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Wildlife Bison Herd Manager, Jesse Lasater gives vaccinations to bison during the annual roundup, in total 109 animals were pulled from pasture for their yearly inspection.

WILDLIFE DIVISION

# Tribe holds annual bison round up ahead of winter

Montessori students join in cultural harvest

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division held their annual bison roundup, Wednesday, Oct. 26. Southern Ute Tribal Rangers, DNR and other departments worked together to carefully pull each animal from the herd for yearly vaccinations and tagging; each bison received an eight-way vaccination and their annual deworming medicine.

The main purpose of the annual roundup is to perform an overall health check of the bison herd to maintain herd health. “Just like humans dread going to the dentist,” Wildlife Bison Herd Manager Jesse Lasater said. “I presume the bison dread this day, but we work really hard to keep the event as low stress and calm as possible. Their total time in the chute is minimal and they are put back into their pasture immediately after their health check is complete.”

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sibrya Larry and her sister, O’Hozhoni take part in a field trip hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to participate in the Southern Ute Wildlife Division’s annual Field Dressing Workshop.

## Tipi raising at SUCCM

photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Mesklvww Wesley, SUIMA upper elementary student helps Southern Ute elder Hanley Frost put sticks into the front entrance of the tipi. The hands-on demonstration provided a hands on culture experience for the younger students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary Teacher, Mae Yazzie-Pino helps younger students with placing a tipi pole during the Tipi Raising and Blessing on Tuesday, Nov. 1, hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum staff to kick off Native American Heritage Month.

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

# Free athletic event entry for Native Americans

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Fort Lewis College (FLC) will offer free admission to all regular season sponsored home athletic events for Native Americans with a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) card or Tribal Identification card. The idea came about following a meeting between FLC Athletic Director, Travis Whipple, SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth and SunUte employees: Kelsey Frost, Virgil Morgan, and Kai Roubideaux. The idea to allow free entrance for Native Americans came about when this small panel of SunUte Community Center employees wanted to see more Indigenous people, specifically the youth, experiencing the college athletics, academics, and everything that FLC has to offer.

FLC routinely acknowledges the ancestral lands to multiple tribes within the area at every event, but SunUte Community Center staff members – some of which are Southern Ute tribal members – had the thought to take that acknowledgment to the next step. SunUte gathered a

small panel to present the idea of free entry for Native Americans to the FLC Athletic director earlier this year. Leading the presentation was Southern Ute tribal member, FLC student, and SunUte intern Kai Roubideaux with support from Duffy-Wirth, as well as tribal members Kelsey Frost and Virgil Morgan.

“Where are the people you are thanking? They’re not sitting here, they can’t hear you, you need to do better,” Duffy-Wirth said regarding having a stronger Indigenous presence at FLC games. The panel later sat down with the FLC Athletic Director to present the idea for free entrance for Native Americans.

“We need to present this in a way that is coming from the future, so Kai Roubideaux was doing an internship with us in the summer and he’s a student at Fort Lewis, so we sat

down, and I told him everything,” Duffy-Wirth explained. “I said would you like to do the presentation? And so, he did the presentation – then Kelsey and Virgil came to support it, so it was the four of us there with the Athletic Director.”

Originally born and raised in Minnesota, Whipple was once a division two collegiate athlete for the Winona State University men’s basketball team and is familiar with Fort Lewis as he played in the same region years ago. With 15 years of collegiate level experience, Whipple is very passionate about preparing student athletes for their futures through both academics and athletics. “I’ve been familiar with Fort Lewis and the area for quite some time, and always felt like if the right opportunity came up at the right time, that this would be an area, a location, an institution that I would be interested in being a part of,” Whipple said. “And so, all those things came together this summer, and we’re thrilled to be here, excited to be a part of this community.” Whipple began his

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Halloween: An alien experience



An “out of this world” staff member welcomes a group of humans to their newly decorated hallway at the Southern Ute Annex Building on Monday, Oct. 31. Students from the Southern Ute Montessori Academy and their families visited various Tribal Departments and buildings for tricks or treats. Many participating departments had various themes all celebrating the Halloween holiday.

See more Halloween coverage on page12.

Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

SOUTHERN UTE GENERAL ELECTION

VOTE - FRIDAY, NOV., 4, 2022 - 7 a.m.-7 p.m





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





HISTORY COLORADO

New exhibit to share the atrocity that was the Sand Creek Massacre

Staff report  
HISTORY COLORADO

On Nov. 19, 2022, a new exhibition The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever, opens at the History Colorado Center in Denver. The exhibit will recount the deadliest day in Colorado history – Nov. 29, 1864 – when U.S. troops brutally attacked a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho people who were promised military protection. More than 230 women, children and elders were murdered that day.

The exhibition was made in deep consultation with representatives from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. For the first time, History Colorado will be sharing the events of the Sand Creek Massacre based on tribal accounts and oral histories from the descendants of those who survived the Massacre.

“It was genocide. We need to educate the people and heal our people so that something like this won’t happen again,” said Chester Whiteman (Southern Cheyenne). “I hope this exhibit will get people to understand that we’re all human.”

“The Sand Creek Massacre is sacred,” said Gail Ridgely (Northern Arapaho). “Historic remembrance, educational awareness and spiritual healing are very important for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.”

History Colorado will spotlight the living culture of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, two separate Tribes with distinct histories that were bound together forever after the tragedy at Sand Creek. Forced to leave Colorado after the Massacre, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people exist today as three sovereign tribal nations in Montana, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. The exhibition is the result of a ten-year partnership process that began in 2012 between History Colorado and the three tribal nations.



courtesy History Colorado

“This exhibit offers universal, timely lessons that fear, racism, greed and stereotyping can, and do, lead to catastrophic consequences. History Colorado is committed to educating our community about this horrific event in our history,” said Dawn DiPrince, Executive Director of History Colorado and State Historic Preservation Officer. “We are grateful to our tribal partners for their generous contributions of knowledge to the development of this important exhibit.”

- The exhibition will enable visitors to experience:
- Historic and contemporary objects exploring Cheyenne culture and traditions;
  - Photos and artifacts representing Arapaho people from the 1900s to today;
  - Tipis constructed in Cheyenne and Arapaho styles;
  - Audio guides in four languages: Cheyenne, Arapaho, Spanish and English;
  - A listening station for oral histories from Cheyenne and Arapaho descendants of survivors of the Massacre;
  - A listening station for letters written by soldiers who heroically refused their orders to attack the peaceful Cheyenne and Arapaho camps;
  - Historical documents from congressional and military investigations that took place following the Massacre;
  - The creation of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, a unit of

the National Park Service (NPS), and;

- A look at the three Tribal nations today, and the ongoing efforts to commemorate, educate, and heal from the Massacre.

“This exhibition will include information about the lives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people before the Massacre, life today and our efforts to remember the Massacre,” explains Fred Mosqueda (Southern Arapaho). Each exhibition element was vetted and approved by tribal representatives. Following proper protocol, this consultation ensures the display respects the memories of the victims. At the request of the tribes, the exhibition will not include artifacts from the day or site of the massacre.

“We’ve had difficult times in the past with History Colorado. This exhibition shows commitment and dedication,” stated Otto Braided Hair, Jr. (Northern Cheyenne).

“The Sand Creek Massacre exhibition will demonstrate that people can work humbly together to remember and begin to heal from atrocities and betrayals such as this,” said Shannon Voirol, Sand Creek Massacre project director at History Colorado.

The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever was made possible by substantial grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

HISTORY COLORADO

Native American Heritage Month

By CJ Brafford, Director  
UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

During Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate Indian Country with its living legacy and wonderful diversity of American Indian and Alaska Native cultures. We remember and honor the Native veterans who sacrificed to defend the nation. The rich and diverse threads they weave into the tapestry of our nation’s heritage is recognized as a vital contribution to the strength and diversity of our society.

Today’s month-long acknowledgement began more than a century ago with American Indian Day, when Dr. Arthur C. Parker, an archaeologist from the Seneca Tribe, persuaded the Boy Scouts to set aside a day honoring the First Americans. The idea traveled from Boy Scout campfires to the nation’s capital when Red Fox James (Blackfeet) pre-



courtesy History Colorado

Photo of the scene outside of a tipi. Photo by Clyde W. Champion, 1928. History Colorado. 86.392.88

sented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House.

His attempt spurred efforts to proclaim a day of recognition, a call that grew louder when the Congress of American Indians formally approved a plan celebrating American Indian Day in 1915. Individual states followed with the first American Indian Day celebration

in New York in May of 1916, while several other states observed in September.

After decades of increasing recognition at the state level, in 1990 President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month which, together, we celebrate as Native American Heritage Month.

Pueblo hunters give thanks



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division will host five cultural hunts this year in the Sandoval Unit on the east side of the Reservation. Pictured are hunters from the Santa Domingo Pueblo in New Mexico and members of the Wildlife Division board. The visiting hunters met before Tribal Council on Monday, Oct. 24 and presented gifts and thanked the Tribe for the opportunity to hunt. Their designated hunt took place from Monday, Oct. 24 – Thursday, Oct. 27.

Celebrating heritage



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Marvin Pinnecoose, Events and Heritage Coordinator for Southern Ute Cultural Preservation, talks to students from Southern Ute Montessori Academy’s elementary classes for the start of Native American Month on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the south end of the Museum where they put up three tipis of different sizes.



Kevin Yazzie puts wooden sticks on the entrance of the 18ft tipi, west of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



SUIMA student, Osias Goodtracks helps out by putting stakes into the ground to keep the tipi hide secured.

Masquerade



Pow~Wow

Saturday November 5, 2022

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Potluck Dinner - 5:00 PM - Please bring a dish to share

Family Fun

Costume Contest

Cake Walk

Round Dance

Hand Drum Contest

Switch Dance

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COMMUNITY HEALTH

Respiratory illnesses, including RSV, detected in La Plata County

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Tests conducted in La Plata County have confirmed the presence of Respiratory Syncytial Virus, also known as RSV, serving as a reminder that contagious respiratory illnesses are circulating. RSV and influenza are respiratory viruses that typically circulate in the fall and winter months. RSV is a common respiratory virus that causes mild, cold-like symptoms in most people. Although most people recover in a week or two, RSV can be dangerous, particularly in infants and the elderly. In the United States, RSV is the most prevalent cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of small airways in the lungs) and pneumonia in children under the age of one.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) advises residents to take precautions to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as RSV, especially among children. Hundreds of children are hospitalized each year in Colorado due to RSV-related illness. With an increase in COVID-19 and flu cases anticipated in the months ahead, it is critical to limit the spread of RSV and other contagious respiratory illnesses.

If you're at risk for a severe respiratory infection or if you interact with an older adult, you should take extra precautions to stay healthy. The following measures help prevent the spread of respiratory infections:

- **If you're sick, stay at home.** When you're sick, try to avoid going to work, school, or public places. This will help prevent others from contracting your illness.
- **Handwash often.** Hands should be washed often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't accessible. Keep your hands away from your face. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Germs spread easily in this manner.
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.** When coughing or sneezing, place a tissue over your mouth and nose. After that, throw the tissue away.
- **Keep a safe distance from sick people.** Avoid close contact with people who have cold-like symptoms, such as kissing and sharing cups or eating utensils.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces.** Surfaces that people commonly touch, such as doorknobs, should be cleaned and disinfected. RSV-infected people can spread germs by touching surfaces and items. Furthermore, droplets containing germs might land on surfaces and objects when a person coughs or sneezes.

SJBPH strongly encourages residents to receive their annual flu immunization. Likewise, staying up to date with childhood vaccines such as pertussis and MMR is the most effective way to protect newborns, children, teenagers, pregnant women, and adults.

Flu shots are widely available at pharmacies, grocery stores, or your doctor's office. Young children can get flu vaccines at their doctor's office or at SJBPH. Also, talk to your child's doctor about scheduling routine vaccinations such as MMR, or call SJBPH's immunizations clinic 970-335-2013 if you don't have a primary care physician.

With COVID-19 still circulating in both La Plata and Archuleta counties, COVID-19 testing continues to be important especially if you or your child are experiencing symptoms. A negative COVID-19 test for someone experiencing a high fever or sore throat may indicate the individual has another contagious respiratory infection, such as RSV. Those who suspect illness should contact their health care provider.

Visit the SJBPH website to find a local COVID-19 vaccine clinic or provider. The SJBPH website also includes information about preventable disease, vaccinations, and controlling the spread of disease.

HEALTHY RECIPES

Pumpkin chicken chili

By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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



courtesy The Wooden Skillet

Pumpkin Chicken Chili

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- 1 pound chicken breast, diced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 orange or red pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 15oz can great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup pumpkin puree (or more according to taste preference)
- 4oz green chili, chopped (fresh or canned)
- 1-2 cups water (or chicken broth)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat add 1 teaspoon olive oil.
2. Add diced raw chicken and sauté until no longer pink, about 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
3. Add remaining oil and diced onion, sauté for 2 minutes.

4. Add diced red pepper, chili powder, cumin and oregano, sauté for an additional 2 minutes.
  5. Add remaining ingredients, stirring for a few minutes on medium-high heat to let flavors mix.
  6. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Add more liquid (water or broth) as needed for moisture. Remove bay leaf before serving.
  7. Serve with your favorite toppings such as cilantro, plain Greek yogurt, or chives.
- For crockpot, follow steps 1-2, then place all ingredients in crockpot, cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6-8 hours. Remove bay leaf and serve with your favorite toppings.
  - For instant pot, place all ingredients starting with oil followed by raw chicken on the bottom and the rest of the ingredients on top. Cook on high pressure for 25 minutes. Release naturally. Remove chicken, shred with a fork, and return to pot, stirring to mix all ingredients. Remove bay leaf and serve with your favorite toppings.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL  
THANKSGIVING  
DINNER

Saturday, November 12, 2022  
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Sky Ute Events Center

The Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Immediate Family, Ute Mountain Ute & Ute Indian Tribal Members

Southern Ute Elderly and Disabled Tribal Members unable to attend may sign-up for home delivery. Please contact Southern Ute Elder Service at (970) 563.0156

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For more information, contact Heritage & Events Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose at (970) 563.2988



Elder Services Program

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November Activities 2022



Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Tribal Office closed for Veterans Day  
Veterans Day - Sée-chi Tavay

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner Sky Ute Casino  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Durango Thanksgiving Shopping Trip  
Van will be Leaving at 9:00AM

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Tribal office  
Closed for Thanksgiving  
Thanksgiving Day - Kwiut Tavay

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Farmington Shopping Trip  
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Call Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156 If you have any Questions.



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- Deadline to register is November 18th.
- Practices will begin in January. Schedules will be made after Coaches meeting (TBD).
- Games will be every Saturday beginning in February.



For more info on registration and coaching, call the Recreation Department 563-0214:  
Virgil @ ext. 2652  
Bird @ ext. 2664  
Daphnee @ ext. 2655  
Tara @ ext. 2667







STATE OF COLORADO

Resolution to establish National Warrior Call Day for veterans’ mental health

Staff report  
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet cosponsored a bipartisan Senate resolution led by U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) to designate Sunday, November 13th as National Warrior Call Day. National Warrior Call Day follows Veterans Day and encourages Americans to call and check in with veterans in their communities to strengthen support of veteran suicide prevention and mental health. “We have an obligation to support the men and women in uniform who have sacrificed so much to serve our country and keep us safe,” said Bennet. “I encourage all Coloradans to reach out to the veterans in their com-

munities to let them know they’re not alone. One call can save a life. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure our servicemembers and veterans have the suicide prevention resources and mental health care they need.” Bennet has worked extensively with his bipartisan colleagues to address our nation’s ongoing mental and behavioral health crisis. In September of 2021, Bennet released a whitepaper entitled ‘A Bold Vision for America’s Mental Well-being’ with U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) outlining a new bipartisan framework for reimagining and redesigning how mental and behavioral health care is deliv-

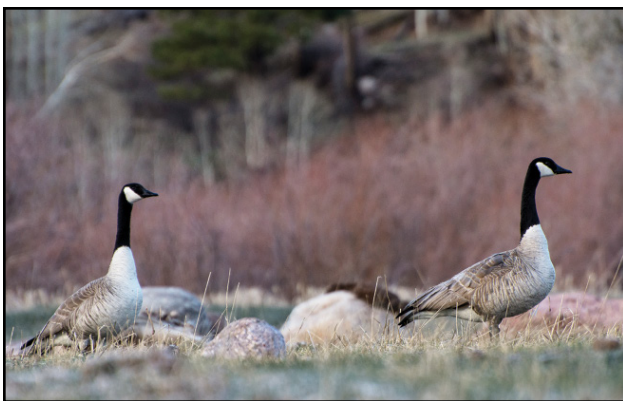
ered in the United States. It calls for a bold, unified national strategy that is based on smart resource planning and funding and addresses the country’s mental and behavioral health crisis through local community needs. This June, Bennet took to the Senate floor to urge his colleagues to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), which invests in mental and behavioral health and includes funding for the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. In September, Bennet pressed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to swiftly implement the BSCA provision to update Medicaid guidance on providing health care, including mental and behavioral health services, in school-based settings.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

So. Ute Division of Wildlife responds to report of Canada Goose testing positive for Avian Influenza

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division recently responded to a report of a wild Canada goose along the Pine River demonstrating physical distress and disoriented behavior. That goose has recently tested positive for Avian Influenza. There is very little human health risk with this strain of the disease; however, it can be spread between wild and domestic birds like chickens, geese, and ducks, causing large die-offs in those flocks. If you are out and about in the field or have backyard flocks, please be attentive if you come across sick or dead birds. If you notice wild waterfowl either dead, or acting sick or disoriented on the Reservation, please contact the Southern Ute Tribal Wildlife at 970-563-0130. The reported signs and symptoms of bird flu virus infections in humans have ranged from no symptoms or mild illness – such as eye redness (conjunctivitis) or mild flu-like upper respiratory symptoms, to severe symp-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

toms such as pneumonia requiring hospitalization and included fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) or feeling feverish\*, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue, and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Less common signs and symptoms include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, or seizures. \*Fever may not always be present The Southern Ute Department of Natural Resources, Southern Ute Tribal Health Department, Southern Ute Department of Justice and Regulatory, and The Southern Ute Division of Risk Management will continue to collaborate to continue to provide collaborative updates to the response, identified resources related to the response and education related to the Avian Influenza. Please stay tuned to The Southern Ute Drum newspaper, the Southern Ute Tribal Portal, and updates via tribal mailings to remain abreast of the situation and tribal response. Attached is a fact sheet about Avian Influenza, a checklist of tips to keep flocks healthy, and prevention and response guidelines. The CDC link related to Avian Influenza (Bird Flu Current Situation Summary | Avian Influenza (Flu) (cdc.gov) will also continue to provide updates related to the response.

**Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center**

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN & INDIAN STUDIES PRESENT:

**5th Annual Violence Against Indigenous Relatives Symposium**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 4:30pm in Noble 130**  
"Human Trafficking" with Kara Napolitano, the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT)

**Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 4pm in the Vallecito Room (Student Union, Rm 103)**  
Film Screening of *Two Spirit* and LGBTQ2S in Indigenous Communities with Precious Collins, Ignacio Equal & Out Alliance

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4pm in Noble 130**  
"Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives" with Gina Lopez, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Taskforce of Colorado, and Daisy Bluestar, NativeLove

**Thursday, November 17, 2022 4pm in the Vallecito Room (Student Union, Room 103)**  
"Indigenous Healing Workshop" with Dr. Gerald Shorty, FLC Counseling Center and Indigenous Society of Psychologists (ISP)

*All events will be held on the Fort Lewis College campus and will be available in-person and over Zoom. Light snack foods and drinks will be provided. For more details contact: kelsey@durangosaso.org or boxer\_m@fortlewis.edu*

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- ☐ **Wear personal protective equipment** or clothing and shoes that you only use when caring for your poultry. This includes boot covers or boots that can be disinfected. Change into fresh protective gear between poultry houses or coops.
- ☐ **Enclosures must be empty for a thorough cleaning.** If you have a poultry house, wait until the house is empty to start the cleaning process. If you have a coop or other type of enclosure, move the birds to a separate area before cleaning.
- ☐ **Remove all litter, manure, and other debris.**
- ☐ **"Dry" clean all areas**—brush, scrape, and shovel off manure, feathers, and other materials. Disinfectant will not penetrate organic matter or caked-on dirt.
- ☐ **"Wet" clean all surfaces**—scrub with water and detergent. Work from top to bottom and back to front.
- ☐ **Rinse all surfaces carefully with water.**
- ☐ **Apply disinfectant** according to the directions on the label. Be sure to use a disinfectant that is registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and indicates that it is effective against avian influenza and other poultry diseases.
- ☐ **Leave the enclosure empty** until it is completely dry. Use fans and/or open doors and windows to help speed the drying process. Wet surfaces can be harmful to poultry.
- ☐ **When you're done, remove and discard** your protective gear. If using dedicated clothing and boots, change clothing and clean and disinfect your boots.
- ☐ **Wash your hands thoroughly** with soap and water. Wash and dry your dedicated clothing.

For more information about how to keep your flocks healthy, follow **Defend the Flock** on Facebook and Twitter and visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock).

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**Tuesday & Thursday November 15 & 17, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

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SUIMA

# Kwanachigani pə'əkwatu

## Eagle's Nest

Shoutout to past SUIMA students

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
So. UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI  
ACADEMY

For this edition of the Kwanachigani pə'əkwatə, I'd like to give a shout out to our past students, including those that moved on last year, as well as those who left many years before that.

As these students leave SUIMA to go to the area public or private schools, we do our best to stay in touch and hear how they are doing in their academic studies and educational goals.

Quite often, these students excel in their lessons after they have settled into the routine of a different school and setting. Many of these students get on the honor roll within their first year of being in that setting.

Such is the case of one of our upper elementary students who moved to the Ignacio Middle School this year. Keyon Alston, Kəsi'nipə'igyetə, which means "Smiling Eyes," made honor roll this semester with 5-A's and 3-B's! Along with his parents, SUIMA had a big hand in his success as he had been with us since he was a baby. We watched him grow, gave him lots of lessons, time, space and SUIMA love.

We are so proud of all of our past students and miss them when they leave because they are family.

Keyon – keep doing amazing things, we are so very proud of you, and don't forget where you come from.

### Nuu'apaghapi (Ute phrases and sentences)

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, the elementary students dressed warmly as they rode the school bus to the bison farm. The students helped the bison on its path as they joined in the sunrise blessing and farewell. This month has been filled with going back to traditions and forward in the language.

Here are some conversational Ute sentences being spoken throughout the school:

- 'úmu 'áa' túu'ay? – Are you fine?
- 'úu túu'ayinu. – Yes, I am fine.
- Kachinu, tuu'ay wa. – Not me, I am not fine.
- 'úmu 'áa' wəini? – Are you tired?
- 'úu wəininu. – Yes, I am tired.
- Kachinu, wəini wa. – Not me, I am not tired.

The older students have been practicing their writing with these Ute words:

- núuchi – Ute People
- pa'amanuni – all
- núupacha – moccasin
- təkay – eat
- kumuy – corn
- núuaghatəghochi – spirit plate

### Upcoming events

- Nov. 4 – Tribal council visits the school
- UE shares a traditional meal
- SUIMA staff raises their nuughani
- Nov. 7-10 – Family conference week
- Nov. 9 – Elementary going to the museum
- Nov. 13-19 – Roc your Mocs week
- Nov. 11 – No school in honor of Veteran's Day
- Nov. 14 – Picture retakes
- Nov. 15 – Parent Advisory Group Zoom meeting 6 p.m.
- UE Field trip to Crow Canyon
- Nov. 17 – Health Fair
- Nov. 18 – SUIMA's Thanksgiving meal
- UE going to the library
- Nov. 21-25 – Thanksgiving break

## Santa Fe fundraiser



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Tribal elders Connie Baker and Terri Box showed their support at the SUIMA bake sale, Wednesday, Oct. 26. The class is raising money for an end of-the-year field trip to Santa Fe, N.M. They raised approximately \$800.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy upper elementary class held a bake sale in the Hall of Warriors on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Eko Howe helps his fellow classmates by collecting the money at the end of the line.



## Chapman recognized



courtesy Chris deKay/Ignacio School District

Ignacio School District board member, Yvonne Chapman was recognized for outstanding service and was this year's recipient of the McGuffey Award. She is pictured here at the CASB regional meeting with CASB Board President Richard Martyr and Interim Executive Director Leslie Bogar.

### Accomplishments presented by the Ignacio School District

Yvonne is a seven-year veteran to the Ignacio School Board. She has worked tirelessly on ensuring that board policy is up-to-date and contains the common sense needed for our district. She has been a model of honest and forthright communication. She was integral in guiding a very divided community through the pandemic with little controversy. She has served selflessly and with honor. It is without a doubt that Yvonne Chapman is a very deserving recipient of the McGuffey award.



No School Reminder!

**NOV. 11**

We will see you Monday, Nov. 14

### Ignacio Middle School 1st Quarter Honor Roll

#### Sixth Grade

- 4.0 GPA**  
Brynlee Burcham, Kirstyn Jameson, Carley Martinez, Kodi Rima, Ava Sage-Morgan, and Paiten Tucson
- 3.8 GPA**  
Carmen Candelaria, Matthew Maestas, Brekan Romero, and Forrest Vega
- 3.7 GPA**  
Chadlyn Cundiff, and Jordan Wing
- 3.5 GPA**  
Keyon Alston, Noah Perkins, Josiah Porambo, Ava Santistevan, and Kanoa Thompson

#### Seventh Grade

- 4.0 GPA**  
Joseph Atencio, Travis Bliss, Jade Howell, Amira Montoya, and Elias Pena
- 3.8 GPA**  
Veronica Brown, and Aubriella Herrera
- 3.7 GPA**  
Leeland Huwig, and Sinaav Larry
- 3.5 GPA**  
Avanna Cook, Myla GoodTracks, Evan Maez

#### Eighth Grade

- 4.0 GPA**  
Jaelyn Alston, Tarah Baker, Laine Bradley, Cayson Burcham, Katie Cundiff, Matrim Jones, Maliyah Martinez, Lily Quintana, Kelly Sirios, Gage Smithson, Paisley Vezeau, Curtis White Thunder-Lucero, and Thunder Windy Boy Hebert
- 3.8 GPA**  
Daevon Claw, Alahna Cundiff, and Alexandra Neuenschwander
- 3.7 GPA**  
Leandra Litz, and Alexa Lopez Rodriguez
- 3.5 GPA**  
Kenya Abaroa, Cyrus Cosio, and Peyton Pierre-Louis



Native American  
Heritage Month

# Rock your Mocc's

## November

### 13 through 19

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# KSUT opens doors to the public



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Eddie Box Jr., namesake of the new building, and members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council sit down with hosts Tami Graham and Sheila Nanaeto to reminisce on memories of KSUT during the noon radio hour on Wednesday, Oct. 26. This broadcast celebrated the KSUT Open House event and the annual KSUT Fall Fund Drive. Each guest gave their thanks to the contributions KSUT has made to the surrounding community over the years.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto shows Southern Ute tribal members, Georgia and Samantha Pinnecoose, KSUT Tribal Radio's new broadcast equipment in the tribal radio studio.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

KSUT staff members, Four Corners Public Radio Station Manager, Ken Brott, Managing Editor/Independent Producer, Adam Burke and KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham, mingle with visitors during the Open House in the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center.

**KSUT hosted an open house for the newly built Eddie Box Jr. Media Center on Wednesday, Oct. 26. KSUT staff were also mid-week into their annual Fall Fund Drive. The day was filled with various visitors throughout the day. Visitors were given a tour of the building and treated to a historical slideshow of the progress of KSUT, from the humble beginnings in 1976 as a 10-watt community tribal radio station to becoming the renowned radio station it is today. KSUT Public Radio recently took first place in the 2022 Best of Durango and La Plata County contest for Best Radio Stations for the 10th consecutive year.**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Members of the KSUT Board of Directors gather for a photo during the KSUT Open House held on Wednesday, Oct. 26; Wade Griffith, Gary Scibba, Executive Director of KSUT Tami Graham, Vice President Robert Ortiz, and President Robert "Buz" Bricca.

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NOV. 14, 2022

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November 2022 Events

Masquerade Pow Wow—Saturday November 5, - 5:00 PM—11:00 PM

Turkey Class —Wednesday November 9—9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Yard Sale Saturday November 12, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder Crafting Monday November 14, - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

----- Elders or Adults Only Please-----

Quilt Class—November 15 & 17, - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch Friday November 18, - 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

----All Three Ute Tribes & Families-----

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Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday November 29 & 30, Two Sessions

10:00 AM—3:30 PM or 5:30 PM—7:30 PM



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## Career opportunities for all



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Human Resources Career Coordinator, Rochella Aguilar discusses her role at the Human Resources Department of the Southern Ute Tribe with students in the community at the Southern Ute Career Fair held on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Students were able to ask questions to Southern Ute Tribal Departments and local agencies about the work they do, as well as get the opportunity to receive information from colleges about admissions and programs offered.

Southern Ute Drum Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez talks with a member of the community about the history of the Southern Ute Drum and Ignacio Chieftain while also highlighting job opportunities in the public history field.







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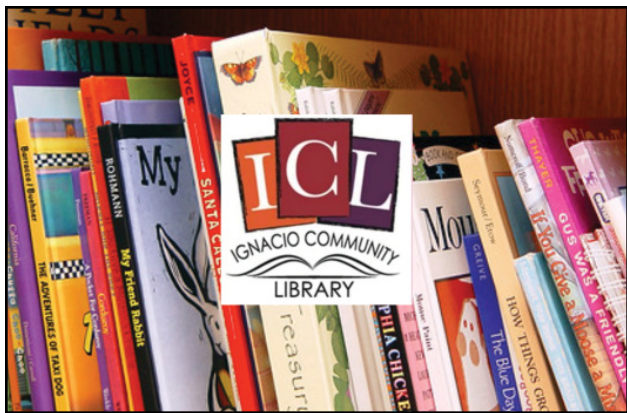
Margins and empty spaces

By Marcia R. Vining  
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Are you team pumpkin spice? Salted caramel? Maybe you're like me; all of the above. I think I'm particular to these flavors and scents because, as I've mentioned before, I truly love fall.

I have come to realize that another reason I enjoy this time of year is that things slow down, calm a bit as we head into colder and potentially inclement weather. And that makes me think of creating or regaining margin in my life. In a book, margin is the empty space on a page. We wouldn't enjoy reading as much if the print rushed right up to the edges of the page. In driving it's the space around my vehicle keeping me from parking too close to someone or crowding another driver. My son used to refer to his personal space as his bubble and he didn't appreciate folks getting inside his bubble often. But in life? How do I build margin into my daily life?

If I hit October or No-



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

vember breathing a sigh of relief that things will slow down then I become aware that I've been pushing too hard; racing through my days. Fall helps me to slow down, create space in my life, in my mind, and in my heart. Sometimes it's mental space, sometimes physical. What's this space for? Well for me, margin in life is for spending time with my family and friends, it's creating space for thinking, getting to know myself better; introspection. That's what these scents and flavors remind me of, the coziness of a quiet afternoon spent in reflection and connection.

It's also a time when I feel more content with quiet indoor time reading; exploring new ideas and new authors or reconnecting with beloved authors that I've been missing. It can also be a quiet physical space, a bookstore or the library, where I might encounter these new books or authors, but also might encounter friends that I haven't seen for a while with whom I might get to sit and visit. So, while summer and winter activities keep us on the go, fall is a welcome time to reconnect; with each other, with good books and movies, and maybe most of all with ourselves.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

SunUte announces gym scholarship for off rez memberships

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

SunUte Community Center announces a brand-new scholarship available to help Southern Ute tribal members located off the reservation acquire gym memberships and swim lessons. This scholarship provides \$10,000 worth of funding for subsidizing gym memberships and swim lessons and will be directly paid to the chosen entity from SunUte Community Center. The trial period is set to run the entirety in the 2023 fiscal year, which would end next September, or until the funding is spent. SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth hopes the new scholarship will encourage off-reservation tribal members to get active and take the opportunity to gain new skill sets at a gym or fitness center of their choosing.

Gaining support from Southern Ute Tribal Council, Executive Officer James "Mike" Olguin, the Finance Department, and SunUte set

forth the idea to help Southern Ute tribal members off the reservation. With the new scholarship available, SunUte continues to encourage all tribal members to engage in physical activity and take the opportunity to participate in swim lessons as they can be potentially lifesaving.

"It is important to be able to serve the tribal membership off the reservation also, SunUte is so beautiful, and people come here to get fit, so we want people off the reservation to go somewhere and get fit," Duffy-Wirth said.

The guidelines are as follows; the tribal member household must be located 40 miles or more from the SunUte Community Center location, swim lessons are available to all Southern Ute tribal members regardless of age – \$150 allotted per person, per six months, for swim lessons. Basic gym memberships will be paid for by SunUte every six months and does not include any added amenities (e.g., trainers, spa, group classes)

– \$250 allotted per person, per six months.

Swim lessons and gym memberships will be paid directly to the chosen entity from SunUte Community Center, tribal members may request funding every six months for their respective membership. If there is funding available, they will be granted another six-month gym membership and/or another \$150 for further swim lessons– please note that SunUte will not exceed \$10,000 in payments for the 2023 fiscal year.

Southern Ute tribal members who reside off the reservation boundaries are encouraged to participate in the scholarship program to help further pursue their individual health goals and to learn to safely and properly swim. To request funding or to learn more about how SunUte Community Center can help to purchase memberships, please contact SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth at 970-749-7998 or contact Front Desk Staff at 970-563-0214.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

LPEA seeks local students to participate in National Rural Electric Youth Tour

Staff report  
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

La Plata Electric Association, Inc. (LPEA) is seeking four local high-school juniors interested in spending a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Youth Tour. Students will learn about the utility cooperative business model, visit historical monuments and memorials, and meet elected officials from June 12-18, 2023. The trip is fully sponsored by LPEA and the Colorado Rural Electric Association, so students can attend at no cost.

More than 1,800 students from 45 states are expected to participate in 2023.

"As someone who worked for a U.S. Senator in Congress, this is an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and experience our nation's capital," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "I would encourage any high school junior in our service territory who is interested in leadership, policy, development, or utility work to apply to attend."

Eligibility to attend:  
• live in LPEA's service

territory;  
• be a junior in high school;  
• complete an application at <http://lpea.coop/lpea-youth-tour> by Friday, Dec. 16, 2022.

Senator Lyndon Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. The senator declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

FREE ATHLETIC EVENT ENTRY • FROM PAGE 1

duties as the FLC Athletic Director in July of this year, when his family moved to the Four Corners.

Following the meeting and beginning the approval process, Whipple brought the idea to his group of senior athletic administrators who later brought it to FLC President Tom Stritikus and key campus leaders. "We talked about ways to better the fan experience," Whipple said. "Then bringing it to our president and key campus leaders – everyone was incredibly sup-

portive of this concept and this idea, and we wanted to make it work."

SunUte Community Center excitedly made the public announcement with respect to free FLC game entry with CIB or Tribal Identification card, Wednesday, Sept. 28 — following the decision by FLC. "It was meant to be, a fantastic idea," Whipple said. "I think it just shows the value of collaboration – getting together and putting forward ideas let's see where they can go together."

"Fort Lewis is pleased to offer this, and you know just feel like it's very much part of our institution, our mission and want to be a great partner in the community," Whipple said. "We're excited to continue to build on some exciting momentum that's happening with this program."

For more information visit the Fort Lewis College Athletic Calendar at <https://goskyhawks.com/calendar> or call SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214.

**VETERANS DAY**  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 2022**

**Southern Ute Tribal Administrative Offices**  
**will be closed in observance of Veterans Day**

**Turkey Cooking Class & Potluck**



**Multi-Purpose Facility**  
**Wednesday November 9, 2022**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Learn to prepare and roast your turkey, make stuffing, gravy from scratch, and cranberry sauce. This class is open to everyone. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy a Turkey

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**Notice: Firewood Distribution**

**FIREWOOD SEASON:**  
**Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 through April 30, 2023**

You may call the Forestry Division at 970-563-4780 Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to place an order for firewood. Firewood may be picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and from 12:30 – 4 p.m. Firewood deliveries for Tribal member elders residing within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Reservation occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the order in which they are received. No firewood pickups or deliveries will occur on Fridays. To be eligible for the firewood program you must be a Southern Ute Tribal member 18 years and older and have a functioning firewood place or wood stove at your primary residence.

**ELECT**

**MARVIN**

**PINNECOOSE**



**Southern Ute Tribal Council**





Wildlife Administrative Assistant, Nicole Black weighs each of the buffalo as they pass through the chute. This year's roundup checked and vaccinated a total of 109 bison in a single day before returning them to pasture.



Southern Ute elder, Ernest "Muz" Pinnecoose explains the careful process of cleaning an animal harvested in the field.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute tribal member, Kristean Velasquez, holds her young daughter Scarlett Rodriguez while offering advice to one of the younger students, Jayceon Richards. Student took turns skinning the large bull bison as part of their cultural field trip.

TRIBE HOLDS BISON ROUND UP • FROM PAGE 1

"It's a very long, hard and busy day, but having the opportunity to be so close to such beautiful creatures and feeling their power and size is such a special and truly remarkable experience – and it's one that always leaves me feeling humble and grateful," Lasater emphasized. "I'm very proud of the work that goes in to care for the Tribe's bison herd and the improvements that have been made to the herd and pasture over the past several years."

In conjunction with the roundup, a cultural field dressing workshop was also hosted by the Tribe's Wildlife Division, Thursday, Oct. 27. This year's event saw students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, joined by teachers and parents, interested in learning the process of cleaning and skinning the harvested bull bison. Students had the opportunity for hands on participation in the field dressing process, following a Sunrise Blessing by tribal elder, Byron Frost and Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box.

Acknowledging their Ute traditions, SUIMA students were able to keep a lock of bison fur once the animal was dressed. Others warmed themselves by the campfire, enjoying hot cocoa and the excitement of the morning. For many of the young participants, the bison harvest provided an opportunity which they might not have otherwise participated in. Cultural etiquette was addressed by Southern Ute elder, Ernest "Muz" Pinnecoose, following the early



Two male bison are culled from the herd ahead of the harvest, these animals will be used for their meat, hide, and other cultural purposes.

morning harvest outside the bison pasture.


The bison chosen for harvest was a two-year-old bull, he was one of two animals culled from the herd that day, bringing the total bison herd count to 109. Maintaining the heard size is an important component to maintaining the health of the herd, while also addressing the membership's need for bison meat. "Outside of the annual field dressing ceremony, I haul the bison every month during the winter months to be harvested at a USDA facility in Montrose," Lasater explained.

A big part of the bison program is the meat distribution program to the tribal membership and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's lunch program. Roughly 35-40 tribal members come to the Wildlife Division every month for bison meat. The program offers five pounds of bison meat to Southern Ute Indian tribal member households at no cost, each month. "In total, about 2,300 pounds of bison meat is distributed

each year to the tribal membership from the SUIT bison herd," Lasater said. "The meat is all natural grass-fed, making it a very healthy food source."

The cycle of life continues, and the continued management of the Tribe's herd is an example to follow; 21 new calves were born into the herd this past year. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is also a long-standing member of the InterTribal Buffalo Council, whose mission is, "Restoring buffalo to the Indian Country, to preserve our historical, cultural, traditional and spiritual relationship for future generations." The InterTribal Buffalo Council includes fifty-eight tribes from nineteen states and a collective herd of over 15,000 buffalo.

"The roundup is one of a few days out of the year where I have assistance from the DNR Wildlife staff and other departments, and I enjoy the company," Lasater remarked. "It's nice to have someone to talk to besides the buffalo."




**Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members:**

**2022 Annual Salmon Give-Away**

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> &**  
**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**By Colorado Parks & Wildlife**



With permission from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Animas-La Plata Association, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is again conducting its annual Lake Nighthorse kokanee salmon spawning operation. This spawning operation is important for fisheries within the Southwest Region and across the State of Colorado.

CPW wants to let the Southern Ute Tribe and its members know about the spawning and fish giveaways. We are inviting Southern Ute Tribal members to share this fish resource.

- Fish giveaways are scheduled for 3:00pm on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Tribal Members need only to present their Tribal Identification Card and do NOT need to possess a state fishing permit.

The giveaway will take place at the boat ramp starting at 3PM sharp. The Nighthorse staff typically allows participants access to the parking area at 2PM. It is first come first serve as well. Please bring your own containers to hold fish.

For the latest information on the giveaways, please contact the CPW Area Office at (970) 247-0855 or the SUIT Wildlife Division at (970)563-0130.

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

7TH ANNUAL

# ELK HUNT RAFFLE

## SIX PRIZES

### TWO CHANCES TO WIN A TAG!

Raffle tickets will be sold through November 30th, 2022

Tag winners must attend a **MANDATORY** orientation when permits are picked up. Cow tags are nontransferable.

Tickets are \$10.00/each and are sold by BGC Board & staff or at the BGC Office inside the Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.2666

**Grand Prize: Cow Elk Tag**

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**1st: 2 Night Stay @ Sky Ute Casino**

**2nd: \$150 Seven Rivers Steakhouse**

**3rd: Wood Burning Fire Pit**

**4th: Custom Benchmade Knife**



Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from Dec. 13th –15th, 2022. One free guest allowed. Additional guest requires an additional fee. Both require crossing permit which can be obtained from the Southern Ute Wildlife. Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety license. Winners will be drawn December 1st, 2022, at 4:30pm online via Facebook live. Tune in on the Boys & Girls Club page. Winners will be notified via phone immediately.

All funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
For questions, call BGC at (970)563-2666



**BIG GAME VALIDATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL BUCKS AND BULLS HARVESTED ON BOTH THE RESERVATION & THE BRUNOT AREA**

**During Office Hours**

**Mon- Fri**

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# VOTE

## Matthew J. Box

### Tribal Council 2022



# I am a Buffalo too

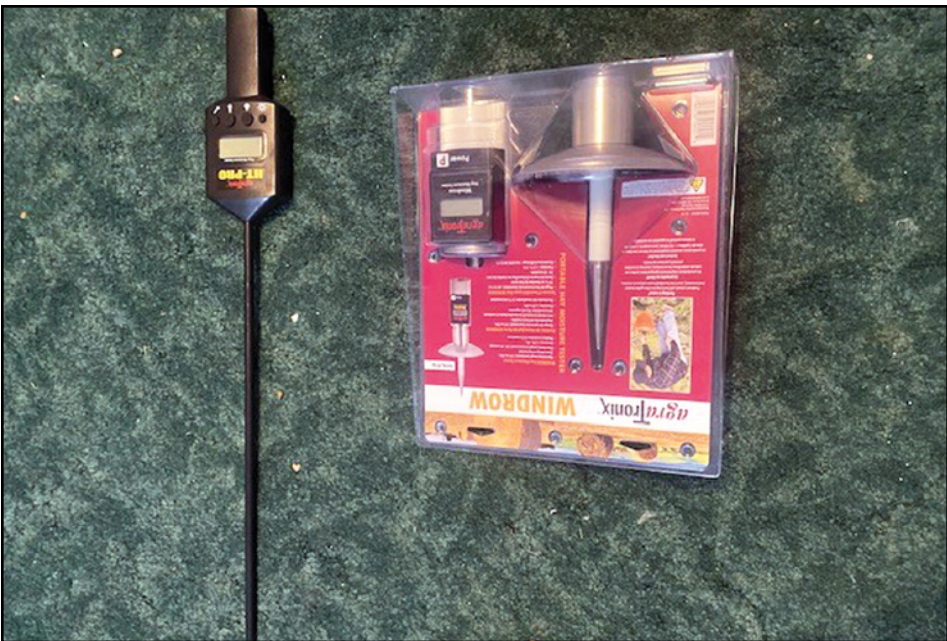




AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

Hay fire, unusual bales, and consistency control



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Moisture meters can provide a sense of security; knowing the density and humidity of your hay will help to avoid bale fires and protect your investments.

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Don't count your chickens before they hatch

The haying season is a long race in which we must prepare ourselves to tackle the tasks of preparing the land, planting the seed, fertilizing, watering, and finally harvesting. An experienced farmer knows how much tonnage or bales they usually get off each field; whether conditions make the seasonal journey interesting and will affect field production. Of course, we hope for the best and, with a little steady rain, we do what we can to get at least the usual expectation.

This year we saw a minimal amount of tonnage for

the first cut. Some people opted to hold off the first cut well into July in hopes of getting a higher crop or at least a good amount of rain to salvage the effort. We desperately need hydration during April and May. The second cut saw the opposite. We couldn't get the rain to turn off long enough to create a window of opportunity to cut and bale hay. Many of us gambled on when to get that second cut based upon weather reports or apps. Looking around at many of my neighbors, I would say that second cut was the season of "rained on" hay.

For myself, I had most of my property cut on the same day and my window was small to get that grass dried, baled, and stacked. We ended up baling on a Friday and

there the window was closing early with rain predicted on Saturday afternoon. I ended up working well into the dark on both Friday and Saturday with only the lights of the tractor. Both days also saw me getting up at 4am to get all the bales off the trailer, stacked up, and all the equipment ready to get back at it. Not much sleep was accomplished from Thursday through Saturday.

Look to your neighbor

At the end of my 48-hour scramble, I remember it being 10:30 at night on Saturday. We still had about 190 bales in the field along the perimeters, but the sprinkling began, and we had to succumb to the idea that this was all we were get-

ting for quality hay. The clouds opened that night, and we received an amazing amount of rain that lasted almost a day and a half.

I'm not one to complain about rain because it is vital to getting to the stage of even having a crop to harvest. I did what I could with the window that I decided on. I hope that my neighbors were just as lucky as I was. Many of my neighbors were holding off for a more promising opportunity to get their hay cut. Looking back at the weeks since then, I don't think there really was a perfect time to cut. During my scramble, I was lucky to get help from my nephew and his friend. We used my small utility trailer to gather bales and run them back to the barn. Most of our hay is hand stacked. This gave us the opportunity to get the hay off the ground and minimize shortages and mold. I find that walking the fields and lifting bales is also a great way to detect abnormalities in bales. Sometimes in the cutting process, we get too close to the ditch lines or drainage areas. The willows, cat tail, chicory, and other unwanted plants can get into the baler. This is a good time to identify these bales and push them to the side.

We also noticed bales that were extremely heavy. Some felt like they were around 80 pounds. I factor that this is probably based on moisture and these bales were also left in the field



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Bad bales tend to be numerous in the outer row of the field closest to ditches, drainage, and fences. Though these are not optimal for feeding livestock, they can serve as a bottom layer of a haystack or even as bedding and mulch for the fields.

during our collection process. I have heard about the fermenting of bales based upon moisture and so I bought a moisture meter to spot check my bales as they go into our barn. I can only imagine how demoralizing it is to have a barn go up in flames. I hope to never experience it firsthand.

In the end, we were able to detect about 38 bales that were not going to make it into the barn based upon abnormality. We also decided that the perimeter bales that were left to the rain were not going in the barn anyway since they were riddled with unwanted weeds and such. I've learned to use these unwanted bales on the bottom row of my barn stacks when hand stacking. This will further minimize your losses since you won't lose that bottom row to mold. It's best to have a sacrificial layer touching the ground and then the rest

of the stack should still be good for livestock.

Take-A-Ways:

Try to keep moisture below 15%. Some places may go as high as 19%, but I would caution against letting your standards stray too far.

Moisture meters help in detecting problems before they arise. Newer balers have these build inside of them, but it's always good practice to have one in the truck or in the barn to audit for yourself. Meters are made to probe baled hay and to analyze hay in windrows. They run around \$300 but are worth the investment.

Abnormal bales should be discarded. Of course, we want to maximize our production, but not at the risk of our reputation. Create the product that you would want to buy. The end consumer will always appreciate the extra effort.

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NOVEMBER

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY PRESENTS:

TASTE OF IGNACIO COOKIE CONTEST

Tuesday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m.

BAKERS OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BEST COOKIE AND RECIPE TO BE JUDGED!

THE RULES:

- Only cookies are eligible.
- Bakers must submit 12 cookies, cookie name/type and a copy of their recipe for judging.
- Please enter cookies on any type of disposable or recyclable plate.
- COOKIES MUST BE DROPPED OF BY 11:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8. (They can be dropped off the day before if needed)

Cookies will be judged at 2:00 p.m. that day on appearance, taste, and overall appeal by a panel of cookie-eating experts.





# Tribe shows appreciation for employees



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Tribal Information Services' Records Manager, Shiri Howell, shoots her compound bow during the shoot and won first-place in the Women's Compound category; Tribal Information Services Records Clerk, Jack Frost III, looks to see where she landed her arrow. Ground Maintenance Division Head, Andrew Gallegos hosted the Archery Shoot on the Bear Trail during Employee Appreciation Day.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A newly unveiled exhibit at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum takes a deep look at the history of the Southern Ute Tribal Council from its inception, as the Pino Nuche Ute bands transitions from Chiefs to an elected council of Ute leaders. Current Council member, Lorelei Cloud, Chairman Melvin J. Baker, and Growth Fund Director, Shane Siebel take a first look at the new exhibit.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

"The Golden Girls" take first place in their category for the Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Housing Director, Gavin Martinez takes respite from his day-to-day routine, to cast a line into Scott's Pond during Employee Appreciation Day, Friday, Oct. 28. Fishing was just one of the many activities offered to employees, a variety of excellent raffle prizes were awarded to participating anglers by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Tribal Council Member, Vanessa Torres makes her way up to the bowling lane to try and get a strike at the Sky Ute Casino Rolling Thunder Lanes. Bowling was one of many activities staff members could take part in as part of the Employee Appreciation Day.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Leandra Litz, Junior Miss Southern Ute, along with fellow royalty, bears the cold morning temperature to welcome all Southern Ute tribal employees during the 2022 Employee Appreciation Day celebration. She gave thanks to all employees for their hard work and dedication throughout the years.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Department of Natural Resources' Soil Conservation Technician, Preston Abeyta of the Southern Ute Permanent Fund tosses his horseshoe in hopes of a ringer during the horseshoe tournament.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Melanie Seibel showcases her Fancy Shawl dance skills during the cultural performance presented by the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. Seibel is a long-time dancer and is well skilled in her respective category.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Lifeguard, Elco Garcia participated in the Karaoke Contest, sponsored by the Southern Ute Growth Fund. He took first place for his performance of "Like a Virgin" by Madonna and "Reproduction" from the musical Grease 2.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Tribal Credit Loan Coordinator, Deeana Cruz shows her hand after getting a card from a SunUte Community Center staff member during the Poker Walk at the Employee Appreciation Day.





# Halloween comes back to tribal campus



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Red Willow Production Company created a themed hallway inspired by the Disney Pixar movie, Coco.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Not to be outdone, Southern Ute Drum Graphic Specialist, Robert Ortiz dons a slasher themed costume during the Tribe's annual haunted hallway event. Ortiz dressed as Leatherface, a character in The Texas Chainsaw Massacre film series.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Malia White Thunder makes the rounds in the Leonard C. Burch building dressed as a Pixar character, SUIMA students makes the rounds on tribal campus each year trick or treating in full costume.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Aliens invaded the Tribal Annex Building in the spirit of the Halloween season and invited visitors into an intergalactic themed hallway.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Red Willow Receptionist, Victoria Frost shows off her Day of the Dead themed costume in conjunction with this year's Red Willow Production Company's Halloween theme.

**The Halloween spirit was in full effect at the Southern Ute Tribal Campus throughout the latter part of October. The Southern Ute Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students kicked off the spooky sea-son with the annual Pumpkin Splash event held at the SunUte Community Center pool on Friday, Oct. 21. On All Hallows Eve, Tribal Departments showcased their creativity to SUIMA students and families by giving out treats and scares. More family friendly fun occurred with the annual Trunk or Treat event at the Sky Ute Casino Overflow Parking Lot later that evening.**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members Lorelei Cloud, Vanessa Torres, and Stacey Oberly dressed as characters from The Addams Family and toured Tribal Campus to view each department's festive decorations for Halloween.

## SUIMA Pumpkin splash



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students took a dip during SunUte Community Center's Pumpkin Splash event held on Friday, Oct.21, each student received a free pumpkin to accompany their swim and to celebrate the upcoming Halloween holiday.

Parents had the opportunity to join their children in the fun during the SunUte Pumpkin Splash event hosted by the Sun-Ute Aquatics Department. Shiann Graham helps her daughter Kailanii with her pumpkin.



## Trunks of treats



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

A wide variety of characters stopped by the Trunk or Treat event in celebration of Halloween this year, located in the Sky Ute Casino Overflow Parking Lot, hosted by various Tribal Departments on Monday, Oct. 31.

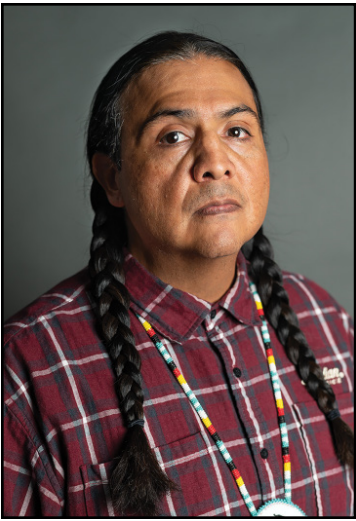


Precious Collins with SUHC Native Connections Program embraces her skeleton friend during the Halloween Trunk or Treat event.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2022



Conrad Thompson  
Tribal Council Candidate



Marjorie D. Barry  
Tribal Council Candidate



Matthew J. Box  
Tribal Council Candidate



Edward Burch Box III  
Tribal Council Candidate



Marvin J. Pinnecoose  
Tribal Council Candidate

VOTE: November 4, 2022

Candidate photos Divine Windy Boy

**Vote**  
**Matthew J. Box**  
Southern Ute Tribal Council  
**I Am A Buffalo Too**  
A Vote For Me Is A Vote For You



**VOTE: MARVIN PINNECOOSE**

**EDUCATED**

- TWO Bachelor's Degrees in Business Management and Entrepreneurship from U.N.L.V.
- Pursuing a Master's in Business Administration with a focus on Finance from U.N.L.V.
- Enrolled in the Agricultural Business Certificate program from Pueblo Community College (4.0 G.P.A.)

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- 20+ Years of Management Experience in Operations, Logistics, Sales, and Human Resources
- 19 years at NIKE and 5 years at AMAZON

**IMMERSED IN CULTURE**

- Anywhere there is a drumbeat, a native song, or a Ute ceremony, you're likely to find me.



Photo: Divine Windy Boy | SU Drum

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 04, 2022**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOTICE – VOTE FOR TWO (2)**

- ☐ Marvin J. Pinnecoose
- ☐ Edward Burch Box III
- ☐ Matthew J. Box
- ☐ Marjorie D. Barry
- ☐ Conrad Thompson

**NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.**


**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS**

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

**9th Annual LCB Memorial Walk**

December 10, 2022

SunUte Community Center




Registration 9 a.m.

Walk/Run Starts 10 a.m.


The family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to thank all involved in the annual LCB Memorial Walk/Run. The former Southern Ute Chairman, Leonard C. Burch is honored every year, on Leonard C. Burch Day.

- The first 100 adults to register will receive a free T-shirt.
- Children will receive a special prize.



The 2022 LCB Walk is sponsored by:

- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Shining Mountain Health & Wellness
- SunUte Community Center
- Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
- MBSS Attorneys
- Shane Seibel & Family



**VOTE NOV. 4**

**Southern Ute General Election 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

Friday, November 04, 2022, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. held at 285 Lakin Street in Ignacio

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729  
Off reservation tribal member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

**SUCCM, leading by example**



courtesy Cougar Vigil/Pojoaque Pueblo

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin J. Baker attended the 2022 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums Honoring Reception, Tuesday, Oct. 25 in Temecula, Calif. where he was pleased to receive a custom-made Teaching Stick by master beadwork artist, George Martin, on behalf of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. SUCCM being one of ten tribal museums selected by a national review panel to serve as models for tribes wishing to establish museums and cultural centers.





BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats return to postseason

IHS off to the Vail Valley for regional

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

No tricks, just one big treat. That was the Halloween-morning reality for Ignacio Volleyball when the Colorado High School Activities Association revealed the full 2022 Class 2A State Tournament bracket Monday, Oct. 31. Still somewhat anxious over the possibility that postseason play might prove to be just a pipe dream, the 'Cats could truly exhale at last after discovering they'd received the No. 31 seed in the 36-team, 12-site regional phase.

Having closed out their regular-season schedule sweeping both 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Dolores (25-22, 25-19, 25-14 on the 25th) and 2A Southern Peaks Leaguers Sargent (25-16, 25-12, 25-20 on the 27th) inside IHS Gymnasium, Shasta Pontine's varsity – which finished a runner-up 6-2 in 2A SJBL play, 8-3 against the full league – will next hit the road to compete in the 2A-Region VI Championships on Friday, Nov. 4.

Their destination, however, is distant: Vail Christian H.S. in Edwards.

"I think we play better (away from) home anyways," senior Harmony Reynolds said. "So, I think



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Harmony Reynolds receives a hug from head coach Shasta Pontine during Senior/Parent Night introductions Tuesday, Oct. 25, inside IHS Gymnasium.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Sierra Red stands with her family (father Adam admitted afterwards he was trying not to cry) during Senior/Parent Night introductions Tuesday, Oct. 25, inside IHS Gymnasium.

it'll be great."

Representing the Western Slope League and on a four-match winning streak, the six-seed Lady Saints (18-3 overall) will get the three-team event underway facing Ignacio (13-10) at 11 a.m. IHS

will then go up against No. 19 Lake County at 1 p.m., with the Leadville-based Lady Panthers (19-4) coming in off a 1-1 showing at the Frontier League tourney. Of their

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Ignacio's Quintana 53rd at State cross-country

Senior named SJBL Boys' Runner-of-the-Year



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Moriah Ashley (406) was happy to be back in action Friday, Oct. 21, at the 2A-Region IV meet held at Confluence Park in Delta, Colo. She placed 78th in a time of 26:49.6, but did not qualify for the State Championships.

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Despite her team being curtailed this fall by injury, first-year Ignacio Cross-Country head coach Karri McCarter indicated she was still pleased with her runners' progression.

"Yeah, I had a lot of fun," she said. "I think we had a great first season (together); we took ... times from the mid-23s and -24s, down to -19s. Everybody had a PR this season, whether a personal record at a course or overall personal record."

After placing top-15 at the Class 2A-Region IV meet held at Confluence Park in Delta, senior Eppie Quintana was the lone Bobcat to qualify for the 2022 CHSAA Cross-Country State Championships in Colorado Springs. With

the starter's pistol cracking the El Paso County air – its temperature at that moment in the mid-60s Fahrenheit – at 12:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, Quintana headed out onto the Norris-Penrose Event Center course.

And though he couldn't keep pace with the leaders, headed by Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy senior Jack Nauman and Leadville Lake County senior Jace Peters, Quintana still almost achieved top-50 status in his return to the season-ending event. Clocking 18 minutes, 36.3 seconds, he placed 53rd out of 136 finishers.

"I think he did great," McCarter said. "I don't know how to phrase it, but he was about three weeks behind – in a sense – everybody else, because he'd had an injury. So to come back from that

and do as well as he did was awesome."

Nauman finished in 15:55.1, with Peters (16:21.3) and HCA senior Ryan O'Loughlin (16:33.6) his nearest pursuers.

"The weather was nice – it was really well done, the whole thing," said McCarter. "The course seemed well-groomed."

Freshmen Dillon Brann and Trace Crane were given the option of traveling to NPEC in support of their teammate.

"So when they go next year it's not so surprising," McCarter explained. "Trace didn't get to go; he stayed home with his sister – Trinity, my (team) manager – who had her wisdom teeth (pulled) out. But Dillon went and I think that was a

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Active-roster seniors John Riepel (4), Zane Ross (52) and Lane Johnson (7), plus team manager Zane Olguin (as well as part-time manager Harmony Reynolds, not pictured) were all honored before kickoff Friday, Oct. 28, versus Del Norte. The Bobcats would defeat the Tigers 26-6.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcats take down Tigers in finale, 26-6

Victory still not enough for postseason berth

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Effective at stretching out and softening visiting Del Norte's defense Friday night, Oct. 28, Ignacio junior Devante Montoya enjoyed a career day with ten receptions – most on quick throws from freshman Zane Pontine along the line of scrimmage, allowing Montoya's legs to then do most of the damage – and 150 yards in a 26-6 home win.

Playing for their postseason lives – IHS went in to the game No. 17 in CHSAA's Selection & Seeding Index, with only 16 teams chosen for the Class 1A State Playoffs – the Bobcats also got 146 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 25 carries by senior John Riepel, who operated from behind Pontine as a sign that the torch had been passed from one quarterback to the next.

"We were planning on hitting D a lot tonight," Riepel explained. "Their corners ... didn't look too special, so we decided to target D more than use the run this game. I'm glad D got over a hundred yards – he hadn't gotten that type of love all year."

"I'm hoping we can make Playoffs, so ... I can play one last week with the boys."

"We've got a long ways to go," head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia said, alluding primarily to the fact Ignacio lost the turnover battle, four to two. "But looking in from the outside, let's hope we get one more game – just to say, 'Hey, we're there!'"

After an offensive pass-interference call against Riepel, who prevented a likely Tiger interception, on their first play following a Del Norte turnover-on-downs at IHS' 37-yard line, Ignacio recovered to complete a 63-yard drive, capped by a 13-yard Riepel run with 4:48 left in the first quarter. Pontine's two-point conversion run failed, but the 'Cats at least had the lead.

IHS' next series ended with Pontine throwing an interception, but after Ry-lan Maez sacked DNHS QB Jace Pacheco to stop the Tigers' resulting 13-play push (which consumed 6:16 worth of clock and carried into the second quarter) at the Bobcat 13, Ignacio capitalized with a 14-play, 87-yard march (devouring 7:04) culminating in a 2-yard Pontine plunge.

"It was like having a magic wand in your hand, making things up as you went. But it was because of what they were giving us, you know?" said Garcia. "It was like, I was running

out of plays to call! And you know what? It turned into a touchdown! So it worked out well."

Riepel plowed in for the two-pointer, and the Bobcats' lead grew to 14-0.

Punctuating the momentum shift, the 'Cats (5-3, 3-2 Southern Peaks Conference) proceeded to sack Pacheco three times during the Tigers' ensuing possession and take over on downs at the Tiger 30 with only 11.4 seconds left. Pontine was promptly picked off by DNHS' Jaxson Fazio, but the guests were unable to profit from the takeaway.

Riepel returned Del Norte's kickoff beginning the second half 26 yards to the Ignacio 48, and six plays later carried in a 6-yard TD, increasing the advantage to 20-0 with 8:52 left in the third quarter after Pontine's conversion keeper was stopped short.

Led on the ground by senior Micheal Laymon, DNHS began their next drive at the Bobcat 48 – following Laymon's 17-yard kick return – and reached the 1 before Pacheco was stripped of the football by IHS' D.J. Hendren.

"All week they were talking about how we're going to stop that young man,

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Volunteer!! Volunteer!!

**YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!**

**Basketball coaches are needed for the new 2023 SunUte Youth Basketball season!**

**Registration forms can be picked up at SunUte Community Center.**

**All volunteers are subject to a background screening. Must schedule appointment with Human Resources @ 970-563-2190.**



For more information contact the Recreation Department @ 970-563-0214

Virgil Morgan ext. 2652, Tara Vigil ext. 2667, Daphnee Washington ext. 2655, Bird Red ext. 2664



## U.S. Midterm Election - Nov. 8, 2022

### Frequently Asked Questions

**As a registered voter, what do I have to do?**

Your registration must be correct in order for you to receive a mail ballot. You may verify or update your registration the following ways:

- Online at [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov)
- Download an application at [www.laplatacountyclerk.org](http://www.laplatacountyclerk.org) & mail to 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango, CO 81303 or email completed form to [elections@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:elections@co.laplata.co.us).
- Visit the La Plata County Clerk & Recorder's office at 679 Turner Dr., Ste C, Durango, CO 81303 to complete an application.

If your registration is current and active, your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you.

**When are the ballots mailed to the voters?**  
Ballots will be mailed the week of Oct. 17.

**What if my ballot doesn't come?**  
If you have not received your ballot within a week after they are mailed, call the County Clerk's office at 970-382-6296. They will check that your voter registration is current. If it is, they will mail you a replacement ballot.

**What if I have moved and have not updated my registration?**  
You may submit a paper voter registration to the County Clerk's office or update your registration online at [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov) until Oct. 31 to receive a ballot by mail or go to a Voter Service and Polling Center to update your registration and obtain a ballot through Election Day.

**I will be out of town when the ballots are mailed. How do I get a ballot?**  
Ballots are available on Sept. 26 in the County Clerk's office or you may complete a Voter Registration Application to have the ballot mailed to you at the out of area location.

**What if I do not vote on all the candidates or measures?**  
If you do not vote on all the candidates or measures your ballot will still be counted for all voted races.

**What if I make a mistake, damage or lose my ballot?**  
You may call the County Clerk's office and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received no later than Oct. 31. Otherwise, you may request a replacement ballot in person at a Voter Service and Polling Center location until 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8. Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mailbox or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a replacement ballot.

**Do I have to return my ballot by mail?**  
No, you have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location. Ballots should not be mailed after Oct. 31.

**How much postage is required to mail my ballot back?**  
Your voted ballot can be returned with a standard first class stamp. If you return the

ballot to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location no postage is necessary.

**Can I mail multiple ballots in one return envelope?**  
No, only one ballot may be returned per signature envelope.

**When must the voted ballot be returned?**  
The voted ballot must be received in any La Plata County designated dropsite location by 7 p.m. on election night. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.

**How do I know you received my ballot?**  
To verify that your ballot was received by the County Clerk's Office, please call 970-382-6296 or visit [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov).

**What if I did not sign my return envelope?**  
The County Clerk's office will contact you in writing and you will have until Nov. 16 to respond in order for your vote to be counted.

**Can I sign someone else's ballot?**  
No one can sign the return envelope on behalf of another voter, even if there is a power of attorney in place.

**What if my signature has changed?**  
Complete a new voter registration form and submit it to the County Clerk's Office.

**Are ADA accessible voting machines available?**  
Yes, ADA accessible voting machines are available for use at all Voter Service and Polling Centers.

**Can the public watch the election process?**  
Yes, all steps of the process are open to observation by the public.

**Can anyone find out how I've voted once I mail my ballot?**  
No, all ballots are separated from the return envelope before the ballots are inspected. This process ensures confidentiality.

**When will election results be known?**  
No results can be announced until after 7 p.m. on election night.

**Where may I obtain election results?**  
Election results are available online at [www.laplatacountyclerk.org](http://www.laplatacountyclerk.org) or in the County Clerk's office at 679 Turner Dr, Ste C.

**What if I have more questions?**  
Call the La Plata County Clerk's office at 970-382-6296.

**You may sign up to track your ballot at [www.laplatavotes.com](http://www.laplatavotes.com).**

**Acceptable Forms of Identification**  
All voters who vote at the polls must provide identification. If you are voting by mail for the first time, you may also need to provide a photocopy of your identification.

**See complete Colorado Voter Q&A online at [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov)**

Where can I drop off my ballot or vote in person?	
Voter Service and Polling Centers / Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations	
<b>La Plata County Clerk &amp; Recorder</b> 679 Turner Dr, Ste. C, Durango, CO	Mon., Oct. 24 – Fri., Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon., Oct 31 – Fri., Nov, 4 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat., Nov, 5 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon., Nov, 7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>*New Location*</b> <b>Pine River Library</b> 395 Bayfield Center Dr., Bayfield, CO	Fri., Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat., Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon., Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Election Day Nov 8 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>La Plata County Fairgrounds</b> 2500 Main Ave, Durango, CO	Mon., Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>Fort Lewis College</b> Community Concert Hall 1000 Rim Dr, Durango, CO	Mon., Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
<b>Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum</b> 503 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO	Fri., Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat., Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon., Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Mail Ballot Drop Off Locations	
<b>La Plata County Clerk &amp; Recorder</b> 679 Turner Dr, Ste. C, Durango, CO	Oct. 17 – Nov. 8 24 Hour Drop Box – Drive-by
<b>Bayfield Town Hall</b> 1199 Bayfield Parkway, Bayfield, CO	Oct. 17 – Nov. 8 24 Hour Drop Box
<b>La Plata County Administration Bldg.</b> 1101 E. 2nd Ave, Durango, CO	Oct. 17 – Nov. 8 24 Hour Drop Box
<b>Farmers Fresh Market</b> 535 Goddard Ave, Ignacio, CO	Oct. 17 – Nov. 8 24 Hour Drop Box
<b>Fort Lewis Community Concert Hall</b> 1000 Rim Dr., Durango, CO	Oct. 17 – Nov. 8 24 Hour Drop Box
<b>La Plata County Fairgrounds</b> 2500 Main Ave, Durango, CO	Oct. 17 – Nov. 8 24 Hour Drop Box – Drive-by

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS



**Congrats Lawrence**  
Congratulations to our grandson Lawrence Toledo Jr. on his graduation from Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in Avondale Arizona. We are so proud of you as always. May you continue to succeed in life's journey. Toledo graduated with a degree in Associates of Occupational Studies Degree in Automotive Technology II.

Grandpa n Grandma Maez

## Farewell for Valencia



Lindsay Box/SUGF

Candi Valencia worked with the Office of Tribal Council Affairs (TCA) for over ten years as the Tribal Council Affairs Receptionist. She recently accepted a position with the Tribe's Permanent Fund under DNR as the new DNR Executive Assistant, starting Monday, Oct. 24. Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Executive Office, Legal Dept. and Internal Audit gather together in the Buckskin Charlie room, Friday, Oct. 21 to wish Valencia a warm farewell and congratulate her on her new position, while thanking her for her years of service with TCA.

## Corrections

In the Oct. 21 edition of the Drum, the title for Mary Evening Star Eagle, Acting Tribal Planner was mistakenly listed as Tribal Planning Project Coordinator.  
In the Oct. 21 edition of the Drum, Dr. Erin Nealon DO, was misidentified as Sandra Beirme, MD in the front-page photo caption.

## Multi-Purpose Facility

### November Elder Craft Day



## Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

**Monday Monday November 14, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

*Adults Only Please*



**256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**  
**Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)**

## Drum Deadline

Next issue  
**Nov. 18**

Deadline  
**Nov. 14**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Programs Division Water Quality Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division (EPD) received a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification request from Red Cedar Gathering Company for the proposed South Ignacio Pipeline Project on Oct. 19, 2022. Red Cedar Gathering Company also submitted a pre-construction notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Nationwide Permit No. 12, Oil or Natural Gas Pipeline Activities, for the project. The EPD is proposing to grant certification with conditions and is seeking public comments on the proposed 401 Certification. More information regarding the proposal is available through the EPD Public Notice webpage at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>. All timely comments will be considered in the formulation of a final certification issuance and associated conditions. Written comments or questions will be accepted via email at [wqs@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:wqs@southernute-nsn.gov) until Nov. 14, 2022 at 5 p.m.

### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

#### LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF TRIAL

To: Christopher Joseph Ralph Cloud.

In The Case Of

Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, Plaintiff  
V. Valerie C. Thompson (F/K/A Valerie C. Eustace)  
and Christopher Joseph Ralph Cloud, Defendants  
Case No. 22-CV-047

Take notice that Plaintiff has filed in this Court a complaint seeking damages against you. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of Plaintiff by filing with the Court Clerk an answer or other response to the complaint within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons upon you, or before your hearing date of Monday, December 5, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. Service will be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint and all filings in the case may be obtained from the Court Clerk. Trial in this matter is set for **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.** at Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240. If you fail to answer, or appear for said trial, the Court may grant the relief sought by Plaintiff. On the trial date, you should bring with you all books, papers, witnesses needed by you to establish any defenses you might have to Plaintiff's claims. If you wish to present a counterclaim, you must pay a fee of \$50.00.

Done and signed this 26th Day of September, 2022  
Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

#### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND SETTING HEARING

Priority Sales & Rental, Plaintiff,  
V. Adelia Scott, Defendant.

Case No.: 22-CV-106

This matter came before the court for a hearing on October 3, 2022. Plaintiff appeared, but service has not been made on the Defendant. The Court Finds And Orders: Plaintiff appeared and was present in court, but service has not been made on the Defendant Adelia Scott, who did not appear. The Court FINDS reasonable efforts have been made to serve the Defendant, and personal service has not been possible. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS that Defendant Adelia Scott shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUITC") §2-1- 103(2)(d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the summons and complaint, and notice of the next court hearing, to appear in the Southern Ute Drum, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) consecutive publications, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date. This matter is set for hearing on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

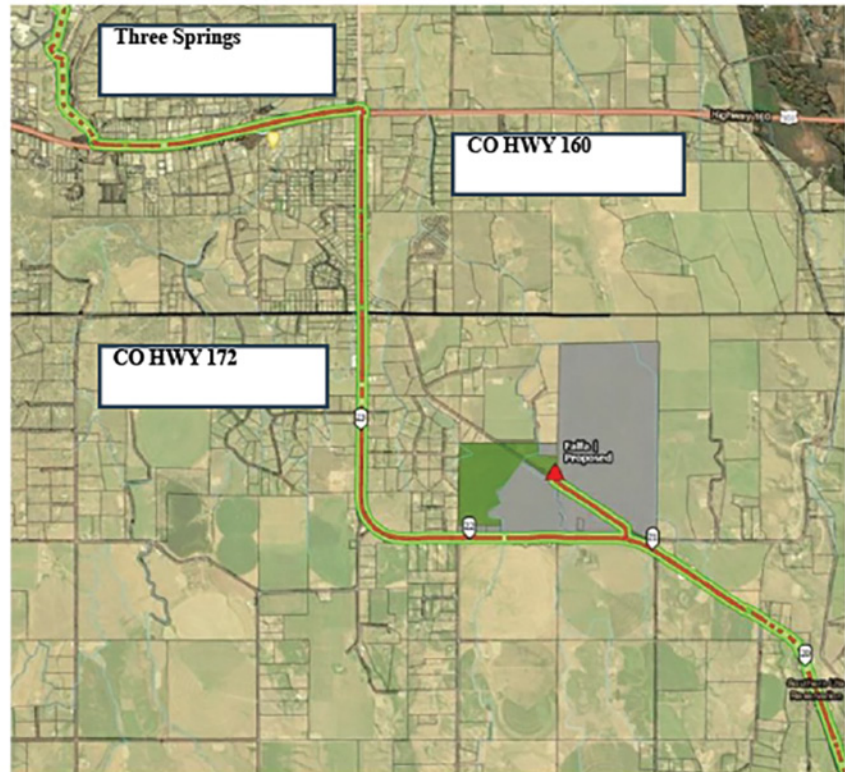
Done and signed this 3rd Day of October, 2022  
Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

## Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Construction

### Travel Impacts: CO Hwy 151, CO Hwy 160 & Three Springs

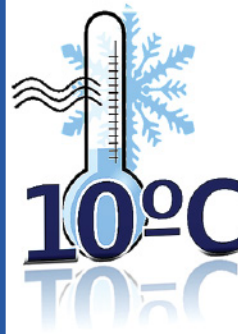
Bonfire Engineering will begin construction on the CDOT ROW for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Broadband Project – Phase 1. Crews will start construction at CO Highway 172 between mile markers 20 to 24 and CO Highway 160 from the intersection at Three Springs Boulevard to the intersection at CO Highway 172. Construction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway. Please see map below. The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder. Construction began on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, and is projected to conclude on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Traffic lanes will be narrowed. 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 970-563-4401 or the La Plata County Sheriff's Office at 970-385-2900.

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



## SUIT-Sky Ute Fairgrounds ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Metal Building Erection Project for Boat Storage Facility

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds division of the SUIT is accepting proposals from qualified contractors for construction services of the following project: Metal Building Erection Project for Boat Storage Facility. Bids will be received by Goff Engineering & Surveying until 3:00 PM (local time) on November 22nd 2022. **The Project includes the following work: Erection of Owner furnished metal buildings on existing concrete foundations. Building construction will include anchoring of building support systems, installation of garage doors, roofing, partitions, weather proofing, and all accessories in accordance (explicitly or by reference) with the construction documents and building manufacturer's specifications.** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American-owned company. Please go to <https://www.goffengineering.com/project-bidding/> to view the project and obtain Bidding Documents. For questions, please email Tory Autry at [tautry@goffengineering.com](mailto:tautry@goffengineering.com).



### Attention Tribal Membership:

Construction Services Division would like to remind everyone to plug in your Heaters at your pump house and heat tape your water lines to prevent any freeze-up on your home this winter.

Please contact us at 970-563-0260 if you need assistance.

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY NOVEMBER SIP, CHAT & CHEW DINNER

Friday November 18, 2022  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



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

Cake Dance

Door Prize donations and homemade cakes are welcome



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

## ENTER FOR LOGO CONTEST WINNER TAKES ALL

SEPTEMBER 19



NOVEMBER 21

Tribal Planning is looking to the membership for a talented artist to create there very own Tribal Department Logo.

Cash Prize: \$300

Contact for more info:  
Roman Seibel – Admin Support  
[rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov)  
(970) 563-2283





## CALL FOR APPLICANTS! for the AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2023

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Cost-share program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Due to limited funding not all applicants will be chosen. Projects are scored based on the potential to reduce agriculture related water pollution and improve water quality. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at (970) 563-2295 or skem@southernute-nsn.gov for more information. Applications are due November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.



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APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/SITES/15/2022/09/COST-SHARE-AGRICULTURAL-PROJECT-2023.PDF](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/09/COST-SHARE-AGRICULTURAL-PROJECT-2023.PDF) OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295

## Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at 2 – 5 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, 2020 Comprehensive Emission Inventory Update, Minor Source Program Update, Long Term Plan Update, Reservation Air Code Revisions, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information on the meeting, how to attend virtually, or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Mr. Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager at 970-563-2202 or visit the Commission website at: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/)

## ATTENTION

### Pine River Indian Irrigation Project FALL WATER USERS MEETING

@ SKY UTE CASINO

Tuesday November 15, 2022

06:00pm – 08:00pm

Southern Ute Agency

Bureau of Indian Affairs

For more information call

970- 563- 9484

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgsu.org](http://www.bgsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### 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. Submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions 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. If you are interested, 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](mailto: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?

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open until filled – KSUT now has two openings on our board of directors – one for a Southern Ute Tribal Member and one Native American at Large, member of a federally recognized Native American tribe. KSUT board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 pm. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org), 970-563-5780.

### POWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Màykh! 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](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov).

### 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 to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.



## NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:



### The Southern Ute Utilities Division will be closed:

November 11, 2022 for Veteran's Day

November 24, 2022 for Thanksgiving

Transfer station will be open  
November 25, 2022



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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Behavioral Health Clerk

Closes 11/4/22 – Serves as the first line of communication for the Southern Ute Health Department's Behavioral Health Division. Interfaces with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provides clerical/administrative support. Greets patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Controller

Closes 11/4/22 – Responsible for the integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade X19; Pay starts at \$95,745.85/year.

#### Education Assistant

Closes 11/16/22 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Senior Human Resources Manager

Closes 11/7/22 – Under general direction of the HR Director, providing assistance and support to the Director with management of the Human Resources Dept, Employee Benefits Division, and the Health and Safety Management Division. Assists in the planning of activities and the operational, administrative and strategic management of Permanent Fund's Human Resource programs, policies, and procedures. Provides management oversight, compliance, and operational support for key Human Resources functions, including recruitment and employment; compensation and benefits; employee training; employee relations; policy formulation and implementation; and performance development and evaluation. Will assist with the day-to-day supervision and management of the Human Resources team, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and compliance and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/annually.

#### Tribal Legislative Attorney

Closes 12/1/22 – Review, revise, and draft the Tribe's Codes and ordinances. Will develop a plan for regular review of all tribal codes and will develop and establish a process for Code prioritization and revision. Maintaining the Tribe's official code. As necessary, will assist the Legal Department with general legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal Departments, and tribal staff. Will work in the Legal Department subject to the supervision of the Director and Deputy Director of the Legal Department to support the needs of the Tribe.

#### Tribal Ranger

Closes 11/9/22 – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

#### Air Quality Planner

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

#### Animal Care Tech. (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/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; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Chief of Police

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$86,609.29/annually.

#### Clinical Supervisor

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

#### Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/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.

#### Early Childhood 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. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Family Court Case Manager

Open Until Filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/annually.

#### Family Court Therapist

Open Until Filled – Provides direct and clinical supervision to Family Court Support Office staff and program services. Assists the Chief Judge and the Court Program Analyst/Grant Writer with recommendations for new or enhanced program services requiring grant funding. Provides grant and data reporting. Assists judges in assigning court appointments to Family Court Caseworkers or Family Court Therapist. Manages a small family court caseload conducting mental health Guardian ad Litem investigations, Special Advocate investigations, parent coordination, and mediation services. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

#### Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Grounds Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/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; Pay 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; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

#### Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The 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; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Public Education Tutor (Temp./Part-time)

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

#### Receptionist – Council Affairs

Open Until Filled – Greeting Tribal Members, employees, and the public. Performs reception duties by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting with inquiries and appointments. Requires a positive and profes-



# did you know?

## The first Saturday in November is National Bison Day!

Congress approved the National Bison Legacy

**Act in 2016 to make the bison, or American buffalo, the U.S. National Mammal and celebrate the ecological, cultural, and economic contributions of the animal. There are about 430,000 bison across the U.S., which is about 1% of their historic population. While most are raised as livestock, approximately 30,000 bison live in herds managed for conservation.**



Sources: <https://naturemuseum.org/2021/11/national-bison-day/> and <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/nature/bisonfaq.htm#:~:text=Bison%20are%20not%20listed%20as,however%2C%20wild%20bison%20are%20rare.>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division Assistant Programs Manager, Brenna Kampf, at 970-563-2272 or [bkampf@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bkampf@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions or comments.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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|--------------------------------|--|
| • Distribution, Thur., Nov. 10 | <b>NOON, Mon., Nov. 7, 2022 (Changed Date)</b> |
| • Distribution, Wed., Nov. 23  | NOON, Fri., Nov. 18, 2022                      |
| • Distribution, Thur., 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 • Job announcements cont.

sional attitude with demonstrated integrity, dependability, trustworthiness, and teamwork. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Small Business Specialist Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will learn how to develop, plan, organize and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Will learn how to promote the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. The length of this program is designed to last (2) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below the entry level for a grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Small Business Specialist position.

#### Social Services Division Head

Open Until Filled – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family group, and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B – Foster Care Program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/year.

#### Social Worker

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### TEAM Worker (So. Ute members only)

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

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute members only)

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

#### Tribal Attorney

Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in this position is essential, as is an ability to provide legal advice on a variety of topics in a fast-paced environment.

## Multi-Purpose Facility November Yard Sale



## Saturday November 12, 2022

## 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



## Fall Crafting with Sandy Seibert

## 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee (Doors open at 8:00 AM)



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





**Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements**

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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 and Video Lead System Engineer (Full-time)**

Maintains and is responsible for the support and repairs of all AV equipment within fully integrated conference rooms, boardrooms, hotel rooms, public areas, Casino floor and other similar rooms containing AV equipment throughout the property. Will interface directly with customers daily and is responsible for setting up and the functionality of all AV components.

**\*Bingo Staff (Part-time)**

Servicing guests during Bingo games including selling additional special games and pull tabs, instructing customers in Bingo play, calling Bingo games, beverage service and other duties promoting guest satisfaction and play. Verifying winning Bingo cards and making payouts accordingly.

**\*Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)**

Greeting guests in a friendly manner, informs guests of center services, promotions, and prices. Rents, sells, or issues sporting equipment and supplies such as bowling shoes and golf balls. Operating the cash register, computer, and equipment in the bowling alley. Properly assigns guests to lanes, monitors activity to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, keeps track of open play lanes, and handles telephone inquiries.

**\*Cage Staff (Full-time)**

Providing fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Exchanges cash, coins, checks, and Tito tickets for all gaming customers, performs functions for Slot and Pit areas as required, reconciles impress back at the end of shift.

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

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

**\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)**

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

**\*Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)**

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. The Deep Cleaning Staff will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

**\*Event Staff (Full-time or On-call)**

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

**\*Executive Chef (Full-time)**

Oversee all functions of the main kitchen, including production, food safety, staff training and development, and product management. Ensures the highest quality and consistency as it relates to food handling, sanitation, food quality, service in the dining room, and food presentations.

**\*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 Tech (Full-time)**

Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

**\*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.

**\*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.

**\*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)**

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

**\*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)**

Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. Supervisor ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

**\*Line Cook (Full-time)**

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

**\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)**

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

**\*Night Auditor (Full-time)**

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

**\*Rolling Thunder Cashier (Full-time)**

Greet guests in a friendly manner, take and deliver orders, calculate checks, and receive payment for the Bowling Grill Window and Restaurant.

**\*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.

**\*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)**

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

**\*Slot Technician II (Full-time)**

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

**\*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)**

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

**\*Surveillance Video Technician (Full-time)**

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

**\*Willows Server (Full-time)**

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift Covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

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**Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)**

Closes 11/9/22 – Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines: Clean Water Act (CWA); reclamation/remediation activities; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and/or Endangered Species Act (ESA). Permit-required submittals and modifications, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing, and field work.

**Lands Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**

Closes 11/14/22 – Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

**Lease Operator II– Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**

Closes 11/11/22 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foremen, managing and maintaining field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow and Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

**Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)**

Closes 11/9/22 – Ensuring the SUGF and its business enterprises are in compliance with the regulations applicable to doing business on and off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, including the Clean Water Act (CWA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Endangered Species Act (ESA). An environmental leadership position responsible for the development, execution, and training of environmental programs and initiatives that communicate environmental awareness and compliance for the Growth Fund. Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines.

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee will be selling the remainder of t-shirts to the public. The Southern Ute Powwow Committee wants to remind everyone to do your part to stay safe and healthy through this pandemic.

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Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions. Please Contact Rochelle Aguilar, Southern Ute Human Resources Assistant at 970-563-2990 or stop by at LCB – Building 356 Ouray Drive Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application





BOBCATS TAKE DOWN TIGERS • FROM PAGE 14

because he’s a great quarterback,” Garcia explained. “Their Number Five (Laymon) and Number Three (Cody Worz), they’re amazing kids too, so if we could stop two of them we were going to be okay. But the main one was Number Two; don’t give that kid a chance to pass ... that was the idea. And our kids, they all surrounded the ball well – especially around the goal line.”

Set up at their own 7 after a penalty, the Bobcats all but put the game away with an 11-play, 93-yard drive using the quarter’s last 5:01 and ending with a 17-yard Riepel scoring run. Freshman Lincoln deKay was stopped on the two-pointer, but Ignacio led by four scores going into the final frame.

Maez would intercept Pacheco on the Tigers’ seventh play after starting at their own 37, but Del Norte (3-6, 1-4 SPC), after recovering two IHS fumbles, avoided being blanked when Worz hauled in a 50-yard TD from Pacheco with 3:07 remaining.

Maez, however, deflected away Pacheco’s attempted conversion pass, and after then setting up shop at their own 44 following DNHS’ failed onside-kick try, the ‘Cats literally ran out the penultimate 3:05 – gaining a needed first down via a 4-yard Nate Hendren carry, and then following it up with two Pontine kneel-downs in ‘victory formation.’

“We were all straight-up animals out there; we were all locked in,” said Riepel. “We were telling ourselves to hit them every single play and give them all we’ve got on defense. I was excited.”

Pontine ended up throwing for 139 yards on 9-of-14 accuracy, while Pacheco went 12-of-21 for 146. Riepel ended up 1-of-1 for 11 yards (to Montoya), and Montoya even went 1-of-1 for 22 (to Maez). Slowed by a third-quarter hip injury, Nate Hendren netted 38 yards on six carries, deKay 11 on two, and Pontine a break-even zero on five.

Coming in off a six-touchdown showing the previous week against Trinidad, Laymon was held scoreless in defeat and totaled (unofficially) 55 yards on 18 carries. Worz finished with four receptions for 83 yards and also carried twice for 13.

**UNPLEASANT AFTERMATH**

Had Ignacio’s season-starting demolition of 2A Red Mesa, Ariz., went into history as an actual game for both teams – Ignacio voted yea, Red Mesa nay – it would have ended up serving a dual purpose:

One, an official predictor of how the 2022 season would go for RMHS – which finished just 1-8 overall.

Two, it would have been IHS’ first of six wins, not five – with six proving a criterion

of sorts for teams either qualifying for, or simply hoping to be selected for Playoffs. Considering Red Mesa’s results, the Bobcats’ 70-0 victory back on August 19 may not have strengthened their schedule enough for inclusion, but it definitely would have made things interesting when it came time on the 30th to seed the bracket.

Seeded third, Wiggins got in standing 6-3 and so did 5-seed Yuma, 6-seed Wray, 10-seed Gunnison and 13-seed Colorado Springs Christian. No. 11 Meeker got in standing 5-3, as did No. 14 Hotchkiss North Fork, while 9-seed Holyoke got in with a 4-5 record and Burlington, despite going 0-5 in their conference, somehow got in standing 2-7 overall.

Ultimately, Westminster Flatirons Academy (7-2) was awarded the Playoffs’ No. 16 seed and a first-round game at No. 1 Limon (9-0), last season’s State Runner-up to Centauri – SPC champion again in ’22 with a 5-0 mark, and a 7-2 overall record earning CHS the 7-seed.

“I’m just so proud of our kids for what they have accomplished. They’ve worked so hard,” Garcia said. “We started with 20 and we finished ... well, almost with 20 – ended up with 14. But they all worked hard. Hopefully our junior class – nine of them – can pick up the pace and become leaders next year as we start looking to the future.”

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four losses to date, two – including one at the FL gathering – have come against Fort Lupton.

VC and LC will then collide in the final – barring any sort of tiebreaking play – match, with only the first-place side surviving to see the Denver Coliseum and the State Championships.

ALSO SUMMONED

2A SJBL champion with a 7-1 record, Mancos (17-6 overall) received the No. 22 seed and will travel to Region III. Joining the Lady Jays and hosting 3-seed Meeker (21-2), tops in the WSL, will be No. 34 Fort Collins Heritage Christian (13-10). Action on Friday, Nov. 4, is presently

set to begin at 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, undefeated SJBLers Dove Creek (23-0 overall, 9-0 SJBL, 4-0 1A SJBL) will host one of the Class 1A State Tournament’s eight three-team regionals. Seeded eighth in

the 24-team bracket, DCHS will welcome 9-seed La Veta (22-1) and No. 17 Westminster Flatirons Academy (16-7) to ‘The DawgHouse’ for Region VIII action.

Action Saturday, Nov. 5, is set to begin at 9 a.m.

FINAL 2A SJBL STANDINGS

1.Mancos 7-1, 2. IGNACIO 6-2, 3. Telluride 4-4, 4. Dolores 3-5, 5. Ridgway 0-8.

FINAL CHSAANOW.COM CLASS 2A POLL (released 10/31)

1. Wiggins, 2. Meeker, 3. Sedgwick County (Julesburg), 4. Fowler, 5. Strasburg, 6. Holyoke, 7. Edwards Vail Christian, 8. Colorado Springs St. Mary’s, 9. Sanford, 10. Denver Christian. Others Receiving Votes: Greeley Dayspring Christian, Mancos, **IGNACIO**, Buena Vista, Hotchkiss North Fork, Burlington, Olathe, Hayden, Leadville Lake County, Yuma, Del Norte, Ault Highland, Rye, Vail Mountain.

QUINTANA 53RD AT STATE • FROM PAGE 14

good experience for him ... to see all the people and just feel the feel.”

RECOGNIZED

By virtue of being the first San Juan Basin League runner to finish at the aforementioned regional, Quintana earned First Team All-SJBL, and also SJBL Boys’ Runner-of-the-Year. Brann and Crane also received First Team All-SJBL, as did

Telluride sophomore Sean McKillop and Ouray senior Canyon Ishikawa.

Honorable Mention All-SJBL nods went to Mancos junior Braxton Dennison and IHS freshman Aven Bourriague.

On the girls’ side of things, MHS sophomore Teagan Archer was named Girls’ Runner-of-the-Year and was joined as a First Team All-SJBL pick by THS freshmen Austin Cooke and Lana Ken-

worthy, MHS sophomore Adaline Kearns and Dolores sophomore Elia Lowe.

Mancos senior Madi-lynn Ritter and DHS sophomore Keira LaRose were the Honorable Mention All-SJBL choices.

McCarter was voted SJBL Boys’ Coach-of-the-Year; MHS’ Brady Archer received Girls’ Coach-of-the-Year, with the Lady Jays being the only SJBL squad to qualify for State as a team.

Furious finish for JV squad



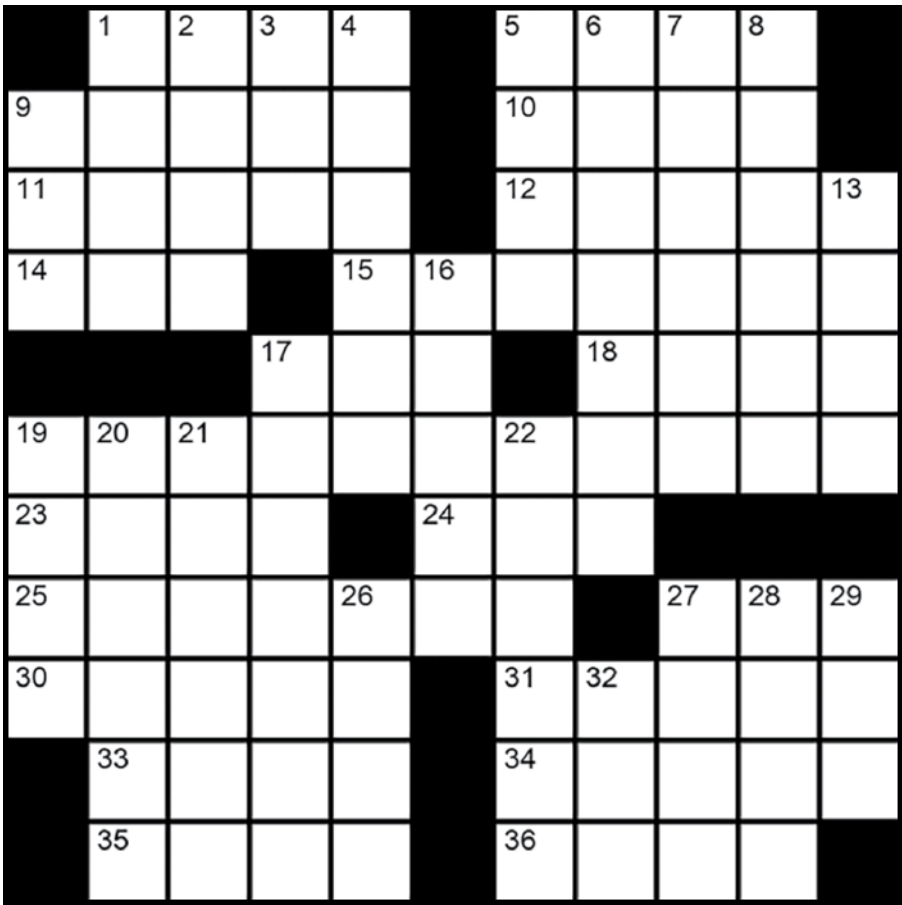
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Ignacio junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga (3) hammers a kill shot inside IHS Gymnasium Thursday, Oct. 27, as non-league 2A Sargent’s Addie Roepke (23) watches. Mendoza-Lechuga helped IHS’ JV squad, coached by Cindy Valdez, defeat SHS’ by scores of 25-9, 25-14 – upping the team’s final record to 17-1 overall after a similar 25-6, 25-14 triumph on the 25th over 2A SJBL rival Dolores.



Ignacio sophomore Ada-Rene Cruz (2) beams Thursday evening, Oct. 27, inside IHS Gymnasium during the junior varsity’s 25-9, 25-14 defeat of non-league 2A Sargent – coming two days after a similar 25-6, 25-14 triumph over 2A SJBL rival Dolores. Coached by Cindy Valdez, Ignacio’s JV finished the 2022 season standing 17-1 overall. (Their only loss came against 5A Farmington, N.M., in a match where IHS ended up playing with fewer than the regulation six players on the floor.)

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 --- Jemison, Scots-Irish woman who became a Seneca after being captured
- 5 Pirate’s booty
- 9 Will comply, in radio lingo
- 10 She sang “Don’t Go Breaking My Heart” with Elton
- 11 Northern Californian people whose name means “man”
- 12 Cry of surrender
- 14 Track with hostile intent
- 15 Squirrels away
- 17 Charge for services
- 18 Lowest Jurassic division
- 19 Getting softer, in music
- 23 Equal to the task
- 24 Back muscle, briefly
- 25 Turnpike or street
- 27 The terrestrial phase of a newt
- 30 Former Czech tennis star Petr ---
- 31 Affirmative grunt
- 33 --- Dullea of “2001: A Space Odyssey”
- 34 Kiowa dance
- 35 WWII weapon
- 36 Tots up

Down

- 1 Cat sound
- 2 TV personality who asked Buzz Aldrin: “What was it like to walk on the sun?”
- 3 Shipping-dept. stamp
- 4 Capeesh?
- 5 Predatory sea bird
- 6 Titanic star Kate ---
- 7 Maricopa Reservation community
- 8 Balmy place?
- 9 Saddam Hussein was supposed to have them
- 13 An Exxon brand
- 16 Induction motor inventor
- 17 Late singer --- Mercury
- 19 Dismal
- 20 Kindle buys
- 21 Bordeaux
- 22 New York “People of the Great Swamp”
- 26 Caution
- 27 Former Israeli leader --- Barak
- 28 Pelts
- 29 Divinity school qualification
- 32 Brick carrier

Answers for this crossword will appear in November 18 issue of the Drum.

Answers for October 21, 2022 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 PSAT, 5 MCAT, 9 Iola, 10 Euros, 12 Maul, 13 Rincon, 15 Armco, 17 Oslo, 18 What-ifs, 21 NSW, 24 Nun, 25 Nah, 26 Amassed, 28 Pint, 29 Alvar, 34 Attack, 37 Aide, 38 Hokum, 39 Reef, 40 Nets, 41 Awls.

**Down:** 1 Pima, 2 Soar, 3 Alum, 4 Talc, 5 Mer, 6 Cui, 7 Arnot, 8 Tocsin, 11 Sol-fa, 14 Nosh, 16 Owns, 19 Hue, 20 And a, 21 Napa, 22 Smith, 23 Wanton, 27 Stake, 30 Lara, 31 View, 32 Adel, 33 Refs, 35 Cut, 36 Kms.

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Friday, Nov. 4



Mostly sunny 44°F  
West wind

Saturday, Nov. 5



Sunny 49°F

Sunday, Nov. 6



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