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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

# Due to declining risk, Tribe rescinds tribal metrics and restrictions

*Tribe mirrors CDC guidance for La Plata County*



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Health Center Nurse, Joy Miller, administers a swab to test for COVID-19 on the final day of the Tribe’s two-day testing event in January. The next community wide testing event is scheduled for March 28-29 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Additionally, the Tribe distributed KN95 masks to the tribal membership during the month of February.

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

As the new positive case, one-week cumulative, and hospitalization rates decline locally and, in the region, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council rescinded the Tribe’s adopted COVID-19 Metrics and Restrictions, also known as Appendix A effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) has been working with Tribal Council and entity leaders to adjust the tribal response to the pandemic, while continuing the health and safety practices that are vital to protecting our tribal community. The IMT will contin-

ue to observe the local data in the event that the ongoing pandemic requires the Tribe to return to a more restricted operation. The Tribe will also continue to follow guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and maintain certain precautions including weekly mandatory testing for unvaccinated employees. Tribal Council continues to encourage individuals to utilize safe health practices such as wearing a mask, washing your hands, social distancing, and testing frequently. The Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) continues to provide vaccines to our tribal community and is currently scheduling appointments for immuno-

compromised individuals to receive a fourth booster, following a third dose primary series. Individuals can call the SUHC at 970-563-4581 for questions regarding eligibility and to schedule an appointment. Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members can request face coverings and at-home COVID-19 test kits by contacting Tribal Information Services at 970-563-0100 or by email to [tis@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tis@southernute-nsn.gov). For more information, please visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s website and social media, pick up the Southern Ute Drum, and tune-in on the air at KSUT Tribal Radio. Individuals can also call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe by dialing 970-563-0100.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Culture Department hosted a virtual going away party for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Garrett Briggs on Friday, Feb. 25. Colleagues, friends, tribal employees, and community members could attend the event via Microsoft Teams and give Briggs their well wishes and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the Tribe, and the NAGPRA program, over the past five years.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

## NAGPRA coordinator steps down after five years

*Briggs instrumental in establishing Tribe’s THPO office*

**Divine Windy Boy**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Garrett W. Briggs was bid farewell during a virtual going away event held on Friday, Feb. 25. Briggs leaves his position as both Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Coordinator and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) with the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department. During the event fellow coworkers and close friends wished Briggs well on his future endeavors, also recognizing his work throughout the duration of his tenure with the department.

Briggs graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M. as well as with a Master of Arts in Archaeology from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz. In May of 2017, Briggs became the NAGPRA Apprentice for the Southern Ute Cultural Department mentored by the late Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo Jr. and worked alongside Cassandra Atencio. Briggs had the distinct role of being the male counterpart to Atencio, as culturally there are many things that a woman cannot be directly involved with during the reinterment process, a key role of the NAGPRA position.

“I will be involved in projects that strive to retrieve sacred objects from federally funded institutions and return them to our tribe, as well as work with federal agencies to protect our sacred landscapes, ancestral sites and natural resources that are vital to our lifeways,” Briggs said in an article first published by The Southern Ute Drum on May 25, 2017. “I am excited to be working with such high caliber and dedicated people in the cultural department, as well as serving my community.”

By Jan. 2020 Briggs had completed the term of the apprenticeship program, at the time Briggs was working



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilmember Lorelei Cloud bid a warm farewell and expressed her deep appreciation to Historic Preservation Officer Garrett Briggs during his going away party, where he received additional farewells and gifts from the Culture Department staff and tribal employees.

under the supervision of former Cultural Dept. Director Edward Box III and acting Cultural Dept. Director Corliss Taylor, while also being mentored by the late Alden Naranjo Jr. and daughter Cassandra Atencio.

One-year earlier Briggs worked alongside Atencio and Naranjo, to complete the repatriation of an ancestor from the University of San Diego (USD). In January 2019, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s NAGPRA office entered consultation with USD and after filing an official repatriation request as well as a published Notice of Intent to Repatriate in the Federal Register the legal transfer of the ancestor from USD to the SUIT, which took place in October of 2019.

“The Southern Ute apprenticeship program provided me with an opportunity to achieve a personal and professional goal – to use my education obtained through the tribal scholarship program and serve our community,” stated Briggs. “While

gaining practical experience, I was able to learn about culture, community, history, and language, for which I am eternally grateful. I will always cherish those moments and memories.”

In May of 2020, the Morris K. Udall & Stewart L. Udall Foundation and the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy at the University of Arizona announced the selection of the 2020 Native American Congressional Interns. The program comprises 12 students representing 12 tribes and nine universities from around the country, interns were selected by an independent review committee based on academic achievement, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy. Briggs became the first member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to be selected as a Udall intern.

Briggs, with NAGPRA

## Sewing ribbon skirts at MPF



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Connie Baker is designing the ribbon pattern for this skirt while attending the Ribbon Skirt Class at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Tuesday, March 8. Baker has been saving this material for some time, after choosing the ribbon pattern she will be ready to piece the garment together just in time for the spring and summer cultural activities.

Multi-Purpose Facilities Operations Manager, Elise Redd shows attendees where to mark the first guideline for ribbon skirts during the Ribbon Skirt Class held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Tuesday, March 8. During this workshop attendees learn how to measure themselves for dresses or skirts, socialize, and get access to materials if needed.







LA PLATA ELECTRIC

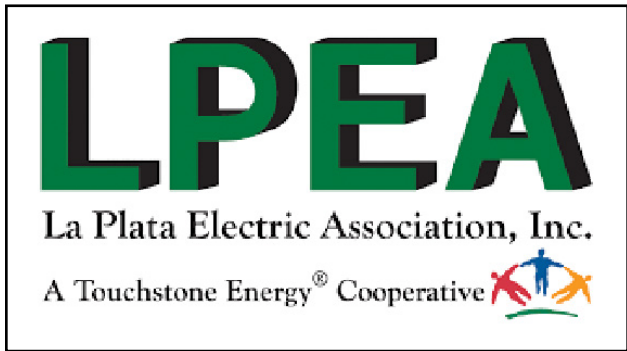
LPEA seeks members due to receive Capital Credit refunds

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is seeking current and former members who are due to receive Capital Credit refund monies. Capital Credits represent ownership of LPEA and are credited to members based on the amount of electricity they use. As LPEA is a non-profit cooperative owned by its members, it returns Capital Credits to its membership when the board determines that financial circumstances allow it.

The LPEA Board of Directors determines how much patronage capital should be retired on a year-by-year basis. Those funds are returned to members either as a bill credit (for amounts less than \$100) or as a check (for amounts greater than \$100). Sometimes these checks go uncashed, or LPEA cannot



find a valid address on file to remit them.

After three years, these funds become “unclaimed” and are then used for educational or charitable purposes as determined by the LPEA Board of Directors, as outlined in LPEA’s Bylaws. Unclaimed Capital Credit funds support LPEA’s scholarship and grant programs and contribute to educational and non-profit community projects in La Plata and Archuleta counties.

The complete list of unclaimed Capital Credits is available at lpea.coop/capital-credit-refunds. It will al-

so be published in the Durango Herald and the Pagosa Springs Sun. To claim funds, members must call LPEA directly at 970-247-5786.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to approximately 35,000 members. Contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit lpea.coop for more information.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy celebrates the works of Dr. Seuss with each passing year. Older students are encouraged to read aloud to the younger audience, while teachers also chip in with storybook sharing. In the name of the famous author, characters from better-known works visit each of the classrooms. Characters played by Academy faculty included the Grinch, Thing 2, and the infamous Cat in the Hat. Spring snow flurries set the mood for this lively reading activity held on Friday, March 2, 2012.

This photo was first published in the March 9, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Roderick Grove of the Southern Ute Veterans Association presents an \$80 check to Nelda Martinez, group facilitator for the Southern Ute Tribal Court Juvenile Intervention Program. The money will be used to pay for 20 “activity visits” to the SunUte Community Center by the “kids at risk” who participate in Martinez’s program. Also pictured is veteran Pete Gomez, a probation officer with the Tribal Court system.

This photo was published in the March 8, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Monday Night Buckout event became a popular way to spend the evening in Ignacio. A large crowd enjoyed watching those local cowboys match wits with bulls and broncos.

This photo was published in the March 9, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Betsy Kent was crowned the title of Miss Southern Ute by Chairman Leonard C. Burch to fill a vacancy within Southern Ute Royalty. Also pictured are Eddie Box Sr., Little Miss Southern Ute Leigh Sage, and first alternate Hilda Burch.

This photo was published in the March 12, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

2022 Spring Blessing

March 18, 2022

Time: Sunrise  
Location: SUCCM Fire Pit  
(Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum- South Side)

Blessings of all Tribal Buildings (Permanent Fund, Growth Fund & Sky Ute Casino) as well as Tribal Vehicles.

The Sundance Chief, Byron Frost, requests to have all offices & buildings open to be blessed. All Southern Ute Tribal vehicles will need to be driven to SUCCM, unless you have made prior arrangements with the Sundance Chief.

Southern Ute community members and Tribal Staff are welcome to receive a blessing at the fire pit.

if you have questions contact:  
Sundance Chief, Byron Frost at (970)-946-4061

The Southern Ute Pow Wow Committee will be selling the remainder of the t-shirts starting **March 2, 2022. Open to anyone interested.** The Southern Ute Pow Wow Committee wants to remind everyone to do your part to stay safe and healthy through this pandemic.

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SOUTHERN UTE  
POW WOW  
COMMITTEE

If you have any questions please contact:  
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HIGHER EDUCATION

Calling all Indigenous innovators for the MIT Solve Indigenous Communities Fellowship

Staff report  
NUNA PRESS

A leading initiative for global change at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Solve, is seeking Indigenous innovators and Native social impact entrepreneurs, organizations, and tribal communities to apply for the MIT Solve Indigenous Communities Fellowship.

Founded in 2018, the Fellowship has expanded from the Oceti Sakowin, Hopi Tribe, and Navajo Nation communities to a national call for Fellows from Hawaii to Alaska and coast-to-coast across the U.S. and its territories.

The deadline to apply is fast approaching on March 31, 2022 and the MIT Solve community is looking for eight technology-based solutions that help Native communities in the US thrive. To that end, Solve seeks solutions that:

- Drive positive outcomes for Native learners of any or all ages while supporting culturally grounded educational opportunities on and/or off reservations.
- Promote holistic and culturally informed mental or physical health programming for Native youth, elders, or families, including but not limited to, foster youth, veterans,

- and families with members who are disabled.
- Strengthen sustainable energy sovereignty and support climate resilience initiatives by and for Indigenous peoples.
- Support the creation, growth, and success of Native-owned businesses and promote workforce programs in tribal communities.

Each Fellow will receive nine months of support and mentorship, a \$10,000 award of unrestricted funds, and are eligible for a shared pool of \$1.3 million in prize funding. Submitted solutions must include the use of technology for practical and functional purposes, including ancestral knowledge and traditional technology. Strong preference will be given to Native-led projects by Native applicants that directly benefit and are located within Native communities in the United States.

MIT Solve is hosting optional Indigenous Communities Fellowship Community Engagement Clinics each Thursday starting next week until the deadline for potential applicants who want to learn more about the Fellowship, the application process, or ask questions about the program.

To join the Community Engagement Clinics, please register for a date listed below:

- Thursday, March 10: 2 – 3 p.m. ET / 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. PT: <https://bit.ly/3vf23q9>
- Thursday, March 17: Time TBD: <https://bit.ly/3sXFbc4>
- Thursday, March 24: Time TBD: <https://bit.ly/3593UIH>
- Thursday, March 31: From 2 – 3 p.m. ET / 11 am – 12 p.m. PT: <https://bit.ly/3hdtUyR>

Not able to make a Live Chat session? Contact Aaron Slater (Navajo Nation), MIT Solve Senior Officer, Indigenous Communities at [Aaron.Slater@solve.mit.edu](mailto:Aaron.Slater@solve.mit.edu).

Applications are open until March 31, 2022. To submit a solution today, visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/3IbQbZN>

About Solve

Solve is an initiative of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a mission to drive innovation to solve world challenges. Solve is a marketplace for social impact innovation. Through open innovation Challenges, Solve finds incredible tech-based social entrepreneurs all around the world. Solve then brings together MIT’s innovation ecosystem and a community of Members to fund and support these entrepreneurs to help them drive lasting, transformational impact. Join Solve on this journey at [solve.mit.edu](https://solve.mit.edu).

INDIGENOUS ARTISTS

Adam Piron to lead Sundance Institute’s Indigenous program

Staff report  
SUNDANCE INSTITUTE

Sundance Institute recently announced that Adam Piron, a longtime staff member of the Institute’s Indigenous Program, has been named the Director of the Indigenous Program. In this new role, Piron will lead Sundance’s engagement and investment in global Indigenous storytellers and will take over the Director position that Bird Runningwater left several months ago.

The Institute’s commitment to supporting Indigenous artists is woven throughout its history; amplifying President and Founder Robert Redford’s original vision, the Institute has remained committed to supporting the voices of Indigenous artists. The Indigenous program has built and sustained an Indigenous film circle, which now spans over four generations. The cycle of work begins by scouting for and identifying Indigenous artists, providing a year-round support system at Sundance Institute to get their

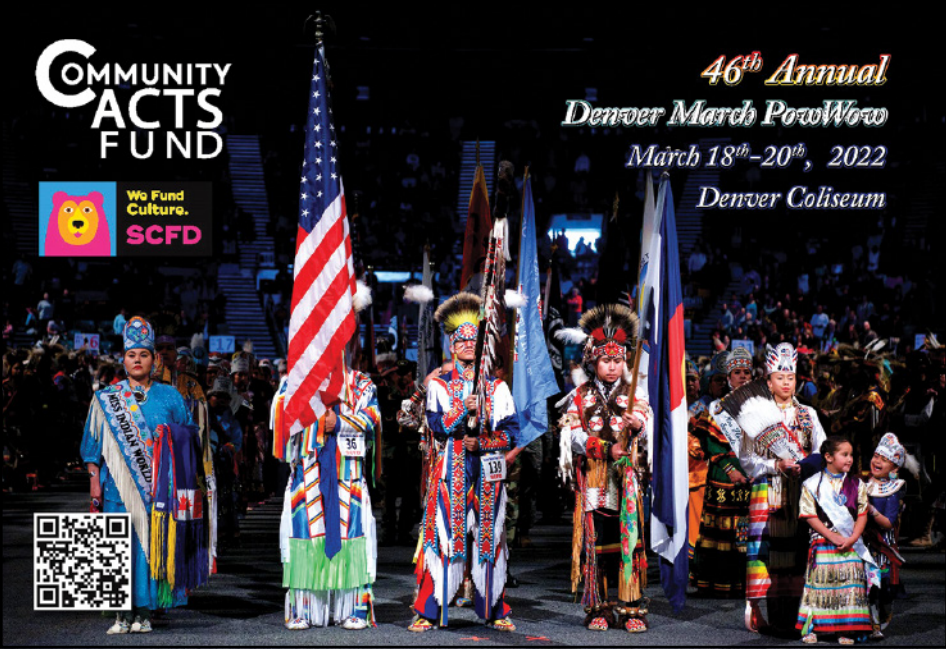
work made and shown, and then bringing the filmmakers and their work back to Native lands. The Native Lab has been a vital part of supporting Indigenous filmmakers since 2004; and the Merata Mita and Full Circle Fellowships offer further support to emerging Indigenous voices.

“It’s been a privilege to collaborate with colleagues in devising ways to support Indigenous storytellers at every stage in their career,” said Piron. “I look forward to leading this work with heart, vision and experience.”

“Adam’s unflagging commitment to Indigenous artists and his vision of how best to bring their stories to life, has long been a source of inspiration for the Institute,” said Michelle Satter, Founding Senior Director of the Institute’s Artist Programs.

Piron belongs to the Kiowa and Mohawk Tribes and was raised in Phoenix, Ariz. In addition to the Director, Indigenous program role, he also serves as a short film programmer for the Sundance Film Festival. Prior, he was the Indigenous Program’s Interim Director, Associate Director, and Program Manager. He is a co-founder of COUSIN, a film collective dedicated to supporting Indigenous artists experimenting with and pushing the boundaries of the moving image. He was previously the film curator at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). He received his BA in Film Production from the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts.

He currently serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of Seen, a journal produced by BlackStar examining the visual culture of communities of color, featuring interviews, reviews and essays about Black, Brown and Indigenous visual culture. He concurrently serves on the Board of Trustees and Programming Committee of the Robert Flaherty Film Seminar as well as on the Indigenous Advisory Board for TIFF. He has also been on advisory panels for Canyon Cinema, the Herb Alpert Award in the Arts, The Jerome Foundation, The Princess Grace Awards and the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative.





2022

SOUTHERN UTE

BEARDANCE POWWOW

CANCELED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Southern Ute Powwow Committee has decided to not host a Beardance powwow this year.

We want to be able to celebrate powwow season with all our relations, and until we are able to do so safely we believe this is the safest choice for our tribal nations.

POWWOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman: Mikki Naranjo 970.317.1740

Vice Chairman: Tara Vigil 970.799.0615

Treasurer: Dona Frost 970.553.9291

Secretary: Rochelle Aguilar 970.759.1722

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Member: Jalisa Paul

Member: Brandi Naranjo-Raines

Member: Edward B. Box, III

[soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov)



Welcoming Home

Sunrise Spring Blessing

in Delta, Colorado

POSTPONED

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We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have questions, please contact the Southern Ute Powwow Committee:


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FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY, ALL CLASSES WILL BE VIRTUAL.

EVERY THURSDAY 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

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If you plan on attending, please call us at 970.563.5700 to RSVP and we will email or text you the virtual meeting log on information.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Borscht, a staple in the Ukraine

By Lisa Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Borscht has been a staple in the Ukrainian diet for hundreds of years. This dish came out of necessity using inexpensive yet healthy ingredients to fill the family’s belly. This soup is loaded with vegetables and anti-inflammatory ingredients. You can add protein for a one-pot meal such as beef, beans or even chicken.

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



courtesy Wikipedia

Classic Ukrainian Borscht (Beet Soup)

- Ingredients**
- 3 quarts low sodium broth (beef or vegetable)
  - 3 bay leaves
  - ½ head of green or red cabbage, shredded (5 cups)
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 3 medium carrots, shredded
  - 3 large beets, peeled and shredded\*
  - 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into small cubes
  - 6oz can low sodium tomato paste
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 Tablespoon white vinegar
  - Pinch of sugar or maple syrup (~1 teaspoon)
  - 3 cloves garlic, chopped
  - ½ teaspoon black pepper

Chopped fresh dill and sour cream or plain yogurt for garnish

\*When working with beets, you might want to wear gloves as the beets will stain your hands (eating beets or drinking

beet juice can give your urine and/or stool a slightly reddish or pink tinge).

- Directions**
1. Place broth and bay leaves in a large pot, bring to a boil.
  2. Add cabbage and cover to bring to a boil. Once boiling, reduce heat to simmer for 20 minutes.
  3. While the above is cooking, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet. Add onions and carrots, sauté for 5-7 minutes.
  4. Add beets and remaining 1 tablespoon of oil and cook for 5 minutes.
  5. Transfer sauteed vegetables (onions, carrots, beets) to broth mixture.
  6. Add potatoes, tomato paste and salt. Cover and bring to a boil. Lower heat to simmer for 20 minutes or until potatoes can be easily speared with a fork.
  7. Turn off heat. Add vinegar, sugar, garlic, and pepper. Stir to combine and let sit for 10 minutes to enhance flavors.
  8. Serve hot with a dollop of sour cream or yogurt and a sprinkling of fresh dill.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

How will the expansion of 5G impact Native American domestic violence victims?

Staff report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

5G is here and many Americans are excited about faster internet speeds and the ability to be more connected than ever before. But the advantages of the new 5G connectivity won’t be felt as quickly – if at all – by those who live outside urban areas in rural and remote parts of the country, such as Native American Reservations.

By the end of 2022, U.S. wireless carriers will have completed shutdowns of their 3G data networks. It’s already started. Sprint’s 3G stopped on January 1. AT&T’s 3G will shut down on February 22. Verizon’s 3G will end on December 31. A complete list of shutdown dates and carriers can be found here.

How will the loss of the ability to use 3G technology affect Native victims of domestic violence? They may have access to 5G but no 5G-compatible phones or devices due to the high cost to replace old, outdated ones. Or they may have no access to 5G and no access to 5G phones and devices and, therefore, will be completely cut off from service. Whether or not Native people are living on reservations or in urban areas, the loss of 3G has the potential to be detrimental and even life-threatening.

Even if our relatives are connected to 5G networks, here’s a short list of devices and services currently in use that won’t work with 5G:

- 3G or older phones (won’t be able to call or text)
- Security systems
- Personal alarm devices
- Medical alert devices
- Interior car navigation devices
- Ankle monitors used by law enforcement to keep track of parolees
- Websites and apps that use a cellular connection
- 911 calls

Many domestic violence organizations give people old phones that don’t have service, since older phones have still been able to make 911 calls. However, these older phones will now be obsolete and there will be no way for people to call or text.

Native Americans and Alaska Natives are the most vulnerable to domestic violence with more than 1.5 million Native women and 1.4 million Native men experiencing violence during

their lifetime, often by non-Native perpetrators, according to the National Institute of Justice. In a 5G world where there exists the likelihood of a domestic violence victim being unable to seek help is very real and extremely frightening.

And there’s more to this picture. Without a doubt, the end of 3G will also widen the gap between higher income and low-income individuals who can’t afford the upgrade to 5G compatible devices and other smart 5G technology. As a segment of the U.S. population, Native peoples are still at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder due to the effects of centuries of colonization. This includes neglect by the U.S. federal government, which has bred a continuing cycle of poverty and economic disparity. So, for many Native Americans, the cost of a new smart phone or device is out of reach. Digital inequality will become even more unequal leaving many of our relatives even more cut off from the protective and supportive services they may need most.

And there’s another perhaps more ominous side to 5G access. Domestic and sexual abusers who employ digital abuse – the use of technology and the internet to harass, intimidate or stalk to control someone – are also getting smarter and more deceptive along with the new smart 5G technology. Devices that are intended to make everyday life easier and more pleasant, such as smart phones with their built-in maps, smart home thermostats, home security cameras and even baby monitors can make it easy for digital abusers to cyberstalk and control their victims faster and undetected. Here are some tips to ensure not only that you can use your phone in an emergency situation but also that you can keep all your devices as safe as possible from cyber intruders in the 5G world.

- Phones: Contact your service provider if you have a 3G phone, a phone more than two years old, a basic feature phone or, particularly, if you have a phone for 911 calls only. Lower income users with phones for 911 calls only can check with the organization that provided them and also consider applying for service from the Federal Communications Commission’s Lifeline program. Many

phone companies are also currently offering free phones or discounted rates and they also have customer assistance programs to help with the transition.

- Simple 4G phones with cellular access are available for under \$50 and should be usable for several more years.
- Review your entire online footprint, including phone, social media platforms, car and home devices. Document every item and update your security settings.
- Use passwords, codes and other security features on your phone, other devices and social accounts. Make your passwords as strong as possible and don’t share them. Consider a two-step verification for additional security.
- Beware of location settings since many apps and software show your location and may be monitored by someone with access to your accounts and devices. Check your apps and turn off any location settings that you don’t need or use.
- Turn off tracking apps, such as GPS satellite navigation, when not in use. The most common way abusers track victims is through apps that victims have personally installed.
- If you have home smart devices that can be remotely accessed, such as a home security system, smart thermostat or an Amazon Echo (Alexa), change your passwords so only those you trust have access to them.
- Cover the webcam on your camera and computer/laptop/tablet when not in use because these devices can be accessed remotely and activated by apps.

It might seem like a good option to delete or minimize your digital footprint as much as possible. However, this is exactly what an abuser wants: to isolate and have power over you in all areas of your life. The key is to be aware of the ways an abuser might be trying to control you and have a safety plan if you feel your devices and safety are compromised. StrongHearts also has a list of Privacy Tips that may be helpful. If you feel your safety is being threatened, know that StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to talk through options with you.

**SOUTHERN UTE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
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Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division

Recovery and Self-Care Virtual Group

Presented by  
James Hayes and Robin Chavez

Importance of self-care during recovery from substance abuse/addiction. Learn and discuss recovery, work/life balance, eating habits, and hobbies.

All Groups will be  
Via TEAMS

**Who:** Adults 18 and Over  
(Must be able to receive services through the Health Center)  
**When:** Every Thursday starting January 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.  
**How:** All participants will be sent a link to access the meeting

Please call The Behavioral Health Division to sign up or  
If you have any questions  
970-563-5700

SOUTHERN UTE FOSTER CARE

Foster Parent Recruitment Drive  
Foster Parents Needed

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is recruiting foster homes in Ignacio and nearby communities to help provide safe and stable family home care to children in need of protective services.  
Foster families are needed for children needing a warm bed, caring adults and attention to needs that sometimes get neglected when families are struggling or going through crisis. Will you help?

- Foster Home Licensing Requirements:
- Application, Assessment, & Training
  - Background checks for all adults in the home
  - Home Inspection
  - Physical exam
  - Home study
  - Training



CONTACT:  
Southern Ute Foster Care  
(970) 563-2332  
(970) 563-2337  
116 Capote Dr.  
Ignacio, CO 81131  
kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov  
FOR MORE INFO



It takes a village to raise strong, healthy and resilient children.

IES students Be Well



Group Exercise Instructor Susan Fischer teaches various cardio exercises to Ignacio Elementary Students on Thursday, Feb. 24, during the Be Well Day event. Fischer encourages students to take care of their bodies by exercising as part of a healthy lifestyle.



Tribal Health Diabetes Patient Coordinator, Lisa Smith plays a healthy food game with first grade Ignacio Elementary Students on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Ignacio Elementary School's Be Well Day event. Each student learned the importance of healthy eating, exercise, and mental well-being by attending nutrition presentations, practicing various exercise movements and showing gratitude.



Ignacio Elementary first graders decorate gratitude ornaments during the Be Well Day event held on Thursday, Feb. 24. Students learn the importance of social and emotional wellbeing by expressing gratitude and practicing meditation.



**LES MILLS BODYPUMP™**

**Special Invite for Tribal Members and Local Natives**  
"The BodyPump Experience"  
All Levels Welcome!  
**Saturday, March 26th @ SunUte Community Center**  
**11am-12pm**

Learn to safely execute basic BodyPump technique, get comfortable in a group setting and achieve results with inspirational instructors:  
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Mondays- 6:15am  
Every other Tuesday (3/8 & 3/22)- 9am  
Thursdays- 9am  
Every other Thursday (3/10 & 3/24)- 6:10pm



**Shining Mountain Fresh**  
Health & Wellness

Sign up for a **FREE**, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's **NEW** monthly program—**Shining Mountain Fresh**



Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshMarch>

**Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, March 28th  
**\* Pickup Date:** Wednesday, March 30th\*



**March's Recipe:**  
**Goulash Makeover**

**Meal Kit Includes:**

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

**Contact:**  
Morgann Graham (970)-563-2349  
\*If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Morgann\*





SUIMA

# From the Eagle’s Nest

*Kwanachigani pə’əkwatu - Eagle’s Nest*

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI  
INDIAN ACADEMY

With spring fast approaching, the season of science experiments has arrived! Science is the study of the world around us. The toddlers may explore outside to gather rocks for sorting, digging the soil, investigating a puddle or planting a garden. The early childhood/primary level may explore the concept of xylem and phloem, the growth of a seed, or understanding the work of simple ants. Our older students can be found working on STEM projects such as solar robots, tracking the movement of the sun, or exploring the solar system.

The prepared environment of a Montessori classroom proved the perfect setting for scientific work, demonstrations, and experiments. Anything scientific that has to do with plants, can be done in our grow dome. With the availability of a pond and river within walking distance, our students can study types of water as well as any living creature that calls that environment home.

With the SUIMA guides and teachers, along with the Natural Resource Dept., our students are provided the opportunity to learn more about the world around them just by investigating what is right in their backyard.

As COVID-19 numbers continue to drop, here is what the CDC website suggests for our area:

- Consider wearing a mask when indoors with high-risk/vulnerable populations
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.
- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible
- Follow CDC recommendation for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19

Considering Tribal Councils approval of Resolution 2022-038, rescinding the Public Health Order to require face coverings, SUIMA will:

- Not require face coverings for staff, yet everyone will use their best judgement in whatever situation that comes up to bring awareness, practicality, and safety to the situation.
- Will honor the decision of parents/guardians if they request that their son/daughter continues to wear a face covering.
- Encourage everyone to wear face coverings, but not require it.
- Continue to spray and disinfect our classrooms as a precaution.
- Continue to do temperature checks as it is often one of the first signs of COVID-19 or the flu.



courtesy SUIMA

Təvəchiu toghoyaqh to the Southern Ute Wildlife Department for providing us with these fine hides and antlers. The upper elementary students are already thinking of ways to use them!

## Tumiikukh kwanachiu – Eagles of the Week

Our first tumiikukh kwanachi is 10-year-old, Saniyya Valdez. Her Ute name is Múutatachi, which means “Hummingbird.”



Saniyya Valdez  
Fourth grade

Saniyya is a fourth grader who has been with SUIMA, off and on, for several years, starting in the infant and toddler level. Her favorite books are any of them from the Magic Tree House series. Her favorite subject is anything to do with STEAM projects, along with writing and drawing. Saniyya has a kind heart and cares for her classmates, often giving them support when they are going through a rough time. She has grown in her Ute language and culture and takes immense pride and dedication in learning more. She feels connected to the school and those she has grown up with, it truly feels like a family to her.

She loves spaghetti and French bread – yummy! Saniyya is a supportive older student as she often invites younger students to join her for lunch. She is a good role-model for the lower elementary students.

When not in school, Saniyya spends time with her friends and playing Roblox. Saniyya enjoys traveling with her family, and especially likes to visit big cities.

Our other tumiikukh kwanachi is Matthew Carrillo. His Ute name is Tuku, which means “Mountain Lion.”

Matthew is a second grader, who has been at SUIMA since he was four years old and in the early childhood/primary level!

His favorite food is supreme pizza, which is healthy, yummy and delicious! When Matthew is at school, he can be found working on almost any subject, asking questions, and in STEM activities. One area that he excels in is his use

of the Ute language. He challenges himself to use words that he knows and is often a helper to the other students who are not as confident.



Matthew Carrillo  
Second grade

Matthew’s favorite book is the Tale of Despereaux. Which is a book about a mouse who is strong and caring, similar to Matthew, who is also strong and caring!

When he is not at school, his favorite activity is hanging out with his grandpa, who helps him learn and do many things. Some of his other activities include playing games and spending time with friends. Matthew likes challenges and plays many games of strategy. He also enjoys being outside and guiding his sister as she is younger than he is.

Matthew loves learning new things and exploring new areas and places.

## ‘apagha nuu

Our monthly Family Night topic was “Being Ute” with Kerry Cesspooch and Emeline Root from our Ute sister tribes. They presented how the Ute language must be revitalized as it ties us to our identity as being Ute people. It was an amazing evening filled with information, experience and emotion. Every week, we continue to support the students as they grow to be strong núuchiu through our cultural activities on Fancy Fridays.

The Eagle Wing Drum Group also continues to work in collaboration with SUIMA to help our students become drummers and singers. Currently, these practice sessions are taking place via Zoom.

On March 18, the older students will walk to the Sky Ute Event Center, so they can participate in the Yellow Nose Warrior Historical Society Event. Yellow Nose played a big part in winning the Battle of Little Big Horn.

## Nuu’apaghapi – Ute phrases

Some phrases that are heard in the classrooms are simple commands. These phrases can also be used in your homes. If you need help with pronunciation of the letters, please check out Speak Ute Now on our website.

- Tawamparəgi - brush your teeth
- KavamparəgiKwa - wash your face
- Məəparəgikwa - wash your hands
- Napantapaunag - put on your socks
- Napanpáchəṇag - put on your shoes
- Kiagway - go play

## Upcoming events

- March 14 – Progress reports sent out
- March 18 – Sunrise blessing/Yellow Nose Warrior event
- March 21-25 – Spring Break
- March 29 – Parent Advisory Group meeting

# SUIMA


Parent Advisory Group (PAG)

## MARCH 29

6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

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

Attendance will be counted towards parent commitment requirement.



# SUIMA

APRIL 12

6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

## FAMILY NIGHT



STUDENT: SAGE VELASQUEZ

VIRTUAL MEETING LINK WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.


ATTENDANCE WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS PARENT COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.

# COLORADO YOUTH CAREER FAIR

## NATIVE YOUTH FORUM

APRIL 19TH  
6-7PM


YOUTHCAREERFAIR.ORG



Created by Kristina Maldonado Bad Hand

## In-Person Art Camp at Dancing Spirit Arts Center

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is offering a limited number of spaces for an in-person Art Camp for grades K-5th. Each day will include games, activities, arts & crafts and a lunch break. March 21 – 25, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost of the Art camp is \$45.



**VIRTUAL DOI Tribal Colleges & Universities Event**

Destination DOI: Roadmap to a Career at the Department of the Interior

April 6-7, 2022  
12PM - 4:30PM EST / 11AM - 3:30PM CST  
REGISTER HERE: [www.doi.gov/careers/](http://www.doi.gov/careers/)  
At DOI There is a Space and Place for You. #JoinInterior





BOBCAT BULLETIN

Looking forward to spring

By Dayna Talamante-Montoya, Principal  
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

As we are approaching the first day of spring, middle school is wrapping up winter sports. Our girls basketball A team, coached by Maria Rivera, took the league championship in February. Our wrestling team will have their final league tournament Saturday, March 12 in Durango. We have three girls who compete on the team along with nine male athletes. IMS hosted the first tournament of the season and had 12 teams compete. What a great experience for our athletes. We are seeing low numbers for athletics this year and understand that many parents have concerns about their students' health and wellbeing. We have worked really hard to follow all guidelines to keep our kids safe and look forward to renewed interest in athletics.

There are two more opportunities for students to compete this year in track and soccer. We will officially begin track practice on Monday, March 14. Practices will be Monday through Thursday, unless there is a Saturday meet, then practice will be on Friday as well. The first meet will be Saturday, April 9. Track is open to all students in grades 6-8 and includes running and throwing events. Soccer will begin March 14 as well. This will be a co-ed team and all students in 6-8 grade are welcome to join. Currently the proposed schedule is for Tuesday games.

Being a part of an athletic team helps build confidence, keeps students accountable with their grades, and allows them to be a part of a team. As a middle school student, the more you try something new, the more you figure out what you like or don't. It is about trying new things and gaining experience.

We are beginning to open activities back up to our middle school families and community. We hosted an honor roll breakfast and were able to invite parents/guardians to join us in celebrating our students and their success. It was so great to have this event back. Another activity that we were able to invite parents in to observe was our school History Day competition. Mr. Cone and Mr. Caviness worked together to guide students on their projects, then organized judges to interview students and set up a great history day competition. We would like to recognize our students who placed in our school competition: 6th grade in 1st place- Jade Howell, 2nd place- Selia Montoya, 3rd place- Narissa Williams; 7th grade 1st place- Kenya Abaroa, 2nd place- Reiya Welker, 3rd place- Matrim Jones; 8th grade 1st place- Sonny Flores, 2nd place- Gregory Walker, 3rd place- Maddison Egger. Great job students. Mr. Cone will be taking students who qualified, and have the interest, to regionals on Mar 18, 2022.

We also had regional science fair last month. We had all five of our students that competed in top three places, shout out to Joelliana Rohde, Autumn Schulz, Samantha Riddell, Aspen Vocke and Selia Montoya. We will be sending two students to state, Joelliana



courtesy Ignacio Middle School

Ignacio History Day winners: (bottom row) Jade Howell, Selia Montoya, Narissa Williams, (middle row) Raiya Welker, Matrimo Jones, Kenya Abaroa, (top row) Gregory Walker, Maddison Egger and Sonny Flores.



Dayna Talamante-Montoya  
Principal  
Ignacio Middle School

Rohde and Autumn Schulz will be heading to Denver to compete at the state level in April. We are so very proud of our students and their hard work.

Students and staff have been working so hard to recover some of the learning loss we experienced during the pandemic. We will continue to offer after school tutoring on Tuesday and Thursdays as our quarter ends on the 29th of March.

We will be offering students as part of Character Counts, our lock in reward. We haven't had a lock in since 2019. Students will have to follow a behavior rubric that includes, no write ups, 5 tardies or less, 90% attendance rate and 1 OR visit or less. The lock in will be overnight in the school system. Students will be identified and parent notification will be sent.

We are eager to start inviting parents and guest speakers into our building to help provide insight and experience to our students. Please reach out if you have interest in supporting this cause. Please continue to access the webpage or our middle school facebook page for more information or updates, 970-563-0600.

Upcoming Events

- March 12: League Wrestling at DHS
- March 18: Regional History Day
- March 29: 3rd quarter end
- March 21-25: Spring Break
- March 28: Strategic Planning Meeting, IHS Auditorium

Sendoff for Romero



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Public Education Teacher Dorian Romero stands with the Southern Ute Education Department staff on Wednesday, March 3, at the Southern Ute Education Building during Romero's farewell event. After light refreshments, the celebration is concluded with gifts from staff, which included a Pendleton blanket in honor of Romero's years of service to the Tribe, community, and school district.

Southern Ute Education Dept. Director LaTitia Taylor and Public Education Teacher Dorian Romero spent time with each other during Romero's going away party on Wednesday, March 3, at the Southern Ute Education Building.



Family Game Night

Friday, March 18 at 5 p.m. In a world where families are struggling to find the balance between devices and real connections, board games remain a classic way to provide emotional connection to those we play them with! So join us for family time, snacks & fun, the games will be provided or feel free to bring your own!

### COLLABORATIVE YOUTH SUMMIT

Friday, April 22 - Saturday, April 23, 2022

**CALL FOR VIRTUAL YOUTH PRESENTATIONS**

The Collaborative Youth Summit will bring together young people (ages 13-26) from across Colorado for a two-day virtual summit. The goal is to connect and inspire ALL youth to embrace their unique leadership by providing an open and inclusive space to further expand their knowledge and skills to create and lead the changes they want to see.

**This year's virtual summit is accepting presentations on topics related to:**

- Mental health (e.g. accessing support, feeling connected and hopeful, sexual assault and empowering survivors, etc.)
- Creating change in your community (e.g. community organizing, collective student power, resilience, transformative change, engaging in a virtual world, using technology as a tool, etc.)
- Youth-adult partnerships (e.g. valuing youth voice, tokenization, authentic partnership, etc.)
- Substance misuse (e.g. tobacco/nicotine, alcohol, cannabis, prescription drugs, etc.)
- Creating a more equitable world (e.g. eradicating racism and combating white supremacy, food insecurity, youth poverty and homelessness, etc.)
- LGBTQIA2+ topics (e.g. being involved in a GSA, identity exploration/affirmation, QTBIPOC experiences, community/allyship, etc.)
- Other topics related to teen wellbeing and equity (you are the experts!)

**The objective of the summit is to:** promote leadership, skill-building and relationship-building (public speaking, problem-solving), education and learning about resources, provide opportunities to connect, and discuss future opportunities. This summit strives to create a space of affirmation, relatability, and empowerment. Creativity is encouraged! All sessions must include at least one youth presenter and be delivered live during the summit.

**We are looking for presenters to give LIVE sessions of the following length(s):**

- 1 hour-long session
- 15 min artistic presentation (e.g. poetry, music, spoken word, etc)

**All accepted youth presenters/groups will be compensated for their time:** Payment is meant to compensate you for time spent preparing and presenting. 1-hour presentations will be paid \$250. Individuals/groups giving artistic presentations will receive \$50. These funds will be paid *per session* and will be distributed to the lead presenter (if more than one person is presenting during the session).

**What to expect if you are accepted as a presenter:**

- You will receive an email confirming that you will be presenting at the summit by March 18th
- You will be assigned a presentation time/date; please ensure you are available during the summit dates
- All presenters will be required to participate in a pre-summit check-in video call using Zoom to test connection and equipment, as well as a dress rehearsal
- Technical support will be provided before and during sessions

**Need support on structuring your presentation? Click [here](#) for outline ideas!**

After we have selected presenters, we will connect with you about next steps! This will include discussing the details of your presentation and technical needs.

**Interested in submitting a presentation idea? [SUBMIT HERE!](#)**

**Submission deadline: Priority will be given to submissions received before March 7th, 2022.** Presenters will be notified by March 18th. Please email Allyson Howe at [allyson.howe@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:allyson.howe@cuanschutz.edu) with any questions.

Colorado Youth **connecting live** with professionals from all career clusters, backgrounds, and parts of Colorado.

## COLORADO YOUTH CAREER FAIR

**APRIL 18-21, 2022 (M-TH)**  
**4:00-7:00PM ON ZOOM**  
**WITH IN-PERSON**

Schedule, Registration, and Information @ [YOUTHCAREERFAIR.ORG](https://youthcareerfair.org)

## SAVE the DATE:

April 22-23, 2022

# COLLABORATIVE YOUTH SUMMIT

*'Inspiring youth to lead today and tomorrow'*

Register here for free: <https://bit.ly/COCYS22>

presented by:



## SUIMA goes skating



photos courtesy Danielle Burnes/SUIMA

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary classes went ice skating at the Chapman Hill Pavilion Friday, Feb. 25, in Durango, Colo. SUIMA reading specialists, Ute language teachers and classroom teachers also went ice skating. Parents attended the event at Chapman Hill to support the students as well.



Lawrence Santisteven and Landon Miles steady themselves along the wall on the ice.



SUIMA Lower Elementary student, Matthew Carrillo and his dad Jordan Carrillo.



SUIMA Lower Elementary student, Shayne White Thunder.

## SUIMA Dr. Seuss Day



photos courtesy SUIMA

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Primary 2 class, Ms. Kathy and Ms. Debra visit the Lower Elementary 1 classroom with Ms. Danielle and Ms. Noreen



The Lower Elementary students also shared their "fish in a blue Jello dish" with their new friends.



Kiki Pardo and Ms. Kathy and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy celebrated Dr. Seuss Day, Wednesday, March 2.



Lower elementary students, Shawnee Rizzo and Alliyannah Tahlo colored hats with Ms. Danielle and cut them out, making hats they could wear.



# HONORING THOSE WHO NEVER MADE IT HOME

# HOZHONI DAYS POWWOW

## APRIL 1ST & 2ND 2022

Fort Lewis College | Whalen Gymnasium | Durango, CO

### HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies - Erny Zah  
 Arena Director - Mike Salabiye  
 Head Gourd - Rusty Cozad  
 Head Man - Desmond Tippeconnie  
 Head Woman - Lyndee Archie  
 Host Northern Drum - Iron Colt  
 Host Southern Drum - Cozad

### SPECIALS

Committee Special - Orange Regalia  
\*4 other independent- specials not affiliated with FLC\*

### DRUM CONTEST

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Prizes  
 Sponsored by the Committee

### HOST HOTEL

Best Western Durango Inn & Suites  
 21382 US HWY 160 W | 970-247-3251  
\*Mention Hozhoni Days Powwow when booking\*

### DANCE CONTEST CATEGORIES

Men's & Women's Golden Age (55+) - All Categories  
 Men's (18-54) - N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy  
 Women's (18-54) - Traditional Combined, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
 Teen Boys (13-17) - Traditional Combined, Grass, Fancy  
 Teen Girls (13-17) - Traditional Combined, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
 Jr. Boys (6-12) - Traditional Combined, Grass, Fancy  
 Jr. Girls (6-12) - Traditional Combined, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
 Tiny Tots (5 & Under) - All Categories

### FRIDAY APRIL 1ST

Gourd Dance - 5PM  
 Grand Entry - 7PM

### SATURDAY APRIL 2ND

Gourd Dance - 3PM  
 Grand Entry - 12 PM & 7 PM

### ADMISSION

Single Day Pass - \$8 Weekend Pass - \$15  
 Veterans & Seniors (55+) - \$6/Day & \$10/Weekend

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This is an alcohol, tobacco, & drug free event  
 All attendees must abide by FLC & State of Colorado COVID-19 guidelines

**Vendor Info:** Lisa Cate - lscate@fortlewis.edu - 970.247.7221

Event subject to postponement and/or cancellation, pending ongoing COVID-19 public health recommendations and guidelines - plan accordingly  
 Wanbli Ota & Fort Lewis College are NOT responsible for any theft, accidents, and/or injury.  
 Absolutely NO soliciting / raffling / walking vendors



## "For the Children Powwow" Benefit Gourd Dance

### HEAD STAFF:

MC: ERNY ZAH  
 HS: SHELDON WHITE THUNDER  
 HMD: RUSTY COZAD  
 HLD: HELAINA TAYLOR  
 HTBD: STONEY WHITE THUNDER  
 HTGD: MYLA GOODTRACKS  
 AD: AFREM WALL

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH, 2022  
 SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER- IGNACIO, CO  
 GOURD DANCE 2PM, SUPPER 4PM, DANCE TO FOLLOW.  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RAFFLES, CLEAN UP & TO HELP SERVE SUPPER**

**Lots of Raffles & Cake Walk**  
 Prettiest Shawl contest  
 women's hat dance/men's shawl dance

**For More Info:**  
 Heather White Thunder  
 970-880-0580  
 Daisy Bluestar:  
 970-799-7036



If you see a crime,  
report it! If you need help,  
call Southern Ute Police  
Department at (970) 563.4401  
or by dialing 9-1-1.





## Chairman on natural resources



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources hearing titled, "Examining the History of Federal Lands and the Development of Tribal Co-Management" Tuesday, March 8. Tribal members can view the hearing on YouTube by searching the hearing title.



## 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.

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### Vanessa P. Torres, Council Member

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Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum



## VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS With Council Member +++ Lorelei Cloud +++

Tribal Council Member, Lorelei Cloud, will host virtual Office Hours the last Wednesday of every month.

March 30, 2022  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3snCpwn>  
Password: suit2022



## 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, 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.

## COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

CHAIRMAN MELVIN J. BAKER AND VICE CHAIRMAN RAMONA Y. EAGLE WILL ALTERNATE WEEKLY TO 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 9:00 A.M.

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



## Let's Keep Our Tribal Community Safe!

### DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT

March  
28 & 29th  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### SAVE THE DATE

Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center Parking Lot

Viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and community. Face coverings are not required, but encouraged if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms.

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

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

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



- ✓ 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](http://www.coyac.org) [director@coyac.org](mailto:director@coyac.org)





Warm weather fun!



courtesy Jack Frost Jr.

Phillip Velasquez held his first catch of the year; a beautiful 16-inch Animas River Rainbow trout. He was enjoying the warm weather with his grandpa, Jack Frost Jr., as they tried their luck along the Animas River. Congrats on a nice catch!



courtesy Patrick Shannon

Efforts are underway in the state of Colorado to change the name of Mount Evans – named after a former Colorado governor who facilitated the Sand Creek Massacre.

HISTORICAL RECONCILLATION

New guide aims to change derogatory place names on Public Lands

Staff report  
THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

A new, 37-page guide aims to make it easier for First Nations, grassroots organizations and local leaders across the country to change offensive and derogatory places names on public lands.

“A Guide to Changing Racist and Offensive Place Names in the United States” – co-sponsored by the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) and The Wilderness Society (TWS) – delves into the scope of the problem, while also providing a step-by-step tutorial on how to apply to name or rename offensive place names through the U.S. Board of Geographic Names – the official entity responsible for naming lakes, rivers and mountains in the United States. The free guide also provides advice for engaging Tribes, local communities and state naming authorities.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to co-sponsor ‘A Guide to Changing Racist and Offensive Place Names in the United States,’” said NATHPO Executive Director Valerie J. Grussing. “NATHPO empowers Tribal preservation leaders protecting culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance. Words have power and representation matters. Having names for places that reflect their relationship and meaning to our nation’s first peoples, rather than perpetuate the wounds of colonization, is a critical step in processes of healing and reconciliation.”

Anyone can propose to name or rename a geographic feature in the United States. In 1974, the United States officially changed all places that used a derogatory term for Japanese

Americans. In 2015, after 119 years as Mount McKinley, the largest mountain in North America was renamed Denali to reflect the land’s Indigenous origins. In 2021, Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced plans to ban any geographic place name using a sexual and racial slur targeting Native American females.

Despite these examples of progress, there are still thousands of place names in the United States that are offensive, disrespectful of Indigenous peoples and their cultures, or brazenly honor members of the Confederacy. NATHPO and TWS hope the guide will inspire grassroots renaming efforts across the country in order to begin creating public lands that reflect a more accurate history and that show respect to all people.

The guide was released at NATHPO’s 22nd Annual National Tribal Preservation Conference. The theme of this year’s conference is unity and healing. “Place names must be equitable and just, honor cultural diversity, and advance dignity for all people,” said Paul Spitler, Senior Legislative Policy Manager for The Wilderness Society. “This guide will help people remove racist relics and replace them with new names that celebrate the diversity of our nation.”

The guide outlines which place names can be changed (rivers, lakes, mountains) and which cannot (wilderness, national forests, cities and towns) by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, the federal agency responsible for names of geographic features. It gives an overview of the federal renaming process, delves into some of the sideboards and policies the board must follow and provides insights into how the board makes decisions.

“Removing racist place

names is a crucial step towards honoring Indigenous peoples across the country and changing the narrative about who Native people are today,” said Illumi-Native Chief Impact Officer Leah Salgado. “These racist names disrespect Native nations and Natives peoples- we must move forward with names that reflect the sacred relationship between our relatives and the land. Names that celebrate our relatives who continue to steward these lands is a step toward justice.”

An example of a local effort to change place names on public lands is in Colorado where there’s a campaign to change the name of Mount Evans – named after a former Colorado governor who facilitated the Sand Creek Massacre, one of the worst massacres of Native American men, women, and children in American history.

At the federal level, Secretary Haaland announced in November 2021 banning all names that use a derogatory term for Native American women, of which there are more than 650 places across the country with most of them touching down in California. Last week, a 60-day public comment period commenced to provide feedback on replacement names for these sites. Tribal listening sessions will be held at the end of March and public comment is accepted until April 24.

Haaland’s announcement also established an advisory committee to identify and recommend renaming other offensive and hurtful place names across the country. In addition, the Reconciliation in Place Names Act, introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Rep. Al Green (D-Texas), is moving through both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate and would also create an advisory committee to address derogatory place names on public lands.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To General Public

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands.

Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000.00, impoundments of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief.

If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until **MARCH 16, 2022** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of Reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe’s Constitution and code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

*Learl E. Casias*

*9 June 2011*

Tribal Forestry Wood Program

The Forestry Wood Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is winding down, we are in our last month and a half 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 into the Fuels yard. Please call 970-563-4780 to order your wood.

The Forestry Wood Program will end on Thur., April 28, 2022.

Traditional and Internet Conclusion Hunter Education Courses

In order to help hunters fulfill Hunter Education requirements in Colorado before the 2022 Big Game Draw, Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff along with volunteers will be offering multiple Traditional and Internet Conclusion Hunter Education Courses in the area. See details below! If you have any further questions please contact the Durango Office at 970-247-0855.

TRADITIONAL COURSES

ELHI Community Center, Ignacio

April 1, 1 – 7 p.m. and April 2, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Register at: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/178790>

INTERNET CONCLUSION COURSES

San Juan Mounted Patrol Building, Pagosa Springs

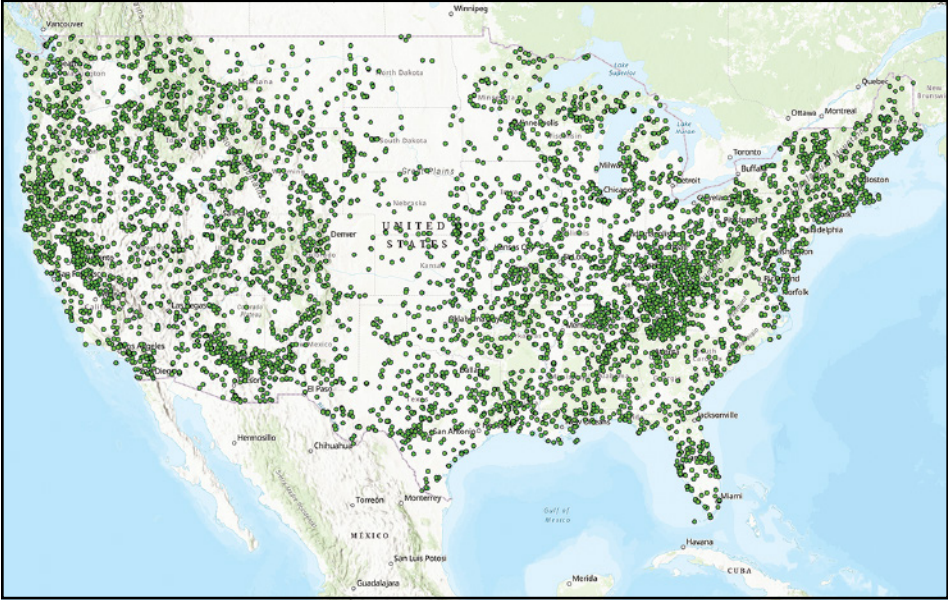
March 19, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Register at: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/179406>

San Juan Mounted Patrol Building, Pagosa Springs

March 19, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Register at: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/179412>



courtesy Wilderness Maps

Map of where some of the most offensive place names on public lands in the country are located. This map is meant as a resource for reporters and researchers to better understand the scope of the issue. Map link, <https://wilderness.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=74059c20be534d27a22a6e427e991b80>





CORONAVIRUS

Archuleta and La Plata Counties moved to level “medium”

Following CDC’s COVID-19 community level guidance

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) moved Archuleta and La Plata counties from level “High” to “Medium” according to their recently released COVID-19 Community Level Guidance. SJBPH’s recently amended local Public Health Advisory mirrors the CDC guidance based on the COVID-19 Community Level for La Plata and Archuleta counties.

COVID-19 Community Levels are subject to change based on COVID-19 hospitalization and case incidence metrics. Community guidance for level Medium per the CDC and SJBPH is as follows:

- If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions (e.g., testing).
- Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing).
- Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments and therapeutics.
- If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for severe disease, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact and consider wearing a mask when indoors with them.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.
- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible.
- Follow recommendations for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are

exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19.

“We’re pleased to see our communities moving down to the CDC’s Medium level. We’ve all worked really hard together to achieve this by limiting severe illness and transmission through vaccination and precautions. Many people in the community will continue to mask-up for a wide variety of reasons, whether they’re immunocompromised or at risk for severe illness, parenting an unvaccinated child, or simply to reduce their risk of respiratory infection. As a community we should respect their choice, and we should also keep our masks available if we’re asked to put one on, such as when entering a health care setting or using transportation where it’s required,” said Liane Jollon, Executive Director, SJBPH.

Last week, the CDC released updated guidance outlining prevention steps based on revised metrics for determining a county’s level of COVID-19 risk. In addition to transmission rates, the CDC now accounts for regional hospital capacity and COVID-19 hospital admissions when determining a county’s risk level.

The CDC updates its COVID-19 Community Levels once per week. The CDC only advises community wide masking in public indoor spaces in the “High” category. At “Medium,” the CDC recommends that individuals who are high risk for severe infection consult with their healthcare provider about whether they should wear a mask.

SJBPH emphasizes that the best protection against COVID-19 continues to be overlapping multiple strategies to reduce exposure.

These strategies include staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination (including booster shots when


available and recommended), wearing a face covering when appropriate, maximizing indoor ventilation, holding social gatherings, organized events and business activities outside when possible, washing your hands, and staying home when you’re sick.

SJBPH continues to offer free COVID-19 at-home rapid tests and high-quality masks for the public at its offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango. SJBPH has distributed more than 10,000 rapid test kits to community members across Archuleta and La Plata counties in the past week. The iHealth antigen test kits were provided to SJBPH by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and can be self-administered at-home, with results generated in 15 minutes. Up to four test kits (eight tests total) are provided per person while supplies last. Supply is limited and tests will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. If positive for COVID-19, patients should isolate following the guidance on SJBPH’s website.

At-home test users are encouraged to report positive results by using this online CDPHE portal. Positive results can also be reported to SJBPH directly via email (covidreports@sjbpublichealth.org) or by calling SJBPH at 970-585-6185.

SJBPH’s Pagosa Springs office is located at 502 S. 8th Street and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. The SJBPH Durango office is located at 281 Sawyer Drive Suite 300 and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A mask is required for entry in SJBPH offices at this time.

For COVID-19 data, vaccine clinics, testing information, and information about quarantine and isolation guidance please visit the SJBPH website.



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of March 9, 2022)

### Southern Ute Health Center Cases

**810**  
**20,345**

### Positives Total Tests

### Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

**337**  
**4**

### Positives Deaths


### SUHC Vaccination Update

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

**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-VANI COVID-19** “TOGETHER. WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”



**INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BOOSTER DOSE (FOLLOWING A 3RD DOSE PRIMARY SERIES).**

Call the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) at 970.563.4581 if you have questions regarding eligibility and to schedule your appointment.

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**Maykh YUGA**


“HELLO, COME IN”

COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA K. BAKER






**INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SCREENING FORM UPON ENTERING ANY TRIBAL BUILDING.**




## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE LIFTS BOTH TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

(EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022)


Tribal Offices are **FULLY OPEN**. Tribal members and community are encouraged to continue the following safe health practices.




**WEAR A MASK**




**WASH YOUR HANDS**



**SOCIAL DISTANCE**



**GET A VACCINE**



**TEST FREQUENTLY**

The Tribe will adhere to the CDC's Updated COVID-19 Community Level Guidance which issues advice regarding face coverings in public indoor spaces based on current community level. To view the current local Community Level, visit the CDC's COVID-19 by County website.

**INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COVID SCREENING UPON ENTERING ANY TRIBAL BUILDING.**

## What's a COVID-19 Community Level?

It's a tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data

EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES IS CLASSIFIED AS:

**Low**


Limited impact on healthcare system, low levels of severe illness

**Medium**

Some impact on healthcare system, more people with severe illness

**High**

High potential for healthcare system strain; high level of severe illness

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)


## What determines my COVID-19 Community Level?

☒ Hospital beds being used

☒ Hospital admissions

☒ New cases in your area

These data show how many people are getting sick enough to require medical care, and if your community's healthcare system is overwhelmed.



## Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the CodeRED emergency notification system. This service is FREE and will send you voice or text alerts of an emergency situation near your location.

**SIGN UP ONLINE AT**  
[onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/](https://onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/)

**DOWNLOAD THE APP ON THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY**

Created & Published by Lindsay L. Box

## What's the reason for the new COVID-19 Community Levels?

At this point in the pandemic, we have vaccines, tests, and treatments to help protect us from serious illness and death.

COVID-19's impact on our communities is now better measured by cases of severe illness that use healthcare resources.

## When do I need to wear a mask?

**LOW COVID-19 Level**

You don't need a mask, but you may choose to wear one at any time.

**MEDIUM COVID-19 Level**

You don't need a mask, but you may choose to wear one at any time. If you're at high risk for getting very sick with COVID-19, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you should wear a mask indoors in public.

**HIGH COVID-19 Level**

You should wear a mask indoors in public.


You should wear a mask indoors in public if you have symptoms, test positive, or are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

## How can I keep my COVID-19 Community Level low?

**Get tested**

if you have symptoms or if you're exposed to someone with COVID-19. Follow CDC guidance if you test positive.

**Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines.**

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)





SCAM OF THE WEEK

Watch out for scams related to Ukraine

**Staff report**  
**THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM**

The recent war in Ukraine has gathered a lot of attention. Unfortunately, cybercriminals often take advantage of world events to prey on your emotions. Now more than ever, it's important to watch out for phishing attacks and disinformation campaigns.

Cybercriminals may use several different tactics to scam you. For example, cybercriminals may try to trick you into sending money using cryptocurrency. The cybercriminals may take advantage of your sympathy by pretending to be Ukrainians in need of financial assistance.

Cybercriminals may also try to catch your attention and manipulate your emotions by spreading disinformation. Disinformation is false information designed to intentionally mislead you. Cybercriminals may spread disinformation in the form of emails, text messages, or social media posts.

**Don't fall for these scams. Follow the tips below to stay safe:**

- Avoid making donations to unknown users. If you would like to donate to support a cause, donate directly through a trusted organization's website.
- Watch out for social media usernames that only consist of random letters and numbers. These accounts may be run by bots instead of legitimate users.
- Stay informed by following trusted news sources. If you see a sensational headline, be sure to do research to verify that the news story is legitimate.

SECURITY HINTS & TIPS

How to handle suspicious emails

**Staff report**  
**THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM**



Learning how to handle suspicious emails is essential to keep your organization safe from cybercriminals. If you don't correctly handle a suspicious email, you could fall victim to a phishing attack.

Follow the tips below to make sure you correctly handle suspicious emails:

**Don't Reply to the Email**  
If you receive a suspicious email that appears to come from someone you know, you may be tempted to reply to the email to learn more. However, if you reply to the email, you may increase the security risk. If an email account has been compromised, the person who replies back to you probably won't be who you expect. You could actually be communicating with a cybercriminal.

**Don't Forward the Email**  
The best practice is to never click a link or open an attachment that you were not expecting. However, if you are fooled by a phishing email and you click a malicious link or open a malicious attachment, you may find that the link or attachment will not behave as expected. For example, if you open a suspicious image attachment, the file may actually open an installation window.

Or, if you click a malicious link, the link may redirect you to a fake login page. If the link or attachment is suspicious, you may think about forwarding the email to a coworker for help. However, forwarding the email to a coworker could increase the risk. If you click on a link or open an attachment, consider any unusual behavior as a red flag. Never forward unusual or suspicious emails to other users. If you forward a phishing email, you increase the risk of a security breach because your coworker may click the phishing link as well.

**Don't Mark the Email as Spam**  
Spam emails are typically unwanted advertisements. While spam emails may be annoying, they are usually harmless. However, a phishing attack is a malicious email designed to look like a legitimate message. Phishing emails typically include a call to action, such as clicking a link, opening an attachment, or even transferring money.

If you mark a suspicious email as spam, the email

will be moved to a different folder along with any other emails from the same sender. So, if you move the suspicious email to a spam folder, the email will be hidden. However, the problem will not be resolved.

**Tips to Stay Safe**  
The best way to handle a suspicious email is to report the email to your organization. If you report the email, your IT team can assess and mitigate the threat.

When you receive a suspicious email, follow the tips below to stay safe:

- Be sure to follow your organization's process for reporting suspicious emails. Following cybersecurity protocols will help keep everyone's information safe.
- If you don't know how to report the email, leave the email in your inbox and ask a manager or supervisor for help.
- If you're not sure whether an email is spam or a phishing attack, report the email and your IT team will handle the situation.

### MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

### MARCH SIP, CHAT & CHEW DINNER

**Friday March 18, 2022**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes, and their families, all ages are welcome

Bison provided by: Southern Ute Wildlife Division  
prepared by the MPF staff, Pork Ribs are the alternate entree!  
Side dishes and door prize donations are welcome & appreciated

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
call for more information 970-563-2640

### Multi-Purpose Facility

### March Indoor Yard Sale

**Saturday March 12, 2022**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Crafting with Sandy Seibert**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Please sign up - space is limited**

**Saturday March No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee**  
**(Doors open at 8:00 AM)**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

### Multi-Purpose Facility

### Elder Spring Celebration

**Crafting - Treats - Socializing**

**Monday March 21, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Elders only please**

**Call to reserve to reserve your space**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your space - 563-2640 or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

### BIA, Wildland Fire Academy

**Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum**

BIA Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Officer, Rich Gustafson tours the Durango Interagency Incident Management Team command center on Tuesday, March 1, outside the Sky Ute Casino Resort. As part of the Wildland Fire Academy event in Ignacio, the mobile command center is set up to evaluate equipment, as well as give fire fighter trainees a chance to view the facility firsthand.

### Multi-Purpose Facility

### March Quilt Class for Beginners

**Tuesday & Thursday March 22 & 24, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**This class is for beginners:**

- Learn to cut & measure fabric
- Learn to sew seams
- Create a pretty quilt

**Call to sign-up and get the supply list**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your space - 563-2640 or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)





## COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# Spring maintenance work set for several highway locations

**Staff report**  
COLO. DEPT. OF  
TRANSPORTATION

### CO 172 near La Plata County Airport: Crack seal operations

CDOT crews will continue to perform crack sealing operations on CO Highway 172 between Oxford and Airport Road, mile points 17-19. Travelers, especially those going to the airport, should allow for extra travel time as intermittent closures will be enforced to allow crews to work on the highway.

### US 160 in Durango: Pothole patching

CDOT crews will patch and fill potholes at various

locations along a seven mile stretch of US Highway 160 south of Durango. Work will take place over the next few weeks from highway locations near Santa Rita Park, Bodo Park, the Grandview area and near Elmore's Corner (at the junction of CO 172), between MPs 85-92.

### US 160 west of Durango: Crack seal operations

CDOT crews will continue to perform crack sealing operations on US 160 near Lake Durango and Durango West subdivisions. Travelers should allow for extra travel time as intermittent closures will be enforced to allow crews to work on the highway.

### Traffic impacts for all work sites

At all locations (except for the CO 140 sign installation) work will take place, weather permitting, over the next few weeks, Mon. – Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Drivers will encounter full stops and lane closures. Flagging personnel will guide traffic through the work zone. Up to 15-minute delays are anticipated. A speed reduction of 40 MPH will be in place and drivers should slow down and use extreme caution when approaching and driving through the work zones. Motorists are urged to be aware of crews and heavy equipment.

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employees throughout the years, have worked on many key projects. The two most memorable projects for Briggs relate to more recent history, these include the establishment of the Teller Institute Task Force and the Head Start Building Project. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Tribal Council co-wrote a letter inviting Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS, also referred to as Teller Institute) to present at the December 2020 Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting about the State's intent to sell the old Grand Junction Indian School campus. This invitation emphasized the urgency to locate the student cemetery on school grounds prior to CDHS selling the land and as of 2022.

"Our office advocated for not only the involvement of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, but our two sister tribes, and other tribes that are affiliated with the at least 21 students who are buried in Grand Junction, while the Indian boarding school operated from 1886 to 1911. That is significant because that is the first off reservation Indian boarding school in Colorado that was established. Our advocacy created the opportunity for Indigenous nations to be involved in the process, and which the state of Colorado neglected to do in the beginning," Briggs said.

The Head Start Building Project was important to Briggs. THPO involvement with the school building began in February of 2018 and they were tasked with

several directives by Tribal Council. After fulfilling these directives, "we nominated the Southern Ute Indian Boarding School Campus for listing on the Colorado's Most Endangered Places (CMEP), which was listed in 2020. By being placed on CMEP's list, it creates the opportunity for the Tribe to apply for different state funds, as well as potential federal funds to offset preservation efforts. Additionally, we were awarded the opportunity to collaboratively develop a mini documentary about the history of the Southern Ute Indian Boarding School, which involved interviews with past students, the late Alden Naranjo Jr., and Linda Baker who lived on campus while the majority of Indigenous students attended public school in the surrounding communities," Briggs said.

Briggs also discussed his involvement in developing a system to manage records for not only historical reasons, but for research purposes as well, as one of his central projects with NAGPRA. Briggs acted along with many others to develop a system for managing historical documents. "I wanted to make sure there was a process in place that allowed us to protect our cultural resources moving forward in a manner that was directed through those with traditional knowledge, and how things should be treated or considered when they are in danger of being destroyed," Briggs explained. "The program is known as Kwanachi, which means Golden Eagle in the South-

ern Ute dialect."

"I'm going to be staying involved in whatever way I can, I'm not going to disappear, I'm not just going to vanish – I'm going to be present in whatever capacity I can be because I understand the importance of the work that the office is tasked with doing," Briggs emphasized. "I want to make sure that I can uphold the lessons taught to me by the late Alden Naranjo Jr. and pass on the traditional and professional knowledge that I possess to Shelly Thompson and Xavier Watts. Alden always stressed, 'to the best you can' and that is what I am trying to do."

"He was very dedicated and very passionate about the work that he does," Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Director Shelly Thompson said. Adding that their department will continue with the projects set forward by Briggs, and work diligently to see them through to the end as a team.

Briggs will be missed by many at the Tribe and by colleagues in his field. Representatives from History Colorado, Colorado's State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, Natural Resources, and the Southern Ute Tribal Council – all wished Briggs the best of luck and expressed their sincere gratitude for his professionalism, commitment, and heartfelt approach. He was also praised by many for fostering the cultural ties that he shares in this community as a Ute; a community that will certainly welcome him back with open arms.

## SunUte has NEW merchandise!!!!



Nike Short Sleeve Tee (Royal Blue)- \$25

Nike Long Sleeve Tee (Red)- \$28

Nike Pullover (Navy)- \$35

We currently only accept cash or check. We apologize for the inconvenience.





### 2022 Home Rehabilitation Program will be taking Applications

The Construction Services Division will be accepting applications for 2022 Home Rehabilitation Program. The deadline for application is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All applications received after April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will be considered in 2023 selection. If you have previously submitted a Home Rehabilitation application and were not selected at that time, you will need to submit a new application for consideration of the selection panel.

You must meet all the eligibility requirements and completely fill out the Home Rehabilitation application for consideration. The selection panel will meet in future to make their decisions. You will be notified in writing if you were selected or not selected for the Home Rehabilitation program for 2022.

Please contact Construction Services Division for applications and if you have any questions 970-563-0260.

Thank you.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM



JOIN US!

## INTERESTED IN THE MUSEUM?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Docents
- Program Volunteers
- Library Assistants
- Story Readers
- TEAM/TERO Workers

Give us a call to talk about opportunities that fit your interests

970.563.2973

southernutemuseum.org



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

# Professional Combined Heat & Power & Solar Power Services

**Requested By:**  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe d.b.a. Sky Ute Casino Resort

**Contact:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe d.b.a. Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Marvin Tom  
14324 Hwy 172 N / P.O. Box 340  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
Telephone: 970-563-1770  
Facsimile: 970-563-1771  
Email: marvin.tom@skyutecasino.com

**Submit Proposals to:**

**Electronic Delivery:**  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Marvin.Tom@skyutecasino.com  
Marketing Administrative Assistant  
Subject: Tribe Casino CHP Proposal

**Hand Delivery:**  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Marketing Offices  
14324 Hwy 172 N  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
ATTN: Marvin Tom





## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Potent Peyton ousts Lady 'Cats, 47-38

*IHS' season ends with Reg. VIII loss*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having surfaced above .500 just twice during the 2021-22 season, with both instances occurring during the preceding two weeks, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats ultimately broke even for the campaign as they fell 47-38 at Peyton in the Class 2A-Region VIII semifinals Friday, March 4.

Seeded 25th in the State Tournament's opening Round-of-32, IHS (11-11 overall) trailed the regional-hosting No. 8 Lady Panthers by just two points, 13-11, through one quarter and went into halftime still very much in contention, down 19-13. Protecting their court effectively, PHS widened the gap to 37-25 through three quarters and managed to hang on down the home stretch despite the guests winning the fourth quarter 13-10.

Junior Harmony Reynolds led Ignacio with 16 points and classmate Laci Brunson scored 12. Senior Avaleena Nanaeto contributed eight (including seven free throws in nine tries), senior Elisia Cruz one and sophomore Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga one. Reynolds' ten rebounds gave her a double-double, while Brunson logged four rebounds and six assists.

Despite finishing with four personal fouls, sophomore Abbie Nickell led the victors with 17 points



Karen Mooty/Ranchland News

Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto (35) tries a three-point shot over Peyton's Emme Ratliff (4) during the 2A-Region VIII semifinals Fri., March 4, at PHS. IHS managed to hit just two of 14 attempts (PHS went 5-of-14) from downtown in a 47-38 loss.

and classmate A.J. Mannering booked 16 points, seven boards and six assists. Junior Shaylee Gee finished with seven points and as many rebounds, and senior Tara Graham netted six points as Peyton advanced to face Julesburg-based 9-seed Sedgwick County – which eliminated No. 24 Monte Vista 51-30 in the later semi – the next afternoon.

And the Lady Cougars would meet the same fate as Ignacio against the Black Forest League champs, who pulled out a 36-34 win – Peyton's 16th consecutive conquest since a

Dec. 17 loss to Sanford at Fowler's Christmas Classic (PHS would defeat FHS to save third place at the event, while 3A Colorado Springs Christian's 42-38 win over Sanford in the finale is, to date, SHS' only setback this season) – behind 15 points from Mannering and ten from Nickell.

Bound next for Loveland, the Budweiser Events Center and the Great Eight phase beginning Thurs., March 10, the Lady Panthers ended the regional having improved to 18-5 overall, while SC finished up 15-7 and MVHS 13-10.



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Ignacio's Solymar Cosio (44) battles Peyton's Abbie Nickell (14) for a rebound during the 2A-Region VIII semifinals Fri., March 4, at PHS. The Lady Bobcats' season unfortunately came to an end with a 47-38 loss.



Karen Mooty/Ranchland News

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) shoots over Peyton's Jaycee Yonkers (5) during the 2A-Region VIII semifinals Fri., March 4, at PHS. Reynolds led the Lady Bobcats with 16 points, but IHS' season ended with a 47-38 loss.

## BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcats crater against Meteors in Vail

*IHS falls 52-41 in Reg. IV semifinals*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The fact his team couldn't hold, much less increase a 16-6 second-quarter lead certainly concerned Lotus School for Excellence head coach Sami Jabai, but not to the degree one might have expected after Ignacio senior Gabe Tucson took sophomore Gabe Cox's touch pass in the paint and dropped in a short-range basket tying the Class 2A-Region IV semifinal at 20-20 about 20 seconds before halftime.

"We were prepared for this one, man," he said. "I just had to remind them at the half: 'Just be us! I know it's a little bit of a different atmosphere, but just be us!' I told them it was zero-zero, and if we come out doing what we know we can, we'd stretch the lead a little bit."

Only during the third quarter, it was the underdog Bobcats doing the expansion.

"In the locker room we were all excited," sophomore Phillip Quintana said. "We were all ready to go, but hoping we wouldn't mess up the third again ... like we always do. The goal was not to ... stay with them and hope for the best, I guess!"

Tucson began by drilling a midrange pull-up deuce, and though the Meteors answered with back-to-back buckets, Cox retired the game at 24 with a short jumper, and Tucson then converted a put-back for a 26-24 lead. Increasing their pressure, the 'Cats, seeded 20th in the CHSAA State Tournament's opening Round-of-32, extended their advantage to 30-24 via an Eppie Quintana baseline take of a quick Cox feed, forcing 13-seed Lotus into a timeout with 3:37 left.

"I think we made a couple adjustments on their penetration, shut their penetration down, and got to where we could tie it up by halftime," IHS head coach Chris Valdez said. "But then the third quarter .... We've been the worst third-quarter team in the league, those first four or five minutes; we came out strong those four, five minutes, got that six-point lead."

"If we could have stuck right there, going back and forth, we'd have been O.K.," he continued. "But we made three or four major mistakes, they got a lead, and then they kind of took over."

Led by the backcourt of seniors Adani Hassan and Elias Dessalegn, the Meteors stayed close despite Tucson



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (20) takes a quick survey of the scene before him while working around Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence's Adani Hassan (4) during 2A-Region IV semifinal action held at Vail Mountain School.

canning a go-ahead trey that regained the designated visitors inside regional-hosting Vail Mountain's gym a 33-32 lead entering the fourth quarter. Lotus senior Petros 'Peter' Tareke answered immediately with a triple to begin the fourth, and the Meteors grew their lead to 39-33 on a Dessalegn basket.

Tucson (15 points) interrupted with a pair of free throws, but Aurora-based Lotus went into the deciding three minutes up 44-37 after Hassan hit one of two foul-line attempts. Game until the waning moments, the Bobcats cut that deficit down to just three points, 44-41, via two Cox FTs, but got no closer the rest of the way.

"We were looking (to) foul one of their players, get them on the line," said Cox, explaining how the 'Cats tried countering Lotus' time-wasting four-corner spread offense late in the contest, "or just try to get them to move the ball around a bit more."

"We kind of fell apart a bit," Valdez said. "They were able to start penetrating, then pulled it back – we just aren't quick enough to guard them."

"That's my players' doing," said Jabai. "Adani, he has a really good handle and understands the game. Peter, he's controlled with ball in hand, and A.J. (senior Ahmed Jabai), just rarely makes mistakes. I can trust them with the ball."

Nailing eight of ten fourth-quarter free throws, then icing the cake with a steal and buzzer-beating layup, Hassan finished with 18 points. Dessalegn also logged 18, while junior Caleb Bafukila (8 points), Tareke (6) and Jabai (2) rounded out the Meteors' scoring as Lotus ad-

vanced to play 4-seed VMHS – winners of the night's other semi, 53-43 over 29-seed Lyons – in the next afternoon's championship.

LSFE also ended up 15-of-20 at the foul line (though they were just 6-of-7 before the fourth quarter). In defeat Ignacio went 7-of-9 with Tucson making all four of his tries and Cox three of five. Cox totaled 13 points, junior Eppie Quintana added six (including the game's very first two), sophomore Devante Montoya scored five (including a three-ball which sparked IHS' aforementioned first-half rally), and Phillip Quintana chipped in two.

"You know, we ran into a team that was a real mismatch for us because we don't run man-to-man, and if they got a lead we knew they were going to pull the ball out and that's what hurt us," said Valdez. "But for my team ... man I'm proud of them! We went 16-and-7, and that's pretty good for a team that had one starter (Tucson) back from last year."

"We'll have a lot of kids coming back, so this speaks volumes of what they can do."

"I think it was my best game," Cox said. "Double digits in points, had good rebounds, had a really good block. Gabe Tucson, I feel bad for him because this was his last year, but we have a young team and we're coming back next year for sure."

The Meteors, meanwhile, further improved to 19-4 overall the next afternoon and earned their place in the Great Eight phase – beginning Thurs., March 10, inside the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland – by stunning Vail Mountain 36 to 28.

The Gore Rangers finished 18-4 overall in '21-22; LHS ended up 13-10.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (3) focuses on the rim, not Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence's Caleb Bafukila (12) during 2A-Region IV semifinal action Friday, March 4, at Vail Mountain School.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Devante Montoya (11) attempts a three-pointer against Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence Friday, March 4, during 2A-Region IV semifinal action held at Vail Mountain School.

## BOBCATS ACTION

Look for additional Ignacio Bobcats action on  
The Southern Ute Drum's website at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)

## NAIG Informational Meeting

**Team Colorado**  
Where: Multi-Purpose Building

When: **APRIL 4, 2022**  
Times: **6:00pm-7:00pm**

Face coverings are optional



For Information Call Recreation. Virgil 970-563-2652, Tara 970-563-2667, Daphnee 970-563-2655





Saint Ignatius Native American Ministry Native Mass

March 27, 2022 at 11:00 am

Saint Ignatius Parish-Pot luck following Mass

Everyone is Welcome



Lord God,

You gave Saint Kateri peace through her union with you in prayer.

Give us the same peace during these challenging days.

May the wounds we carry motivate us to seek you out more diligently in daily prayer.

Grant us the grace to accept change patiently and to be open to your plan even when it is different than our own. May we find stability in your unchanging truth and love, as we follow your will and obediently accept our vocation in the Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to my sweet Children

Happy Birthday Wendell (3-3), Tara (3-11). Thank you both for always being there for your Mama and helping me out with the hard things that I can't do. You both have been a great inspiration to your children, nieces, nephews, and your own Grandchildren. May the March winds bring great blessing to you both and carry your thoughts to the Creator. Remember to ALWAYS put him first and foremost. I thank God for my time spent with both of you and your family at the many family gathering we have. And the many conversations I have with both of you regarding many subjects. I cherish every minute of it. Never forget the Ute ways of life you both learned & carry on the tradition to your own kids and Grandkids. You both have a great birthday and eat lots of food & cake and all that trimmings that comes with it. I love you both.

Love your Mama, Darlene F.

A special thanks from the Rock Family

The family of late Samantha Rock would like to thank all the people that came and showed their respect for Ms. Samantha Rock. All the support from friends and family who helped the family get through the hard time that have fallen upon us. Thank you to all who brought food, flowers and most importantly all your prayers and kind word.

A special thanks to the EMT's and all others that have been there when help was greatly needed, therefore we are forever grateful and thank you for all that you did.

Sincerely, the Frost family, Soto family, Watts family, Gomez family, Sage family, Rock family and most of all the Little Boy and Bull Bear Family.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Hello! From Southern Ute AG

Hope everyone is well,  
Since the beginning of the pandemic the Agriculture Division has been at work ready to provide the Tribal membership with Agriculture and Custom Farm services. We have adhered to all safety protocol to ensure that the Tribal membership was safe and out of harm's way. During this time, we handed out over 3,000 USDA food boxes' and produce. It's been an honor for us here at the Agriculture Division to serve the community and to do our best for the Tribal membership.

Custom Farm Program, Equipment Operators are on furlough each year starting in December and return at the beginning of April. Equipment operators return to a full schedule April 4, 2022. As we approach April 4, Custom Farm will be accepting workorders for the upcoming season.

Give us a call any time with any for Custom Farm and agriculture service needs. We have a presentation on the services' brought to you Via Facebook and more information in the Drum as the season goes forward.  
Custom Farm Office: 970-563-2900

Toghoyah!

Mvto!

(Thank You)



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"One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church Uniting Cultures in Christ"

Stations of the Cross

Let us not walk away from Calvary  
Every Friday of Lent 2022

Friday, March 4th until Good Friday, April 15th

5:30 pm at St. Ignatius Parish - Ignacio

FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Potluck - Homemade Meatless Soup, Bread,

Water, Coffee and Tea will be provided after prayer.

Everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2022-0018-CV-PR

Mary Inez Cloud, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 22, 2022 at 4 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 11th of February, 2022.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

In The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court  
On The Southern Ute Indian Reservation

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Marten Pinnecoose, Plaintiff, V.

Annabelle Pinnecoose, Defendant.

Case No.: 21-CV-153

THIS MATTER CAME BEFORE THE COURT for a hearing on February 7, 2022 in the above-captioned matter. The Court hereby FINDS AND ORDERS:

1. Plaintiff appeared and was present in court, but service has not been made on the Defendant Annabelle Pinnecoose, who did not appear.
2. Based on the statements made by Plaintiff that Defendant's whereabouts are unknown, and the attempts to serve made by the bailiff, the Court FINDS that reasonable efforts have been made to serve the Defendant, but personal service has not been possible.
3. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS Defendant Annabelle Pinnecoose shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUITC") §2-1-103(2)(d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the complaint and exhibits, with notice of the next court hearing, to appear in the Southern Ute Drum, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) consecutive publications, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date.
4. This matter is set for hearing on **MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

Done And Signed This 7th Day Of February,  
By The Court:  
Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

NEW EMPLOYEES



Rodrick Davis

Job Title: HVAC Technician

Description of Job Duties: Diagnose and repair HVAC equipment.

Hobbies: Guitar, welding, fishing and camping.

Family: Two kids, ten years old and eight years old.

Tribe: Navajo (Dine)



Allen Gardner

Job Title: Building Maintenance

Description of Job Duties: Perform maintenance primarily on SunUte Community Center, but also help with other buildings doing electrical, plumbing, concrete, framing, flooring, HVAC etc.

Hobbies: Water sports.

Family: Two sons.

Drum  
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Next issue  
Mar. 25

Deadline  
Mar. 21

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REQUEST FOR BID  
Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority  
Sunset Circle Windows Replacement Project # 2020-03

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is requesting bids for Sunset Circle Window Replacement project for housing units on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave, Ignacio CO. Monday – Friday. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also request a Bid Packet by emailing rtorres@suiha.org. A mandatory site visit will be March 18, 2022 @ 9 a.m. You may reach Rebecca at 970-563-4575 ext. 113. Bid deadline is March 29, 2022 @ 3 p.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is March 29, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute India TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes. 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rate for LA Plata County are in effect. Uniform Builders Code to be followed. Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Substance Use Disorder Needs Assessment and Planning

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Services Department seeks Proposals and Qualifications for Substance Use Disorder Needs Assessment and Planning, located in La Plata County, Colorado. Proposals from qualified consultants shall be received by the Southern Ute Tribal Services Department in their office located at 116 Memorial Avenue in Ignacio, Colorado until 2:00 PM (MDT) on Friday April 8, 2022. The Southern Ute Tribal Services Department is looking to contract with an organization that can provide expertise on substance use disorders and make a comprehensive assessment about substance use disorders. The objective is to get a good baseline through community and staff input and multi-faceted data collection, followed by development of a detailed plan for how to best move forward into an implementation phase. Each proposal must be clearly marked with the proposal title and Firm Identification. The Owner reserves the right to reject late proposals. Proposal documents will be available after 4:00 PM (MST) on March 2, 2022. A link to the proposal documents and an invitation to the Pre-Proposal Meeting may be obtained electronically by emailing Shyida Howe at shyidhowe@southernute-nsn.gov. A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held online on March 23, 2022. Deadline for Questions: All questions relating to the project must be submitted via e-mail to Will Finn, MD at wfinn@southernute-nsn.gov by 5:00 PM (MDT) on March 23, 2022. An addendum with answers, if required, will be responded to via email by 5:00 PM (MDT) on March 25, 2022. If an addendum is issued the contractor must acknowledge receipt of any and all addenda on the proposal in order to submit a qualifying proposal. Award results may be obtained by emailing Shyida Howe at shyidhowe@southernute-nsn.gov after April 22, 2022. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, in whole or in part, when it is in its best interest. The Tribe assumes no financial responsibility / liability whatsoever for the preparation of any response to this RFP. Proposals will not be accepted by telephone, email, or fax. It is anticipated that the project can begin in early May 2022 and shall be completed by September 30, 2022. Proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M., (MDT) on Friday, April 8, 2022. Submittals shall be five (5) hardcopies and two (2) electronic copies in PDF format (on USB data sticks) delivered by either: Hand Delivery, to: The Southern Ute Tribal Services Department 116 Capote Dr. in Ignacio, Colorado Mail Delivery, to: Southern Ute Tribal Services Department P.O. Box 737 #47 Ignacio, CO 81137 Note: Under current pandemic conditions, mailed Proposals are encouraged. Mailed Proposals bearing an April 8, 2022, or earlier, Postmark will be accepted, regardless of their time of arrival in the Southern Ute Tribal Services Department Office.

SUIHA Board of Directors Board Vacancy


The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is currently seeking an individual to serve on the SUIHA Board of Directors. The Board adopts policies and enacts resolutions of the SUIHA. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit an application and a letter of intent to SUIHA stating their qualifications and why they would like to serve on the Board. All applications need to be submitted to the SUIHA, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137 or deliver to the SUIHA office located at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required. Applications can be obtained at the SUIHA or request email to rtorres@suiha.org. Applications will be accepted until 2 p.m. on March 25, 2022.

Alternative Horizons Seeking Volunteer Advocates

Alternative Horizons is in need of volunteer advocates, including those who are bi-lingual, to staff our 24-Hour hotline. AH supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence. If you’d like to make a difference in the lives of others, join us March 30 through April 2, for a free, comprehensive training. For more information call the office at 970-247-4374. If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call our free and confidential 24-Hour hotline 970-247-9619.

### KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors



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

Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916).  
— photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

**KSUT Board of Director Duties:**

- Advance KSUT’s mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving Ignacio and the Four Corners community
- Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
- Participate in fundraising and community events
- Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
- Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

**Desired Skills:**

- Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.

**Board Member Term:**

- Board member will serve a three-year term.

To apply, submit a letter of interest to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director  
Email: tami@ksut.org or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

**WATER USE OPTIONS TEAM (WOT)**  
Closing 3/31/22 – 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 continuing to seek 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 SUIT. 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 of your time. Tribal members DO NOT need to reside on the reservation. Please submit all letters of interest by March 31, 2022 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. 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.

**ELECTION BOARD**  
The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, April 22, 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) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Questions? Call the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

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

Tribal Employment Rights Commission Vacancies

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest from Southern Ute Tribal Members for One (1) Alternate Commissioner; to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, three (3) year terms and they are compensated positions. Applicant must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal Member Alternate. Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2022. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado  
Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribal Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Closing April 23, 2022 at 5 p.m. (MST)

**Vacancy Description:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking applicants to fill one Commission member vacancy on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission. The selected applicant would serve a three-year appointment to the Commission.

**Commission Purpose:** Determining and prescribing air quality rules and regulations that should apply on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; and Reviewing appealable administrative actions. Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

**Summary of Commission Duties:** Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations for the Reservation Air Program or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders; Determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Review and approve the long-term plan of the Reservation Air Program; Facilitate relationships between agency liaisons and representatives from the EPA, State, County and Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory activities conducted by the Tribe; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State.

**Preferred Commission Member Qualifications:** Knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order; Knowledge of Federal, State and Tribal air quality regulations; Strong ethics and 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: by email to airquality@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail to (must be postmarked by the closing date) Air Quality Program Office, PO Box 737 MS #84, Ignacio, CO 81137

**For Questions about the Commission Vacancy or Environmental Commission:** Contact Air Quality Program Manager, Danny Powers at dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-2265 or visit the Environmental Commission Website at Environmental Commission – Southern Ute Indian Tribe (southernute-nsn.gov)





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

**ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**

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

Administrative Assistant II – Tribal Planning Dept.

Closes 3/17/22 – Performs administrative, secretarial, and clerical support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Planning Department. Assists the Tribal Planner with monitoring and compiling the planning, transportation and project budgets, statistics and reports. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Building Maintenance Technician

Closes 3/11/22 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Construction Project Manager

Closes 3/16/22 – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, this employee will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager “Trainee” or Apprentice type position. Pay grade E17; Starts at \$75,321.13/year.

Custodian

Closes 3/14/2022 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour.

NAGPRA Coordinator Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 3/25/22 – Trainee will learn how to develop and administer procedures for determining the affiliation of Native American Remains, funerary objects, sacred objects of cultural patrimony, as well as the protection of archaeological and sacred sites. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level, pay grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, incumbent will assume the NAGPRA Coordinator position. Due to cultural significance, one male and one female are needed to fill the Trainee positions.

Recreation Coordinator

Closes 3/17/22 – Develops, implements, and monitors all recreation programs for SunUte Community Center. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Tribal Ranger

Closes 3/11/22 – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 3/11/22 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Start at 20% below entry level for a grade 12 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers 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. Also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered.”

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. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Credit Division Head

Open Until Filled – Manages the Tribal Credit Department that serves the Tribal Membership with mortgages, consumer and business loans and ensures that all activities and interactions with the Tribal Membership is held to the highest

levels of professionalism and customer service. Takes the leading role in the development of all credit programs related to mortgages, consumer and business loans and reports periodically as necessary on the status of the program utilizing reports or direct meetings with Tribal Council. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental 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 grade N11; the pay range starts at \$19.93/hour. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered.”

Detention Transport Officer

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Starts at \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

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. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area. Pay grade E11; Starts at \$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 grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager. Will greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Div. and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/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 grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes 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 grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes 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 grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Native Connections Therapist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. This position will work with youth up to age 24, and their fam-

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

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.

\*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians.

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: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

\*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.

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.

\*Multi Games Pit Boss (Full-time)

Supervision of all multi-games tables and staff as directed by the Table Games Manager Ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations.

\*Player’s Club Rep (Full-time)

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player’s account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long lasting experience for all Club Card members.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

\*Slot Technician II (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

\*Surveillance Agent I (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 to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

*\*21 or older to apply*

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

ilies, 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 grade E15; Starts at \$60,370.75/year. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization.”

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade N16; Starts at \$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. Pay grade N12; 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 grade N13; Starts at \$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. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. This position is 24 hours/week. Starts at \$22,857.08/year.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. A teacher in this position teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O’Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. This position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact. Pay grade E11; Starts at \$41,456.65/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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the 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 asses what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Health Department Director

Open Until Filled – A professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health and medical services programs operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) through its Tribal Health Department (Department). Provision of effective and efficient health/medical services in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, Provider Staff, and other relevant resources. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with all applicable policies & procedures, contracts, and law. Pay grade X21; Starts at \$143,281.09/year. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered.”

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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

Water Resources Specialist

Open Until Filled – Provides professional and technical level work to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade E13; Starts at \$49,517.56/year.





Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

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

Closing 3/14/22 – 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 3/14/22 – 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.

Environmental, Health & Safety Technician II – SUGF (Durango, CO)

Closing 3/15/22 – Provides support and assistance in regulatory compliance activities specific to applicable environmental, health and safety (EHS) laws and regulations for all Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises, to include OSHA, SPCC, water quality, waste management, record keeping and mapping projects.

Gas Volume Analyst I – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/18/22 – Monitoring natural gas production volumes; nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/

statements; enters daily gas sales and production data; maintains gathering and transportation contracts; controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances; works with the Marketing Specialist to forecast natural gas sales volumes.

Landman IV – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/18/22 – Assisting with the prudent negotiation and preparation of various oil and gas contracts. Works with Land Administration to maintain orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions. Provides leadership to multi-function teams to analyze and recommend business level, recommendations for investment opportunities. Must possess a strong understanding of oil and gas law.

Senior Reservoir Engineer – Aka Energy Group (Durango, CO)

Closing 3/21/22 – Requires application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation and execution skills as they relate to energy transition opportunities, such as Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction. Works collaboratively with geology, engineering, and project development teams and partners to identify and evaluate potential subsurface targets associated with CCUS and GHG projects. Works to become the subject matter expert for the Company regarding governmental policy, initiatives, and permitting associated with CCUS and GHG reduction.

Investment Analyst – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/25/22 – Supporting investment analysis and investment monitoring tasks.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
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PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/11/22 – 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.

Computer Technical Support Administrator I - SUDEP – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/11/22 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provide assistance to Tribal Membership in support of the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) providing support and training for Tribal Members to improve technology literacy. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

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Southern Ute Digital Equity Program Administrator – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/19/22 – Defining the overall Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) strategy and charter, as well as managing the day-to-day activities to include program meetings, planning and collaborative execution of program deliverables. Drives communication including the planning of outreach events, webinars, training, and expanded program development efforts.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Irrigation System Operator

This position is located with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Superintendent, Southern Ute Agency, Office of the Program Manager, Deputy Superintendent-Trust Services, Irrigation Section in Ignacio, Colo. The incumbent collects and delivers the annual available water supply to users for agricultural production. Visit online for full job description and application process: [www.usajobs.gov/job/638446400](http://www.usajobs.gov/job/638446400)

DAK Drilling is hiring for the following:

- **General Laborer** – Assist on site production. Move, load, and deliver materials. Follow instructions from Drill crew. Practice safety precautions at all times
- **Utility Operator** – Assist on site production. Move, load, and deliver materials. Operate heavy equipment. Load and unload heavy equipment. Follow instructions from lead crew. Practice safety precautions at all times
- **Drill Hand** – Assist on site production. Move, load, and deliver materials. Follow drilling guidelines. Handle heavy machinery/drill rigs. Follow instructions from driller. Practice safety precautions at all times
- **HDD Construction Crew** – Assist on site production. Move, load, and deliver materials. Follow instructions from HDD crew. Practice safety precautions at all times

All Positions Are Open Until Filled. Contact the TERO office for more information: Laura Sanchez TERO Career Coordinator, 970-563-2294. TERO, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137

LA PLATA YOUTH SERVICES  
Communities-in-Schools Partnership (CISP)  
Program Coordinator

Reports to: Social-Emotional Programs Manager. The Communities-in-Schools Partnership (CISP) Program Coordinator's primary responsibility is to provide leadership, coordination, and oversight to ensure the ongoing sustainability and vitality of La Plata Youth Services' Communities-in-Schools Partnership (CISP) Program. The program coordinator will engage in program delivery, outreach and enrollment of youth, relationship building with referral sources, program promotion, monitoring and support of contracted providers, data collection, and other duties at the direction of and in collaboration with the Social-Emotional Programs Manager.  
Desired Work Experience: A minimum of two years professional experience in a human services related field. Experience in program coordination. Working knowledge in issues related to race, class, gender, sexual orientation in the field of youth mental health.  
Education Requirements: A master's degree in human services, social work, or a related field or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and/or training. In order to provide direct services, the applicant must be registered as a Licensed Professional Counseling Candidate (LPCC), or Licensed Social Worker (LSW).  
Compensation: This is a non-exempt, salaried, part-time position (0.8 FTE). Annual Salary: \$36,200. Benefits: Paid Leave (vacation, sick/personal leave, paid holidays), Clinical Supervision, Individualized Health Care Reimbursement (ICHRA) Benefit (employer contribution 100%), Simple IRA retirement benefit, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), annual Wellness Benefit, Parental Leave, Training Budget, and Mileage Reimbursement.  
To Apply: Submit the following to be considered for the position: Letter of Interest – include 1) what aspects about this position interest you; 2) what is your understanding and/or experience with youth mental health; and 3) a statement that demonstrates how you identify with the LPYS' Employment Philosophy, Mission, and Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Demonstrating how you identify can include contributions from lived experiences, mentoring, teaching, and outreach activities. Resume. Applications must be received by: March 15, 2022. Applications should be emailed to: [alysa@lpys.org](mailto:alysa@lpys.org). For more information, please visit: [www.lpys.org/employment](http://www.lpys.org/employment)

VISIT DURANGO  
Consultant Position

Minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

Visit Durango is the official destination management and marketing organization of Durango and La Plata County. Our mission is to promote the Durango brand, create demand in visitation and increase overnight stays in Durango and La Plata County, support a positive visitor experience, and drive economic impact for the benefit of visitors, residents, and local stakeholders. We value building a community and destination that is inclusive, accessible, and welcoming to all.  
**General Purpose:** Visit Durango is committed to equity, inclusion, and accountability. The Inclusivity Consultant will be a key part of the Visit Durango quality assurance process focusing on our marketing, communications, and community outreach, ensuring all our touchpoints are inclusive and sensitive to our residents and potential visitors of Durango.  
**Scope of Work:** Reviews all marketing materials, written communications, and other materials to ensure Visit Durango's DEI standards are adhered to. Attend Durango's Board meetings, committees, and working groups, as needed, to provide constructive feedback on ways to improve inclusivity in projects and programs discussed at meetings. Provide guidance on a DEI policy, statements, and other organizational communications. Stays up-to-date on terminology and trends of DEI and educates Visit Durango staff, Board members, and committee members on an ongoing basis. Collaborates with leadership and HR to ensure Visit Durango's DEI standards are adhered to in hiring, human resources, and personnel. Assists leadership and Board of Directors on public statements and crisis communications, if needed. May be asked to provide education and training to frontline hospitality staff, stakeholders, and community members. Provide input on potential inclusivity certifications (examples: Autism-Certified, CBTU, etc.).  
**Preferred Qualifications:** 3+ years in a paid or volunteer position related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; Expertise and a passion for diversity, equity and inclusion; Excellent communication skills (written, verbal, and presentation) and political savvy. Leadership skills – outspoken, collaborative, positive, and honest; Ability to respond promptly and reasonably when making decisions, effective at problem-solving; Experience in activism related to diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion is a plus; Ability to offer translation of statements into non-English languages is a plus.  
To be considered, send an email statement of interest with your hourly rate and resume to: [weylin@durango.org](mailto:weylin@durango.org) by March 11, 2022. Visit Durango is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, marital status or status as a U.S. Veteran.

Southern Ute Election  
Board  
Office Hours

We are out of the office starting February 14, 2022 until we return working part-time hours in July: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. If you need to get a hold of the board during this time, please contact Sunshine Whyte with Tribal Council at (970) 563-2319.

In August we will resume normal business hours.  
Thank you and please remain safe.

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FLY FISHING

Carp in the canal

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SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I recently told one of my Durango fly fishing buddies that SWMBO and I were headed to Phoenix for a little R & R, and fly fishing in the Arizona Canal for carp. My fishing friend asked if I was in need of some type of 12-step program. I reminded him that I would cast a fly into a dry-stream/bio-swale if it had a trickle of water in it. He dropped his offer to help. So, you don't think I am in need of some type of physiological fly fishing help, using the always reliable Wikipedia I did some research on fly fishing in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. I found the Arizona Canal was constructed between 1883 and 1885. It is 50 miles long, 80 feet from bank to bank, 24 feet wide at the bottom, and is 16.5 feet deep. The canal was originally constructed to irrigate crops. However, over the years, along with crop irrigation, real estate developers used the attraction of a waterway to build houses, hotels, shopping centers, and a great asphalt trail. The trail is very similar to the Animas River Trail. With this much water to choose from there are two ways to decide where the best place to cast your fly is. A fly fisherman can spend days researching all the various locations, types of flies to use, and what type of fish will be in the area you fly fish. Or, you can do what I did, and hire a guide who specializes in fly fishing the



Arizona Canal. I hired Derek Rivchin to take my friend Ted who lives in the PMA, and me, for an afternoon of fly fishing for carp. Derek was a great guide. We were told the only things we needed to bring were a fishing license, comfortable walking shoes, and a hat to keep the sun off. Derek said he would provide rods, reels, flies, water, and his expertise. When we meet at the appointed location at noon, he handed us 7-weight rods, with a small yellow foam bug attached to the leader, that could be used in the streams around here, and a bottle of water. Even though the canal is home to white amur, catfish, bass and trout, Derek assured us this was a great stretch for carp to take dry flies. He was right. At first, I thought walking on an asphalt path, looking for carp was sorta of silly. However, I soon discovered the smooth asphalt was kind to aged knees and hips. The pathway was also raised above the canal which made seeing fish on the surface, and casting to them easier. Those

are the only two things that were easy. Since we were above the feeding carp they could see us much easier than we could see them. The canal is not gin clear, so learning to spot the carp took a little training. Another reason to hire a guide. Once we learned to spot the carp Ted and I were able to put a little distance between us and have Derek work between the two of us. Being on asphalt the walking distance between us was only about 30 seconds. It was great. Ted and I soon learned, that while the carp wouldn't spook once you had your fly on the water, at their nose, getting it there proved to be a fun challenge. As they could see us better than we could see them, I had carp spook from my back cast, false cast, and pointing my rod at them so the guide would see where I was casting. Ted had the same experience. However, once we got the casting technique down, the fish got a little more cooperative. That is, they would swim over, nose the fly, then swim off. Fortunately, no children were present to hear what we had to say about the picky carp. However, by the end of the day, Ted had three carp strike his fly, and I had landed one. At the truck Ted and I reminisced about how much fun stalking carp had been. And how we enjoyed making many casts at large fish that were very selective. I'm looking forward to my next fly fishing trip to the PMA. It was a hoot.

The Southern Ute Pow Wow Committee will be selling the remainder of the t-shirts starting **March 2, 2022. Open to anyone interested.** The Southern Ute Pow Wow Committee wants to remind everyone to do your part to stay safe and healthy through this pandemic.

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Spring Break fun with the Powerhouse!

March 22 & 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Durango Powerhouse will be at our library on Tuesday and Thursday the week of Spring Break to provide hands-on STEM lessons! The Powerhouse educator will bring hands to teach and interact with, you won't want to miss this! We'll provide lunch for our guests both days. There will be a maximum of 20 children allowed per class, on a first come, first serve basis.

The Southern Ute Drum's  
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Video maker, for short
- 4 Rate of flow of a liquid
- 7 U S A F decoration
- 10 Old French gold coin
- 11 Thro siii ---, statement of affection in 2 Down
- 12 Son of Kanga
- 13 Benedictine title
- 14 It can be used to get your balance
- 16 --- Tyler Fielding Baker, Mohegan medicine woman
- 18 Inflict retribution
- 19 Calendar squares
- 20 One who spills secrets
- 21 They want to gain intelligence
- 23 Butter or margarine
- 26 Smallest Alaskan native group
- 30 --- Ketl ruin, NM
- 31 Muslim mystic
- 32 Alberta oil repository
- 34 It's charged in physics
- 35 Plane regulators
- 36 Thread cutter
- 37 Malicious remarks
- 38 Elapse quickly
- 39 "... blah, blah, blah"
- 40 Rather like

Down

- 1 Handed over
- 2 --- Pueblo, near Albuquerque, NM
- 3 Wrapped-up Egyptian
- 4 A B C wake-up broadcast
- 5 "Keep quiet!"
- 6 Light military truck
- 7 Imbided
- 8 Smithy
- 9 Program writer
- 15 Stops
- 17 Strengths
- 22 4th of July event
- 23 Mock
- 24 Small container for liquids
- 25 Baton-passing event
- 27 Pauma and --- Reservation, San Diego County, CA
- 28 In a tangle
- 29 Ish
- 33 Last month, for short

Answers for this crossword will appear in March 25 issue of the Drum.

Answers for February 25, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 PSA, 4 Aah, 7 Moon, 8 Grande, 12 Plan, 13 On loan, 14 Hop up, 16 Elect, 17 Lid, 19 NCR, 20 Training Day, 25 IHS, 26 MOA, 27 Gotta, 30 Bench, 34 Unions, 36 Lire, 37 Aerate, 38 Imam, 39 Ten, 40 Cig.  
**Down:** 1 Polo, 2 Soap, 3 Annuli, 4 Ago, 5 Arne, 6 Hall, 7 Mph, 9 No end, 10 Dacca, 11 Entry, 15 Pin, 18 Dim, 20 Tigua, 21 Rhone, 22 Astir, 23 Nob, 24 Gaelic, 28 To a T, 29 Ante, 31 Nimi, 32 Crag, 33 Hem, 35 Sen.

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 Bondad, 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/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/)



did you know?

There are over 1,300 bat species, which is the second most common group of mammals behind rodents.



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](mailto:jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions, comments or concerns.

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Friday, March 11



Sunny 39°F  
Afternoon winds

Saturday, March 12



Sunny 45°F  
Afternoon winds

Sunday, March 13



Sunny 51°F

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