weather, but will warm you up on a cold winter's day!

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

Healing Chicken Noodle Soup

Ingredients

2 Tablespoons of butter or olive oil
1 onion, diced
1 cup carrots, diced (about 2 carrots)
1 cup celery, diced (about 2 stalks, use the leaves, too!)
3 cloves garlic, minced
8 cups of (low sodium) chicken stock or broth (stock is heartier)
1-2 Bay leaves
1 teaspoon thyme (dried or 1 tablespoon fresh chopped)
1/2 teaspoon salt (to taste)
1/2 teaspoon pepper (to taste)
1 1/2 to 2 pounds chicken breast
6 oz whole wheat rotini or wide egg noodles (whole wheat adds fiber)
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

Directions

1. Heat butter or oil in a heavy stock pot.
2. Add onions, carrots and celery.

Sauté for 5-6 minutes.

3. Add garlic and stir for one minute.
4. Add chicken stock, bay leaves, salt, pepper and thyme. Bring mixture to a boil then turn down to simmer.
5. Simmer for about 35-45 minutes, stirring occasionally.
6. Remove chicken and either dice or shred, add back to stock.
7. Add noodles and cook until preferred texture about 6-8 minutes.
8. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve!

Crockpot recipe

Place oil and chicken on the bottom of crockpot. Add onions, carrots, celery, garlic, bay leaves, thyme and chicken stock to crockpot. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours. Remove chicken, dice or shred, then add back. Add the noodles and cook for an additional 10 minutes or until tender. Garnish with parsley and serve.

To freeze: Leave out noodles

New Year, New You!

January 20 - 21, 2022 Online via Zoom
Join Zoom Meeting www.zoom.us

To join, use this meeting ID and passcode:

Meeting ID: 827 6897 8294

Passcode: 773563

Registration Fee: FREE!

About the Training: 2021 was our second year in a pandemic! What a year it was! Loss, challenges and many blessings as well. Let's gather and gear up for 2022! We are still in a time of change and uncertainty, yet we can still plan to have a "life by design." Kick start the new year with the Native Wellness Institute! 2022 is on the verge of becoming the most exciting, successful year yet. Why? Because this is the year that you unveil

the most powerful force in your universe: YOU! This interactive two-day training will provide tools and strategies to plan the year you desire, exercises to help you let go of the baggage that weighs you down, and the inspiration and motivation to embrace the best you! The training is intended to boost employee morale, provide an opportunity to put your best foot forward in the community, and better prepare for 2022.

Training Agenda

Training will start at 11 a.m. (MST)

Day One

- 10 a.m. – Opening Ceremony, Welcome, Blessing, Introductions, Overview
- 10:15 a.m. – The Cycle of Life
- 11 a.m. – Celebrating You!
- 11 a.m. – Putting the Wow in Your Pow! Exercise and Fitness Noon - Break
- 1 p.m. – Coyote's Celebration: Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone and Taking Healthy Risks
- 1:45 p.m. – Tools of Positivity
- 2:15 p.m. – Food Relationships
- 3 p.m. – Adjourn

Day Two

- 10 a.m. – Opening Ceremony, Welcome, Blessing, Reflection
- 10:15 a.m. – Who's in Your Fan Club? Finding Your Support System
- 11 a.m. – Who's Your Elder? Who Are You an Elder to?
- 11:30 a.m. – Tell Your Story
- Noon – Break
- 1 p.m. – Say What? Healthy Communication Tips 1:45 pm - Extra Baggage will Cost You! Letting Go! 2:30 pm - Closing
- 3 p.m. - Adjourn

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7:30-8:30pm I Small Group Sharing

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BOBCAT BULLETIN

Happy New Year from Ignacio Middle School

By Dayna Talamante-Montoya, IMS Principal
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Happy New Year! I find myself reflecting on the blessings I have had throughout my life. Growing up in Ignacio has really provided me with rich experiences that have molded me and given me so many different perspectives. I am thankful for all of the teachers I had in my life. There were several that helped guide me through those early years. Teachers like my Dad who taught me to work hard and no dream is too big, to Mrs. Walker, who taught me to try new things and supported me when they were challenging. My friends who taught me the value of meaningful friendships and the power of peer support. Why is any of this important? Being an administrator at the middle school, I have tapped into those experiences to help me be better for our students, families, staff and community. This is my life passion. Working with students, helping them and guiding them to adulthood. Middle school is rough. Many who read this and the words middle school popout, have a reaction, either negative or the “thank goodness I made it through”. Most people think about middle school as that awkward time when things didn’t make sense, was starting to make sense, or were just overwhelmed by growing up. It is a challenging time. I have worked with middle school students since 1997. I am at that point in my life where the parents I call now, were former students. It is such an awesome experience.

At the middle school we are trying to provide students a “normal” school experience. We have implemented a monthly “Pep Assembly” to encourage community within our students and staff, and instill some fun and memories. At this time we also recognize our student athletes. We have had students compete in Volleyball (won the league title), football, boys basketball, and currently girls basketball is underway with our first home game. We have assemblies to acknowledge student hard work through our honor roll breakfast and our Character Counts assemblies. Just like raising kids, acknowledging accomplishments is crucial to student development.

The middle school works



courtesy Dayna Talamante-Montoya

December Pep assembly led by Ms. Talamante's Bobcat Power Hour 8th grade class



Dayna Talamante-Montoya
Principal
Ignacio Middle School

on a quarter schedule. All core classes are yearlong, but our specials rotate every nine weeks. We are so pleased to be able to offer students specials such as band, art, woodshop/CTE, Southwest Studies, Financial Literacy, STEM, life skills, and creative arts. We also support students with courses to help build academic skills with our Reading Rocks and Math Attack classes.

In terms of our academic coursework, we provide all students tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This time allows students to have time with licensed tutors in math, language arts and science. Tutoring runs from after school until 5:45 and the activity bus runs to take kids to their drop off points out of town.

For our specials classes, we have had students put on a little play in creative arts, learn to manage money in Financial Literacy, use pixl art and tinkercad to create pictures in 3D, Southwest Studies learning about the different cultures and their contributions to this area, Codes and Computers to learn more about technology, and learning about thought processes and responses in the Brain class, and band learning to play instruments. Mr. Moraga has had two concerts this year for students to showcase their talents. In our CTE program students are given

exposure to the varied opportunities woodworking can provide them, and in art they are learning to apply colors, shading and perspective. Having diverse coursework like this allows us to meet the diverse needs or interests of students. Our specials courses are set up on a rotation, and many classes cannot be retaken, the exception being Reading Rocks and Math Attack. We will also be providing students an opportunity to take a PSAT class during the 3rd quarter. This class will help students learn how to take the college preparatory test and students will actually take the PSAT test this spring.

Another program that I would like to introduce is a group called a Building Accountability Committee (BAC) that meets for members to weigh in on how a school spends its money, programming and strategies to improve. The BAC is a great opportunity for parents, community members and staff to work together to improve our school. BAC meets monthly through May.

We have also partnered with Ignacio Youth Services who provide structured activities for middle and high school students. Activities that range from hiking, to cooking to dancing; all interests are represented. Another extra-curricular opportunity for students is our Knowledge Bowl activity. Students compete against other teams in the area, often times traveling to Nucla or Telluride. Our Knowledge Bowl A team had a first place finish, which was a huge celebration. Knowledge Bowl is open to any student and is sponsored by Mr. Chopra.

Please keep an eye out for our next newsletter and follow us on Facebook. As always if you have any questions or would like more information, contact the middle school 970-563-0600.

SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Kwanachigani po'okwatn - Eagle's Nest

By Mari Jo Owens,
Principal

SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI
INDIAN ACADEMY

We now live in an ever-changing “future,” and have been citizens in this kind of future for almost two years now.

In the past, changing futures came from such things as the agricultural or industrial revolution. But this change is different because its magnitude happened all at once. It has been continuous and global. We have all been affected just by the sheer speed of this ever-changing situation. In recent years, “viral” was terminology for the rapid information sent through, and gained from, computers.

Now, as it was a century ago, the word viral [virus] was a feared proclamation from an outbreak of a disease. It's crazy when you think of how words can be used when speaking of technology and diseases! Last year, when COVID became viral and struck our community, we were all as prepared as we could be, not knowing what could happen.

Thankfully, the number of positivity rates began to drop and there was then some sense of normalcy. Then the Delta variant arrived and now the Omicron is here. As SUIMA started school back up after Christmas break, we were staying positive about being open. Yet, due to the uptick of COVID-19 and the variants reaching our community, we temporarily moved to remote, online, learning and are planning on the students returning to in-person, on-campus, learning Monday, Jan. 31.

In the most recent Montessori Life, the magazine of the American Montessori Society, there was an article by Jill Segerman titled “Ten tips for Happiness.” Considering that New Year resolutions may have been chosen and the fact that COVID is still



courtesy Daisy Bluestar/SUIMA

SUIMA Primary boys gather around the drum and sing songs with Southern Ute elder, Hanley Frost.

around, this is the perfect time to provide the readers with some happiness tips.

- Don't search for happiness. Study after study has shown that that we humans are not too good at knowing what will make us happy.
- Build strong relationships. The happiest people in the world have one thing in common. It's not health, wealth, or where they live: it's strong relationships.
- Give yourself compassion. We may be good at having compassion for other people, be we're not so good at giving ourselves that same compassion.
- Be kind. It can be as simple as saying hello to someone or holding the door open for a stranger.
- Practice gratitude. Happiness is not having what you want, it is wanting what you have.

Tumiukkh kwanachi –
Eagle of the Week

O'hozhoni Larry is a first grader who has been at SUIMA since she was in



O'hozhoni Larry
First Grade

the infant room, which began in 2015! Her Ute name is Miipachi which means “to be small.”

When O'hozhoni is at school, she can be found working on Math and Living World/Social Studies. She has wonderful counting skills and is working hard with her addition.

Her favorite foods are crab, cheeseburgers, and apples with caramel. Yummy! When she is not at school, O'hozhoni enjoys gymnastics and playing on her tablet. When she grows up, she wants to be a gymnast, an ice skater and a hairstylist. O'hozhoni has three pets – a cat named Pinky and two dogs, one named Studi and the other named Remi.

Nuu'apaghapi - Ute phrases

'anewiini me'evi? Wányi me'evi. – How many hands? Two hands.
'amu pu'am punikya? Pui'i. – What do you see with? Eyes.
'amu pu'am 'ugwikya? mevotu. – What do you use to smell? Nose.
'amu pu'am kamaytuk? Tapáa. – What do you use to taste? Mouth.

Upcoming events

- Jan. 17, 2022: Dr. Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Jan. 25, 2022: Parent Advisory Group meeting 6 – 7 p.m.
- Monday evenings: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Eagle Wing Drum Group practice
- Month of January: Winter benchmark testing for K-6 graders

SUIMA

Southern Ute Academy moves to remote learning

Dear students, parents, and families of SUIMA.

Due to the uptick of COVID-19 across our country, the surge of cases in our area, and the strain it has placed on the school in the form of increasing the positivity rate, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy will move to temporary, remote learning beginning Monday, Jan. 10 and return to in person learning on Monday, Jan. 31.

Kindergarteners, Lower Elementary, and Upper Elementary students will receive daily lessons via their Chromebooks, which have been distributed. There will

also be a one-time work packet pick-up for these students which will be available on Monday, Jan. 10, 2021 by 7:30 a.m. Teachers of these students will be reaching out to the families.

Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will be provided a one-time pick-up work packet, which will be available the morning of Monday, Jan. 10 here at the school. Guides of these students will be reaching out to the families.

As the variant typically cycles through for 10-14 days, this time frame of the Jan. 10-31 will allow the staff and students to return healthy and safe. With the

Tribe moving to Phase II, Level 3, when the students return on Jan. 31, we will be following the “No Personal Gathering size greater than 10” and the “Indoor Setting of 25% Maximum Capacity with No Greater than 25 People” requirements.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate through this strange time and the priority to keep all of our students healthy and safe.

Mari Jo Owens, Principal
Southern Ute Montessori
Indian Academy

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL
ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

1. A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2. Deserving
3. A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
4. Interested in continuing his or her education
5. Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
6. Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 13, 2022 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation helps conserve prime wildlife habitat in Colorado

Staff report
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Prime Colorado elk habitat in two different parts of the state is now permanently conserved thanks to two families who value wildlife and sought out the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to help them protect their land.

“We both salute and recognize the Mancuso and Tolson families who each entered into a voluntary conservation agreement with RMEF to protect a combined 1,966 acres of important elk range,” said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO.

The Mancuso family enlarged its previous 2018 Burris Mountain conservation easement by nearly 700 acres north of Coto-paxi. The acreage provides important habitat for elk and mule deer. It lies within the Arkansas Headwa-



ters Recreation Area, a collaborative planning area of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

David Tolson placed protections on 1,279 acres of his land approximately 40 miles east of Craig. The property sits between more than 2,800 acres of BLM land to the west and 10,500 acres of BLM land to the east. Tolson has it enrolled in Colorado’s Ranching for Wildlife program under the Snake River Ranch, making it available for 40 to 60 hunters annually.

“Though approximately 225 miles apart, each of these properties features key wildlife and riparian habitat for elk, mule deer and other species,” said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer. “Tolson’s Camel Back Mountain property itself lies within vital elk and mule deer winter range as well as an elk migration corridor.”

RMEF holds voluntary conservation agreements protecting more than 3,800 acres of wildlife habitat just a few miles from the Burris Mountain project.

CREWS MAKE PROGRESS • FROM PAGE 1

the ramifications that some of those materials contained. Asbestos was a wonderful insulating material, fire retardant; and it was widely used from the 1930’s up to the 1970’s as a building material.”

“We recognize now that direct and prolonged contact with asbestos can have potential adverse health effects, including breathing and respiratory problems.”

“We came to an agreement with Tribal Council to “abate and wait” to go into the building, remove as much of the regulated building materials as possible, without damaging the structural integrity of the building.”

Alexandra Ratcliff, M.S., is the Environmental Programs Manager with EPD, she has been the boots on the ground project manager through the abatement and remediation process at the former HeadStart building.

“Well, this building with the mural has great historical value with the Tribe, and it took a long time to get this project off the ground,” Ratcliff emphasized. “Once we got approval from Tribal Council, we were in the middle of COVID, which created some challenges. We finally had a contractor selected early 2021, and initiated the project in the summer of 2021, it has been a really lengthy process – and covid really complicated the process.”

“Despite those complications, it’s been a testament to tribal departments working together, with support from the Executive Office and Tribal Council,” she emphasized. “It’s an important project for the Tribe and all departments involved.”

Environmental Programs Division has their sights on a completion date of Feb. 20.

“We set a schedule and contract with Acumen Environmental Services, who started in September of last year,” Hutson said. “Ulti-

mately it was a Tribal Council approval due to the value of the contract. Acumen, they are now down to doing the final phase of this project – albeit the most significant phase.”

“They are on the crawl-space; they are basically using a super-giant vacuum cleaner, Hutson explained. “That is the most concerning area, back in the day they used asbestos to cover pipes for insulation. Due to time and age, a lot of that asbestos that was insulation, is now laying there on the bottom, on the soil; it needs to be removed. The thermal insulation is the most dangerous. They have guys in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), they are under their working – they are digging it out. And vacuuming it out with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter. Once it is pulled in, it is not going to go into the atmosphere.”

“This project has got multiple funding facets to it. The initial up-front funding came from the Tribe’s Clean Air Act penalty funds; monies that the Tribe received from companies that caused potential environmental harm, [those funds] are now used to do environmental good,” explained Hutson. “The second part of that is that once this project is done, the Tribe, through the Risk Management Dept. will be seeking to get some kind of reimbursement from the Tribe’s insurance company.”

Oil & Gas Operators on the reservation have to operate by specific clean air regulations, if not in compliance, the Tribe’s inspectors issue an enforcement, or civil penalty. Paid to the Tribe, those funds are then set aside for environmental related projects; The Clean Air Act penalty funds are managed through EPD. These funds are being used for the abatement of the historic Head

Start building and hence the preservation of the murals.

The Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division continued to work with May/Burch Conservation in September of 2020 to assist in the documentation and preservation of historic murals from the boarding school era, these Native American scenes date back to the early 1930’s located in currently vacant buildings throughout Tribal Campus. Funding for that work was also allocated to the protection of the artwork, ahead of the abatement process. Western Specialty Contractors out of Denver, Colo., were hired to cover and protect the large mural located in the HeadStart Gymnasium in collaboration with May/Burch Conservation.

“The mural is in there; it’s been well documented through photogrammetry. It is preserved in there right now. We built a structure to protect it from dust, dirt and humidity, working with May/Burch Conservation to preserve it the best we can ‘In situ,’” Hutson said.

“Once we are done with that building, it’s going to be up to the Tribe to decide whether to rehabilitate and repurpose, or demolish,” Hutson said.

“The building really looks good, it’s back to its original state with the hardwood floors and looks totally different than it was six months ago,” Ratcliff remarked. “The next biggest step now is just [deciding] what’s next for this building. Once the materials are removed, everyone can safely enter the building and assess it firsthand, and not have to worry about all the environmental hazards.”

Contact Alexandra Ratcliff for more information, or to answer questions via email, aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov or by phone, 970-563-2256.

Effective January 6, 2022

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 Omicron Variant cases and concerns for the health and safety of our club members and staff, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be

CLOSED until further notice.

We will continue to monitor the changes and recommendations from local, state, and national health professionals. From there, we will determine a date to proceed with in-person programming.

Thank you for your understanding and teamwork to keep our community healthy!

QUESTIONS: Please call (970) 563-4753 or email bgcstaff@southernute-nsn.gov

SCHOLARSHIPS

LPEA is offering ten college scholarships from \$500 to \$28,000 in value.

Join LPEA's virtual information session on **Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** for more information.

More details at lpea.coop/scholarships

LEND YOUR VOICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ignacio School District

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Monday, January 24th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Ignacio High School Auditorium

Come and be a part of our strategic planning process as we look to the future of our school district!

This will be the first of a series of meetings at the School District which will guide the district over the next five years.

All parents, community members, district employees, and students are encouraged to attend.

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Ignacio School District

STRATEGIC PLAN MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the Ignacio High School Auditorium from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

- January 24th - Data review and work on mission statement**
- February 22nd - Finalize mission statement and identify focus area groups**
- March 28th - Focus group progress report and work on SMART goals**
- April 25th - Focus group progress report and work on SMART goals**
- May 23rd - Focus group progress report and finalize Strategic Plan**
- June 9th - Present to Board for potential adoption**

All parents, community members, district employees, and students are encouraged to attend. A light meal will be served at each meeting.



TRIBE: TAYLOR NEW GM • FROM PAGE 1

of the property as the top gaming and entertainment destination in the Four Corners region.”

Taylor began her career as a slot attendant at the Sky Ute Casino. Throughout her career, she has worked as the Property Shift Manager, Marketing Intern, Career Development Program (CDP) Manager, Assistant General Manager Trainee, and participated in the Casino’s CDP program on two occasions. She has also held a variety of positions within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund including Tribal Information Services Director. She also

established Taylor Private Security which was in operation from 2009 to 2020. Taylor has an Associates in General Studies from Pueblo Community College and Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Fort Lewis College.

“On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, we look forward to progress and more success during this new chapter under the leadership of Ms. Taylor. She had the opportunity to be mentored by the previous General Manager, Mr. Charley Flagg, and her efforts to learn quickly did not go unnoticed,” stated Chairman Melvin J. Bak-

er. “Her education, experience, and training throughout these last two years will help her carry this responsibility. We wish her the best of luck in this endeavor and any challenges that come her way!”

Taylor has served on numerous community boards including Chairman and member of the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce and Southern Ute Gaming Commission. In her free time, she enjoys playing sports, spending time with family and friends, working on agricultural projects, volunteering in her local community, and attending cultural events.

CYBER SECURITY

Cybercriminals can send you malicious browser notifications

Staff report
THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM

What are browser notifications?

Most internet browsers allow websites to offer browser notifications. The first time you visit a website that offers browser notifications, you will see a pop-up message at the top of your browser window asking you to either allow or block notifications. If you choose to allow them, browser notifications can be displayed at any time, even when you are not on that website. These notifications are typically used for things like blog updates, social media interactions, and upcoming sales. Unfortunately, cybercriminals can also send their own malicious browser notifications to steal your money and information.

How do cybercriminals use browser notifications?

Cybercriminals can use two different methods to send you malicious browser notifications. They can either hijack a legitimate website and offer fake notifications from that website, or they can trick you into allowing notifications while visiting a malicious website. For example, in one scam, cybercriminals used a malicious



website that appeared to be a video player and instructed users to click “Allow” before they could play a video.

Once cybercriminals are able to send you browser notifications, they can use the notifications in several ways:

- They can display excessive pop-up messages, inappropriate content, or other disruptive material in your browser. This tactic allows cybercriminals to hold your system hostage while they demand a ransom.
- They can send you malicious advertisements, also known as malvertising. Malvertising is when cybercriminals use ads to spread malware, trick you into providing sensitive information, or steal your money using fake storefronts.
- They can include malicious files and code within browser notifications. If you click on one of these malicious notifications, your system may be automatically prompted to download a

piece of malware.

Stay Safe Hints and Tips

Use the tips below to stay safe from malicious browser notifications:

- Think before you click! Whether it is a browser notification or another kind of pop-up message, always read and consider a prompt before taking action.
- Check the permissions settings within your browser and only allow notifications for websites that you know and trust. Most browsers include a list of websites that are allowed to send you notifications. Some browsers also allow you to globally block notifications for all websites.
- Keep your browser and other software up to date. Software updates often include security patches that help close known vulnerabilities. We recommend enabling automatic updates to ensure that your browser is always up to date.

Attention Tribal Members

As Covid cases continue to rise locally, the Cultural Preservation Department has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person activities until further notice. The safety and well-being of Tribal members is our top priority, and we believe this decision will ensure the safety of our Elders and Tribal members.

For more information, please contact Shelly Thompson 970-563-2984.



Attention members!

Due to staff shortage, SunUte will **TEMPORARILY** close for the weekends beginning **January 15th until further notice**.

24/7 will be available during the weekends and 7pm-7am weekdays.

We encourage members to get 24/7 if they do not already have it.

Please check our website or call the front desk for updates.

We appreciate your patience during this time!



Tawi Nuuchu Na-Gukwi-Vani Covid-19
Together, we will fight Covid-19
SunUte Community Center



Due to the surge in COVID, SunUte is changing some of its offerings. We will keep you informed of any further changes.

OPEN

- The fitness area and the gymnasium along with the locker rooms will remain open.
- 24/7 will remain open.

POSTPONED

- Youth Basketball Practice is postponed until further notice
- Beginning immediately (1/5/22) Group Exercise and Active Kid Care are postponed until further notice.

CLOSED

- Beginning 1/6/22 the pool, sauna and hot tub will be closed until further notice.

Staff will be on site to answer any questions or call SunUte at 970563-0214 or call Robin at 970-749-7998

Please stay safe and mask up!



Tawi Nuuchu Na-Gukwi-Vani Covid-19
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SunUte Community Center



Tribal Housing Department

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Garry Fuls, Director

Phone: 970-563-4710 – Fax 970-563-4832

INFORMATION HOTLINE (970) 563-4800

SNOW REMOVAL 2021/2022

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

Construction Services Route: 563-0260

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

Custom Farm Route: 563-0220

Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

BIA Route: 563-9484

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

Housing Authority Route: 563-4575

Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder: Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak’s Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave, and Jefferson Drive.

Grounds Maintenance: 563-0272

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

General Information:

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

Walkways – Snow Removal:

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

Roof – Snow Removal:

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

Livestock – Snow Plowing:

Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35.00 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35.00 per hour for the first hour and then \$30.00 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

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

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



CORE SERVICES DURING COVID-19 • FROM PAGE 2

Tribal Credit – You are encouraged to conduct business with Tribal Credit remotely. However, if you wish to meet with Tribal Credit staff or pickup/submit applications in-person, please contact 970-563-2460 to schedule an appointment. You may also place signed loan documents in the Finance Mail Drop-Box located at 356 Ouray Dr. on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Building. Following is additional guidance pertaining to Tribal Credit. For questions, please contact the Tribal Credit Division Head at 970-563-2458 or via email at dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov.

Applications may be taken over the phone, and a signature from the applicant will not be required.

Final loan documents will require applicant signature but will not require a notary.

All checks/direct deposits will be available only on Fridays of each week.

Applications must be received by Tuesday at 3 p.m., and loan documents must be finalized and signed by the following day, Wednesday at 3 p.m. to be processed by Friday of that week. If the application is not received or documentation completed by the deadlines, loans will be processed the following week.

Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable (AP/AR) – Cashier window will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 a.m. Please call 970-563-0100 to schedule an appointment for business with the Cashier. Both Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable will process as normal. Signed repayment agreements may be received in-person, but encouraged through email, fax, Finance Mail Drop-Box, or regular mail to avoid in-person contact. If you need a repayment agreement, please call Connie Vaughn at 970-563-2451 to discuss or schedule an appointment.

Purchasing – Purchasing will process as normal. Purchasing staff can be reached at 970-563-2435.

Contracts and Grants – All aspects of contracts and grants management will continue as normal. Contract and Grants Staff can be reached at 970-563-2441.

Finance Mail Drop-Box – A mail drop-box has been installed to accommodate tribal membership needs for delivery of Finance-related documents or payments to the Finance Department. The drop-box is located at 356 Ouray Drive on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building. Documents that can be deposited into the drop-box include:

- Tribal Distribution documents
- Tribal Credit loan documents
- Accounts Receivable check payments
- Other Finance-related documents
- NO CASH PAYMENTS can be put in the drop-box

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

HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Staff will remain on-call for emergencies.

Tribal Housing staff can be reached at 970-563-2723 for inquiries related to Cedar Point Housing and/or Townhome business.

Construction Services staff can be reached at 970-563-0260. Please only call the Southern Ute Police Dept. Dispatch at 970-563-4401 for household emergencies.

In addition to staff continuing to work remotely and on an on-call and emergent basis, all major electrical, plumbing, sewer, gas, and HVAC systems will continue to be addressed by staff. In addition to emergencies, CSD will be responding to requests for swamp cooler issues, minor water drips on plumbing fixtures, non-emergent electrical requests and basic small repair.

Staff may ask the tribal membership to leave the home or isolate in a spare room while work is taking place. Staff will respond to emergency requests at the Cedar Point Townhomes. Rent payments and processing will continue and must be post marked by the 5th of the month and mailed to the attention of the Cashier in Finance. Office phones will be forwarded to staff who can walk the membership through some basic repair tasks.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 p.m.

Human Resources Department staff will work on site and remotely. HR staff are available by email and phone for assistance with employee benefits and employee questions/support. Some meetings with HR staff are occurring and can be scheduled in advance. Risk Management continues to be involved in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team and the COVID-19 response efforts. Some Risk Management and safety staff are working on site and remote. Staff can be reached at 970-563-4750.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Internal Audit Department will work remotely and on the tribal campus to perform internal audit activities for the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, SUSS, and Casino. The department will meet periodically with Tribal Council regarding those engagements. Staff can be reached 970-563-2310.

JUSTICE AND REGULATORY

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southern Ute Police Dept. – The Southern Ute Police Department will continue to provide law enforcement services, radio communications (911), criminal investigations, and victim services during this time. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0246.

Division of Gaming – Division of Gaming investigators has resumed its regulatory duties of the Shy Ute Casino Resort. The regulator currently works. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0180.

Southern Ute Detention Center – The detention center will continue to provide services for inmates. Effective immediately, all visitation is suspended. This includes all contact and non-contact visits. educational and religious PBT breath samples for courts and probation have been reinstated. Food and supply deliveries will be dropped at the Sally Port behind the kitchen. The driver will not enter the facility as trustees and staff will bring supplies into the kitchen. Office supplies will be dropped at the main administrative entrance. No one will be allowed access to the facility other than SUDC staff that is scheduled to work that day. SUPD, SUSS, Los Piños Fire Protection District, and maintenance are allowed to enter the facility on an as needed basis. SUDC will continue to house and accept contract inmates. New contract inmates will be accepted after proof of a negative test within 48hrs of admittance. Bail bondsman will be permitted into the Sally Port but will not enter the facility. Anyone who enters the facility including bondsman in the Sally Port will be screened and asked if they have exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0379.

Tribal Rangers – Tribal Rangers will continue to patrol the reservation and serve as first responders. Animal Control Officers will continue to provide services for the community. Staff can be reached at 970-563-2861.

Environmental Programs Division – Environmental Services will work remotely with the exception of monitoring stations for air quality and water quality within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Staff can be reached at 970- 563-135.

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) –TERO is staying open Monday through Friday 8 to 5 p.m., the Administrative Assistant is working everyday as is the compliance officer because they have no remote working capability. Career developer and Division Head are alternating days in the office and remote work on days out of the office. Office main line is forwarded to the Division Head. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0117.

LEGAL

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Legal an administrative Staff will be in the office and working remotely to promote social distancing in the office. Please call 970-563-2141.

Tribal Prosecutor – The Prosecutor will be working primarily in the office and will attend court hearings as scheduled by the Tribal Court. Staff can be reached at 970-563-2145.

DSS Attorney – The Attorney for the Department of Social Services will be working at the Department’s offices periodically and can also be reached by phone. She will also be attending court hearings as scheduled by the Tribal Court. Please call 970- 563-2141 for assistance.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Department of Natural Resources will provide ongoing duties that are essential for the continuity of operations and maintaining the Tribe’s business interests. The department will consider emergency meetings only.

Wildlife Resources continues with drop-in, in-person service at the Annex/Wildlife Office for (1) issuance of hunting and fishing permits to membership and public, and (2) distribution of bison meat. Also, Wildlife staff are available to respond to all wildlife conflict calls (eg, injured, orphaned, or threatening animals). Service is subject to change to front-door pickup/ appointment-only depending on pandemic conditions. For more information, call the Wildlife office at 970-563-0130.

Administration – The Department of Natural Resources will continue to provide ongoing duties that are essential for continuity of operations and maintaining the Tribe’s business interests. The department is open for business by appointment only. Phone number: 970-563-0125 (main office) 970-563-2263 (Director)

GIS – is on campus in the Annex Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide services to the tribal membership as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team as requested. Phone number 970-563-2226 (GIS Manager)

Lands Division – The Lands Division provides land assignment administration, processing Rights-of-Way, conducts and attends all on-sites, and issues commercial crossing permits and issues state hunting crossing permits during the appropriate hunting seasons. All Lands staff is available in-office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masks, sign-in and temperature checks are required upon entrance into the Annex Building and masks are worn by staff while in direct contact with any individuals, including other staff members. Staff are currently working behind closed doors, in private, individual office spaces. Phone number: 970-563-0126 (main office)

Agriculture Division – The Agriculture Division Office is open to the public 8am to 5pm daily. All staff are on-site for a 40 hour per week schedule. Phone number 970-563-0220

Water Resources Division – Water Resources is open 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday, and continues to provide all related services to the Membership. Phone number: 970-563-2930

Range Division – The Range Division is providing all services historically provided to the membership prior to the Covid outbreak. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone number 970-563-2912.

Forestry Division – Forestry will provide firewood services (October – April), ceremonial firewood services, ceremonial events preparation (Bear Dance and Sun Dance), project work preparation (field-work), in-house thinning, wildland fire management, forestry contract administration, firewood/forest product permitting, IMT planning, and staff is onsite Mon. – Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone number 970-563-4780 (main office)

PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Custodial Services – Custodial Services is one of the most vital departments operating at this time and will continue to provide services anywhere buildings are in use. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0125.

Motor Pool – Motor Pool is scheduling services Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Staff can be reached at 970-563-0280.

Building Maintenance – Building maintenance is scheduling work orders Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with after hour emergency coverage. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0265.

Grounds Maintenance – Grounds maintenance is on site for maintenance needs Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Staff can be reached at 970-563-0272.

TRIBAL COURT

Hours of Operation: All Tribal Court services shall be available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12 – 1 p.m.). The Court will keep updated information on the telephone answering service.

You may reach the Tribal Court at: Main line answering service: 970-563-0240. Email: tribalcourt@southernute-nsn.gov. Website: www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-court/. Fax: 970-563-9570. Address: P.O. Box 737 #18, Ignacio, CO 81137

Attorneys and the public are encouraged to communicate with the Court via email, remote technology, and telephone to limit in-person business at the Southern Ute Tribal Court.

Motions or pleadings can be submitted at the Clerk’s window during operating hours or by email, fax, or mail. Filing fees are to be mailed.

For all civil trial matters, the standard practice is in-person or remote technology (Zoom and video appearance is required). For all criminal cases, the standard practice is in-person. Remote appearance may be allowed with permission granted by the judge. If appearing remotely, Zoom and video appearance is required.

Emergency hearings or hearings required to be heard by law shall be held in-person or remotely with permission granted by the judge. If appearing remotely, Zoom and video appearance is required.

In all matters, the Tribe’s health and safety rules must be adhered to.

Please remit any criminal or traffic payments using the Tribal Court’s online payment system found at www.citepayusa.com, if possible.

A face covering/mask must be worn in the Southern Ute Tribal Court pursuant to the Tribe’s health and safety requirements and the judges’ orders.

Until further notice, the Tribal Court will require either proof of an approved COVID-19 vaccination or a face covering/mask must be worn in the Southern Ute Tribal Court.

Child Support – All child support checks will be mailed to the recipients by the Finance Department. No child support will be available for pick-up at the Tribal Court.

Probation Office – available by telephone Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. In-person and remote services are provided, depending upon safety concerns and urgency of the situation. All office visits will require an appointment.

Family Court Support Office – available by telephone Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. In-person and remote services are provided, depending upon safety concerns and urgency of the situation. All office visits will require an appointment.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal Health Services is the most critical department providing services to the tribal membership during this time. Please continue to call the Southern Ute Health Center prior to your arrival; this practice is for the health and protection of both the patients and health care providers. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0154.

Southern Ute Health Center – The Health Center will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Respiratory ailment screenings will be conducted in the treatment room with a separate entrance utilized. All specialty medical clinics are by appointment only; lab hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except during the lunch hour from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.).

Pharmacy hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except during the lunch hour from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.), however patients are not allowed access to the pharmacy through the clinic, they must use the outside service window. Physical Therapy appointments will be made from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as requested. Please call 970-563-4581.

Dental Clinic – The dental clinic will see patients Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only. Staff can be reached at 970-563-4719.



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Optometry – Full optometry services are being provided on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 am - 5pm, by appointment. The direct line is 970- 563-4719.

TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Administration – TIS staff will be available to continue to share relevant news and information with the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments, and community in the best and most efficient way possible. TIS will also continue processing mail for the tribal government, answering and transferring incoming calls to tribal departments daily. Staff also serve as Notary Publics with additional Permanent Fund staff on-site. Staff can be reached at 970-563-4702.

Vital Statistics – Vital Statistics will continue to provide all services, which include, but are not limited to; enrollment applications, certificate of Indian blood (CIB), tax exemption forms, verification letters, Tribal IDs, and notary public services. Services are available Mon. – Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Central Receiving building through curbside appointment only. Staff can be reached at 970-563-2248.

Mail service remains available to departments Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a Monday and Friday mail run at 8:30 a.m., followed by daily mail runs at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The only exceptions will be if the first and last days of the month fall on a Tuesday or Thursday, in which case we will provide postage and deliver those days.

The Southern Ute Drum – The Southern Ute Drum will continue to maintain production and provide special coverage on the COVID-19 outbreak and other current issues. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0118.

The Drum newspaper will continue to be provided in hardcopy form as long as printer allows and will also continue to provide the e-Edition at www.sudrum.com/eEditions/. The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and print dead-

lines for 2022 in order to share relevant news and information with the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best and most efficient way possible.

TRIBAL SERVICES

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Emergency Family Services (EFS) – EFS is encouraging clients to utilize the on-line application and submission process to limit the in-office exposure. EFS is working with Farmers Fresh and The Grocery Store to accept applications from EFS on-line through email so tribal members can receive food vouchers at the store. All clients must call ahead to request funds available to them. Clients will need to contact EFS through the phone at 970-563-2329. EFS will be working in collaboration with Elders Services to provide applications to/from Tribal Elders and/or disabled clients for assistance. EFS is also temporarily modifying services for off-reservation tribal members by providing the option of receiving \$200 or \$100 for grocery, as long as funds are available. Staff can be reached at 970-563-4718.

Elders Services – Elders Services will continue normal operation hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., however limited service for medical, grocery and household necessity delivery, and emergency services will be provided. Medical transport will be provided only for doctor appointments scheduled as of Friday, March 18, 2020, as well as medical emergencies. Staff will continue to deliver medication, groceries, bill pay, and post office runs within the approved safety zones. Elders Services has the right to refuse medical transport based on approved screening questions and a Doctor's recommendation. Staff will implement safe contact practices with Tribal Elders by phone. In-person visits will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and must adhere to the tribal policy and practice of social distancing based on recommendations from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Incident Management Team. Elders Services staff will work with other programs within the Tribal Services Department to coordinate services for Tribal Elders/Members with disabilities. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0154.

Food Distribution – Food Distribution is encouraging people to apply online. Staff are currently developing an online, pdf-fillable application and, upon completion, will be placed on the tribal website. Home delivery orders will be taken over the phone. Priority will be given to the elderly and disabled tribal membership. Participants will call in food orders and receive a time to pick-up their order. Entry will be through the back gate, guests will review the order in the loading area, sign in receipt of food, and exit through the front gate. Staff can be reached at 970-563-0285.

Vocational Rehabilitation – Vocational Rehabilitation will provide consumer meetings via phone or email and collaborative meetings with local vendors and resources via conference call, Zoom, and other technology services. Staff can be reached at 970-563-4730.

Social Services – Social Services will provide immediate response to client calls, emergencies, and continued collaboration with the Southern Ute Police Department. The tribal hotline for child abuse and neglect will continue to be available. Therapy sessions will be provided over the phone, through Facetime or Skype, and home visits as needed. Staff can be reached at 970-563-2339.

PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Permanent Fund Investments staff are working on-site and remotely to continue to manage the Tribe's investment capital. PFI staff are always available by email and phone and will attend in-person meetings as requested and permitted under current guidelines. Staff can be reached at 970-563-2600.

TRIBAL PLANNING

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal Planning staff are working remote and on-site to promote social distancing in the office. They are available by phone and email. Inquiries will be returned with one business day. The Annex is open to the public, but encourage clients to call prior arriving on-site. Staff can be reached at 970-563-2270.

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

Hours of Operation: Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Southern Ute Museum is currently open on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Staff continue the caretaking of exhibits, collections, and archives. Museum staff encourage visitors to make an appointment prior to arrival. For questions, please call 970-563-9583.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Temporarily closed on the weekend. Sun-Ute Community Center is offering modified opportunities as follows: The Fitness Area is open. Masks must worn at all times. The gym is open and divided into 4 sections. Members of the same household are able to use a section to shoot hoops or get some cardio in. Masks must be worn at all times. 24/7 access on the fitness floor is available, please sign up at front desk. All Ute Tribal Members receive a free SunUte membership. Please note that this plan is contingent upon meeting all safety requirements and keeping everyone safe SunUte Staff can be reached at 970-563-0214.

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility – MPF has canceled in-person group gatherings that are beyond the Phase II, Level 3 restrictions. Virtual programming will also be provided as well with notifications on social media, the Southern Ute Drum, KSUT Tribal Radio, etc. Multi-Purpose Facility staff can be reached at 970-563-2640.

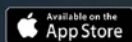


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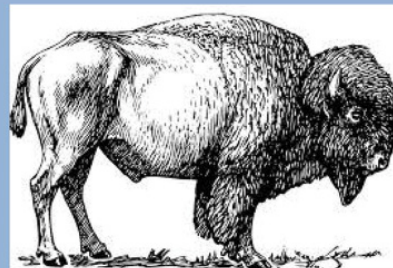
Sky Ute CASINO RESORT
Owned and Operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Bison Meat is Available

Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed

Now available at the Wildlife office



Five pounds of bison meat per tribal member household, per month.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Wildlife office at 563-0130

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM



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Story Readers
TEAM/TERO Workers

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970.563.2973

southernutemuseum.org



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United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, Cole Finegan, stands for a portrait with the Southern Ute Tribal Council in Chambers, Wednesday, Jan 12.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Tribal Council meets with U.S. Attorney General Finegan

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Tribal Council met with United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, Cole Finegan Wednesday, Jan 12. U.S. Attorney Finegan was sworn into office in December and made it a priority to meet with the Southern Ute Tribal Council to discuss important matters to both parties.

“You have our commitment to uphold the rule of law. My office will help you in any way possible to ensure that justice is being served,” stated U.S. Attorney Finegan. Prior to the position, Finegan spent many years in public service including Chief of Staff for then-Denver Mayor and current Senator John Hickmoller and Chief Legal Officer for former Colorado Governor Ray Romer.

Tribal Council spoke of the various cyclical social issues that take place on tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation which often leads to violence. Tribal Council expressed the lack of mental health resources and substance abuse/recovery support programs, which often have a trickle-down effect placing tribal families in crisis. Finegan reaffirmed his commitment to seeking justice for federal cases on tribal lands, while al-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

U.S. Attorney Finegan was nominated by President Biden on Sept. 28, 2021 and confirmed by the United States Senate on Nov. 19, 2021.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal Council voiced their concerns regarding lack of mental health resources and substance abuse recovery programs on the Southern Ute Reservation, Wednesday, Jan 12.

so maintaining communication with the Tribe including training opportunities for law enforcement and access to funding resources.

“As United States Attorney, Finegan is the chief federal law enforcement officer in the State of Colorado. He oversees all federal criminal prosecutions,

as well as all civil litigation undertaken on behalf of the United States Government. He leads an office of more than 160 attorneys and professional staff members, in addition to approximately 20 government contractors,” according to the Office of United States Attorneys website.





STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 3.

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 Eagle will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9 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





Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working in office and remote while in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3. Tribal offices are open to the public and meetings are by appointment only. Individuals are required to temperature screen upon entrance and face coverings are required. Council Contact information is listed below.

Melvin J. Baker, Chairman 970-563-2320 mjbaker@southernute-nsn.gov	Marjorie Barry, Treasurer 970-563-2304 mbarry@southernute-nsn.gov
Ramona Y. Eagle, Vice Chairman 970-563-2402 reagle@southernute-nsn.gov	Lorelei Cloud, Council Member 970-563-2405 locloud@southernute-nsn.gov
Linda K. Baker, Council Member 970-563-2407 lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov	Vanessa P. Torres, Council Member 970-563-2404 vtorres@southernute-nsn.gov
Dr. Stacey I. Oberly, Council Member 970-563-2403 soberly@southernute-nsn.gov	

Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockey, Southern Ute Drum





- ✓ Age 14–19?
- ✓ Ready to make a difference for Colorado youth?
- ✓ Join COYAC!


In 2008, the Colorado Legislature created the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) to “examine, evaluate and discuss the issues, interests, and needs affecting Colorado youth now and in the future, and to formally advise and make recommendations to elected officials regarding those issues” and to give Colorado’s youth a voice in the lawmaking process.

COYAC consists of 40 youth members, including one voting member representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In 2021, state legislators accepted all of COYAC’s policy ideas, and COYAC students are helping legislative staff draft bills for introduction at the 2022 legislative session at the State Capitol.

COYAC students commit to:

- Attend an in-person retreat in downtown Denver on October 9, 2021 (travel funding and assistance are available)
- Serve a two-year term through June 30, 2023 or until your 19th birthday
- Attend meetings (whether virtual or in-person)
- Fully participate in at least one student-led sub-committee. These committees work in between full COYAC meetings to accomplish the COYAC’s goals of advising and providing recommendations to members of the Colorado Legislature
- Respond promptly to COYAC communications using assigned SUIT@coyac.org email address
- Complete paperwork in a timely manner
- Communicate with students and youth organizations about youth-related issues

www.coyac.org director@coyac.org



The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings

Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Water Resources requests your help to ensure sustainability of the Tribe’s water resources

By Kathy Rall
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s (SUIT) Water Resources Division (WRD) requests your help to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Tribe’s water resources. The WRD serves the tribal membership by providing for the management, conservation, and utilization of the water resources of the Tribe. In 2020, Tribal Council approved the development of the Water Use Options Team (WOT), whose objective is to assist the WRD in identifying and developing water use options for

the Tribe’s unused federal reserved water rights. WRD is seeking tribal members to serve on the WOT with SUIT staff and other stakeholders. The WOT’s goal is to develop viable and sustainable options for the unused portion of the Tribe’s federal reserved water rights and present the options to Tribal Council for their approval. WOT members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe. Tribal members with water resources knowledge and/or experience are preferred. WOT members will serve at least one year with the possibility of continuing past one year. WOT members will be compensated for meeting attendance at the current rate of pay (\$20/hour) and will require approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. Please submit all letters of interest via email to krall@southernute-nsn.gov or mail them to Water Resources Division, ATTN: Water Use Options Team, P.O. Box 737 #63, Ignacio CO, 81137 by Feb. 15, 2022. All letters of interest will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and WOT member selection. Please contact Water Resources at 970-563-2930 with any questions.

MORRISON CANAL

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project rehab enters Phase II

By Pete Nylander
SOUTHERN UTE WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

The Water Resources Division (WRD) is continuing rehabilitation efforts on the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP) during the winter of 2021–2022. The PRIIP Rehabilitation efforts have been prioritized by the 2002 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) PRIIP study and the 2008 BIA/HKM assessment of the PRIIP. These studies have since been assessed and updated for current conditions, and rehabilitation designs were drafted by an engineering contractor hired by the WRD. Most of the funding for the PRIIP Rehabilitation efforts has been provided through Tribal Animas La Plata Project (ALP) resource funds. During the winter of 2018/2019 WRD rehabilitated 42 concrete structures on the PRIIP for the PRIIP Rehab Phase I Rehabilitation Project. The WRD also piped a large section of the Dr. Morrison Canal that was failing during the winter of 2020-2021. For the PRIIP Rehabilitation Phase II Project, the WRD has contracted with WCA Construction LLC. to complete the rehabilitation work. The PRIIP Phase II Rehabilitation Project began in October of 2021 after the irrigation season and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2022, prior to the beginning of the next irrigation season. The project consists of the rehabilitation of 21 structures on the PRIIP which improves water delivery to approximately 5,132 acres of irrigated lands. The structures include one siphon on the Dr. Morrison Canal, eight large concrete drop structures on the Dr. Morrison Canal, the Severo Canal heading, the Frost Lateral heading, the Goodnight Lateral heading, and nine other concrete structures. Once the concrete structures are either rehabilitated or replaced, many will be coated with a two-part polyurea coating which will substantially extend the service life of the structures. The rehabilitation efforts for phase II are funded with ALP Resource funds and are being completed in coordination with the BIA’s Southern Ute Agency. The WRD plans to continue rehabilitation efforts along the PRIIP with two more planned and designed phases. The WRD will also continue to pursue additional funding and continue prioritizing and assessing PRIIP infrastructure for future rehabilitation efforts. If there are any questions from tribal irrigators or the public, please feel free to contact the Southern Ute Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482.



courtesy/SU Water Resources Division

WCA Construction crew members prepping the concrete for repair on the Dr. Morrison drop structures.

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WCA Construction crew members pouring concrete for the new Frost Lateral heading.



Siphon on the Dr. Morrison Canal that crosses Dry Creek will have new gaskets installed, a new dump valve installed, and will be re-painted.

Instant Pot Basics Class

Instant Pot Basics Class: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6 – 7 p.m. Do you have an Instant Pot but lack the confidence to make use of it? If so, then this virtual class is for you! Nicole Clark, RDN from La Plata County Extension will help unravel the mystery of how to use a pressure cooker and build confidence in your ability to safely use this popular kitchen tool. For more info & to get the Zoom link please contact Darcy: Email: darcy@prlibrary.org | Phone: 970-884-2222 ext. 522

Prevent illegal dumping

Transfer Station
• 970-563-5507
• 16364 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 81137.
Environmental Programs Division
• 970-563-0135
• 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Dangers of Illegal Dumping
Illegal dumping causes harm to tribal lands. In the past, it was a common practice to throw large appliances, tires, etc. near streams and rivers to prevent erosion. However, this ends up causing more harm than good. These items can contain chemicals that can be harmful to humans and the environment, and can cause poor water quality, harming or even killing aquatic life, as well as impacting well water used for drinking. These chemicals can also seep into soil causing additional danger to those that utilize the land.

Transfer Station
In order to prevent illegal dumping please utilize the Transfer Station. The Utilities Division offers free trash disposal, disposal of burnable lumber, and disposal of household hazardous waste for tribal members. Registration is required on an annual basis through the Utilities Division and each household can obtain two passes.

Annual Cleanup Events
The Tribe also hosts two annual clean up events in the Spring and Fall.

Council touring an illegal dump site along Highway 151.
Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

Prevent illegal dumping

Reporting Illegal Dumps
If you see an illegal dump on tribal lands please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135.

Offenses Against Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Morals (Tribal Code 5-1-109)
(c) Littering. A person commits the crime of littering if he throws, dumps, places or deposits upon the lands of another or any tribal or public property or highway, street, road or other area not his own without lawful permission, any garbage, debris, junk, carcasses, trash, refuse or other substances of any nature whatsoever, and upon conviction therefor the offender shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 10 days in jail for the first offense and 30 days thereafter and a fine not to exceed \$500, and may be required to remove his litter from the area.

Photos from two illegal dump sites along Highway 151.

"Illegal dumping on our reservation is a crime. If caught, you will be held accountable for clean-up costs. Tribal resources are available to assist with clean-up around your home. Please do your part and help keep Mother Earth clean."
- Chairman Baker

2022 Trash Permits HAVE ARRIVED

Tribal members can request a permit to be mailed by contacting the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970.563.5500. Please verify the address on file. Permits are also available for pick-up at the shed beside the large waste receptacles. Permits are required to dump waste.

Permits are for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members only.

2022
NAME _____
LIC. PLATE # _____
Trash Permit Number: **0153**



The Southern Ute Drum presents:

Casino Reopens for Business



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Corleen Rael plays slot machines during the reopening of the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, April 15. Rael was one of the first players to walk onto the gaming floor since the closure in 2020.

KSUT Turns 45!



courtesy KSUT

KSUT went on the air June 14, 1976, one of the first eight tribal radio stations in the United States. KSUT had only a 10-watt signal that could be heard for about 20 miles, and broadcast only four hours a day. Lillian Seibel, KSUT's first station manager, recalls: "People appreciated [KSUT] right from the beginning. It was exciting for them to hear native music."



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The newly built Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, which officially began broadcasting on Indigenous People's Day, Sept.

Bear Dance Returns



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Adorned with brightly colored shawls, women lined the Bear Dance corral in a circular fashion — dancing for an Honor Song in recognition of Father's Day. The Southern Ute Bear Dance was held in Ignacio, Friday, June 18 — Monday, June 21.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Record heat did not deter dancers from participating in the four-day spring ceremony, which was closed to the public in the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic. Health and safety remain a top priority for the Tribe, while still upholding culturally important Ute ceremonies such as the Bear Dance and Sundance.

Reconciliation at FLC



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

FLC Board of Trustee Member and Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal member, Ernest House Jr. and FLC Special Advisory to the President for Indigenous Affairs, Lee Bitsoi, place the removed panels into proper storage containers that will be relocated to the Center of Southwest Studies.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker thanks the large group in attendance for the ceremonial removal of the clocktower panels located on the Fort Lewis College campus.

Historic Preservation Office

The Tribe's Cultural Preservation Department, Native American Graves & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) staff will assume the responsibility of review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act upon completion of the development of its Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Pictured left to right: NAGPRA Tech Xavier Watts, NAGPRA Coordinators Cassandra Atencio and Garrett Briggs.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Ignacio Chieftains Donated



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum Archive received 18 boxes of historic newspapers donated from the Ignacio Community Library and longtime Ignacio resident, Malcolm Jones, respectively. Also, the Archive received seven bound books of Ignacio Chieftains from the 1930's that were donated by the Pine River Community Library in Bayfield, Colo.

Mascots Scrapped in Colorado



courtesy Senator Jessie Danielson

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker attended a bill signing ceremony at the Denver Indian Center on Monday, June 28. Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed three bills into law: HB21-1289 Funding for Broadband Development, SB21-116 Prohibit American Indian Mascots, and SB21-029 Colorado American Indian Tribes In-State Tuition all of which positively impact the Tribe. Photo: Senator Jessie Danielson



2021: A Year in Review

Piinu Núuchi Skate Park



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Cyrus Naranjo showed off his well-honed skateboarding skills during the Grand Opening of the Piinu Núuchi Skate Park on Friday, Oct. 29.

Tribe Rolls Out Vaccine



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

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

Rise Above Colorado Mural

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage shares her gratitude and appreciation to the departments and youth who were involved in completing the mural that is currently housed in the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Celebrating 20 Years of SunUte



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The SunUte Community Center kicked off the month of December, 2021 with a 20-day celebration to honor the center's two decades of operation. In 2001, SunUte opened their doors to the Southern Ute tribal membership, staff, and surrounding communities. Pictured Here, Byron and Etta Frost, view the new collection of metal prints in the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Dec. 17 before attending SunUte's appreciation luncheon.

Bear Cubs Return to Wild



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Biologists, Danielle Austin and Aran Johnson set the rehabilitated cubs loose in the HD Mountains, where they are expected to hibernate until spring.

Heritage Dancers Rejoice



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Heritage dancers, Heather White Thunder and Edward Box III share a laugh as they dance together during a round dance at the Durango Public Library. Many cultural events cancelled in 2020, made their return in the latter half of 2021.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Aeden Valdez-Baker adds his own touches of earth tones to the mural.

Vets Honored at home



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association Member Gordon Hammond and Tribal Council Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez listen as Vietnam Army Veteran Rod Grove shares his gratitude to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4031 on Saturday, Sept. 4 in Durango, Colo.

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.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



CORONAVIRUS

Omicron variant of COVID-19 spreading at unprecedented levels

Rise in La Plata and Archuleta Counties

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is currently reporting more positive cases and transmission of COVID-19 than at any time during the nearly two-year pandemic. SJBPH attributes the local surge in cases to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. Questions remain about Omicron's severity, and the impact on local COVID-19 hospitalizations will become clearer in the coming days and weeks. To preserve already strained health care capacity and resources, the public is strongly urged to seek vaccination and a booster dose as soon as eligible, mask in businesses and public indoor spaces, isolate when ill, and quarantine when exposed.

As of yesterday, both La Plata and Archuleta counties were reporting record high levels of COVID-19 transmission over the past week. The seven-day case incidence rate in La Plata County was reported at 2,097 cases per 100,000 residents, and in Archuleta County the rate was 1,116 cases per 100,000 residents. SJBPH has received 580 positive test results in the past 72 hours. Of the molecular tests collected and reported to SJBPH over the past seven days, 27% came back positive for COVID-19 in La Plata County and 29% were reported as positive in Archuleta County. More information is available on SJBPH's COVID-19 data dashboard.

In SJBPH's jurisdiction, approximately 1 in 50 tests reported to SJBPH over the past week were positive for COVID-19. This figure supports the Colorado School of Public Health's recent estimation that between 1 in 5 and 1 in 10 individuals state-

wide (and in our area) are currently infectious with COVID-19. SJBPH emphasizes there is a high probability you may come into contact with someone in public who is infectious with COVID-19.

Due to the high volume of cases, SJBPH contact tracers no longer have capacity to reach every positive case via phone call. SJBPH is implementing a prioritization plan that allows contact tracers to call high-priority cases. SJBPH continues to send text messages each day to all reported positive cases with guidance on how to isolate. Text messages are also sent each day to close contacts of positive cases with quarantine guidance, although SJBPH is unable to identify every exposure during the unprecedented surge currently occurring in the community. Information about isolation and quarantine is available on the SJBPH website. Community members are also encouraged to call SJBPH with any questions regarding quarantine and isolation 970-247-5702.

"Our region is currently experiencing an unprecedented surge due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant and we understand this is causing challenges for community members, employers, and schools across the region. It's very important right now that you stay home if you are sick and follow isolation and quarantine guidance for positive cases and exposures. If you are positive or exposed and don't know what to do, please call SJBPH or visit our website for more info. We are fortunate to have vaccines and boosters widely available during this spike in cases which will help prevent hospitalizations and limit the severity of illness if you are to be infected. Please

get your booster dose right away," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director.

Community testing sites remain open and are free to the general public. Testing sites are experiencing high volume at this time, and the community is strongly urged to make an appointment and show up on time. More information about hours and how to make an appointment is available on the SJBPH website.

The COVID-19 vaccine is currently available to all community members ages five and up. Residents under the age of 18 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine at this time. Last week, the CDC and FDA released updates to booster eligibility for adults and minors. All community members ages 12 and up may receive a booster 5 months after completing an initial series of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. For adults who received the Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccine, the timeline for booster eligibility is two months. Minors are only eligible for the Pfizer booster.

Receiving a booster is shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness, and clinics with ample supply of all three vaccine types are widely available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics and providers is available online with convenient dates and times across both counties.

A local Public Health Advisory remains in effect and is posted on the SJBPH website. For COVID-19 data, testing locations, and more information about vaccines please visit the SJBPH website.

The Powerhouse Vaccine Speaker Series

Join us The Powerhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for the first of our three part VIRTUAL vaccine speaker series (<https://powsci.org/>). During this free event speaker Marc Masor will be teaching about the immune response in the body, and how it reacts to viruses and vaccines. Learn about how this relates to Covid-19 and about the three vaccines available to the public. Q&A following the event.

STRENGTH

Protecting our children is an investment in our present and future



Although fewer children have been infected with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can: 1) Be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19; 2) Get sick from COVID-19; and 3) Spread COVID-19 to others.

Children age 5 and over are currently eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Teens 16-17 years old are eligible for Pfizer booster shots.

Why should I get my child/teen vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine?

- Getting a COVID-19 vaccination:**
- Can help protect your child from getting COVID-19.
 - Is safe and effective.
 - Vaccines have gone through all required research phases.
 - It will not give your child COVID-19.
 - May help prevent spreading COVID-19 to others.
 - Can help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
 - Your child can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit (without waiting 14 days between vaccines).

How can I protect my children who are under the age of 5?

- Wear masks in all indoor locations outside of your home.
- Keep at least 6 feet apart from others when outside of your home.
- Avoid large gatherings and activities that make it hard to stay 6 feet away from others.
- Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities.
- If indoors, choose a well-ventilated location.
- Wash hands
- Sanitize high touch areas and materials
- Get everyone in your family who is 5 years or older vaccinated against COVID-19.

Contact your local IHS, tribal, or urban Indian health care facility for more information on getting vaccinated.



Let's Keep Our Tribal Community Safe!

DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT

January 24 & 25th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center Parking Lot

Viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and community. Face coverings are required.

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

All Southern Ute Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and Sky Ute Casino and Resort employees are required to test during this event with the exception of unvaccinated staff, who need to continue to schedule testing at the museum.

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

Local COVID Testing Site Information

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

- **Southern Ute Health Center (356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO)**
This site offers free COVID Testing to IHS-Beneficiaries

LA PLATA COUNTY TESTING LOCATIONS

- **La Plata County Fairgrounds (2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO)**
Open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open the following Saturdays (Jan. 22, Feb. 5, and Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The site will be CLOSED Feb. 10. Pre-registration is encouraged at <https://my.primary.health//cdphe>
- **Fort Lewis College (1000 Rim Dr., Durango, CO – parking lot near football field)**
Open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open the following Saturdays (Jan. 29, Feb. 12, and Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.). The site will be CLOSED Jan. 21. Pre-registration is encouraged at <https://my.primary.health//cpdhe>

ARCHULETA COUNTY TESTING LOCATIONS

- **95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO (behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Building)**
Open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged at covidcheckcolorado.org

POWER THE COMEBACK

VACCINE MOBILE BUS

NEXT STOP!

January 25 - 30, 2022

Mercy Regional Medical Center
1010 Three Springs Blvd, Durango, CO 81301

<https://durango-125-130-cdphe-mvu8.youcanbook.me/>

Pfizer 1st and 2nd doses (ages 5+) and booster doses
Moderna 1st and 2nd doses (ages 18+) and booster doses
Johnson & Johnson (ages 18+) 1st doses and booster doses

Vaccines are free, and no ID, insurance, or appointment is needed!


COVID-19 vaccines help protect the health of children with underlying conditions.

COVID-19 vaccines help protect children from serious complications.

COVID-19 vaccines help prevent severe illness & hospitalization in children.

cdc.gov/coronavirus





SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of January 12, 2022)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

577 Positives
154 Breakthrough
17,920 Total Tests


Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

236 Positives
3 Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!
Fully vaccinated persons can also schedule a 3rd dose Pfizer/Moderna and 2nd Janssen Booster!
Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 12 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-YANI COVID-19 "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"




Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

Activities discouraged while in Phase II 'Safer at Home', Level 3


Rise in COVID Cases Prompts Tribe to Revert to Phase II 'Safer at Home', Level 3 effective January 6, 2022.




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 Tribal Council

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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




Care for Family & Pets




Buy groceries or household supplies



Obtain medical supplies



Engage in banking



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

RISE IN COVID CASES PROMPTS TRIBE TO REVERT TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 3

In accordance with tribal Resolution 2021-104, which adopted amended COVID-19 metrics, and due to the rise in data, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council concurred with moving to the more restricted Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3. The graphic below explains the changes in restrictions.

Effective January 6, 2022

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3

What has changed with the amended restrictions?

Older Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2

Personal Gathering No greater than 20	
Indoor Capacity Up to 50% 75 Max	Outdoor Capacity Up to 50% 100 Max


New Amended Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3


Personal Gathering No greater than 10	
Indoor Capacity 25% 25 Max	Outdoor Capacity 25% 50 Max

Tribal Members, Employees and Visitors are encouraged to continue daily safe health practices while responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals should continue to adhere to all public health orders in effect including requirements for face coverings.


Tribal Buildings will remain open
All individuals must complete COVID-19 screening upon entering any tribal building.



Wear your mask





Practice social distancing




Wash your hands


For more information or updates visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov or Official Facebook



"HELLO, COME IN"



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RISE IN COVID-19 CASES • FROM PAGE 1

the more restricted phase, the sooner we are able to control the spread of the virus within our tribal community. I would encourage our tribal membership, tribal staff, and our community to seriously consider getting vaccinated. If you have not gotten your booster, schedule your appointment. Our decisions today will protect our tribal elders, our language and culture.”

The Tribe remains committed to monitoring the local data and modifying tribal operations as necessary.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will remain in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3 until otherwise lifted. The Tribal offices remain open to the public; however, all individuals will be required to make an appointment with all departments that provide direct services to the membership prior to entering any tribal building by calling the department directly.

Below are some of the things to expect when the Tribe moves to Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3.

The following activities are not allowed:

- Go to, or get things from, work.
- Go to a restaurant or store, provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed.
- Spend time outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing, or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place.
- Take your pets to veterinarian appointments.
- Do not leave your home or visit with family members and friends if you are sick.
- Do not go to work if you are part of the vulnerable populations.
- Do not visit loved ones who are not non-household members in the hospital, nursing home, or other residential care facility.
- Do not stop using a face mask or covering when you are leaving your home.
- Do not maintain less than 6 feet of distance between you and non-household members when you go out.

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3:

- Personal gatherings are restricted to 10 individuals or less.
- Indoor capacity is restricted to 25%- and 25-person maximum capacity.
- Outdoor capacity is restricted to 25%- and 50-person maximum capacity.

For more information, please visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s website and social media, in the Southern Ute Drum, and on the air at KSUT Tribal Radio. Individuals can also call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe by dialing 970-563-0100.

If you are sick, please self-isolate. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. Do not arrive at your primary health care provider office without calling to notify the professionals of your symptoms.

Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, cough and sneeze into the bend of your elbow or in a tissue then throw the tissue away. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. Please continue to practice social distancing staying 6 feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and be sure to check on our tribal elders.

Local COVID Vaccine Clinic Information

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

- **Southern Ute Health Center (356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO)**
This clinic offers Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. Individuals are encouraged to call (970) 563-4581 for availability and scheduling. IHS – Beneficiaries will receive priority when scheduling

LA PLATA COUNTY VACCINE PROVIDERS

- **Pediatric Partners of the Southwest (School-Based Clinic at Durango High School)**
Call for an appointment at 970-385-0100
- **CDPHE Southwest Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics**
View the schedule: <https://www.mobilevax.us/southwest>
- **CDPHE Prep Mod (Jogan Health)**
Make an appointment: Find a Vaccine Clinic | Colorado (Comassvax.org)
- **AXIS Health System**
Make an appointment: <https://axishealthsystem.simplybook.me/v2/>. Or email: covidvax@axishealthsystem.org
- **Rivergate Pharmacy (575 Rivergate Lane, Suite 111, Durango, CO)**
Hosting weekly Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) clinic Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Make an appointment <https://form.jotform.com/210736312913146>. For questions call 970-375-7711 or email vaccine@rivergatepharmacy.com
- **Mercy Regional Medical Center**
Sign up for a vaccine appointment from Centura using this form: https://centura.secureforms.submit.net/FillOutForm.aspx?formname=COVID-19_Vaccine_Notification. If you are unable to use Centura’s vaccine notification sign up form, please call 1-866- 414-1562
- **City Market Pharmacy Durango (North and South locations)**
Make an appointment: www.citymarket.com/covidvaccine. Or call: 866-211-5320
- **Albertson's**
Make an appointment: <https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>
- **Walmart**
Make an appointment: <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>

ARCHULETA COUNTY VACCINE PROVIDERS

- **AXIS Health System (Archuleta Integrated Health and/or La Plata Integrated Health)**
Make an appointment: <https://axishealthsystem.simplybook.me/v2/>. Or email: covidvax@axishealthsystem.org
- **CDPHE Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**
View the schedule: <https://www.mobilevax.us/southwest>
- **Pagosa Medical Group (27B Talisman Dr. Unit 3)**
Send a text to 970-372-0456 (must include area code). Texting is the fastest way to receive a response. Or email info@pagosamedicalgroup.org. Sign up: <https://pagosamedicalgroup.com/>
- **Pagosa Springs Medical Center (95 S. Pagosa Blvd.)**
Make an appointment: <https://pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-update/>. Then select “PSMC COVID-19 VACCINE RESERVATION FORM”. Or call 970-507-3995
- **City Market Pagosa Springs**
Make an appointment: www.citymarket.com/covidvaccine. Or call: 1-866-211-5320. Appointments can only be made when the vaccine is guaranteed to be available, so please continue to check the link.
- **Walmart in Pagosa Springs**
Call: 970-731-9017. Make an appointment: <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM VACCINE PROVIDERS

- **New Mexico Department of Health**
Make an appointment: <https://vaccinenm.org>. On-site registration and walk-ins based on remaining available doses. Sites offer a drive up option for mobility impaired. For help with registration, call 1-855-600-3453



BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats take Classic's crown from Bayfield

IHS downs M-CHS by 11, Wolverines by 14

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Finding fresh legs and a renewed sense of purpose during halftime Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8, Eppie Quintana strung together four unanswered baskets beginning the third quarter of the 2022 Four Corners Southwest Classic's de facto championship contest, helping Ignacio expand a two-point halftime lead into a double-digit advantage last season's tourney kings couldn't erase even inside their own gym.

"Honestly I think it was just the adrenaline; I was just so excited, having a good time out there with all my buddies, listening to Coach Chris yelling – it's just a good time," said Quintana, who'd polish off the 56-42 victory over tourney-hosting Bayfield with five free throws in six attempts during the last 15 seconds. "When that adrenaline kicked in, I was just ready to go."

"First half, I was kind of upset at Eppie; he wasn't doing as well as he could. Then he came out and scored eight straight points in that third quarter ... until I had to sit him down for foul trouble," head coach Chris Valdez said. "He really stepped up, and I was happy because it takes the pressure off of Gabe."

Having booked 30 points in a 67-49 home 2A/1A San Juan Basin League win over Dove Creek on the 6th, then 18 in IHS' 59-48 defeat of 3A Montezuma-Cortez on Day 1 of the Classic, stand-out Gabe Tucson was held to just three first-half points and five through three quarters by the motivated Wolverines, energized by a 52-51 upset of 4A Durango on Day 1. But down the stretch, Tucson chipped in eight fourth-quarter points to finish with 13.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (3) zeroes in on a three-pointer Thurs., Jan. 6, at home versus Dove Creek. Tucson drilled four threes and totaled 30 points in a 67-49 win over the Bulldogs.

Quintana, meanwhile, happily assumed the senior's leadership mantle. Having supported Tucson well against DCHS with his 17 points, but then held to seven by M-CHS, the junior guard erupted for 24 points against Bayfield – which went 2-0 at last season's Durango-hosted event – including impressive 9-of-10 foul-line accuracy.

"Gabe Tucson does so great in everything. Like, that kid ... if he's having a bad game, he makes everyone look amazing," quipped Quintana. "He just brings everyone up to the level he's at; it's great to have that kind of player on our team."

Quintana's point total was third highest during the Classic, bettered by on-ly Montezuma-Cortez se-

nior J.T. Carver's 32 booked during an 84-74 overtime win over DHS in the preceding game, and DHS junior Luke Wesley's 26 in the same showdown (during which five of the nine Demons seeing court time fouled out, four during OT). Pumping in 12 fourth-quarter points in hopes of willing the Wolverines back into the game, BHS senior guard Isaac Ross finished with a team-high 19 points in defeat. Going 7-of-19 from the foul line, junior post Caden Wood totaled 15 before fouling out on a technical foul with 0:05 remaining.

Ignacio posts Gabe Cox and Dylan McCaw, meanwhile, turned in crucial ef-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto steals the basketball from Dove Creek's Rylee Hickman during action Thursday evening, Jan. 6, inside IHS Gymnasium.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ignacio girls lose 69-56 to Dove Creek

Brunson logs 21 points against 1A's No. 9

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Accustomed to third-quarter struggles so far this season, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats' typical fourth-quarter intensity again re-emerged Thursday evening, Jan. 6, ensuring that visiting Dove Creek – at the time ranked No. 9 in the CHSAANow.com Class 1A poll – would have to work until the very end, were they to leave town victorious.

Beginning the game's final frame with six confident points, and ultimately able to bring IHS back to as close as 61-56 with a clutch three-pointer, junior guard Laci Brunson totaled 13 points during the final eight minutes and finished with a career-high 21, though DCHS ultimately prevailed 69-56 after nearly seeing an 18-point advantage disappear.

"We've got a big ol' target on our backs now," Lady Bulldog head coach Julie Kibel said, alluding to Dove Creek's status as the team to beat in the 2A/1A

San Juan Basin League. "And being on the road to-night, this was a good one for us to get."

Though Ignacio entered the fourth quarter trailing 56-38, momentum had initially swung away from the Lady 'Cats (3-4, 0-1 SJB�) late in the second. With just 1:46 left until halftime, IHS senior Avaleena Nanaeto hit two of three free throws to re-tie the game at 27-27. DCHS junior Lexi Gray responded by converting an and-one opportunity with 1:26 remaining, giving the guests a 30-27 lead. That's when things got, well, weird.

An Ignacio substitution slow in developing left the Lady 'Cats briefly with six players on the floor, and right in view of an official, who immediately whistled a technical foul. With 1:13 to go, Gray made both free throws, then crashed inside for a two-point bucket after the ensuing inbounds pass.

Junior Trista Barnett would then score from close range on the visitors' next possession, and despite Nanaeto (nine second-quarter points, 13

total) interrupting the game-altering run with a hoop, the Lady 'Dogs (8-1, 1-0) trotted back to their locker room up 38-29 after another Gray basket.

Almost unstoppable near the rim, she would finish with 15 second-quarter points en route to a game-high 25. Barnett and sophomore Kylie Gatlin each booked a strong 17, but fellow starters Rylee Hickman and Tara Buffington were held to six points combined before Hickman fouled out with 2:21 left in regulation.

Ignacio junior Harmony Reynolds, whose three-point play late in the first quarter tied the game at 13-13 through the opening eight minutes, finished with nine points as did sophomore Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga. Giving a starting-lineup nod with both freshman Marissa Olguin and sophomore Solymar Cosio both out, senior Elisia Cruz netted four points.

JV call-up Bella LeMasters made her varsity debut, making a short cameo as a

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Holiday rust hard to bust for IHS wrestlers

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Bringing just five individuals to Pagosa Springs Saturday, Jan. 8, Ignacio Wrestling found it difficult to crack the top-ten at PSHS' 2022 Rocky Mountain Invitational.

Overall, the Bobcats totaled 19 points and placed 14th, one point more than 3A Montezuma-Cortez, while 2A Centauri (186 points) returned to La Jara with the team title in tow ... but by only three points over runners-up 4A Bloomfield, N.M. The meet-hosting 3A Pirates (145.5) finished third, followed by 2A San Juan Basin League force Mancos (142.5) and 2A Center (130.5).

Senior heavyweight Jeremy Roderick compiled a 2-1 tournament record and placed third in his division, via a 1-minute, 23-second pin of 3A Bayfield sophomore Jordan Cundiff following a semifinals loss to 4A Taos, N.M., senior Lucas Fillis.

In an 11-man 145-pound division, IHS junior Keaton McCoy went 1-2 and placed just seventh, via pinning 1A Monticello, Utah, senior

Cameron Bailey with eight seconds left in the opening two-minute period. Freshman Kendrick Nossaman went 0-2 at 152, losing by pin to both 4A Durango junior Dale Harris and Center freshman Andre Meraz.

Making his varsity debut, freshman 132-pounder Asher Gallegos also went 0-2, losing by 19-3 technical fall to PSHS freshman Griffin Bower and then by pin 40 seconds in against Mancos freshman Brandon Vannest.

Finally, sophomore Cayle McCoy also ended up 0-2, losing twice by pin at 106 pounds – first to unattached entrant Anthony Manzanares in 47 seconds, then to PSHS freshman Michael Thomas in 40.

LADIES INVADE ALAMOSA

Ignacio's Lady Bobcats also saw action the first true weekend of the New Year, as they traveled out to Alamosa and wrestled in tandem with fellow SJB�ers Dolores.

Leading the way was 127-pound junior Faye Hackett, who went 3-1 over-

all – including pins of Olathe junior Angelina Bollinger, Durango junior Amiah Hanson and Monument Palmer Ridge sophomore Myra Davis – and placed second to Grand Junction Central junior Apollonia Middleton.

Senior Lexy Young went 1-2 at 136 pounds, losing in the single-elimination bracket's semifinals to eventual champ Sage Lechman, a junior at Kremmling West Grand, then to Olathe sophomore Iaeliana Delgado in the consolation semis. And in the division's round-robin 'B' bracket, Danylle Herrera went 0-4 and finished fifth. And at 118 pounds freshman Audrey Roderick went 0-2, eliminated just before the third-place match.

Held the day before AHS' Gary Ramstetter Classic, Central's Lady Warriors won the tournament 141-78 over runners-up OHS. Alamosa (69) took third and WGHs (28) fourth, while Bayfield and PRHS tied for fifth place with 18 points each.

Dolores/Ignacio came in seventh with 16 points, followed by La Junta (14) and Durango (2).

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The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age-group is determined by the contestant's age as of April 1, 2022.

For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.

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SUPPORT FOR VETERANS • FROM PAGE 1

ing Veteran benefits.

“I want to help the membership,” said Grove, a Vietnam combat veteran himself. “When a veteran passes away his records and paperwork goes with him.” Often when a veteran has passed away, only he or she knows where their own military records are stored and all pertinent info of his or her service record may be lost upon their death.

Greg Dotson, CVSO will be at the Ignacio Community Library on the first Wednesday of each month to assist veterans and families of veterans. The CVSO office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ignacio Community Library, in Ignacio. These office times have been set up for veterans to meet with the County Veterans Service Officer and learn more about their Veterans benefits. Appointments can be made by calling 970-759-0117, but walk-ins are also welcome.

Dotson is a Navy veteran who served in Iraq and Iran from 1989-2017 and has been with the La Plata County Service office for 18 months and is based out of Durango, Colo. Dotson provides services to veterans in La Plata County and can assist with additional resources available to veterans or families of deceased veterans.

The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being, and potential. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their Veteran Affairs (VA) benefits.

Family members of a veteran who has passed away can find that filling out the paperwork for Veteran Benefits can be intimidating. Some veterans themselves upon discharge did not want anything to do with the military or the VA, but may now need assistance.

Speaking of health care and requesting services, “If you think you may need health care, get documents – we can fill out the forms and see what the Veterans Affairs says. It’s always better to fill out the forms sooner than later once discharged from the service,” Dotson said.

Headstones, markers and medallions are also provided by the VA. Find out how to apply for a headstone, grave or niche marker, or medallion to honor a



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran Rod Grove (Army) discussed various topics pertaining to veterans benefits with La Plata County VSO Doug Dotson. Grove is a Vietnam combat veteran and an advocate for Southern Ute Veterans.

Veteran, service member, or eligible family member at www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial/items/headstones-markers-medallions/.

In most cases, you can apply for one of these memorial items if you’re representing the deceased veteran, service member, or family member in any of the below relationships or professional roles.

One of these must describe your relationship to the deceased:

- A family member, or
- A personal representative (someone who officially represents the deceased), or
- A representative of an accredited Veterans Service Organization, or
- An employee of a state or local government whose official responsibilities include serving veterans, or
- Any person who’s legally responsible for making arrangements for unclaimed remains or for details having to do with the deceased’s interment or memorialization, or
- Any individual representing the deceased, if the veteran’s service ended before April 6, 1917.

Hood Mortuary in Durango and Family Craft Memorial in Durango can also assist family members in obtaining the paperwork for a military headstone for a deceased veteran. Info for Family Craft can be located online at www.familycraft-memorials.com/ or by calling their office at 970-247-4571, and Hood Mortuary information can be located online at hoodmortuary.com/ or calling their office at 907-247-2312.

Along with Headstone the VA can also assist with attaining burial flags – a United States flag to drape on a

casket (or coffin) or place with an urn in honor of the military service of a veteran or reservist and Presidential Memorial Certificates, a (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate signed by the current president to honor the military service of a veteran or reservist.

Brief history of headstones for fallen soldiers

On Feb. 22, 1867, Congress passed an act to “establish and to protect national cemeteries,” a section of which called on the secretary of war to “cause each grave to be marked with a small headstone or block.” Some proposals, called for metal markers, either with full names or simply numbers, advocating marble or granite headstones marked with the names of the decedents.

On March 3, 1873, Congress appropriated a million dollars to replace the headboards with markers of “durable stone” and allowed the secretary of war to determine “the size and model for such headstones, and the standards of quality and color of the stone to be used.” The secretary specified white marble or granite; these stone slabs were cut to four inches thick, ten inches wide. The face would display a sunken shield carrying the number of the grave, rank, name of soldier, and the name of home state. For unknown soldiers, a block six inches square by thirty inches long would bear only the grave number.

Through legislation of Feb. 3, 1879, “An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of Union Soldiers who have been interred in private, village, or city cemeteries.” This legislation, later revised to include all military veterans, started the headstone application program that continues today.

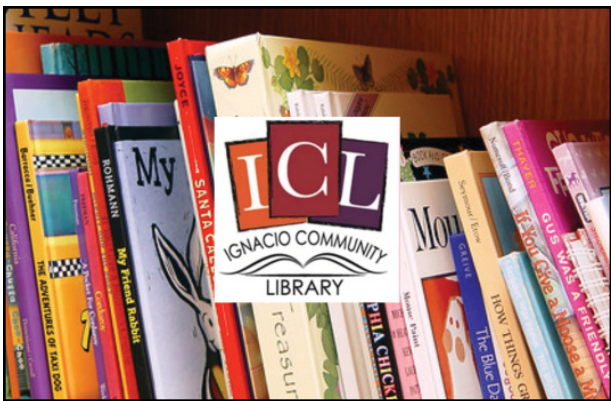
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

My library story

By Marcia Vining MLS, Director
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

I was ill at the beginning of my first year in junior high school and missed a few months of what is often a pivotal educational year. When I returned to school, kids had established friend’s groups and I struggled to find a place where I fit. So, I turned to books for company and in fact, the library for a place to fit in.

These days I’m hearing many stories from our patrons that lead me to believe I’m not the only one with a library story like mine. We all have coping mechanisms to help us handle the challenges life throws at us. Some of these are healthier than others. I’m glad my focus on reading helped me through those middle school years. I’m also grateful for the opportunity to offer this same escape, or coping



technique to our community. Through books and movies, Great Courses classes, magazines and digital offerings we have a bunch of ways to forget what’s happening in the world right now and escape to other lands; other worlds where we can be observers and be entertained.

Over the course of that seventh-grade year, I made new friends and reestablished old friendships, but the library was cemented for me as a safe space, a place where I could hang

out, meet people and regroup from a difficult period. Since many places are once again being shuttered or at least limited I hope that the library can be that for you and your family as well. A place to disconnect for at least a short time from the difficult stuff of life, and a place to reconnect to the kid in you that loved to imagine other worlds, other times, and other places. I would also ask you to share your library story with us if you have one, we’d love to hear it.



“Spirit of the Peaks” featuring Council Member Lorelei Cloud and Bird Red!

“I am honored to be a part of this incredible film which showcases ancestral Ute lands and how Indigenous people connect our traditions and culture to the land. It was an incredible opportunity to communicate Ute values and share the importance and sacredness of natural resources such as Mother Earth and water to a larger audience.” - Council Member Lorelei Cloud

“Shooting this film was amazing. I’m so grateful and honored to have been in the project. I wanted to help show people that the appreciation for our home and culture is still here, it lives through me and many other youth and Ute people on the reservation. I wanted to emotionally stir people with my words and show them the seriousness of this matter on how we still appreciate where we come from and how things from the past relate to what can do so freely today. Also the song I sang in the documentary was a symbol to me showing that we are resilient people. We are still here. We are still very powerful. And as long as we carry our practices not only the Utes but all Native American tribes will stand forever.” - Bird Red

View the video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/DSwmJMH04Ww>



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NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Elwood Kent, Deceased Case No.: 2021-0149-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:
Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 7th of January, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week

• Distribution Friday, Jan. 28	NOON, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022
• Distribution Friday, Feb. 25	NOON, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022
• Distribution Friday, May 27	NOON, Tuesday, May 24, 2022
• Distribution Friday, July 29	NOON, Tuesday, July 25, 2022
• Distribution Friday, Sept. 30	NOON, Friday Sept. 23, 2022
• Distribution Friday Oct. 28	NOON, Tuesday Oct. 25, 2022
• Distribution Thursday Nov. 10	NOON, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022
• Distribution Wednesday, Nov. 23	NOON, Friday, Nov. 18, 2022
• Distribution Thursday, Dec. 8	NOON, Monday, Dec. 5, 2022

**Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State Of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Position closes at 5 p.m. on January 17, 2022. 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 Reserva-

tion. 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 Building, EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or via 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 Building, Air Quality Program, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

WATER USE OPTIONS TEAM

Closing 2/15/22 – The Southern Ute Water Resources Division (WRD) has three (3) openings for Tribal Members to serve on the Water Use Options Team (WOT). Tribal members will serve on the WOT with SUIT staff from WRD and other stakeholders. The goal of the WOT is to “Assist and advise WRD in the exploration and analysis of available markets and options for the Tribes unused federal reserved water rights”. Members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe. Tribal members with water resources knowledge and/or experience are preferred. WOT members will serve at least one year with the possibility of continuing past one year. Members will be compensated for meeting attendance at the current rate of pay (\$20/hour) and will require approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. Please submit all letters of interest via email to krall@southernute-nsn.gov or mail them to Water Resources Division, ATTN: Water Use Options Team, P.O. Box 737 #63, Ignacio by February 15, 2022. All letters of interest will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and Team member selection. Please contact Kathy Rall, 970.563.2931 with any questions.

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member. Closing date is Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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) Al-

ternate 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.

Tribal Forestry Wood Program

The Forestry Wood Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is in full swing as we are heading in to the third month of providing wood to the Tribal Membership. Mondays and Wednesdays are wood pick-up days and Tuesdays and Thursdays are wood delivery days. Please make sure you call in advance of these days to ensure your order is put in to the Fuels yard. Please call 970-563-4780 to order your wood. Thank you.



CALL FOR APPLICANTS! for the AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2022

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Cost-share program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Los Pinos Watershed. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at (970) 563-2295 or skem@southernute-nsn.gov for more information. Applications are due **February 1st, 2022**.



OFF STREAM WATERING SOURCES



RIPARIAN FENCING



GATED PIPE

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/01/APPLICATION-COST-SHARE-PINE-WATERSHED-2022.PDF> OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295



MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY NOTICE

Until Further Notice the MPF will not be open to group gatherings.

The MPF rooms will remain open to independent rental use to utilize the Sewing Room, Kitchen, Activity Room or Conference Room, within SUIT COVID-19 protocol.

We ask that if you are sick or someone in your household is sick please do not come into the facility.

Monthly MPF events and group activities are suspended.

Classes and other activities may be held virtually whenever possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. – MPF Staff -



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist II – SUGF (Durango, CO)

Closing 2/11/22 – Works with limited supervision or independently to perform broad safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas including writing safety policies and specifications and conducting audits. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist IV – SUGF (Durango, CO)

Closing 2/11/22 – Performs safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas including writing safety policies and specifications and conducting audits. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers 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: 970-563-4777.

Web Developer I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 1/28/22 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Web application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/18/22 – Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the

Finance and Supply Chain Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Analyst – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/18/22 – Serves as a senior subject matter expert relative to content, processes and procedures associated with PeopleSoft FSCM. Providing requirement specifications to the internal PeopleSoft Finance developers; coordinating testing and training for user groups; developing systems solutions in the PeopleSoft FSCM environment; and project follow-on and support to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
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.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

*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. Guest and employee safety on property.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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 Departments. 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.

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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 but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment. Maintains video/audio surveillance of Table Games, Cashier's Cage, Slot Machines, Count, sort and money rooms, vault, entrances, outdoor grounds, parking lots, stairs, and more.

*Surveillance Video Technician (Full-time)

Installing, repairing, and performing preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV cameras, recording devices, upgraded equipment, and related wiring on property. Technical troubleshooting using basin electronic testing equipment.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

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.

Laundry Attendant (Full-time)

To perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and acceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed.

*Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)

Directly supervises all Front Desk and Gift Shop personnel and ensures proper completion of all Front Desk duties. Directs and coordinates the activities of the Front Desk, reservations, guest services, assists with Gift Shop duties and acts as an assistant to the Rooms Division Manager.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Administrative Assistant II

Closing 1/19/22 – Within Construction & Project Management, assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to construction projects, providing administrative support to projects through completion. Assists with management of PL 93-638 Projects. Pay N9; 16.88/hour.

Legal Assistant I

Closing 1/14/22 – Under general supervision of the Director of the Legal Dept, responsible for reception, administration, and scheduling of departmental tasks, assisting with the work of the Department's attorneys. Pay N11; \$19.93/hour.

Native Connections Therapist

Closing 1/17/22 – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. This will include mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay E15; \$60,370.75/year.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program – So. Ute Members Only

Closing 1/17/22 – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SU Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. Program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After your application is submitted, you will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

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 N6; \$13.47/hour.

Air Quality Analyst I (Part-time) – So. 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 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 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 N4; \$12.32/hour.

Building Maintenance Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay N9; \$16.88/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay E16; \$67,244.15/year.

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 – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under dentist supervision, Periodontal Assistant is 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 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 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 Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay E11; \$41,456.65/year.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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 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 (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 N5; \$12.54/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Lifeguard (Full-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 N5; \$12.54/hour with a \$400 sign-on bonus.

Media Technician (Part-time) – So. Ute Members Only

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

Physical Education Teacher (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position is 24 hours/week and starts at \$22,857.08/year.

TEAM Worker – So. Ute Members 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. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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 N8; \$15.61/hour.

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of January 3, 2022

- Education, K-12 Education Director – Closing 1/14/22
- Grants & Contracts, Grants Coordinator/Compliance Tech. – Closing 1/14/22
- Grants & Contracts, Administrative Assistant – Closing 1/14/22
- PEAK Grant, Teacher – Closing 1/14/22
- RISE Grant, Student Navigator – Closing 1/14/22
- Shelter, Houseparent – Closing 1/14/22
- WM Administration, Member Service Technician – Closing 1/14/22
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT – Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- TERO, Compliance Officer – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-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



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forts; Cox, a sophomore, came off the bench to score eight points, while McCaw, a junior starter, contributed six. Against Montezuma-Cortez, McCaw had managed eight but Cox zero before he fouled out with 3:57 left in the game.

“Those big guys in the post helped us with tips, rebounds inside – they did the blue-collar work,” stated Valdez. “Didn’t get a lot of points for it, a lot of glory, but we don’t win without their hustle; those big really helped us win this.”

Another sterling individual performance came from sophomore Phillip Quintana, who equaled Tucson’s 18 points against M-CHS on Day 1, in part by being able to match Tucson’s two second-quarter threes and one in the third. Sophomore Devante Montoya (8 points; 3 versus BHS) also knocked down a triple in the second and third quarters – giving



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Ignacio’s Eppie Quintana (20) maneuvers around Montezuma-Cortez’s Isaak Lewis during the Bayfield-hosted 2022 Four Corners Southwest Classic. Quintana totaled 31 points in the Bobcats’ victories over M-CHS and, on Day 2 of the tournament, BHS.

IHS eight total threes and helping the ‘Cats outscore the Panthers 31-21 during the game’s middle quarters.

Up next, Ignacio will host 1A Ouray on Friday, Jan. 14 (JV at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 6), then travel to 2A Ridgway the next afternoon. Results from the Bobcats’ 1/11 test versus 2A Mancos

(6-2 overall; Ignacio came in 5-2) were unavailable at press time.

“We know they’re more athletic, but we’re going to do whatever we have to do to get into ‘em – change the lineup maybe if we have to – and play our hardest like we have in the past,” said Valdez.

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post against post-blessed DCHS – which struggled against the Lady Bobcats’ full-court pressure, but regularly managed to base-ball-pass the rock out of a predicament.

IHS finished 15-of-27 from the free-throw line; Dove Creek went 13-of-21.

Looking ahead at the schedule, Ignacio is shown as traveling Sat., Jan. 15, to Ridgway. Results from the Lady Bobcats’ 1/11 home game versus Mancos were unavailable at press time. The Lady Jays (4-3, 0-0 SJB at the time) were to have a slightly different look than when they pulled off last season’s 38-32 upset inside IHS Gymnasium; post force Madi Hale graduated in the off-season and sophomore post Teya Yeomans is reportedly playing club volleyball this winter, but MHS will have the services of senior transfer Justina Bayles, formerly of 3A Montezuma-Cortez.

“Us making big shots and them not having any really ... motivated us to keep digging deep and keep pushing. Because 32 minutes of basketball, it’s tough,” now-senior guard Rhiley Montoya had said after last season’s nail-biter. “I’ve played Ignacio since ...



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Ignacio’s Elisia Cruz (11) battles Dove Creek’s Trista Barnett (2) for a rebound Thursday evening, Jan. 6, inside IHS Gymnasium.

middle school, and they’ve always been the toughest team in the league; they’re always the team to beat.”

AFTERMATH

Dove Creek further im-

proved to 9-1 overall on Sat., Jan. 8, by traveling to, and destroying 2A Telluride by a 70-0 margin. Nine different Lady Bulldogs scored in the shutout, led by Barnett (19 points) and Gatlin (10).

SUIT EPD Cost-share Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Cost-share program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Los Pinos Watershed. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at (970) 563-2295 or skem@southernute-nsn.gov for more information or to have an application mailed to you. Applications are available online at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/11/Application-Cost-Share-Pine-Watershed-2022.pdf>. Deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2022.

Ambient Monitoring Program

The Air Quality Program maintains three State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) to monitor air quality on the Reservation. The air monitoring station Ute 1 is located just north of Ignacio, Colorado while the second station, Ute 3, is located off of Colorado State Highway 550 north of Bonadad, Colorado. The third station, a mobile monitoring station, is located at Lake Capote on the east side of the Reservation. All stations adhere to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SLAMS quality assurance guidelines and data is reported to the EPA Air Quality System for National Ambient Air Quality Standard comparison and EPA’s AirNow website. For more information about the Ambient Monitoring Program and to view ambient air quality forecasts for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, visit our Ambient Monitoring web page at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

BOBCATS ACTION

Look for additional Ignacio Bobcats action on the Drum’s website at www.sudrum.com

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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- Across**

 - 1 Reddish
 - 5 Rancheria NW of Sacramento
 - 11 --- root, medicinal herb
 - 12 Where a conjuror might keep a rabbit
 - 13 What seeing an owl is often considered to be
 - 14 Entertainment spot on Hwy 172
 - 15 The North --- Mono tribe, California
 - 16 Exchange for money
 - 17 One whose work is at the end of a book
 - 19 Classic Ford flop
 - 20 --- of Tears, 1830-1850
 - 25 Provide with new quarters
 - 27 Compass leveling device
 - 31 Some charity grps.
 - 32 Indians and Japanese, for example
 - 33 Gists of the matter
 - 34 Former IndyCar driver --- Patrick
 - 35 “Dies ---” (Requiem Mass hymn)
 - 36 Electronic musical instruments
 - 37 Low-level Australian salt lake
- Down**

 - 1 Date rape drug
 - 2 “Paper Roses” singer Marie ---
 - 3 Pottery fragments
 - 4 New Englander
 - 5 Odyssey sorceress
 - 6 “... --- as it is in heaven”
 - 7 Scottish girl
 - 8 Last words on the Challenger
 - 9 Delhi duds
 - 10 “Now hear this!”
 - 18 Home to the Hewisedawi band of the Pit River Tribe
 - 21 Jimmy’s successor at 1600
 - 22 Portent
 - 23 Line showing equal barometric pressure
 - 24 Flat occupant
 - 26 Lanchester and a lioness, and others
 - 27 Is “on the go”
 - 28 “... --- tomato and you ...”
 - 29 L’Étoile du Nord: Abbr.
 - 30 Can of worms, maybe

Answers for this crossword will appear in January 28 issue of the Drum.

Answers for December 30, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Fred, 5 Crops, 10 Lone, 11 Heroes, 13 Ogen, 14 Altman, 15 Yuri, 16 Rise to, 17 Degrade, 19 Row, 20 Yon, 21 VGA, 23 CPA, 25 Gleaned, 29 Oeuvre, 31 Mire, 32 Ordain, 33 Bail, 34 Spiced, 35 Inca, 36 Stars, 37 A say.

Down: 1 Floyd, 2 Rogue, 3 Energy audit, 4 De Niro, 5 Chard, 6 Relieve, 7 Orts, 8 Pomeranians, 9 SEATO, 12 Snow, 18 Angrier, 22 Gambia, 23 Coos, 24 Perps, 26 Lends, 27 Erica, 28 Delay, 30 Vaca.



did you know?

A flamingo can eat only when its head is upside down!



Source: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/animals/>

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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Jan. 14



Mostly clear 47°F
Morning winds

Saturday, Jan. 15



Sunny 43°F

Sunday, Jan. 16



Sunny 44°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

