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



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach, examines a historic landfill where unwanted appliances and other debris was used to prevent erosion; these dumpsites are a source of contamination for agriculture land assignments and nearby watersheds. Working alongside EPD, contractors are responsible for trucking out the debris for disposal at the landfill, all viable metal is being separated out for recycling in the process.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

EPD tackles cleanup of
historic dumpsites, landfills

Mitigating impacts to water quality in Spring Creek

Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is currently working to clean up historic landfills and dumpsites that were identified on a tribal land assignment in the Spring Creek drainage. “Some of these dumpsites were located in irrigation ditches with water actively flowing through them,” explained Environmental Programs Division – General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach. “Debris found at this location can leach chemicals into the water harming or even killing aquatic life, as well as impacting downstream water quality or even well water used for drinking.”

Illegal dumping causes harm to tribal lands. “In the past, it was a common practice to throw large appliances, tires, etc. near streams and rivers to prevent erosion,” Seebach explained. “However, this ends up



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Environmental Programs Division is working to clean up historic dumpsites near Spring Creek and improve water quality in the process. The contractors, Alpine Enterprise, LLC, are using cottonwood logs to slow down the erosion after the metal and debris is removed; the timber will solidify the soil over time.

causing more harm than good. These items can contain chemicals that can be harmful to humans and the environment by seeping into soil thus causing danger to those that utilize the land [or water downstream].”

The Environmental Programs Division is working to clean up these historical dumpsites and improve water quality in the process. It was a widespread practice

in rural areas for farmers, ranchers, and landowners to use discarded materials and unwanted appliances to try and slow down erosion areas, especially drainages and gullies prone to washing out in the rainy season – a practice that endured for a better part of the past century.

“The real take home in this is that what we are seeing

EPD page 2

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Track tasked with weekend
two-step

IHS competes in Mancos, Bayfield

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Winning three of the four solo sprints in which she was entered, plus running a leg on a sprint medley relay which placed second, Ignacio senior Lexy Young really couldn't have enjoyed a much better weekend as she led the Lady Bobcats at both Mancos' Blue Jay Invitational Friday, April 1, and the next day's Bayfield-hosted Pine River Invite.

Pulling off the 100/200 'double' at MHS with times of, respectively, 13.85 and 28.53 seconds, Young then won the 200 meters at BHS in a faster 28.46, but finished second – by 0.13 of a tick – in the 100 despite an improved 13.75. Joining senior Alexis Pontine and sophomores Maci Barnes and Lauren deKay for the 800 medley, Young helped IHS tally second-place points with a collective 2:11.32.

All told, the Lady 'Cats placed sixth out of eight teams in Bayfield, but tallied 43.5 points. With 24 points, IHS' boys ended up eighth out of eight. Personnel numbers and performance helped Durango take



courtesy Lexy Young

Southern Ute tribal member Lexy Young proudly holds the “Athlete of the Meet” award she earned at the Pine River Invite hosted by Bayfield High School, Saturday, April 2.

the team titles, with DHS' In Mancos, to which 12 boys defeating runners-up squads traveled, Ignacio Pagosa Springs 262-86, and also finished sixth (50.5 the Lady Demons bettering PSHS 202-140.

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Utes honor Vietnam vets



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The playing of the “Taps” was performed by Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Ronnie C. Baker, who served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne. Southern Ute Veterans Association members in attendance, who served in Vietnam, received certificates of recognition during the ceremony.

Fort Lewis welcomes powwow



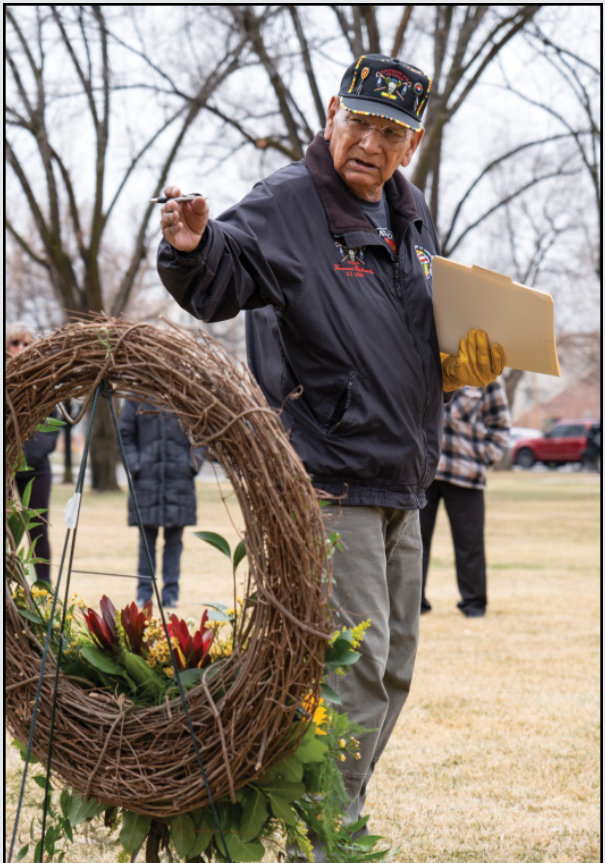
Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Hozhoni Days Powwow returns to the Whalen Gymnasium drawing dancers from across the region. Southern Ute tribal member Samantha Maez and daughter, Consuela “Cella” Phillips, enter the arena during the first Grand Entry session held, Friday, April 1.

See additional photo coverage on page 11.

Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran and Southern Ute Veteran Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. spoke to attendees at the Vietnam Veterans Day celebration on Tribal Campus, Tuesday, March 29. Richards served in the U.S. Army 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

See additional photo coverage on page 8.





EPD TACKLES CLEANUP • FROM PAGE 1

there, on that assignment, is a historical practice that was widely accepted,” EPD Division Head Mark Hutson explained. “We have better techniques now to control erosion. We have ecologically safe ways to dispose of these things now.”

“The Tribal Utilities Division takes the waste and disposes of it properly, so there is really no need to do this now, there are more environmentally friendly ways to dispose of it – back in the day they didn’t have those options,” Hutson said. “Times have changed, and we are more aware of our environment now.”

“These types of materials, residual gasoline and oil, lead and lead ac-

id from batteries, coatings on hoses, eventually it all leaches out, into the pasture and eventually into the creek,” Hutson emphasized. “It may take years to flow down, but the flows eventually get down to the creek and [negatively] impact wildlife.”

The company in charge of the cleanup and disposal, contracted with EPD, is Alpine Enterprise, LLC. Alpine Enterprise is a local company specializing in general agricultural and landscape services. “We have used them for similar projects, including stream restoration, exclusion fencing – to protect riparian habitat along creeks, they have even built water crossing

gates and fencing for us,” Hutson said.

Alpine Enterprise is responsible for trucking out the debris for disposal at the landfill, all viable metal is being separated out for recycling in the process.

In the project neighboring Spring Creek, contractors are using cottonwood logs to slow down the erosion after the metal and debris is removed; the timber will solidify the soil over time. These cottonwood trees, which came from another project area, are now being put to use in this restoration effort.

“We are working to restore the environment and improve water quality,” Hutson emphasized.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Dignitaries from the Colorado state government and the Ute tribes gathered on Thursday, March 22 in the halls of the state Capitol for a historic flag ceremony. The state is keeping the flags of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes on display outside Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia’s office in recognition of their sovereign governments. Gov. John Hickenlooper took a few moments following the ceremony to greet members of Southern Ute Royalty and the Tribal Council.

This photo was first published in the April 6, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

40 years ago

On March 26, 2002, Tim Ryder led a drum making workshop for Ignacio youth at the Southern Ute Cultural Center. It was part of a week-long series of activities entitled “Beads, Looms and Feathers.” Pictured is Tim Ryder and Victor (Bear) Frost explaining to participants how to make mini drums.

This photo was published in the April 5, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

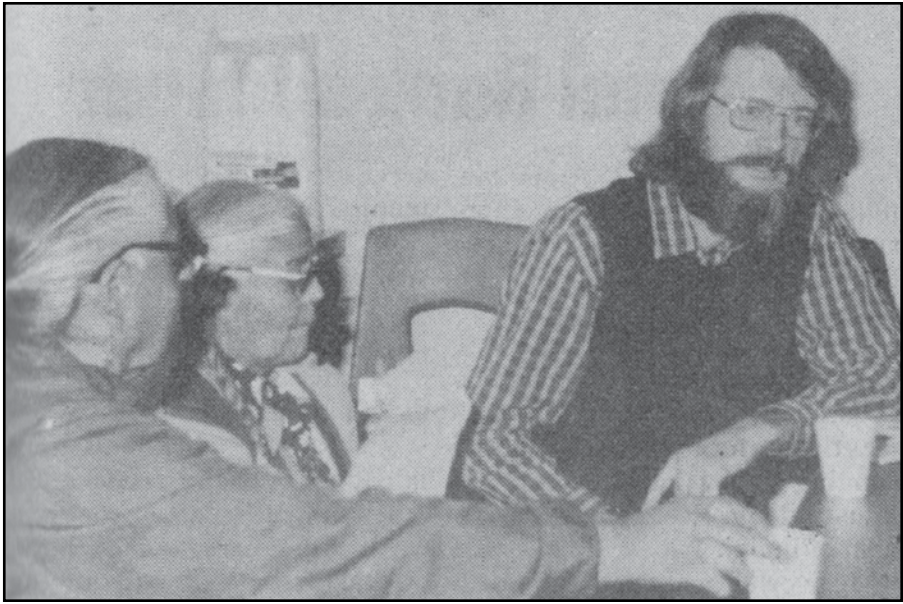


Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Southern Ute Housing Authority helped sponsor this group of athletes in the All West Native American Basketball Classic held in Denver, Colo. (Back Row, L to R) Coach Frost, Amy Barry, Sarah Hudson, Alberta Bison, Francis Bison, Delilah Wilson, Housing Director Jim Arnot. (Front Row, L to R) Alfreda Armstrong, Jenny Silva, Fidelia Silva, Erica Howe, and Marie Joy.

This photo was published in the April 4, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Annette Frost, Sunshine Smith and John Fleckner, director of the Regional Records System in Madison Wis., held a meeting with tribal elders to discuss helping tribes set up their own archives.

This photo was published in the April 9, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Tribal Member General Meeting

Friday, April 22, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

MEETING
QUICK FACTS
Questions
& Answers

@ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Will there be an open-mic?

No. All questions must be written down and submitted to a Council Affairs staff member.

Can I ask my question after the presentation?

All questions will be saved for the Question & Answer portion of the meeting from 3 to 5 p.m.

Can I submit my question now?

Yes! You can submit your questions prior to the meeting by emailing them to: GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov

MEETING
QUICK FACTS
Arriving
to the
Meeting

Can I enter through the Casino Event Center doors?

Yes! The Event Center doors will be reopened to pre-pandemic protocols. There is no longer a COVID screening requirement, but please stay home if you are sick.

Do I have to park by the hotel?

No. The parking lot closest to the Event Center will be opened.

MEETING
QUICK FACTS
Traffic
Plan &
Parking



MEETING
QUICK FACTS
WebEx
Event
Access

Will there be a virtual option to attend the meeting?

Yes! Tribal Members can attend the meeting via the Web-Ex Event. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/suitgm22>
Or use the QR Code on the next page!

Is this meeting protected?

Yes! All requests go through a verification of tribal enrollment to protect confidential tribal information meant only for the membership.

Will the meeting be recorded?

Yes, recording will be available on the Tribal Member Portal the following week.

Use our new QR Code to quickly register and access the meeting!



Register

For additional information, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov



Bear Dance gauntlets



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Ella Louise Weaver cuts a pattern for her glove on Tuesday, March 29 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. This two-day event hosted by the MPF staff allowed participants to learn the process of making traditional gloves from leather or deer skin as well as learning to decorate them with bead work.

Bluestar supports MMIR bill



photos courtesy Jessie Danielson

Southern Ute tribal member, Daisy Bluestar testified at the Capitol in Denver in support of SB22-150, a Colorado Bill on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives to the Senate Judiciary committee, Thursday, March 24. "Along with addressing cold cases, the #MMIR bill will 'connect the dots' to crack down on human traffickers who prey on a vulnerable population by exploiting gaps in knowledge," said Jessie Danielson, State Senator serving Jefferson County. The bill is set to improve responses to MMIR cases, provide better support for Indigenous communities, and better serve families of MMIR.

"Bill SB22-150, which addresses the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, passed out of committee," said Jessie Danielson, State Senator serving Jefferson County. "[I want to give] thanks to Tribal and Indigenous community leaders for your powerful testimony in support of the bill. We are taking bold steps to end the crisis of MMIR."



Come together...

Powwow Spring Celebration



Saturday, May 28, 2022

1:00 pm to 7 pm

Ute Park

256 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO

All Drum Groups, Singers, and Dancers are invited!



Powwow Committee:

Chairman: Mikki Naranjo – 970.317.1710

Vice-Chairman: Tara Vigil – 970.799.0615

Treasurer: Dona Frost – 970.553.9291

Secretary: Rochelle Aguilar – 970.759.1722

Members: Jalisa Paul, Brandi Raines, and Edward Box III

BRING OWN CHAIRS - NO DINNER BREAK - NO VENDORS
NO FOOD STANDS - NO CONTESTS

The Powwow Committee is not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. Alcohol, drugs, and weapons prohibited

Southern Ute Bear Dance
May 27 – 30, 2022

Bear Dance Corral Blessing: 10:30 a.m., Fri., May 27
Bear Dance Feast: 12 p.m., Mon., May 30
Bear Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box

BEAR DANCE RULES: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing. Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes. The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft. The Pine River is RESTRICTED.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is adhering to all CDC guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Face covering use is at the discretion of all attendees. Proof of vaccination will expedite entry into the Bear Dance, all other participants will be subject to COVID-19 screening protocol.

BEAR DANCE and/or FEAST ARE SUBJECT TO CANCEL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.
Bear Dance info contact: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038.
Vending Information contact: 970-563-2983.

Southern Ute
BEAR DANCE WORKSHOP

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Inviting All Tribal Membership,
Tribal Employees, Public Schools
General Public and all who are interested.

Please adhere to the Sky Ute Casino Resort's
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Visit their website at: www.skyutecasino.com
for up to date guidance and operating hours.

The current guidance is as follows:
• Mask Mandate for all Guests & Employees have been lifted.
• No Smoking or Vaping in ALL Indoor Spaces.
• Temperature Checks Upon Entrance.

Info: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038



HEALTHY RECIPES

Asparagus season has started!

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

This vegetable has lots of nutrients such as Vitamins A, K, C and folate but few calories.

Crustless quiche is an alternative to your typical quiche that uses pie crust. Leaving out the crust reduces carbohydrates and calories. You can add other vegetables, too, like onions, mushrooms, or spinach.

To lower the fat, use half the cheese or cut it out completely. Quiche usually calls for heavy cream, so we are using whole milk instead.

This recipe can be changed to your preferred ingredients and makes a wonderful addition to your Easter Brunch!



courtesy Yummyly

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

Spring Asparagus Crustless Quiche

Ingredients:

- 10 eggs, scrambled
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk (cow, soy, lactaid)
- 1# asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1" pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup Swiss cheese, shredded
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Heat the prepared asparagus for 2 minutes in the microwave or boiling water, dry thoroughly.

3. In a large bowl, vigorously whisk eggs. Add milk, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper, stir to combine.
4. Add asparagus and Swiss cheese, mix.
5. Pour mixture in a lightly greased 13x9" baking dish.
6. Bake in preheated oven for approximately 45 minutes or until lightly browned and a toothpick comes out clean.
7. Serve with salad, yogurt and berries and homemade muffins for a delightful Easter Brunch!

Servings: 9

Nutrition per serving: Calories 146, Fat 9.6g, Total Carbohydrates 4g, Dietary fiber 0.7g, Protein 11g

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline's five-year anniversary

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

This month StrongHearts Native Helpline observes five years of successful operation. More than 20,000 calls have been received since the organization's launch in 2017.

Significant organization milestones over the past five years include:

- An increase in operating hours to 24/7/365
- Launch of a new website.
- Addition of sexual violence advocacy, chat and text advocacy.
- Opening of a branch office in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (in addition to the national headquarters in Eagan, Minnesota).
- Launch of the Michigan Enhancement Project to expand that state's existing domestic and sexual violence advocacy services to support tribal programs and their contacts (a partnership with the Division of Victim Services at Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services, which also provided the funding).
- In October 2021, StrongHearts became an inde-

pendent, national Native non-profit 501(c)3 organization with its own board of directors.

"In 2021, StrongHearts Native Helpline continued its commitment to provide culturally appropriate advocacy despite the continuing COVID-19 pandemic — it is through the resilience of our ancestors and our own experience with hardships that we were able to stay the course," said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) director, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "With tenacity, we will continue our mission to restore power to Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence by providing a system of safety, sovereignty and support in 2022 and beyond."

StrongHearts Native Helpline History

In 2012, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) prioritized the need for a domestic violence hotline to support tribal communities across the United States. Together with input from tribal leaders, a Native women's council, domestic violence experts, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, NIWRC and The Hotline developed a plan to establish StrongHearts Native Helpline, a Native-centered hotline staffed by advocates with a strong understanding of Native cultures, as well as issues of tribal sovereignty and law.

StrongHearts began its services in March 2017 in Austin, Texas — home to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which provided initial infrastructure and technology support. On October 1, 2021, StrongHearts Native Helpline became a national, Native non-profit 501(c)3 organization with its own board of directors. StrongHearts is a proud partner of the NIWRC and The Hotline. StrongHearts Native Helpline is funded by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Office for Victims of Crime; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



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Sign-up Deadline: Monday, April 25th

* Pickup Date: Wednesday, April 27th*

Meal Kit Includes:

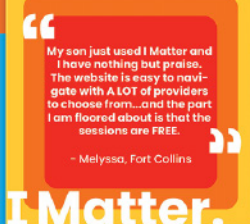
- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:

Morgann Graham (970)-563-2349

If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Morgann

25% of youth have reported a pandemic-related decline in their mental health. Free, confidential therapy is available through #IMatterColorado. Learn about how youth in your life can access these free sessions at IMatterColorado.org.



If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health challenges or substance use, please reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-8700.



Photo: Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

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Bookending the school year!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SUIMA Teacher Lori Smith assists students during the Scholastic Book Fair held Tuesday, April 5, at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Students compiled wish lists for items they could purchase at a later time with their families, this event is held each year in the SUIMA Dining Hall.

The Scholastic Book Fair has a wide variety of reading materials available to students, families, and visitors of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. This event was held Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 8 in the Dining Hall.



SUPD visits SUIMA



courtesy Nicholas Sanchez

Southern Ute Police Department's newest Lieutenant, LT. Deirryck Begaye sits down for lunch with SUIMA's Upper Elementary Classes during their lunch period on Wednesday, March 30.



courtesy Tristany Sanchez

Southern Ute Police Dept. Officer, Adrian Wauneka and Police K-9, Raven, stop by the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Spring Break "All Day" Club on Friday, March 25. Wauneka gave an impromptu lesson about the work that they do for the community, while providing an opportunity for the kids to meet Raven for the first time.

SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Kwanachigani pə'əkwatu - Eagle's Nest

By Lori Smith and Principal Mari Jo Owens
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Tania Pawaakana

Based on the parent surveys that went out on Feb. 23, 2022, regarding the school following a 4-day or 5-day school week for next school year, the vast majority of parents preferred the 5-day school week with an early release day. SUIMA will remain with a 5-day school week for next year, which is the 2022-2023 school year. The early release day, beginning next year, will be moved to Fridays.

Looking for an engaging and beautifully illustrated book to read with your kids? The Kindergarteners at SUIMA highly recommend the book, Jingle Dancer! It is a wonderfully written story by Cynthia Leitich Smith about Jenna, a contemporary Muscogee (Creek) girl in Oklahoma, who wants to honor a family tradition by jingle dancing at the next powwow.

During one of the kindergarten whole group lessons with Reading Specialists Debbie Lamoreaux and Lori Smith, the students focused on their listening skills as we read aloud the story, discussed important and new vocabulary words, adding their own background knowledge to elements of the story.

Following the reading, we were fortunate enough to learn that we have an actual jingle dancer in our class!



courtesy SUIMA

Shawnee Rizzo and Ava Naranjo work with the knobless cylinders in their classroom. These cylinders are typical Montessori materials that support the learning of geometric patterns along with increasing vocabulary with words such as thick, thin, height and circumference.

Ms. Malia White Thunder! Her mother, Heather White Thunder shared that Malia has been dancing since she could walk. She enjoys attending all powwows near and far. She is Southern Ute and Cheyenne and Arapaho/Lakota.

Malia was willing to provide her classmates with a beautiful and very energetic performance of several jingle dances! She danced the Jingle Straight and Side-step. She also answered many questions about her dress and why she dances.

Wrapping up her performance, she invited everyone in attendance to dance together in the Round Dance or Friendship Dance. Even though some students were a bit shy, we all enjoyed dancing together to end our wonderful and exciting performance by Ms. Malia.

'apagha nuu

Our monthly Family Night will be held Tuesday, April 12, with the topic being "BINGO in Ute." The BINGO cards will be sent home prior to our activity. Look for the Family Night meeting link to be sent out that day during lunch hour.

Our staff is improving their language and we are seeing more of the written words throughout the school, whether through the REMIND app, on the menu, in the dining hall, or even in the office. The importance of revitalizing the Southern Ute language is a subject many of us are passionate about; one that has the whole school talking!



courtesy Heather White Thunder

During the kindergarten group lesson, an actual jingle dancer visited the class, Ms. Malia White Thunder! Her mother, Heather White Thunder shared that Malia has been dancing since she could walk.

Nuu'apaghami – Ute phrases

Continue to help your son or daughter practice learning how to ask for their food in Ute. Here are three simple sentences that can guide you.

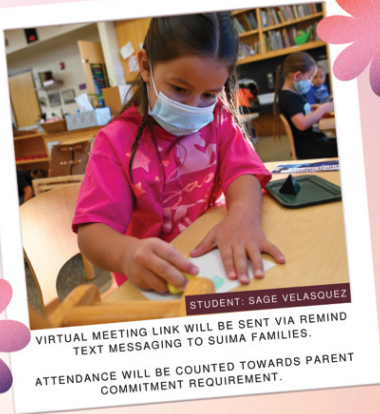
- Nu táavi 'asti – I would like milk.
- Nu wíisi 'asti - I would like a banana.
- Nu kəməy 'asti – I would like corn.

Upcoming events

- April 4-8 – Book Fair week
- April 12 – Family Night – Topic: Ute Bingo
- April 22 – No school – Professional Development for staff
- April 26 – Parent Advisory Group meeting



SUIMA APRIL 12
6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
FAMILY NIGHT

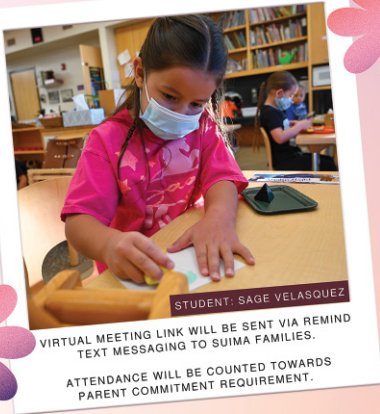


STUDENT: SAGE VELASQUEZ
VIRTUAL MEETING LINK WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND
TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.
ATTENDANCE WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS PARENT
COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.

SUIMA School Closure

APRIL 22
Professional Development Day
Classes will resume on Monday, April 25, 2022

SUIMA APRIL 26
6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
PARENT ADVISORY
GROUP (PAG)



STUDENT: SAGE VELASQUEZ
VIRTUAL MEETING LINK WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND
TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.
ATTENDANCE WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS PARENT
COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.



BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio High eyes springtime activities, graduation

By Barb Fjerstad, Principal
IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Spring has sprung in this month that we celebrate “Responsibility.” Wear your green on Wednesdays to show your support in our community wide Character Counts program. Spring also brings a very busy couple of months at Ignacio High School. Our spring sports are in full swing with track, girls’ soccer and baseball. Please check out the Ignacio School District website for specific days and times and come by and support our awesome student athletes.

April is the month where we test our students to see what they have learned in their years of schooling. This month our freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT or the SAT, Wednesday, April 13, and Juniors will take the Science CMAS Wednesday, April 20. Seniors will not be tested on the 13th and the 20th and are expected to come to school on these testing days.

Beginning in May, many of our students will participate in an AP (Advanced Placement) test as well. To help your high school student be successful on these tests make sure they get plenty of sleep the weeks and nights leading up to the test. Help them start their test day with a healthy protein filled breakfast the morning of the test. You may also help them study for these tests the weeks leading up to the actual test date. The day of the test the students will be awarded with off campus passes if they show up to the test on time and work hard during the testing time.

The end of the school year is fast approaching and that means graduation. Our hope is to have graduation with no Covid restrictions this year. The senior class has chosen to have their graduation ceremony outside on Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m. in the morning. Following graduation, we



courtesy Ignacio High School

Ignacio High School students in Ms. Leash’s class working on ribbon skirts and shirts.



Barb Fjerstad
Principal
Ignacio High School

will have the senior parade down Goddard Avenue. If you cannot make it to graduation, you can congratulate the seniors as they parade downtown immediately after graduation.

Baccalaureate will be in the evening prior to graduation (date pending). Dinner will be served and a presentation of the senior slide show and scholarship awards will occur during Baccalaureate. It is always a bittersweet time of the year

to say goodbye to our seniors, but it is also very exciting to see them growing and moving on.

Ignacio High School is offering summer school again this year to support students who have struggled in the last year or two. Summer school will start the week of May 31 and run through June 10, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each weekday. We will have at least four certified teachers on staff to help students complete credits for the 2022-2023 school year. During this time, we can also offer support for students who will be completing online credit recovery courses which may continue throughout the summer.

It has been a great school year and we are looking forward to next year with our new high school schedule, a new four-day school week calendar and a district wide strategic plan in place. Please feel free to come in to the high school and visit with us should you have any questions or concerns.

Celebrating the art of prose



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member and Ignacio Elementary School student Olyvia Watts waits to share her informational stories with family members and visitors to the First Grade Writing Ceremony, Thursday, March 31, at the Ignacio Elementary School Cafeteria.

First grade students had the opportunity to share their writing abilities with friends and families at the Writing Celebration event. Ammonie Johnson presents informational stories to his mother, Candi Johnson, Thursday, March 31.



Ed dept. hosts ‘Open House’



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle and Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly enjoy light refreshments on Wednesday, March 30, during the Open House at the Southern Ute Education Department for Native American high school students and their families. Attendees were entered in a drawing for numerous prizes, given a tour of the Department, and given a tutorial on how to navigate “Infinite Campus,” the application used to view the student’s progress in each class.

Farewell to White Thunder



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Education Department’s High School Teacher, Damon White Thunder receives a Pendleton blanket from Education Director, LaTitia Taylor on Friday, April 1 during a small going away party at the Southern Ute Education building. White Thunder has worked with the Education Department for three years and plans on attending Weber State University to complete a program in Radiology.

Southern Ute Education Department’s High School Teacher, Damon White Thunder stands with Higher Education Academic Advisor, Michael Kirsch and Education Department Director, LaTitia Taylor.



The Powerhouse Amplified: A Guitar Gala

Join us for “The Powerhouse Amplified: A Guitar Gala” on Saturday, April 30, 6 – 8 p.m. This fundraising event offers an exclusive preview of Medieval to Metal, a touring exhibition celebrating the guitar’s unique history and development, on display at The Powerhouse May 1. Enjoy food, drink, and a live musical performance from guitarist Tyler Simmons. Tickets are \$75 with sponsorship packages available.



Love and Logic®

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Facilitated by Andre Pierre & Bree Duran



- April 11, 5:30-7:30
- April 18, 5:30-7:30
- April 25, 5:30-7:30
- May 2, 5:30-7:30
- May 9, 5:30-7:30
- May 16, 5:30-7:30

Join us!

Join us for a FREE 6-week parenting skills class! Childcare & a light dinner will be provided at no charge. Please register in advance, space is limited!

Ignacio Elementary Library
395 Romero Ave.
Ignacio, CO 81137

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wduran@ignacioschools.org
(970) 563-0582

What is Love & Logic?

"Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children which allows adults to be happier, empowered, and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences."

Love & Logic skills are useful with children of all ages!



Gangstagrass brings it to KSUT



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The group known as Gangstagrass brought their unique flavor of hip-hop and bluegrass to the KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center performance studio, Friday, April 1. Gangstagrass combines the improvisational virtues of both hip-hop and bluegrass into energetic, genre-busting performances. “There are a lot more people out there with Jay-Z and Johnny Cash on their playlists than you think,” says Gangstagrass Mastermind Rench.

KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham interviewed Gangstagrass during their live in-studio performance, which was simulcast across both KSUT signals, KSUT Public Radio and KSUT Tribal Radio. Gangstagrass performed later that evening at the Animas Theater in Durango, Colo.



COLORADO TRAVEL

Camino del Rio improvements start back up after winter shutdown

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation, with Morton Electric, will begin work next week after a winter shutdown of the US 550 Camino del Rio improvement project in Durango. Work activity will include the mobilization of crews and equipment beginning Monday, April 4. Trench work will also require a lane closure at the 12th Street intersection and crosswalk near Durango Joe’s Coffee Shop.

Travel Impacts
Working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motorists should be aware of intermittent lane closures and lane shifts both northbound and southbound throughout the corridor and at 9th Street and 12th Street intersections. Pedestrians can expect sidewalk closures. Motorists are urged to obey speed reductions and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work zone. Access to all businesses will be maintained but may be temporarily altered. The project is expected to be completed by mid-July. The construction schedule is subject to change based on weather/unforeseen circumstances.



About the Project
This project will replace traffic signals, update curb ramps and install concrete medians on Camino del Rio (US Highway 550) near Town Plaza in Durango. Signal replacement locations are at two intersections on Camino del Rio at 9th Street and 12th Street. New curb ramps and the installation of concrete medians will be at various locations of Camino del Rio between 8th Street and 14th Street. The project will improve traffic flow, efficiency and safety for both pedestrians and vehicles at these intersections along Camino del Rio, a heavily used corridor by local residents and visitors to the area.

COLORADO YOUTH CAREER FAIR

NATIVE YOUTH FORUM

APRIL 19TH
6-7PM

YOUTHCAREERFAIR.ORG

Created by Kristina Maldonado Bad Hand

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

CTE Learning that works for Colorado

Colorado School Boards Association

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CYCF

Colorado Workforce Development Council
Colorado State Youth Council

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

Rolling Thunder Grill Entrance Now Open!

Temperature Check Required for Entry.

Sky Ute CASINO RESORT



Utes honor Vietnam veterans



Vietnam Veterans, Tim Watts and Pete Vigil had the honor of placing the ceremonial wreath – a formal presentation that coincides with the Southern Ute Veterans Day celebration in Veterans Memorial Park.

The Vietnam Veterans Day celebration was held at Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio, Tuesday, March 29. Hosted by the Southern Ute Veterans Association, the event brought veterans, families, and tribal dignitaries together for this day of recognition, remembrance. Howard Richards Sr. served as Master of Ceremonies, joined by Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Vietnam veterans, reflecting on their experiences in Vietnam, and the impact it has had on their lives and their generation.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Veteran Rod Grove shared his thoughts and memories as a combat veteran, and the impact that it has had on his life – both positive and negative. Grove served in the U.S. Army, 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam.



The National Anthem was performed by Marlena B. Valdez, the outdoor celebration was well attended by families and supporters.



Ute Mountain Ute Vietnam Veteran, Terry Knight, of Towaoc, Colo. sang both the Honor Song and the Flag Song as part of the recognition ceremony held in Ignacio. Knight served in the U.S. Air Force.



The Southern Ute Tribal Council attended the ceremony to pay their respects to the Ute veterans and thank them for their service overseas.



Randlett, Utah
May 5th - 8th
2022

Beardance Chiefs:
Skyler Lomahaftewa
Lloyd Arrive
Nelson Colorow
Henry Cesspooch

Sponsored by:
Ute Tribe, Finley Resources, Local families.

Ute Tribe, Beardance Chiefs not responsible for theft, injuries, accidents, and domestic violence.

May 5th Beardance starts at 3pm, ending in the evening.
May 6th Beardance starts at 11am ending in the evening.
May 7th Beardance starts at 11am ending in the evening.
May 8th Beardance starts at 11am ending in the evening.

Feast:
Sunday May 8th in the afternoon.



Veterans represent in Utah



photos Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association attend the Vietnam Veterans Day Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah, Friday, April 1 – Saturday, April 2. Color guards were posted by a combination of Southern Ute and Northern Ute all combat veterans as well as former Chairwoman Irene Cuch.

Veterans return to the Grand Valley upon invitation by the Cesar Chavez Committee on Saturday, March 26. Pictured is Vice Commander, Gordon Hammond and Joseph Howell.





Youth ballers return to the court!



Team Sinae-Vi picked up players for their match against Team Kuchu at the Sun Ute Community Center's gymnasium.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Children eagerly awaited the Youth Basketball season, kindergarten to fifth grade students participated in their respective age groups.

Despite being delayed due to the pandemic, Sun Ute Community Center's Youth Basketball programming was finally able to take place after two years. There were 16 totals teams, with games beginning Saturday, March 5 and ending on Saturday, April 2. The programming had suffered a short season due to the delay, yet the recreation department proudly advocated to host the youth basketball despite setbacks.



Passing the ball in, team Kuchu is ready to play offense and score.



Charles Alston prepares to pass the ball to teammates who are ready to play offense and attempt to score.

Tribal Forestry Wood Program Notice

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,
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.

2022 ROLLING THUNDER SHOOTOUT

7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS

APRIL 29TH AND 30TH IGNACIO, CO

ENTRY FEE: \$100

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place awards in each division

Boys contact:
Trae Seibel
(970) 764-8098

Girls contact:
Damon WhiteThunder
(970) 759-5963

2022 Easter Drive-thru Giveaway

Saturday, April 16th

10AM-2PM

or until supplies last

@ SunUte Park

SUPD and BGC of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe are teaming up this year to give out easter bags to youth in our community. We have a limited amount of pre-packaged bags that will be handed out on a first come first serve basis.

Come through with the kiddos or grab a bag for your kiddos at home!

Southern Ute Food Distribution

April 2022 Calendar of Events

Southern Ute Food Distribution
Manager, Edward Box III
Kela Hernandez,
Bradlin Goodtracks,
Calvin Levato

- April 7 – Closed Truck Delivery
- April 8 – Closed Elder/Disabled Delivery
- April 13 – Food Package, 1-4 p.m.
- April 29 – Closed Inventory Day

For info call Food Distribution at 970-563-2530.

Earth Day

April 22, 2022



Leaders meet with Haaland



photos courtesy Lorelei Cloud/SU Tribal Council

Tribal leadership from 14 tribes, including all three Ute Tribes, attended the Tribal Leader Forum. The group gathered to discuss tribal water rights along the Colorado River and the management of the river, Lake Powell, and Lake Mead. The lack of meaningful tribal consultation, both historically and present-day, remains a growing concern for Tribes.

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker and Council Members, Lorelei Cloud and Vanessa Torres participated at a Tribal Leaders Forum with Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland in Albuquerque, N.M., Monday, March 28.



Council meets with fire dept.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Board President, Wayne Brown addresses the Board's concern regarding growing costs of providing services and decrease in reserves, Wednesday, March 30. Tribal leadership acknowledged the benefit of local emergency services and faster response times, providing much needed expedited care and assistance in the community.

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Tribal broadband modernization project continues

Construction travel impacts to CR 517 and CR 518

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Bonfire Engineering continues construction on the tribal broadband project. The northeast route of fiber will begin at the intersection of CO Hwy 172 and CR 517 working northbound toward the intersection of CR 517 and CR 516. Construction will continue northbound on CR 516 to the intersection of Bayfield Parkway, and on to connect to CO Hwy 160.

There will also be an additional section along CR 518, starting at the Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant, working westbound to the intersection of CR 518 and CR 516.

Crews will complete trenching, boring, and plowing to lay broadband fiber. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder.

on the first section at the intersection of CO Hwy 172 and CR 517 working northbound to the intersection of CR 517 and CR 516. Crews will begin the second section at the Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant working westbound along CR 518 to the intersection of CR 516. Construction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway. Please see attached maps of both sections.

- **What:** The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding.
- **When:** Construction on both sections will begin on Tuesday, April 5, and conclude on Friday, April 29. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- **Where:** Crews will start
- **Travel Impact:** Traf-

fic lanes will be narrowed on CR 517 and CR 518. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the road. Please remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions and drive with extra caution. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact Southern Ute Police Department by dialing 9-1-1, or using the non-emergency line at 970-563-4401.

To find more information about the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, please visit the project website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/>

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update

ON APRIL 5TH, FIBER CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON CR 517 AND CR 518

bonfire engineering and construction

Vice Chair testifies on MMIR



Sunshine Whyte/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle bravely testified at to the State Senate Judiciary Committee in support of SB22-150, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. The bill passed the Senate and progressed on to the House for consideration, Thursday, March 24.



- ✓ 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

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

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

April 27, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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



FLC welcomes back dancers after hiatus



Men's Northern Traditional category contestants gather during their contest on Saturday, April 2.



Southern Ute tribal elder Marjorie Borst competes in the Women's Northern Traditional category on Saturday,



Men's Southern Straight dancers showcase their finest regalia and moves during their competition.



Traditional Dancer Bruce LeClaire enjoys intertribal dancing in between contests on Saturday, April 2



Southern Ute tribal member Malia White Thunder competed in the Junior Girls Traditional category at the Hozhoni Days Powwow.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Rusty Cozad of the Cozad drum group dances during the Gourd Dance segment of Hozhoni Days Powwow on Friday, April 1.

The Hozhoni Days Powwow hosted by Fort Lewis College has returned to Durango, Colo. this spring. This two-day powwow is held annually, but like many other events, it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hozhoni Days Powwow marks the beginning of the powwow season for many, and FLC's Whalen Gymnasium was filled with dancers, singers, and spectators over the weekend – running Friday, April 1 through Saturday, April 2.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Iron Colt Singers were selected to be the Head Northern Drum for Hozhoni Days Powwow.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Women's Southern Traditional dancer participates during the first session of Grand Entry in the Whalen Gymnasium.



Did you know?

Dog noses are at least 40 times more sensitive than human noses.



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

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

ATTENTION

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Water Users

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Bureau of Indian Affairs PRIIP office was not able to conduct fall and spring water users meeting. In an effort, to keep our customers informed. We are providing this Notice to provide information for the 2022 Irrigation Season.

PRIIP water will be turned on the week of April 11, 2022

Bills have been generated and mailed as of March 10, 2022. If there are any questions regarding bill issues, call 970-563-9484. Leave a clear message and a number to contact you back if no one is available to answer your call. The irrigation rate for this season is \$22.50 per acre. These rates are implemented for operation and maintenance for the program. The program functions on dollars generated through our billing collections. Water Request and Work Order Forms are available at our office, located at 811 CR 517, Bldg #151, 970-563-9484 or by calling the Southern Ute Tribal Water Resources 970-563-2930, with pickup at their offices located at 575 CR 517. **REMINDER:** BIA will be performing maintenance on irrigation ditches throughout the 2022 season. BIA is guaranteed legal rights-of-way for these purposes, and MUST have cooperation in accessing them. (25 CFR 171).



TERO Department

PO Box 737
71 Mike Frost Way
Ignacio, Co. 81137

Office: 970-563-0117 fax: 970-563-4824

Lawn Maintenance Program Guidelines

This program is to assist the Southern Ute Tribal Elders/handicap who reside on or within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and at their primary residence. The program assists with Spring/Fall Clean up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, small tree/shrub trimmings, raking, assisting with heavy lifting/removal of furniture and appliances and tilling of garden plots.

This program service is not available for secondary homes: ONLY for the primary home.

Lawn Maintenance: [April-mid Oct.]

- ❖ Mowing and trimming of lawns up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting of weeds up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting weeds around zircons, propane tanks, wood sheds, garages and other stationary buildings up to 50 feet, making a 15 feet wide path to home.
- ❖ Leaf rake, bagging and disposing of leaves within the 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Minor small tree/shrub trimming and pruning and disposing. **We do not cut down trees or remove trees, need to call a professional tree removal company.**
- ❖ Wood Chipping – Call Forestry for assistance 970-563-2910 (Marcella Gomez-Forestry Admin. Asst.) and/or 970-563-2911 (Brian Gideon-Forestry Division Head).

Garden Plot: [April-Sept.]

- ❖ Tilling of garden plots are 50x50 feet.
- ❖ If assistance is needed to place a barrier around, we can assist.
- ❖ We will not seed or cover seeds placed or weeding, raking and watering.

Snow Removal: [Nov.-Feb.]

- ❖ Shovel sidewalks and make walk ways to the propane tank, wood shed, garages and/or other buildings needing to get to 15-20 feet wide and garage entrance areas.
- ❖ The lawn service scheduled listing will be used daily for service.
- ❖ Roof raking will be provided as a safety precaution.
- ❖ Snow will be shoveled 15-20 feet from home after falling from the roof, as a safety precaution to the primary homeowner (elder/handicap). This safety precaution is so the snow don't pile up and accumulate icy walk ways or porch areas.
- ❖ Ice melt will be placed down after shoveling.

Other Services: [As Requested]

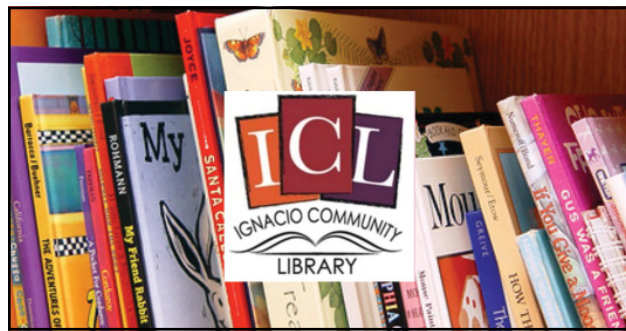
- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of furniture(s).
- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of outside fixtures.
- ❖ Assist with Fall/Spring cleanup. [Fall-Oct; Spring-April]
- ❖ With approval from TERO Supervisor on other requests, i.e. mowing empty dog pens; trash removal to dump; etc. on a case-by-case request and approval.

Effective 9/1/17

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library launches new digital format, Beanstack

By Ron Schermacher
IDEA LAB



Ignacio Community Library is always searching for methods and resources to keep our patrons engaged with reading and the many other activities and events that are offered. This April the Library is launching a new digital platform, called Beanstack, with the hope that you will find this a fun and easy way to do just that.

Beanstack is a web and mobile app used to track independent reading time, and help build a culture of reading in school and at home. Beanstack makes it easier to track your reading and participate in contests and library activities and additionally, for families to help kids track reading and keep kids motivated to read.

ICL runs many contests during the year and Beanstack will allow you to participate and register at your convenience, from the comfort of your home. Also, you

will now find yourself invited to participate in reading challenges, write reviews of books, share your activity with friends and, in so doing, be rewarded with digital badges and prizes. Additionally, the IDEA LAB plans to create challenges that will allow you to gain a variety of skills in self-guided activities with proof of accomplishment and rewards upon completion.

Now before you groan about being pushed onto yet another digital space, please realize that library staff will be available to help you register and understand how to use Beanstack. We hope that with a little practice, you will

find yourself reading more than ever before and using the library in ways you did not even know existed.

Please join the library on Thursday, May 5, for a Cinco de Mayo Party on the plaza starting at 5:30 pm. There will be music, demonstrations, food, and fun.

The staff at the library hopes you are enjoying the longer daylight hours and want to remind everyone that we are once again open seven days a week. Check our website for more information and to view our newsletter.

This month the library news is written by Ron Schermacher, the IDEA LAB Educator.

Southern Ute Tribal Members

With

Farm Assignments

So you have inherited or have been awarded a farm assignment... NOW WHAT?!!

Not Sure where to start? Don't have any equipment? Who is there to help?

"Is it just me asking these questions?"

Let's Talk About It

Marvin Pinnecoose is hosting a meeting to discuss farming!!!

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6-7pm

Multi-Purpose Facility – Large Gathering Room

Current Farmers are encouraged to come and share their knowledge and experience

New Farmers can ask the questions you been wondering

Interested **Tribal Departments** are also encouraged to come and provide information

Contact Marvin Pinnecoose to R.S.V.P.

Email: pinnecoose@aol.com / phone or text (702) 302-3972

"The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways"

John F Kennedy



Attention Allotment Land Owners

ALLOTMENT MEETING April 14, 2022 • 6 – 9 p.m.

At Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

Land & Water Probate Process (Informational Meeting)

Roberta Larbingo
BIA Deputy Superintendent
will be available to answer questions.

Info: Byron Frost, 970-946-4061

Photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley / SU Drum • Design: Robert L. Ortiz / SU Drum

2022 Annual Spring Clean-Up



Southern Ute Property and Facilities
Tyson Thompson, Director • 970-563-2945



APRIL 18 through APRIL 22 ONLY!
No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Tribal departments, Tribal members, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP**. No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Flagging will be available for you to mark your trash. Please call your responsible department to pick up flagging if needed.

If you have tires, only **4 tires per household** will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. No semi tires and no tires with wheels.

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders, if you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the **TERO Dept. at 970-563-2291**. TERO will also flag trash for pickup for all elderly and handicap.

All vehicle disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call Environmental Programs at 970-563-0135. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

Large site or dangerous HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the homeowner's expense.

- **Motor Pool:** 970-563-0280 – Tribal member homes West of the Pine River except those listed below.
- **Building Maintenance:** 970-563-0265 – Tribal Depts., Tribal member homes on CR 314, CR 315, CR 316, and CR 311. **ALL VEHICLES.**
- **Grounds Maintenance:** 970-563-0272 – Tribal Depts., Tribal member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.
- **Construction Services:** 970-563-0260 – Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal member homes East of the Pine River.
- **Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority:** 970-563-4575 – Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority renters and Senior Center occupants are to contact the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority.



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

US 160 wildlife crossings project resumes in April

Big game already captured on trail cams

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Beginning next week, the Colorado Department of Transportation and prime contractor, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Co., will resume construction of wildlife infrastructure on US Highway 160 and Colorado Highway 151 near Chimney Rock National Monument and Lake Capote. Efforts to construct two wildlife crossings (underpass and overpass) began last March, spanning a stretch of highway within a critical migratory corridor for both mule deer and elk – approximately 13 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 37 miles east of Durango.

Through the end of June and into the first part of July (weather and availability of materials permitting), crews will focus on the wildlife overpass. The overpass pre-cast concrete forms were set over the highway this past fall. Work to complete the structure includes building concrete sidewalls, backfilling the sidewalls and slopes for animal access and seeding the natural landscaping on the bridge.

Wildlife such as mule deer, elk and small mammals have begun to use the completed wildlife underpass. Deer fencing and guards have also aided in animal safety. With



courtesy SU Wildlife

Mule deer utilizing the underpass were photographed utilizing Southern Ute Wildlife trail cameras.

the completion of the overpass, and as migration herds become more accustomed with the new crossings, the number of successful movements by animals will increase and thereby decrease wildlife-vehicle collisions in the area.

“Wildlife-vehicle collisions make up more than 60 percent of crashes in this area. This \$11.3 dollar project is expected to reduce those collisions by at least 80 percent,” said CODT Regional Transportation Director Julie Constan. “And we are already seeing benefits. Our project and environmental teams are very excited to discover that trail cameras have captured small animals and big game, including deer and elk, using the underpass structure completed last fall.”

All aspects of the wildlife underpass were completed

before the winter break. Additionally, an eight-foot-tall exclusion fence was installed on both sides of the highway. At the intersection of CO 151, a deer guard was placed and turn lanes were improved. Also, within the construction zone, the road was widened to extend passing lanes and US 160 was repaved.

Travel Impacts

Daytime work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Fifteen-minute delays are expected. Speeds will be reduced to 30 mph in the work zone. Please keep speeds down for the safety of everyone. Shoulder and single lane closures are anticipated throughout the duration of the project. For real-time impacts on this project and others across the state, please visit <http://www.cotrip.org>.

Gallegos recognized for service



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A certificate of recognition was awarded to Southern Ute Police Department Communications Officer, Dolores Gallegos on Friday, March 18, in appreciation for 15 years of dedicated service to SUPD. The certificate was signed by SUPD Chief of Police, Ray Coriz Jr. and Acting Communications Manager, Amelia Aguilar. Also pictured is SUPD Police Lieutenant Juan Martinez (far right), Gallegos works as a Dispatcher for SUPD.

ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY APRIL SIP, CHAT & CHEW DINNER

**Friday April 15, 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

This month's dinner is sponsored by the "Sewing Room Ladies" Side dishes and door prize donations are welcome & appreciated



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



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**Tuesday & Thursday April 19 & 21, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

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Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Easter Craft Day



Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

**Monday April 11, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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CORONAVIRUS

Community vaccine clinics scheduled through April 30

Second booster shot available to eligible populations

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Adults aged 50 & older, immunocompromised individuals eligible for second Pfizer or Moderna boosters available at community clinics in La Plata, Archuleta counties

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) this week announced updated guidance on COVID-19 booster shots, recommending additional vaccine boosters for eligible individuals. Vaccine providers in Colorado are authorized to administer the additional doses now.

Under the new guidance, adults aged 50 and over and immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and over are eligible for a sec-

ond COVID-19 booster at least four months following their last booster shot. Only Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are authorized for second booster doses and either option can be used, regardless of whether an individual received Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson for their initial doses.

These additional shots are widely available, including at community clinics in La Plata and Archuleta counties currently scheduled through April 30, as well as through other providers such as pharmacies and physicians. For a complete list of clinics and providers and the latest guidance, please visit the SJBPH website or contact our office at 970-247-5702.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective in protecting individuals from severe illness, hospitalization and death from the virus. Because immunity can diminish over time, additional booster shots increase protection against COVID-19. The CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older receive at least two doses of the vaccine. Individuals ages 12 and older should receive at least three doses. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free. No insurance or ID is required to receive the vaccine.

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

HIGHER EDUCATION

Bennet applauds President Biden's decision to extend pause on student loan repayment

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet released the following statement after President Joe Biden announced his decision to extend the pause on student loan repayment through August 2022; this comes weeks after Bennet called on the President to extend the pause and work with leaders of both parties to address the student loan debt crisis

"I'm pleased that President Biden has extended the pause on student loan repayment until August. I called on the president to take this step last month as Coloradans face higher costs. I look forward to working with the president and leaders on both sides of the aisle to develop long-term solutions to address the root causes of America's problem with student loan debt and help student loan borrowers."

Last month, Bennet urged President Biden to extend the pause on student loan repayment, interest, and collections as the U.S. economy continues to recover from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandem-

ic. He also asked the president to work with leaders of both parties to develop long-term solutions to the U.S. student loan debt crisis.

"The extension will serve two purposes. First, it will ensure a smooth return to repayment and give student loan borrowers additional time to recover from the economic downturn that the pandemic caused. It will also help borrowers who are struggling with inflation and higher costs associated with postsecondary education, including the cost of childcare for student parents," wrote Bennet. "Second, it will offer time for the Administration to work with leaders in both parties to seek long-term solutions to the root causes of the student debt problem in the United States. As you know, student loan borrowers, especially borrowers of color and first-generation borrowers, are experiencing an unmanageable burden of student loan debt, and historically rapid increases in college tuition."

According to the Department of Education, about 773,000 Coloradans owe approximately \$28.5 billion in federal student loans. Na-

tionwide, the pause on student loan payments has helped 41 million borrowers save \$5 billion per month. But as college tuition continues to rise at historic rates, Bennet is urging the president to do more to ease the financial burden many borrowers experience, especially borrowers of color and first-generation borrowers.

"To this end, the Administration should consider additional proposals to deliver relief to borrowers seeking college degrees and skills training," Bennett emphasized. "This could include permanently making most federal student loans interest-free. It could also include making incentives to save for postsecondary education universally available and more flexible and considering federal seed money or a match for low-income students so they can build accounts that pay college costs, instead of relying heavily on student loans. We should also explore increasing incentives to employers to help pay tuition for workers. Finally, we should continue to work together to increase the maximum Pell Grant award."

March testing a success



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Fabian Martinez receives a COVID-19 test during the mandatory Drive-Thru Viral Testing Event, Monday, March 28, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. Viral testing was made available for Southern Ute tribal members and community members during this two-day outdoor event.

Sky Ute Casino Resort employees as well as Southern Ute tribal employees were in attendance at the Drive-Thru Viral Testing Event Monday, March 28 — Tuesday, March 29, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. Employees were able to walk over to the site for testing — making it convenient for Casino employees.



SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTS: FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP



DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER SUFFERING FROM ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE?

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of April 6, 2022)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

819 Positives
21,467 Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

340 Positives
4 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


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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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"HELLO, COME IN"

COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA K. BAKER

Tribal Public Health Orders have been lifted & Tribal offices are FULLY OPEN!

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.



BOBCATS BASEBALL

Bobcats split home pair with ... Bobcats

IHS wins by, loses by seven against CC

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Custer County pitcher Garrett Oloman's increased velocity throughout the second game of an April 2 doubleheader certainly made it much more difficult for the Ignacio Bobcats to match their offensive output from earlier in the day.

But despite being held to one-twelfth of their Game 1 run total, seeing his Game 1 winning pitcher break up Oloman's potential no-hitter with a fourth-inning single, then the 'Cats spoil the junior's shutout in sequential style – a fifth-inning Zane Olguin double followed by pinch-hitter Nate Hendren's RBI-triple two batters later – left head coach Duke Baker all the more confident in his crew's development.

"We're young, but we have great athletes all around," he said. "Got some kids who haven't seen a baseball in seven years, and ... we're trying to coach 'em up to be the best athletes they can be. They're listening and that's all I ask as a coach."

"That first game, we came out energized – just like how I wanted them to come out. Then the second game, you know, we kind of came lackadaisical here and there, but that's just the way it is with these double-headers, you know?"

And despite being dealt a seven-run (8-1) loss in Game 2 by the like-named Bobcats, spirits in IHS' dugout were still high as a seven-run (12-5) Game 1 triumph went down as Baker's first win as varsity boss, and IHS' first in the 2022 season.

CCHS managed to take a 2-0 first-inning lead via two Ignacio fielding errors sandwiching a Ben Penkoff double off Eppie Quintana, but IHS quickly capitalized on hurler A.J. Stoltzfus' inaccuracy – plus two Penkoff throwing errors on steals of third base – scoring three runs while logging just one hit.

Back-to-back doubles by Devante Montoya (2-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Westcliffe-based Custer County third baseman Zach Fischer (11) looking on, Ignacio's Nate Hendren (6) celebrates his pinch-hit RBI-triple during Game 2 of the Bobcats' April 2 home doubleheader. Hendren's hit brought in IHS' only run in the contest.

3, BB, 2 R, RBI) and Jacob Gallegos (1-2, 2 HBP, 3 R, RBI) triggered a four-run second inning, with all four coming after both designated hitter Wade Dunbar and rightfielder Elliot Hendren struck out getting it started. Down 7-2, Custer County managed to manufacture three error-aided, unearned runs in the top of the third before Quintana got Stoltzfus to bounce back to the mound with bases still loaded.

Dunbar (1-3, R) then greeted Stoltzfus in the home half of the frame with a double and reached third when Elliot Hendren grounded out to the right side of the infield. Montoya then legged out an infield single, plating Dunbar, and after Gallegos was hit by a pitch, Quintana (2-4, FC, 3 R, 3 RBI) scored Montoya and Gallegos with a single to left – ending Stoltzfus' day on the bump.

Phillip Quintana (1-3, HBP, 3 R) then welcomed reliever Jack Dougherty with an RBI-single to left and would soon come home from third base when Dougherty (3.2 IP, 2 H, ER, BB, 2 K) balked to Jace Carmenoros.

"We had a couple errors that first inning, but we came back from them and picked it up, played good throughout the whole game," beamed Baker. "Hits were there, our defense was there and Eppie pitched phenomenally."

Completing his start, Quintana protected IHS' 12-5 advantage by allow-

ing just three CC 'Cats to reach base – via a fourth inning walk to Penkoff, a sixth-inning Chad Lewis single up the middle, and a seventh inning Penkoff single to right – the rest of the way. And after getting Wes Jones to ground into a Gallegos-to-Rylan Maez 6-3 double play rolling up Penkoff, Quintana (7 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 4 K) put the game in the history book by striking out six-hole hitter Ty Bomgardner.

Batting sixth in Baker's order, Maez went 3-for-4 with a double in the victory. Penkoff ended up 2-2 with two walks and as many runs scored, Zach Fischer was 2-3 with an RBI, and Oloman reached twice via error and scored twice despite going 0-4. Stoltzfus (L; 2.1 IP, 7 H, 11 R, 4 ER, BB, 3 HB, 3 K) went 0-3 and Doughty 0-1.

Given the ball to begin Game 2, Montoya (2 IP, 2 H, 2 ER, 4 BB, HB, 2 K) would take the loss and technically reached base only in the bottom of the seventh inning, when he hit a game-ending fielder's-choice grounder to shortstop Aiden Zehr, who stepped on second base to retire Marcus Maez.

Phillip Quintana (3 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, K) and Gallegos (2 IP, H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 K) also saw time on the hill for Ignacio, which ended the day standing 1-4 overall while Oloman (W; CG, 7 IP, 4 H, ER, 3 BB, 9 K) and CCHS improved to 2-2.

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BOBCATS GIRLS SOCCER

Lady 'Cats hopefully turning a corner

Soccer's promise shows against Pagosa, CB

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Discounting a 10-nil loss on March 19 in Telluride due to the fact she lacked multiple players, making a mercy-rule defeat all the more inevitable, head coach Alisha Gullion with little hesitation implied Ignacio's 8-0 home loss Saturday, April 2, to Crested Butte was probably the team's forgettable outing to date.

However, in attempting to build upon a quality 2-1 overtime loss to 3A Pagosa Springs earlier in the week, the fact that the Lady 'Cats actually had a goal disallowed against the Lady Titans – at the time No. 6 in the week-starting CHSAA Now.com Class 2A rankings released 3/28, the day before PSHS' visit – couldn't conceal the skipper's smile.

"Going toe-to-toe with Crested Butte was exciting to watch. Before, I'd told them, like, 'We just need to survive,' 'Keep your head up if they score,' 'We're just going to make it through this game,'" Gullion said. "Now I've gotten to the point where I'm like, 'Go out there and score!' now that we've got defense down."

"I'd told them, 'We can't just have one girl up there trying to score; you all need to get up there.' And they all got up there, they were all shoot-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Anaya Lucero (5) beats Pagosa Springs' Shealyn Firestone to a ball near the sideline during non-league action Tues., March 29, at IHS Field.

ing – I didn't see who got a foot on it," she continued, recalling the moment where Ignacio very nearly denied CBCS a shutout. "It was towards the end of the first half, I believe, and when it came across one of the girls accidentally hit it – kind of, like, chopped at it – and it came down and another girl shot

and scored. Then they called a handball."

Senior Maddie Bogard, meanwhile, successfully netted three goals for Crested Butte (2-4, 1-1 2A Southwestern) against IHS' Trinity Strohl, the third Lady 'Cat utilized this spring as a keep-

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points) in the girls' standings, helped by Pontine's winning 101'5" discus throw and deKay's winning 15:51.48 in the 3,200 meters. Barnes actually tied for third in the 400 meters with a 1:08.14 and earned fourth-place points in the 800 with a 2:50.95.

The Bobcat boys, meanwhile, finished 12th with 16 points, most coming via senior Jeremy Roderick's fifth-place 40'1.25" in the shot put, sophomore Camron Cooper's fifth-place 17'11" long jump and freshman Kendrick Nossaman's fifth-place 35'1" triple jump. Roderick also placed sixth in the discus (95'3") and Cooper eighth in the 1,600 (5:35.80).

PSHS won the girls' title 119.5-77 over Blanding, Utah, San Juan, but SJHS earned the boys' 93.5-89.5 over Pagosa.

Additionally at the PRI, Barnes and deKay scored well for the Lady 'Cats in the pole vault, with the former placing fourth (7'0") and the latter sixth (6'0"). Pontine's 86'11" in the discus wasn't

close to her Blue Jay Invite maximum, but still ranked fourth while her 28'5" in the shot was good for sixth.

Roderick finished fourth in the boys' shot (38'5") and senior Tyler Barnes was fifth in the 400 (58.93) plus sixth in the pole vault (8'6"). Nossaman placed seventh in the triple jump (29'11") and Cooper likewise in the 800 (2:28.52), while sophomore Kyle Rima and Roderick went 8-9 in the discus, winging bests of 95'8" and 91'4".

Top-ten results in Bayfield also came from Riepel in the 100 (eighth, 12.55) and 200 (eighth, 26.37), plus Nossaman in the 400 (eighth, 1:01.93), Cooper in the 1,600 (ninth, with a MHS-identical 5:35.80) and Riepel in the long jump (16'7"). On the girls' side, deKay was top-ten in the 1,600 (ninth, 7:28.60).

In Mancos, Riepel took tenth in the long jump (16'7.75") and was 11th in the 200 (25.98). Freshman Ada-Rene Cruz finished just outside the top-ten in Bayfield with her 11th-place

4:32.35 and was also 13th in both the 400 (1:39.70) and long jump (7'0.25"). At MHS, Pontine placed 13th in the shot (24'8").

Up next, Ignacio will host the 2022 Abel Velasquez Invitational on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9 a.m.

SIMPLY SHATTERING

The boys' 1,600-meter run at the Pine River Invitational was one to remember, as Durango seniors Damian Frausto and Land Lambert not only finished 1-2 (DHS actually placed 1-2-3-4-5 in the event), but both came in under former Center senior Daniel Villagomez's 2005 stadium-record time of 4 minutes, 35.17 seconds.

Frausto clocked a crushing 4:27.59, while Lambert crossed in 4:34.72.

Villagomez would go on to win the 2005 CHSAA Class 2A State Championship in Pueblo with a 4:48.78 inside Dutch Clark Stadium. He'd also win the 800 in 1:59.89, and take second in the 3,200 with a 10:25.46.

Nanaeto named All-Stater



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen establishing rebounding position against Peyton's Jaycee Yonkers (5) during 2A-Region VIII action at PHS, Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto (35) earned post-season props recently, as she was one of 15 Class 2A seniors chosen for the 2022 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games. Held Sunday, March 27, in Aurora at Grandview High School (the Lady Wolves won this season's 5A State Championship), the 2A feature was the second of five contests played, with Nanaeto and 2A-Blue defeating 2A-Red 48-42 after leading 20-17 at halftime. Nanaeto's fellow Blues – coached by Cedaredge's Russell Coleman and Kevin Dunbar – included Sargent's Gabby Jones and Mary Willis, Rye's Sydney and Sophie Adamson, Holyoke's Lauren Herman (who helped the Lady Dragons go 25-1 and win the 2A title), Cedaredge's Paige McGovern and Meeker's Sarah Kracht.

52nd Annual Los Piños Spring Classic

May 28th & 29th

Open Men's, Women's & Coed Softball Tournament

Teams will hit their own softballs Classic M and Classic W

Only USSSA Thumbprint bats allowed

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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 10th, 2022. All applications received after April 10th, 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.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Feather Astor

Job title: Legal Assistant/ Paralegal

Description of duties: Assist the Tribal Attorney's in the Legal Department.

Hobbies: Sewing, learning, adventure.

Family: One son.

Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute/Apache

Comment: Feather Astor was born a member of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe and from the time she could walk she had a thirst for learning and adventure. Throughout her life she has experienced adversity, discrimination, and trauma but through her experiences she has become a survivor and a thriver. Astor worked as a Wild Land Fire Fighter, a job that few women have worked in, harvested salmon with the indigenous people of Alaska, volunteered for domestic violence victims and helping them within the legal arena. She has more degrees than you can count, all in different fields. Astor worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for over 14 years as an Asset Forfeiture Paralegal and Subject Matter Expert, she helped in seizing millions of dollars that would be used to pay back victims. Astor began working on her bachelor's degree in finance and decided to spread her wings while also returning to her roots; she left the U.S. Department of Justice and returned home. Astor connects with her elders by practicing beading and sewing in her free time, she also enjoys connecting with nature and loves being in Colorado again where the land is so beautiful. Astor is proud to be working for the Southern Ute Tribe as a paralegal and is looking forward to learning more about the culture, laws, land, and herself.



In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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LEGAL NOTICE

To John Francis
In the Case of, AT, 21-DN-146

Take notice that the SUIT Division of Social Services has filed a Child in Need of Supervision Petition, naming you as a respondent parent, in the case of *In the Interest of AT, 21 DN 146* (SUIT Tribal Court). Your son, AT, was found to be a Child in Need of Supervision on November 17, 2021. You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **May 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240, for the purpose of reviewing the status of the child. You will be advised of your rights as a parent should you attend. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2022

Gayle Dixon
Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services
P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, 806-787-8761

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2022-0014-CV-PR
Nicholas Kyle Herrera, 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 **MAY 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 5th of April, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Mildred Whyte, Deceased
Case No.: 2022-0025-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MAY 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 9th of March, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0176-CV-PR
Gerald Buck 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 **MAY 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 10th of March, 2022.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Maykh Núuchiu,
Native Love is a new 501c3 Non-Profit Organization. We are here to serve all Native peoples with in the Four Corners area and collaborate with others throughout Indian Country. Our mission is to empower Native youth by providing culturally responsive programming. Native Love seeks to preserve culture through providing services to Indigenous people and youth by supporting culturally sustaining practices in the Four Corners region.

Native Love is open to adult indigenous collaborations of any tribal lineage and

Southern Ute tribal members and decedents. Native Love was founded by Daisy Bluestar, O'olcu Buckskin, Neida Chakee, Cynthia Buckskin, and Ceriss Blackwood, as a supportive solution to our community.

We support projects and events including but not limited to, Awareness, Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group, Daughters of the Red Road, The Children's Powwow, Ute Style Round Dance, Innovative Action for Indigenous Relatives #MMIR, Walk/Run events, Run Against Drugs, and other culturally active projects related to Indigenous people.

Please look up our website at NativeLove.One and feel free to attend our upcoming programs. We would love to hear from the people, youth, and elders, on events. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

For information you can email Native.Love.501c3@gmail.com. Contact phone: 970-553-0662

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

I would like to wish Nathan Larems Maez JR a late happy 14th birthday! Son, I love you and miss you so much I cannot explain the joy you gave me, give me I will always continue as my son. Happy Birthday young man I love you!

Love,
Mom Katrina Baker

To My King, my husband, my best friend Sweetie, I love you with all my heart Honnies I am thankful creator ha blessed me with you as my partner in this life. Thank you for everything Babe. Happy Birthday Papa Nuchu. We miss you love so much!

Love always your wife
and boys!
You go, I go babe 8691



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Emerging Contaminants Assessment

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct emerging contaminants analyses for a study of accumulation within the Animas River. The project area includes four sampling sites along the Animas River within the Tribe’s boundaries. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Taryn Chaya, Animas River/WIIN Coordinator. PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: tchaya@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through April 29, 2022. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

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, Colo. 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 Dept. 116 Capote Dr. in Ignacio, Colo. Mail Delivery, to: Southern Ute Tribal Services Dept. 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.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE
Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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| • Distribution, Fri., May 2 | NOON, Tues., May 24, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Fri., July 29 | NOON, Tues., July 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Fri., Sept. 30 | NOON, Fri., Sept. 23, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Fri., Oct. 28 | NOON, Tues., Oct. 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Thurs., Nov. 10 | NOON, Mon., Nov. 7, 2022 (CHANGED DATE) |
| • Distribution, Wed., Nov. 23 | NOON, Fri., Nov. 18, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Thurs., Dec. 8 | NOON, Mon., Dec. 5, 2022 |

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

SO. UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

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

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 or 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

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

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact 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?

TERO COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. TRIBAL MEMBER AT-LARGE: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division 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

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

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)

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!
KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member
to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors



- 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 • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Detention Officer

Closes 4/15/22 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Distance Learning Specialist Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 4/13/22 – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member under the supervision of the Director of Education. Length of trainee program is approximately two years with bi-annual evaluations based upon performance. The beginning wage is 20% below a grade E11 / \$41,456.65/annually. Upon the completion of the program, incumbent will work in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications, educational resource information, and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assists the Academic Advisor in supporting associate degree students.

NAGPRA Coordinator Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 4/15/22 – 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. 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 for a 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 female is needed to fill the Trainee position.

Peer Recovery Coach

Closes 4/12/22 – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. Goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N6; Starts at \$13.47/hour.

Receptionist (Part-time)

Closes 4/14/22 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour.

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.

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.

Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour.

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; 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. Will 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.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade 14; \$26.21/hour.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker 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 Division 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.

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 – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. 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.

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.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

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

***Beverage and Cocktail Server**

Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 lbs. regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. Will maintain the highest level or guest service.

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

Event Staff (Full-time and On-call)

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the 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 include but is not limited to: 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.

Laundry Attendant (Full-time)

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

***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. 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.

***Property Shift Manager (Full-time)**

Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors that appropriate actions are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

***Security Officer (Full-time)**

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

***Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)**

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

***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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. 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. 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 inter-

ests, 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). Responsible for 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.”

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Open Until Filled – 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.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
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Director of Operations – AKA Energy, LLC (Durango, CO)

Closing 4/15/22 – Providing operations and project management support related to the planning, design, cost estimating, detailed scheduling, AFE development, procurement specifications, and construction handover packages of new facilities. Assisting in development of Energy Transition projects, including power generation and carbon capture, from front-end and detailed design through construction, commissioning, and operation.

Investment Analyst – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/20/22 – Supporting investment analysis and investment monitoring tasks.

Senior Business Developer Engineer – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 4/15/22 – Providing senior business development, technical, and commercial support for the Engineering and Business Development team related to development of core business, energy transition and emerging market infra-

structure projects. Supports the planning, design, and construction of new facilities, the optimization of existing facilities, and all commercial business operations for both companies. Works closely with EHS, Engineering and Construction, and Operations teams to ensure development of new and optimization of existing facilities are safe, efficient, reliable, and in regulatory compliance. Works closely with the Operations staff to identify, evaluate, and negotiate new business opportunities.

Senior Petroleum Engineer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/15/22 – Requires advanced application of Petroleum Engineering skills principally in the areas of drilling, completion, and production of wells. As a member of a multi-discipline team, has broad responsibilities associated with optimizing field development and depletion. Responsible for conducting project evaluations and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting, approvals, and post-appraisals, and mentoring. May function in a team lead capacity and may have supervision responsibilities.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

Closing 4/27/22 – 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.

PeopleSoft FSCM Developer I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/28/22 – Entry level development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide technical support and consultation. Junior position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain

applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/28/22 – 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.

Public Comment Period
Remediation of the Virbeth No. 1 Well Pad

The Brownfields Program of the Tribe's Environmental Programs Division is providing a public comment period concerning the site cleanup of the abandoned Virbeth No. 1 well pad. The property is in the remote southwestern portion of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The legal description of the subject property is NE/NE of Section 22 of T32N and R11W. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted in July 2021 and discovered the presence of unabated petroleum hydrocarbon contamination and other contaminants of concern in near-surface soils that was a result of past oil & gas activities. The cleanup plan involves excavating petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils, soil amendment, and surface stabilization/restoration. The goal of this project is to remove the contaminants of concern that currently pose a threat to human health, livestock, wildlife, and the environment, and return the property to usable livestock rangeland without environmental impacts. For all interested tribal members and community, a commenting period on the Remediation of the Virbeth No. 1 Well will be begin on March 21, 2022, and will end at the close of business on April 10, 2022. To submit request for the cleanup plan and the ESA or to provide written comments, please contact the Brownfields Program at the addresses below. You can submit your requests/comments by one of the following methods: E-mail: slebeau@southernute-nsn.gov (preferred method). Mail: Brownfields Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137.



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FLY FISHING

Spring cleaning

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spring cleaning provides different tasks to many people. It can be raking the flower beds for new plantings. Maybe it is opening all the windows and giving the house an airing out. The list can be endless. For those of us that fly fish, the spring-cleaning list can also be long. From cleaning boots and waders to rods and reels, to fishing pants and shirts, they all need attention. The list can get long.

I think the most overlooked item in a fly fisher’s garage of equipment is the vest. It’s like wearing a personal file cabinet. Regardless of the style of vest, it has pockets, similar to drawers. And these pockets hold and store all the needed items at the ready in an organized manner. However, sometimes those of us that can’t remember what we had for dinner last night, will from time-to-time, forget where we put all the needed items to be successful on the river.

The best way to put your vest through a spring cleaning is to place it on the garage floor. Have a trash can close by and don’t be concerned about getting some additional dirt on the vest. Now, put your hand in each and every pocket and take out everything you find. Put each item next to the vest. To be thorough, do it again. If



you’ve never spring cleaned your vest, you’ll be amazed at the number of items that hide in the tiniest places. I use a traditional vest and find the back storage pockets to be the biggest supplier of items no longer needed. The most common items, for me, to come out of the back pockets are old lunches. Not an entire meal, but part of a sandwich I was going to eat later but forgot. Half a cheese sandwich, with mayo, on white bread, takes on a color not listed on any color chart.

With everything out of your vest, and in plain sight, pick every item up, one at a time and identify it. If you can’t identify it put it in the trash can. Now, go after the trash you can identify. For me, that trash is usually old cigar butts I forgot to field strip, or their wrappers. I’ve also found old lighters and empty match boxes. You might find old leaders and tippets. All of this goes the way of the old sandwich.

Once the obvious trash is thrown out, take a close look at everything else. The key here is to ask yourself, “When was the last time I used this item? If you can’t remember, think about the trash can. This is a good time to count your fly boxes. Are more than two boxes really needed? If not put the extra box some place safe. You never know when you’ll lose a fly box. With your now reduced pile of gear on the floor around you there is a big question looming. Should I wash my vest? I once had a fishing partner comment that he thought I had on the filthiest vest he had ever seen. I asked SWMBO what she thought, and my vest was soon washed.

Now comes the fun part. Your vest is clean, you have a stack of gear to stow, how should it be organized? As I mentioned, your vest is like a filing cabinet. Only you know where everything was, and if there is going to be any reorganizing. I’m not much on reorganizing because I have my own system and it’s nice to be able to find what I need with an automatic reach. In fact, if someone wanted to play a practical joke on me, reorganizing my vest would be a good one. I’d never be able to find anything.

Go into the summer with your vest clean and organized. It can make the art of fly fishing easier.

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er. But with a reported 19 saves, including a couple during the closing minutes saving Ignacio (1-4, 1-3) from a mercy-rule fate, Gullion seemed convinced of the junior’s capability.

“She did play the whole game, and she did amazing. A couple quick ones got by in the beginning of the first half, but by the end you could see that confidence going way up; she had a good time back there,” Gullion said. “She was little nervous at first, obviously; it was her very first game, and she’d had two practices. But we’ve decided that Trinity is our number-one, and [Alexis] Ortiz will be our backup.”

Sophomore Leigh Harpel scored two goals, and the Lady Titans got one apiece from senior Campbell Ryan, sophomore Nicola Roberts and junior reserve Morgan Feltus while junior Mara Pennie, credited with six saves, kept a clean sheet in net.

Beaten by a 47th-minute penalty kick taken by Ignacio’s Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, PSHS standout Trista Tully couldn’t

claim the same during the 3/29 thriller, in which neither the Lady ‘Cats nor Lady Pirates scored before intermission, and in which the guests wouldn’t equalize until the 72nd when Springs’ Nika Hinger shot a Kori Lucero assist through traffic and past Ortiz.

Undaunted, Ortiz made a crucial save in the 74th, stopping Lauren Monterroso on a breakaway started by a booming Tully free kick. IHS’ Laci Brunson and Harmony Reynolds each had chances to win the match in regulation, but each pushed her shot wide and out of bounds.

Officials and coaches then had to confer regarding overtime procedures for a regular-season, non-league match because, frankly, probably nobody would have expected a match between IHS and PSHS to actually require OT. The contest would nearly require a second ten-minute bonus session, but Monterroso managed to put a 90th-minute shot low and right of Ortiz, off the keeper’s hands and just over the goal line

at the post. “I mean, I don’t remember the last time we had the ball on Pagosa’s side constantly. We were getting shots on goal that entire time – I don’t remember that ever happening,” Gullion emphasized. “I’m hoping they’re starting to realize they’re competitors! We are competitors now; every game ... I’m like ‘Get out there and come out on fire! Show them we can contend.’”

Up next, Ignacio will journey north to Ridgway on Saturday, April 9 (the match had been set for the 23rd), for a 12 p.m. kickoff. Results from the Lady Bobcats’ 4/5 home match versus 3A Montezuma-Cortez were unavailable at press time.

EXTRA ALTERATIONS

A mid-March add to the team’s 2022 schedule, Ignacio’s slated road match Saturday, April 30, at Pagosa Springs has been re-listed for 6 p.m., rather than the original 11 a.m. start. IHS’ postponed 3/12 home match versus 3A Bayfield has been re-listed for Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m.

BOBCAT ACTION

Look for additional Ignacio Bobcat action on The Southern Ute Drum’s website at www.sudrum.com

BOBCATS SPLIT HOME PAIR • FROM PAGE 15

Olguin and each Quintana ended up 1-for-3 in defeat, while Nate Hendren went 1-2 and Rylan Maez 0-1 with two walks. Hitting ninth for head coach Steve Schultz, Joey Vergilio went 3-4 with three RBI and Oloman 1-3 with a sacrifice fly, walk, run and RBI. Bomgardner and Stoltzfus each scored twice while going 1-for-3 (Bomgardner would also reach base via walk and Stoltzfus via hit-by-pitch), and Jones was 1-3 with a walk, run and RBI but did hit into a fifth-inning 4-6-3 DP.

“Errors were something I wanted to cut out, and we did a great job. Our defense was on point – Jake made a couple huge plays in the infield – and our outfield was on point ... let nothing by,” said Baker. “Pitching, we’re hit-or-miss with a couple guys, but I’ve got all confidence that they’re going to step up these next couple games. We’ll be just fine.”

Up next, Ignacio will visit Monte Vista on the 16th for two games, with action commencing at 11 a.m. Results from a home date with Del Norte – originally set

for Saturday, April 9, but rescheduled to Thursday, April 7 – were unavailable at press time.

EXTRA ALTERATIONS

Scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, IHS’ 2A/1A San Juan Basin League doubleheader at Dove Creek will now begin at 3 p.m. Also, the two-fer Saturday, April 23, versus 2A Fairplay South Park has been scrubbed, with the non-league Burros instead visiting 2A Denver Academy that day for a non-league pair.

AQP 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/

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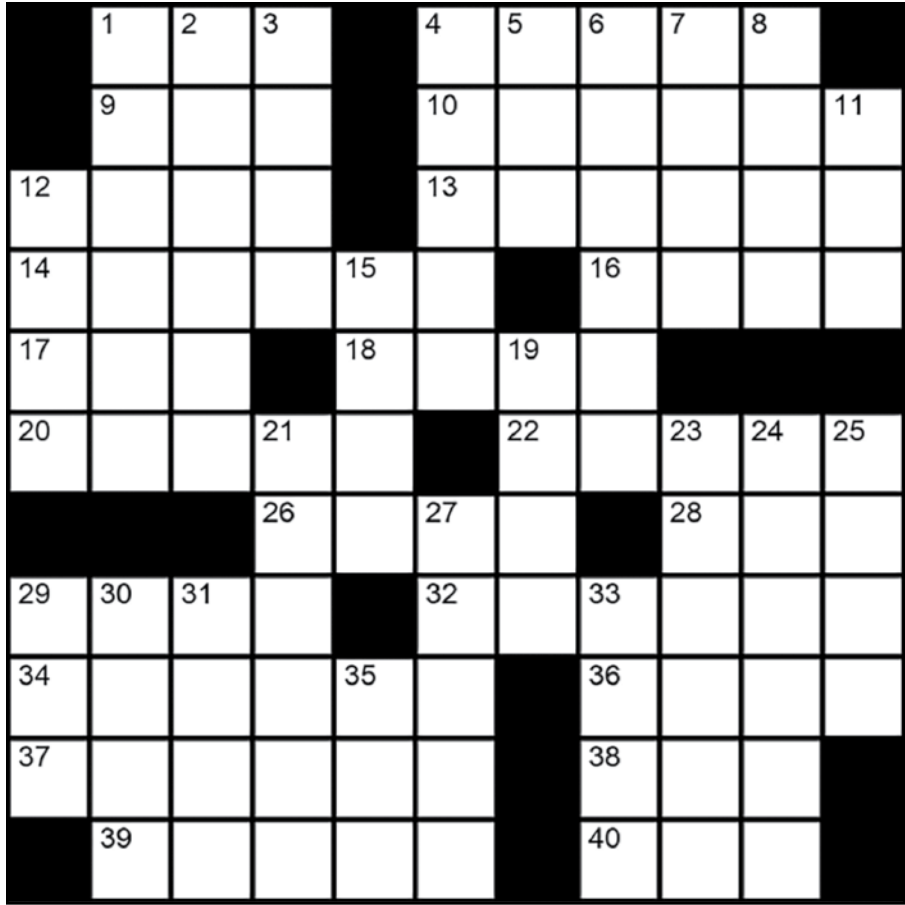


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The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Sign of infection
- 4 Felt sore, like after a workout
- 9 Firewood, after the fire
- 10 Lured
- 12 A Canadian First Nation
- 13 “I’ve got it!”
- 14 When many duels were held
- 16 A Maverick brother
- 17 Winner’s haul
- 18 Directional antenna
- 20 Uppity group
- 22 --- Anne Haaland, Laguna Pueblo Secretary of State of the Interior
- 26 “Answer, please”: abbr.
- 28 Muffin grain
- 29 Temperance organization
- 32 “A Star ---” (1976 Streisand Kristofferson flick)
- 34 Scold
- 36 “Banks of the ---”
- 37 --- del Sur Pueblo tribe
- 38 Julian, to Buckskin Charley
- 39 Jobs or Wozniak
- 40 Big bike

Down

- 1 Country singer with a theme park
- 2 Did, once
- 3 Citi Field, once
- 4 Eastern US pre-Colombian culture
- 5 Vineyard
- 6 Disney’s “Love Bug”
- 7 Large water jug
- 8 Flood barrier
- 11 “Mona Lisa” singer
- 12 Headwear
- 15 “Swiss Family Robinson” author Johann
- 19 National economic performance measures
- 21 Creme ---, a sweet dish
- 23 Cartoon crying
- 24 Eater
- 25 “... --- additional cost to you!”
- 27 Curriculum --- (career summary)
- 29 Humorously sarcastic
- 30 Musical Mama
- 31 Arcade flub
- 33 “Balderdash!”
- 35 Off-roader, for short

Answers for this crossword will appear in April 22 issue of the Drum.

Answers for March 25, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Vim, 4 Pkgs, 8 Wise, 9 Sloop, 10 On at, 11 Poston, 13 RCA, 14 NAY, 15 Too, 16 Micmac, 18 Gong, 19 Every, 21 HDTV, 24 Supine, 28 Awe, 29 Gun, 30 CIF, 31 Saponi, 33 Fett, 34 Rebut, 35 Hues, 36 Fess, 37 Apr.
Down: 1 Vinci, 2 Isaac, 3 Met, 4 Ploy, 5 KOs, 6 Got to, 7 Spoon, 8 Worm, 9 Spacesuit, 12 Nog, 14 Nav, 17 M-eV, 18 Gyp, 20 Run, 21 Has, 22 Dwarf, 23 Teepee, 25 Ice up, 26 Niter, 27 Efts, 29 Gnus, 32 OBs, 33 FHA.