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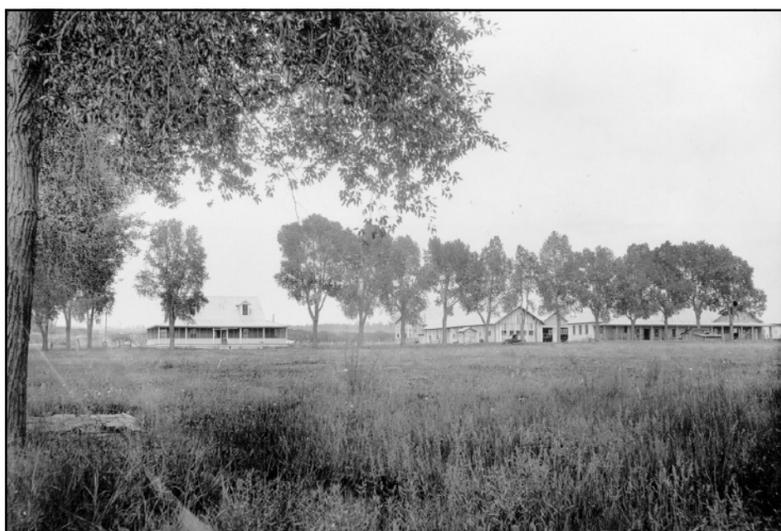


**SunUte hits slopes in Telluride**

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**INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS**

**History Colorado issues second report to Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs**

*House Bill 22-1327 research underway at state sites*

*Staff report*

HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado’s State Archaeologist, Dr. Holly Norton, presented a second quarterly report about Federal Indian Boarding Schools in Colorado to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), Thursday, Dec. 15.

The report outlines the progress to date in implementing the Federal Indian Boarding School Research Program Act (HB 22-1327), which was signed into law by Governor Jared Polis on May 24, 2022. The act directs History Colorado to investigate the lived experiences of students at the one-time federal Native American boarding school in Hesperus, Colo., also referred to as the Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, as well as identify potential burial places of students who perished while attending the school.

The latest report provides updates on the completion



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of the current phase of remote sensing work at the site of the Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School; efforts to secure funding for completion of similar work at the Teller Institute in Grand Junction; and updates on archival research.

A complete copy of Dr. Norton’s second quarterly report can be found here. This report is a continuation of the previous report under the HB 22-1327, which was provided to the CCIA on Sept. 8.

**Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, Hesperus**

As part of the work to implement HB 22-1327 the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs convened the first multinational tribal consultation on Oct. 26, at Fort Lewis College. This meeting was held virtually and in-person and was attended by members of the Tohono O’odham Nation, Southern Ute Indian

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Winterhawk Carrillo; an Artesia graduate**

*Animal Control Officer to Tribal Ranger*

*By Divine Windy Boy*  
SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Krystofer Winterhawk Carrillo is a recent graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Indian Police Academy—located in Artesia, N.M.—as of Friday, Oct. 7 and now serves the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Tribal Ranger. These responsibilities include patrolling a wider range of the Southern Ute Reservation and enforcing both natural resources and wildlife codes. Before taking her latest position, she also served the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as an Animal Control Officer for a total of six years before transitioning and challenging herself to complete ranger training.

Early in her career, Winterhawk Carrillo had a passion for working with animals and naturally applied for a position working as an Animal Control Officer for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In her role with Animal Control, she had the opportunity to work with domestic animals and livestock within the reservation, ensuring to protect property, pets, and other animals from abuse, ne-



**Krystofer Winterhawk**  
Tribal Ranger  
Southern Ute Natural Resources Enforcement

glect, and disease. After six years of work with Southern Ute Animal Control, she made the decision to take on the Ranger Trainee position, a job position that gives Southern Ute tribal members the opportunity to complete training at the Federal Police Academy in Artesia, N.M.

As Winterhawk Carrillo continues in this new position she hopes to get to know more of the tribal membership and interact with them as they go out to enjoy the area’s natural resources. “I like seeing tribal members out there – hunting, fishing, or just even going out to hike – it’s cool to see that and to interact with them enjoying

the resources, get to know them more.”

Tribal Ranger Captain, Charles Hamby is very proud of the accomplishments that Winterhawk Carrillo has made and is glad to have her be a part of their team. “After several years of her doing the job of the animal control officer, she decided that she was ready to go ahead and go through the academy – take a new challenge,” Hamby said. “It’s tough for anyone, but someone that is a mother and wife, then has to put all of that on hold for a few months while you’re going to the Academy – which the Academy itself is quite a challenge. It’s pretty amazing what she accomplished.”

“Winterhawk is one of those people that everyone just really enjoys being around her and working with her, she is very professional, she cares about the membership – she always had taken her job very seriously,” Hamby said. “When she had voiced her interest in going to the academy and becoming a ranger, every single person in our divi-

*Winterhawk page 12*

**BGC Toy Drive: Gift of giving**



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe alongside the Southern Ute Police Department and Los Pinos Fire District deliver toys to local Ignacio children and families on Friday, Dec. 23, Santa Claus took time to visit with children and ask them their Christmas wishes.



Deirryck Begay, Patrol Attendant, aids in handing out toys to children during the 7th Annual Toy Drive hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This year’s toy drive proved to be very successful with an abundance of toys for children of all ages, with multiple drop off locations for toys throughout Tribal Campus and the Town of Ignacio, the community helped to ensure a Merry Christmas for local families.

**See more Toy Drive photos on page 9.**

**Christmas dinner & program**



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk III takes his turn in giving a welcoming address along with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain royalty dignitaries, before the Christmas dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Santa and Mrs. Clause made a guest appearance to hear all the Christmas wishes and hand out stockings full of treats to kids following the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) Christmas Program following the Christmas dinner.

**See more Christmas dinner photos on page 8.**



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum



courtesy WSTN

A delegation from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry led by Oil & Gas Division Director Takeshi Soda (front, third from left) joins senior leaders from the Navajo Nation, the Crow Tribe of Indians and WSTN members the Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and our newest member, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, represented by President Edward Velarde (front, first from left).

## GROWTH FUND

# Western States and Tribal Nations welcomes the Jicarilla Apache Nation

*Joining Navajo Nation, Crow and Ute Tribes*

**Andrew Browning**  
PRESIDENT, WESTERN STATES  
AND TRIBAL NATIONS

As we wrap up an eventful, unprecedented year in the energy world, we wanted to share the important takeaways and the future paths we learned from the successful Western States and Tribal Nations (WSTN) West Coast LNG Export Forum held at Colorado Mesa University on Dec. 12-13 in Grand Junction, Colo. The university is a fitting venue because it is there that the seed which led to WSTN's formation was first planted.

Fast forward three years: WSTN welcomed its eighth government member, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, when President Edward Velarde signed WSTN's governing Memorandum of Understanding and made his nation our third sovereign tribal nation signatory – a highlight of our forum.

The event brought together many of the finest minds in Rockies natural gas, global LNG infrastructure and Tribal Nation energy development. In keeping with our pedigree as a government-led organization with members from multiple nations, tribal nations and states, WSTN hosted a high-level delegation from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's (METI) Oil & Gas Division – LNG thought leaders and architects of Asia's low-carbon future – as Japan

prepares to take the presidency of the Group of Seven (G7) industrialized nations. U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel sent a video keynote address that captured the current urgent global need for American LNG as a road to allied energy security, fast on the heels of the start of the U.S.-Japan Energy Security Dialogue.

As for our takeaways from the forum, here are five that will shape our activities in 2023 and beyond:

### Rockies producers lead the way on decarbonizing gas

The Rockies states of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming are, as a region, leading the way in decarbonizing natural gas production. Claims over whose molecule is the cleanest turned into a friendly verbal rivalry among state delegates to the forum, but the importance of this growing recognition by the industry cannot be overstated, a fact a supportive editorial by The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel noted in response to the forum. Part of WSTN's mission is helping our allies in Asia lower their carbon footprint by replacing dirtier power generation fuels. Cleaner production here lowers overall emissions further and makes our LNG more attractive to commercial partners and the governments that regulate them.

### Asia's need for American LNG is an emergency for many nations

Asia's need for U.S. LNG from the West Coast has only become more urgent since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a fact METI Oil and Gas Division Director Takeshi Soda shared in a deeply informative presentation that laid bare the emergency-level LNG shortages in Asia that Europe's war-increased demand has caused. High current prices are the predictable result, but long-term contracts that can start supplying at stable prices are all but sold out until 2026 and LNG procurement is in a "state of war," Soda told the audience. Japan's government is facilitating investments to ensure its own energy security, including through direct investment in upstream and midstream assets. This presents a major opportunity for West Coast LNG exports and Rockies natural gas.

### American LNG exports are now a formal U.S. policy and diplomatic tool

The Biden Administration in both Japan and the U.K. has formally made LNG exports part of its short- to medium-term policy for solving energy shortages. Ambassador Emanuel gave the reason succinctly in his keynote address: "President Putin's invasion

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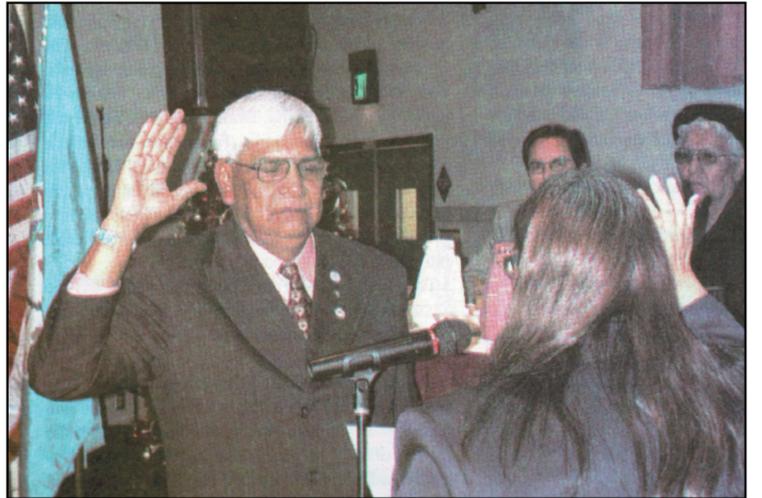


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

For many young tribal members, Christmas means a visit from Santa Claus himself. On Saturday, Dec. 22, that wish came true for many of Ignacio's youth as Old Saint Nick and Mrs. Claus welcomed them during the holiday program at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Southern Ute Royalty took a moment to stand together for a portrait with Santa during the tribal Christmas dinner, followed by many young boys and girls who took the opportunity to add their last-minute wishes to Santa's list.

This photo was first published in the Dec. 28, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

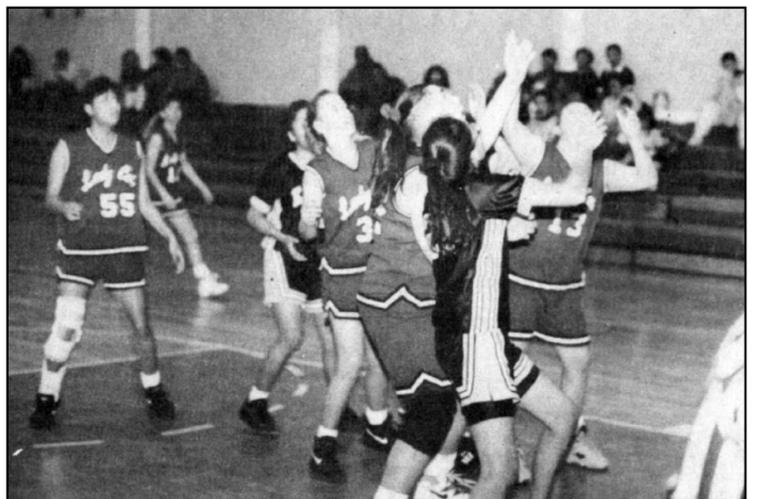


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Howard Richards Sr. recites the Oath of Office as administered by Tribal Court Chief Judge Elaine Newton in Rolling Thunder Hall on the morning of Dec. 17, 2002.

This photo was published in the Dec. 27, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Gina Cox, Daphnee Washington (13), and Trisha Nix vie for position under the boards while Alberta Bison (55) looks on during an Ignacio High girls' basketball game

This photo was published in the Dec. 23, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Students from the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) gave a performance for the audience at the Tribal Christmas Program.

This photo was published in the Dec. 31, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holidays, Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, December 26, 2022 for Christmas and Monday, January 2, 2023 for New Year's.

Normal business hours will resume after Christmas on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 and Tuesday, January 3, 2023 after New Year's.





47<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Denver March Powwow**  
March 17-19, 2023 Denver Coliseum

**Miss Tessa Holds The Enemy Abbey**  
**DMPW Princess**

**COMMUNITY ACTS FUND**

**Head Judges:**  
Michelle Flyingman Hoskins, TX  
& Johnny Denny, MT  
**MCs:** Lawrence Baker  
& Chris Eagle Hawk

**Wicaglata Coordinator:**  
Lark Paz  
**Drum Coordinators:** Corey Reeder &  
Steve LaPointe  
**Arena Director:** Tyler Yellow Boy

**2023 Special Contest\$** PP #1-December 21, 2022

<b>Miss Tessa Holds The Enemy Abbey ★ DMPW Princess</b>											
<p><b>Young Women's Northern &amp; Southern Cloth (17-25)</b> 1<sup>st</sup> = \$600    2<sup>nd</sup> = \$500    3<sup>rd</sup> = \$400 <b>Plus Gifts</b> <i>(Sponsored by her family)</i></p>											
<p><b>Honor Contest for Wallace Toney, III</b> <b>Jr. Boys Grass/Chicken</b> <i>(Initiated by Grandpa Phillip Moosomin 4/2022)</i> 1st-\$300 Pendleton &amp; Gift Basket 2nd-\$200 Pendleton &amp; Gift Basket 3rd-\$180 Pendleton &amp; Gift Basket <b>Plus 3 Consolations</b> <i>(Sponsored by his family)</i></p>	<p><b>"Hat &amp; Boot Special"</b> <b>Jr. &amp; Teens (7-17)</b> <i>(Two Categories)</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Girls</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Boys</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$400</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$300</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$300</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$200</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$100</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$100</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>(Sponsored by Spur)</i></p>	Girls	Boys	\$400	\$400	\$300	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$100	\$100
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<p><b>Celebrating the Retirement of Former Head Judge</b> <b>Jolene Dillon</b> <b>Men's Grass (18+) ♦ Prizes TBA</b> <i>(Sponsored by Committee, family &amp; friends)</i></p>											
<p><b>"Youth Enrichment" (15-24)</b> <b>Young Men's Grass &amp; Women's Jingle</b> <i>(Must be registered in respective categories IDs will be checked)</i> 1<sup>st</sup> = \$800; 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$600; 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$400 <b>Fri Night Elimination &amp; Sat Night Finals</b> <i>(sponsored by DMPW Committee)</i></p>	<p><b>"Wicaglata"</b> <i>Woman Singing Behind the Drum</i> <b>Teens/Jrs. (7-17): \$600, \$400, \$200</b> <b>Adults (18+): \$800, \$600, \$400</b> <b>Fri Night &amp; Sat Afternoon &amp; Night; Sun (Ties)</b></p>										
<p>♦ <b>Special Surprise Contest</b> ♦ <b>"Dad, you are the bravest person I have ever met. You have shown me how to be strong in heart, mind, soul, and stay true to myself."</b> <b>Men's Grass (40+) ♦ Prizes: Cash &amp; Star Quilts</b> <i>(Sponsored by ??? Family)</i></p>											
<p><b>Remembering and Honoring the Life of</b> <b>Charles Eagle Hawk (1980-2020)</b> <b>Drumkeeper for Crazy Horse Singers</b> Category Prize ADD ON ♦ Jr. Boys Fancy 1<sup>st</sup>= \$400 2<sup>nd</sup>= \$300 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$200 4<sup>th</sup>=\$100 5<sup>th</sup>=\$50 <b>Plus Star Quilts</b> <i>(Sponsored by Eagle Hawk Family)</i></p>											

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an Tribe, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, as well as CCIA, Fort Lewis College and History Colorado representatives. The consultation focused on providing an overview of HB 22-1327, the work to date, and how work should proceed.

Dr. Norton also held listening sessions at Fort Lewis College with faculty, staff, and students on Oct. 28, to discuss HB 22-1327 and the research being conducted by History Colorado.

Additionally, History Colorado contracted with Statistical Research, Inc. to conduct a remote sensing investigation of the Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School site in Hesperus, Colo. The remote sensing is non-ground disturbing, meaning that soil and sediments are not excavated, dug, or removed in any way. This work concluded in November. The data is now being processed and evaluated and results will be ready to share with tribal nations in February 2023.

**The Teller Institute, Grand Junction**

The quarterly report also provides updates on investigative work at the Teller Institute, which operated in Grand Junction from 1886-1911. The Teller Institute is now owned by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). The investigation into the Teller Institute began before the passage of HB22-1327 and is a separate but concurrent project.

CDHS held a second consultation meeting with tribes participating in the Teller Institute investigation on Oct. 27. This consultation was hosted virtually and in-person at Fort Lewis College, and was attended by representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe, as well as CDHS, CCIA, and History Colorado representatives.

**Additional sites of interest**

Research-to-date and ongoing consultation with tribal representatives have identified additional institutions that could be relevant to boarding schools' impact on Native American tribes-people in Colorado. The number of locations being investigated has grown to ten, but this is subject to change as some of these could be the same schools operating under different names.

More detail about these schools, which includes several locations along the Front Range, is included in the report but research is ongoing to understand these sites.

**Archival research**

A team of researchers, led by Dr. Norton, visited the National Archive and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. from Nov. 28 – Dec. 2, to identify and collect digital copies of all documents related to Indian Boarding Schools in Colorado from 1881-1920. This team scanned roughly 5,000 pages of data from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., over the course of five days. These documents join several hundred pages of documents retrieved from the National Archives location in Denver.

**Other activities of note**

History Colorado Staff participated in panel discussions on Boarding Schools at the Denver Indian Family Resource Center for Orange Shirt Day Oct. 1. Dr. Norton also participated in a Webinar presentation for the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center on Oct. 11.

**Next steps**

The research team will visit additional research facilities, and there are still materials to be gathered from the facilities in Washington D.C. and Denver. Archival analysis will help determine whether there are any additional areas of concern that require remote sensing investigation. Post-processing of the remote sensing data continues for both the Fort Lewis-Hesperus site and the Teller Institute.

Consultation with Tribal Nations will continue in the coming months in connection to both the Fort Lewis site in Hesperus, Colo. and the Teller Institute in Grand Junction, Colo. It is anticipated that the consultation work will be expanded to include additional tribes that have been identified as having connections to Colorado boarding schools.

A third quarterly report will be provided to the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs on March 16, 2023.

**NATIVE LOVE**

**2023**  
January 1, 2023

**NEW YEAR WALK**

10:00 a.m.  
Meet by the Southern Ute Veterans Park  
Ignacio Colorado

**In Memory of Saa-swanis hiswaqs Buckskin e-gap**

For more information: O'olcu Buckskin (970)946-7024  
Daisy Bluestar (970)553-0662

Durango Native American Education

**Benefit New Year's Round Dance & Market**

Saturday, January 7, 2023  
10:00-10:30 p.m.  
La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, CO

MC: Erny Zah (Jicarilla Apache, Navajo)  
Farmington, New Mexico

Invited Singers:  
Jessie Waskahat (Cree)  
Frog Lake, Alberta, Canada  
Aaron Woody (Navajo) Table Mesa, NM  
Bradly Buffalocalf (Cree/Nakota)  
Nekaneet, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Jay Aguilar (Santo Domingo (Kewa))  
Pueblo, NM  
Kyle Aguilar (Santo Domingo (Kewa))  
Pueblo, NM  
Kashaun Begay (Navajo) Kirtland, NM  
Lucas Ernest (Cree)  
Ministikwan, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Marcus Williams (Navajo) Hogback, NM

Market  
10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dinner  
4:00 p.m.

Round Dance  
5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Vendor contact:  
Elfrieda Begay  
(970)946-7033

This is an alcohol and drug-free event

*Singing in the New Year!*

*Nuuchiu Style!*

Multi Purpose

256 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO

● ● ● **2023** ● ● ●

**Starts: Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Ends: Sunday Jan. 1, 2023 at 12:00 midnight**

**PotLuck**  
Bring a dish!

For more information contact:  
Alex Cloud  
(970)442-1013

## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Treat family and friends with chocolate chip walnut zucchini bread

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

Make a special treat to share with friends and family.

Zucchini is easy to shred using a box shredder if you don't have a food processor. Whole wheat flour makes this a healthier option and walnuts bring in a little healthy fat. You can substitute them with pecans if preferred.

To make this even healthier, add 2-4 tablespoons of ground flaxseeds (flaxseed meal). This quick bread is not super sweet and will go well with your morning coffee. Enjoy!



courtesy Vintage Kitchen Notes

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

#### Chocolate Chip Walnut Zucchini Bread

##### Ingredients:

- 1 ¾ cup whole wheat flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 2 zucchinis, shredded
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup mini chocolate chips (and a few extra for topping)
- ½ cup chopped walnuts (and a few extra for topping)

##### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease one 9x5" loaf pan or two medium loaf pans.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and salt.

In a large bowl, place the brown sugar, eggs, melted butter and stir until smooth. Add the shredded zucchini and vanilla extract. Mix well until combined.

Add the dry ingredients into the wet and mix until just combined. Do not overmix! Gently fold in the chocolate chips and walnuts.

Pour batter into loaf pan(s) and sprinkle with extra chocolate chips and walnuts. Bake for 50-60 minutes for larger loaf pan or 45-55 minutes for the smaller pans. Bread is done when golden and a toothpick comes out clean.

Servings: 12

Nutrition per serving: 259 Calories, 14g Fat, 29g Carbohydrates, 1.6g Fiber, 5g Protein

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: Join the Native Connection's Traditional Foods as Medicine Project!

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

#### What is the Southern Ute Native Connections Program?

As you may already know, the Southern Ute Native Connections Program is grant funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Our primary focus is substance use prevention and mental health with Native American youth and their families. For the past couple of years, the Southern Ute Native Connections has promoted and focused on "Culture is Prevention." Part of this journey is collaborating with other Native Connection Programs and promoting cultural ways and information that reinforces positive and healthy decision-making regarding our mental health and substance use.

We have adopted a theme you have probably seen around the community: "Healthy minds. Healthy choices. Healthy Utes." The decisions we make today affect our tomorrow. We want to support and provide tools for our Native American youth and their families to build healthy foundations for healthy futures.

#### Traditional Foods as Medicine Project

We invite all our Native American community members, wherever you are reading this article, to share your recipes, harvesting, and stories about your traditional foods. Our community is unique, and through this project, we hope to add to a bank of information and create a platform for community members to explore traditional food knowledge. These wonderful stories and recipes can be shared with family, friends, and our youth. One day they will be adults and elders passing this knowledge down to the next generation.

#### Why traditional foods?

Food is at the center of our existence as individuals, families, and members of a community or tribe. Traditionally, we all worked together to harvest, hunt, and feed our bands. Today, much has changed, but the food is still at the center of who we are. We still need to eat to survive.



How we gather and hunt has changed, but those ways are not lost. Some still practice harvesting and gathering roots, herbs, and foods grown from the water and earth. Some still hunt game and fish, and some still use old ways of harvesting and distributing the animal to elders, family, and friends to use most of the animal with minimal waste. Some have learned new ways of harvesting and hunting.

We would love to hear your stories and what traditional foods look like and mean to you. This project will also be available for the community to see what others have done with traditional foods and how they use them as medicine for their body and spirit. Knowledge is power, and food is an excellent way to come together and heal. So, share your stories and knowledge, whether you're on your healing journey or around the dinner table. Even if it seems like no one's listening, Creator is listening. And this is an excellent way Native Americans can gather and share so that our knowledge lives on.

#### How to participate

There are a couple of ways you can participate: (1) Scan the QR code and take a few minutes to share your stories and recipes. (2) You can also email your story and recipes to your local Native Connections Program. For South-

west Colorado, email Precious Collins at [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)

#### Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out

It's okay not to feel okay. Please contact us if you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Don't hesitate to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist. Or you can call the NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8

Simply calling or texting 988 or chatting at [988Lifeline.org](http://988Lifeline.org) will connect you to compassionate care and support for mental health-related distress. #988Lifeline

And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes. Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

## Audiocare

Beginning Dec. 13, 2022 the Southern Ute Health Center will begin utilizing a system called "Audiocare" to call/text patients to remind them of their upcoming appointments.



#### What to Expect

The call you receive will have the same number as the Health Center 970-563-4581, be sure to take the call. There will be prompts for you to Confirm, Cancel, or to Reschedule your appointment. If you need to Cancel or Reschedule, an SUHD staff member will contact you to reschedule your appointment.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.  
970-563-4581

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

+ introduce +

**Patient Advocate Line**  
**(970) 563.4757**

Tribal members and Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) patients can utilize the new Patient Advocate Line for issues and concerns regarding the provision of their healthcare. This will help the Tribal Health Department and SUHC ensure that we are providing the highest quality care for tribal members and our patients. The line can also be used to give shout-outs to healthcare staff who are going above and beyond.

Try it out today!

Southern Ute Health Center

**After Hours Care Line**  
**(970) 287.1180**

In the event of a health-related illness or emergency after hours, tribal members and SUHC patients may use the After Hours Care Line to speak with a on-call health provider to address your health-related questions.

### Never leave home without...



LIFT THE LABEL

## Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

**Dial 988**  
for mental health emergencies.

Text **INDIGENOUS** to 741741  
for free, 24/7 support.

#WeNeedYouHere





We Elevate the Health Status of the People  
We Serve to the Highest Possible Level

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## HAVE WE HEARD FROM YOU?

**The Southern Ute Health Center wants to hear from you. Please scan the QR code below to fill out a quick survey to let us know your opinion of our services.**

Your Voice Matters

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Scan the QR Code for Survey

Just 2 minutes of your time will help us make a lifetime of improvement.

-Toghoyaqh-

### Covid Testing, Vaccines and treatment are available at the Southern Ute Health Center

**COVID Testing**

- Covid testing is being done in the modular building next to the Health Center
- Monday – Friday, 8:30 –11:30 a.m.
- No appointment necessary.
- Open to all Native Americans and Tribal employees.
- For more information on testing from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

**COVID Vaccines**

- Available to all Native Americans 6 months of age and up and all Tribal employees.
- By appointment only, call 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment.
- For more information on vaccines from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

**Treatment**

- Medicines are now available to treat COVID.
- Any Native American who has COVID can make an appointment to discuss taking the medicine.
- By appointment only, call 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment.
- Treatment is especially important for people over age 50 and those with medical conditions.
- For more information on treatment from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/treatments-for-severe-illness.html>
- High risk conditions from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

## COVID TESTING KITS AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND LEADER FOR TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS

**Contact Tribal Information Services**

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Kits are available 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

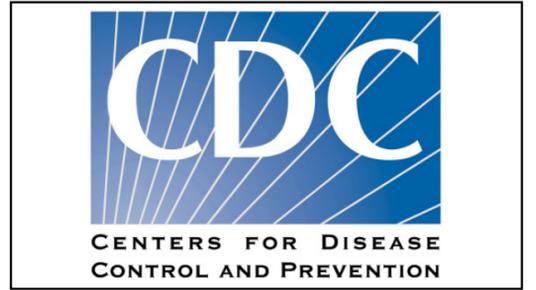
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COMMUNITY HEALTH

# How to prevent the flu

*Preventative steps you can take*

*Staff report*  
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



**Take time to get a flu vaccine**

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.
- Flu vaccines help to reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths on the health care system each year. (Read more about flu vaccine benefits.)
- This season, all flu vaccines will be designed to protect against the four flu viruses that research indicates will be most common. (Visit Vaccine Virus Selection for this season's vaccine composition.)
- Everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine, ideally by the end of October. Learn more about vaccine timing.
- Vaccination of people at higher risk of developing serious flu complications is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness.
- People at higher risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant people, people with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.
- Vaccination also is important for health care workers, and other people who live with or care for people at higher risk to keep from spreading flu to them. This is especially true for people who work in long-term care facilities, which are home to many of the people most vulnerable to flu.
- Children younger than 6 months are at higher risk of serious flu illness but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for infants should be vaccinated instead.

**Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs**

- Take everyday preventive actions that are recommended to reduce the spread of flu.
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - If you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause flu.
- For flu, CDC recommends that people stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities. Fever should be gone without the need to use a fever-reducing medicine. Note that the stay-at-home guidance for COVID-19 may be different. Learn about some of the similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19.

**Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them**

- If you are sick with flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness.

- Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over-the-counter.
- Flu antiviral drugs can make flu illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For people with higher risk factors, treatment with an antiviral drug can mean the difference between having a milder illness versus a very serious illness that could result in a hospital stay.
- Studies show that flu antiviral drugs work best for treatment when they are started within 2 days of getting sick, but starting them later can still be helpful, especially if the sick person has a higher risk factor or is very sick from flu.
- If you are at higher risk from flu and get flu symptoms, call your health care provider early so you can be treated with flu antivirals if needed. Follow your doctor's instructions for taking this drug.

Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever. Visit CDC's website to find out what to do if you get sick with flu. Learn about some of the similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19, and the difference between flu and the common cold.

## Practical Nursing certificate

- Applications for **Fall 2023** open **April 1** and close **May 21**.
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courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA Kindergarteners December Santistevan, Annalicia Delgado Torres, Arella Pena, Tylín Goodtracks, and Jinora Mills are getting ready to decorate some gingerbread cookies for their families.

## SUIMA

### Kwanachigani pe'okwatu Eagle's Nest

Students shine at Christmas performance

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Our students shined during their performance at the Tribal Christmas Dinner Program. They were all dressed in beautiful Christmas attire and their voices carried throughout the room. The older students were confident as they announced the upcoming songs and the drummers showed excitement as they beat out the rhythm of the song.

Not performing for three years, the students did a wonderful job.

We are in the middle of Christmas break and enjoying time with our families and friends. Whether you have stayed home, spent time outside, watched movies, or were gone on a trip, we hope you have had fun.

The students will return on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023.

#### Positions advertised

If you are interested in working with children, increasing your Ute language, and having a sense of community, apply for one of SUIMA's positions.

We have openings in the infant/toddler level, the primary level, and the elementary level. You can find ap-



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA Kindergartener Arella Pena is choosing the right decorations for her gingerbread man.

lications by going to: – Government, then click Southern Ute Indian Tribe on View Current Jobs. It's Jobs, click on Career Portal as easy as that!

#### Upcoming events

- Dec. 26 – Jan. 6, 2023: Christmas break
- Jan. 9, 2023: Students return
- Jan. 16, 2023: Dr. Martin Luther King Day – (Holiday) – No school
- Jan. 17, 2023: Parent Advisory Group zoom meeting at 6 p.m.

## Grinch Movie Critiques – Primary 4

After watching the animated “Grinch” movie, some of the students from Ms. Bernadine Tso’s (P4) class shared what they liked best about the movie:

- I liked the part where the Grinch shook his bottom.* – Kairi
- I liked the Grinch when he sold all his gifts.* – Izen
- I liked when the reindeer saved the sled on top of the hill.* – Cash
- I liked the puppy because he was nice.* – Dawnetta
- I liked the whole Grinch movie.* – Arella
- I loved it when the Grinch gave the gifts back.* – Angela
- My favorite part was when Cindy Lou Who visited the Grinch.* – Ms. Cassidy
- My favorite part of the movie was when the Grinch’s heart got bigger.* – Ms. Tso



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## SUIMA coffee shop



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SUIMA Students warm up next to a propane heater and enjoy light snacks in between the waves of people stopping by to make a purchase or donation towards their end of the year field trip. Students helped to sell coffee, hot chocolate, and breakfast pastries. Despite the cold weather, the students saw lots of support from tribal employees and raised a large amount for their trip.



SUIMA staff and students take turns manning the table lined with a variety of goods to purchase. The fundraiser was a big success, as students showed their dedication in raising money for their trip.

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Primary Teacher, Maethalia Yazzie shows off pastries available for purchase during the SUIMA Upper Elementary Coffee Fundraiser, proceeds will go to their end of the school year field trip to Santa Fe, N.M.

## Field trip fundraiser



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary students have been working hard to raise funds for their end of the year field trip to Santa Fe, N.M. Students gathered on Thursday, Dec. 22, in the Hall of Warriors to sell baked goods to employees and visitors of the Leonard C. Burch Building. Students made contributions by bringing cakes, cookies, and holiday themed desserts for the sale.



## NATIVE LENS MEDIA FELLOWSHIP

Native Lens and Vision Maker Media announce the inaugural **Native Lens Media Fellowship!**

This week-long workshop for aspiring Indigenous filmmakers and storytellers ages 18-24 focuses on story development, production and post-production practices.

Participants will meet for several hours each day from **February 25 - March 3, 2023** in-person in Durango and Ignacio, Colorado, with Native filmmaker mentors to produce short videos that will premiere in a showcase at the **Durango Independent Film Festival** on Saturday, March 4.

For more information and to apply please visit  
<https://forms.gle/K1tjHRpA7LtpIT67>






**NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD**

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

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

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and but be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may nominate and submit a letter of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*\*Nomination must be submitted in writing** to Ellen S. Baker at Southern Ute Education Department **by \*\*5:00 pm on Friday, May 12, 2023**, and shall state the basis for the nomination. Or email the letter to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information call 970-563-0235.

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute student.

**Caps off for FLC Grads**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Izabella "Bella" Cloud graduated from Fort Lewis College on Friday, Dec. 16 with her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Native American and Indigenous Studies. Holding flowers and a Pendleton blanket gifted from family members, Cloud smiles brightly and shows great pride following the commencement ceremony. Celebrating nearly 200 graduates, the Whalen Gym filled with friends, family, and staff to cheer on the graduates.

**Upcoming Holidays and Closures**

- **Christmas Break** • Dec. 26, 2022 – Jan. 6, 2023 (No School)
- **New Year's Holiday** • Jan. 2, 2023 (Tribal Offices Closed)
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** • Jan. 16, 2023 (No School - Tribal Offices Closed)
- **President's Day** • Feb. 20, 2023 (No School - Tribal Offices Closed)

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December 2022



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- **SUSS Helpdesk**  
[sudepservice@southernute.com](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com); (970) 563-5555



**SIGN UP for the NEW TRIBAL MEMBER EXPERIENCE**

To get started, please go to <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>

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**Step 2: Complete form and click "Submit"**  
Your request will be sent to TIS to verify enrollment, for SUSS to approve your account. Log-in information will be sent to the email used on the form. Once you log-in to the TMX you can reset your password.

**Account holders must be enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and 18 years of age or older.**

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## Southern Ute Christmas Dinner & Program



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

SUIMA students kicked off the performance with "A Ute Prayer, Tugutukwa 'apaghay," written by the late elder Annie Bettini.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Students of SUIMA's Upper Elementary gave a special accompanying drum performance of the song, "At Christmas Time, Everyone is Singing."



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Newly elected councilmember, Marvin Pinnecoose welcomes families that attended the dinner. Southern Ute Tribal Council gave opening remarks to kick off the Tribal Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elders, Russel Box Sr. and Georgia McKinley serves up food alongside friends and family during the Tribal Christmas Dinner program.

### Holiday musical spirit



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Ignacio Middle School Band take their turn in the spotlight, showcasing all the musical skills they have acquired throughout the first half of the school year. Despite small size, the band put on a great performance playing holiday classics such as a rendition of "Jingle Bells" at the Ignacio Middle School and Ignacio High School Holiday Concert held on Wednesday, Dec. 21 in the Ignacio High School Auditorium.



Ignacio High School student Solymar Cosio plays alongside Ignacio Middle School student Maya Espinosa during the Holiday Concert, students wait for their cue from IMS Music Teacher Chris Moraga to begin playing.

Southern Ute tribal member, Nate Hendren performs a solo during his performance in the Jazz Band. Additionally, performances by the Middle School Band, High School Band, Percussion, and Mixed bands provided a handful of holiday music to the audience, just before the holidays.

### The good, the bad & the ugly



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Staff members line up before showing off in their creative, ugly, and most original Christmas themed sweaters on Thursday, Dec. 22 in the Hall of Warriors. The Ugly Sweater Contest was sponsored by the Tribal Information Services Department. Erna Lewis (TIS) was the winner of the Most Original, Mari Jo Owens (SUIMA) won the Most Creative, Acie Patterson (Division of Gaming) won the Funniest Sweater category, and Carolyn Striker (SUIMA) was given the Ugliest Sweater award. Lisa Smith of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness was given the XO Award for her holiday themed costume.



Justice and Regulatory Gaming Investigator, Acie Patterson was the winner of the Funniest Sweater category as the "Holiday Cheermeister."



## Celebrating the season in Ignacio



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Children received a variety of toys during the toy drive, Crystal Kelly and her family share their excitement for their gifts from Santa Claus and BGC.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Police Department, and Los Pinos Fire District stand together in front of the units that helped to deliver gifts throughout the community.



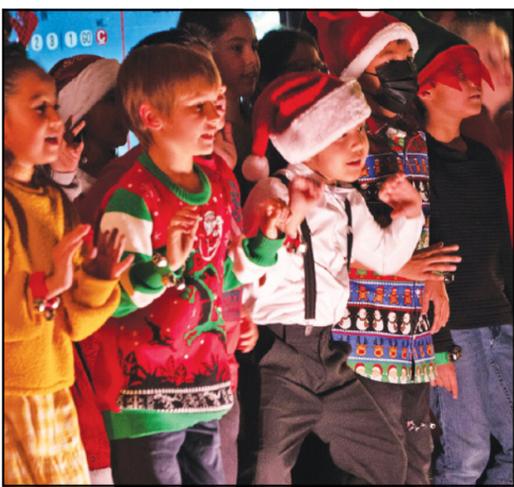
Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School Fourth and Fifth graders host their Holiday Concert inside the school's cafeteria — singing classic Holiday tunes and playing a variety of instruments, students gave a heartwarming performance for friends and family on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Students show their musical talent learned throughout the first half of the school year, each grade practiced their routines weeks prior to the concert performance and many dressed for the holiday season.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The third-grade students close out their winter program with their rendition of "Feliz Navidad," by José Feliciano. Ignacio Elementary second and third-grade held their annual Winter program on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Ignacio Elementary School. The elementary students held their respective programs throughout the month of December to the delight of family friends and loved ones.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary's second grade students performed "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" to begin their winter performance. The second grade class performed their Christmas renditions, followed by the third-grade students later that evening.

### *Polar plunge with Santa*



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Starlitt Greany swims with her classmates during the annual Swimming with Santa event at SunUte, Friday, Dec. 16.

### *Caroling on campus*



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

A group of students and guides from the Southern Ute Montessori Academy perform a set of Christmas songs in the Ute language to Permanent Fund staff following the Ugly Sweater contest on Thursday, Dec. 22 in the Hall of Warriors.



Atticus Harlan gets his picture taken with Santa Clause at the Sun Ute Recreation swimming pool. SunUte hosted Swimming with Santa for Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students and families.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

# Bill to protect endangered fish species, maintain ecosystems in Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins



courtesy SU Wildlife Division

Southern Ute Wildlife Division Fisheries Biologist, Ben Zimmerman holding a native roundtail chub being tagged with Passive Integrated Transponders, or PIT tags. The roundtail chub were captured and tagged by SUIT Wildlife staff on the San Juan River near Pagosa Junction as part of the Tribe's ongoing efforts to maintaining healthy native fish populations across the Reservation.

**Staff report**  
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR  
HICKENLOOPER

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Mitt Romney and Representative Joe Neguse celebrated the inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2023 omnibus government funding bill of their bipartisan Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act.

The bill would continue protecting four threatened and endangered native fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. It extends conservation programs for one year to give Upper Basin communities time to de-

velop a long-term management plan. The bill has already passed in the House and next heads to the president's desk.

The fish recovery programs are widely celebrated success stories in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. In November 2021, the Fish and Wildlife Service down listed the humpback chub from "endangered" to "threatened" thanks to the recovery programs.

"Tribes, communities, water users, the state, and now Congress, all came together to protect our native fish and rivers," said Hickenlooper, a member of the Senate Committee on En-

ergy and Natural Resources. "This is how we save our rivers."

"This legislation represents an example of what successfully recovering endangered species looks like, and I'm proud to team up with my colleague from Colorado to get it through the finish line. With its passage, we can bolster the State of Utah's efforts to continue the recovery of the threatened and endangered fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan Rivers," said Romney.

"Throughout the course of this Congress, we've worked tirelessly to push for the enactment of the

Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act to provide support to these highly successful recovery programs, spearheaded by the states, tribes, and individuals who know the ecosystems best. I am grateful to my colleagues in the Senate for moving quickly to get this bill to President Biden and look forward to the renewal of these vital conservation projects," said Neguse, Chair of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Specifically, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery

Act would:

- Extend programs which currently study, monitor, and stock the four endangered fish species, manage habitat and river flows, and combat invasive species.
- Authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to continue funding and implementing the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Recovery Programs for one extra year, through 2024. The programs are currently set to expire on Sept. 30, 2023.
- Extend the Department of Interior's reporting deadline by one year, to September 2022. Reporting includes pro-

gram accomplishments, funds spent, and projected expenditures.

- Create the ability to transfer funds from San Juan Basin to Upper Colorado Recovery programs by shifting capital cost ceilings, keeping the total cost constant.

Full bill text is available at [www.hickenlooper.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/FLO221131.pdf](http://www.hickenlooper.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/FLO221131.pdf). Congressman Joe Neguse introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives in August 2021, and the House passed the legislation in March 2022.



courtesy SU Wildlife Division

A roundtail chub is tagged with Passive Integrated Transponder, or PIT tag, that does not require power; instead, the tags have an internal microchip that is activated when it passes close to a special antenna. The antenna is connected to a computer that records the identity of the tag and the time that it passed by the antenna. The Tribe has a permanent antenna installed upstream of Pagosa Junction on the San Jan River; the antenna spans across the width of the river to gather real-time data on several species of native fish.

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**July and August 2023**

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**NOTICE**

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**FIREWOOD SEASON**  
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**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL**  
**OFFICE CLOSURES**

**All Southern Ute administrative offices will be closed, Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3.**



## Tribal youth hit the slopes in Telluride



Southern Ute tribal and first descendant youth snowboarders — this group is more advanced in their snowboarding skills and spent most of the day on the more challenging higher level slopes.



Recreation Assistant, Cyrus Naranjo joined in on the fun and showed his snowboarding skills on the slopes alongside the participating youth.

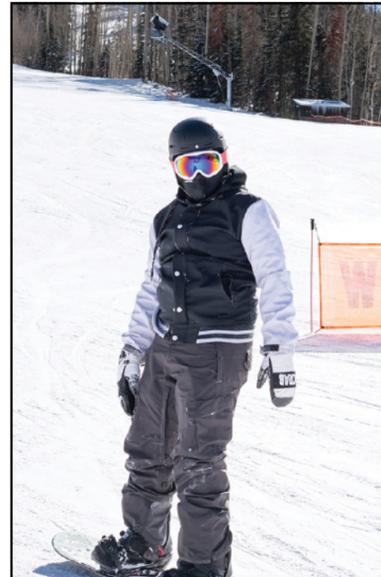


SunUte Recreation Manager, Virgil Morgan and Southern Ute tribal member Nate Hendren show off their gear while waiting to ride ski lifts up the mountain for snowboarding.



Clessa Eyetoo and friends at the Mountain Village in the Telluride Ski Resort.

**S**unUte Community Center Recreation Staff invited a handful of Southern Ute tribal and first descendant youth – ages 12 to 17 – for a two day skiing and snowboarding trip at the Telluride Ski Resort located in Telluride, Colo., Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17. SunUte Community Center provided ski and snowboarding gear, lessons, lift tickets, and food for the youth. The Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Department also brought tribal and first descendant youth along to participate in the trip. Enjoying resort cabin lodging, a full day of shredding, and clear blue skies, attendees made a memorable trip together.



Southern Ute tribal member, Elliott Hendren glides down the slopes during the SunUte Recreation field trip.



Jayshawn Salt practices using his skis and poles on the bunny hill at Telluride Ski Resort.

**Photos by Divine Windy Boy**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute tribal member, Vincent Naranjo gets fitted with ski gear including skis, helmet, goggles, and poles.



Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

SunUte Recreation staff, Cyrus Naranjo and Bird Red cook breakfast for skiers and snowboarders before their long day on the slopes, preparing ingredients for homemade breakfast burritos.



Virgil Morgan/SunUte Community Center

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute youth and chaperones gather for a group photo below the slopes at the Telluride Ski Resort.



courtesy Cheyenne Munns/Ignacio Community Library

Storytime at the Stuffed Sleepover, Wednesday night, Dec. 21, one of the many community events hosted by the Ignacio Community Library.

## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

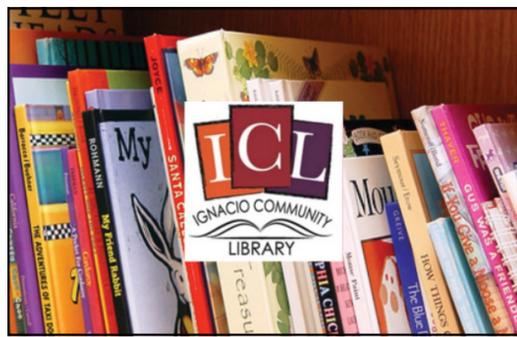
### Who doesn't enjoy a good story?

By Marcia R. Vining  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This past Wednesday, 82 local “stuffedies” came and spent the night at the Ignacio Community Library. Yes, you read that right, 82 of them. They had a wonderful time getting into mischief; they watched a movie, had a story time with the Grinch, made and ate popcorn and took a nap on the library shelves. It's a magical night at ICL and the staff and volunteers love catching their antics on film and putting together a picture book for kids (and stuffedies) to take home.

We love to see the looks on children's faces when they see pictures of what their stuffedie has done. And the chance to watch parents watching their child is priceless for the library staff. It's certainly one of my favorite days of the year! We've got some lovely events planned for the upcoming year as well.

In January the Friends of



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

the Library are hosting Denim & Diamonds, a gala fundraiser. There will be food and drinks, a silent auction, and Durango based musician Adam Swanson performing. A highlight of the evening will be the numerous local artists available to share their work and talk with attendees about their art. Tickets are available at the library service desk.

In February we'll offering local amateur sleuths the opportunity to practice their detective skills at a mystery dinner where local folks will take on the role of var-

ious characters while others will be attempting to solve a “whodunit.” It's a fun event for adults in the community who enjoy acting and those who enjoy a good mystery.

In March we'll have some women's history events that you won't want to miss. Author Tekkla Denison Miller will spend some time with us talking about her book, “The Warden Wore Pink.”

The library is full of magical stories to take you away to a different place, a different time, or even a different world. Stop by and see us this winter, won't you?

## WSTN WELCOMES JICARILLA • FROM PAGE 2

of Ukraine and weaponization of energy demonstrate clearly the danger of depending on despots for your energy security and needs. Industrialized economies cannot be that vulnerable in the future. A clear lesson is to import LNG from your friends.”

### Tribal nations face duel layers of federal bureaucracy and need urgent permitting reform

Our panel on tribal perspectives on energy production brought together top leaders from the Navajo Nation, the Crow Tribe of Indians and our member nations the Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Jicarilla Apache Nation. All five tribes have energy development interests and shared their concern that the use of their sovereign land is hampered by the “paternal ap-

proach,” as one panelist put it, taken by the federal government bureaucracy. Panelists questioned the commitment to genuine tribal consultation and urged immediate reform to layers of red tape that means tribes must follow Bureau of Indian Affairs and Environmental Protection Agency rules even to build roads on their reservation, let alone develop energy resources. The lively, frank discussion capped our first day's packed agenda.

### Solutions for the infrastructure and financing challenges of exporting Rockies gas

The second day's invitation-only session focused on Rockies resources and the potential for WSTN's governments to create concrete and creative solutions to solve the infrastructure and financing challenges

in getting Rockies gas to market. This dialogue produced several action items and strategies that we'll share in the coming weeks and months.

Special thanks for the forum's success are owed to the state and tribal governments which lead us, their Board representatives, and our supporters from across the LNG industry whose expertise is invaluable.

As we enter our fourth year and third as a formally incorporated organization, WSTN's founding vision is beginning to take concrete steps toward becoming a reality and we will work throughout 2023 and beyond to build on our progress. We'll have more to share about our plans in the New Year.

On behalf of WSTN, wishing you all happy holidays and a Happy New Year.

## WINTERHAWK CARRILLO • FROM PAGE 1

... was so excited.”

Like many before her, Winterhawk Carrillo pushed herself to reach new heights and sets a great example that you can do anything you set your mind to. She gives thanks to her family and coworkers for their tremendous support throughout the process to reach her goals. “I have two kids and a husband, and I live with my

grandparents – so I had a full house that helped with the kids – while I was gone and I would call them all the time.” Winterhawk Carrillo said. “My coworkers too, sometimes I would reach out to them like ‘hey, do you have any advice on this?’—they were very supportive as well.”

Now serving the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Tribal Ranger, Winter-

hawk Carrillo takes on the responsibility of patrolling a wider range of the Southern Ute Reservation and will enforce both natural resources and wildlife codes. “We're glad that she is back now as a Ranger, still being professional as she always has,” Hamby said. “I think her next chapter in her professional career is going to be a very bright one.”

## Spring 2023 BGC Registration

Starting Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
Southern Ute Tribal Members/  
First Descendants

Starting Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>  
Open to the General Community

As of Saturday, December 31, 2022 all Boys & Girls Club memberships will be expired. Boys & Girls Club annual memberships will be due by Friday, January 13, 2023. Starting January 16<sup>th</sup>, any members with an expired membership will not be able to attend Club until memberships are renewed. You can receive all paperwork at the Boys & Girls Club office or online. Payments can be made online with a card or in person with cash or check. Registration will be capped and a waitlist will be created, so it is recommended to register early. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Boys & Girls Club at (970) 563-4753.

\$5 Annual Fee for So Ute Tribal Members/First Descendants



\$15 Annual Fee for General Community

## Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day



Monday January 9, 2023  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun  
*Elders - Adults Only Please*

Please call to sign up  
- space is limited -

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



## Multi-Purpose Facility January Senior Breakfast

Wednesday January 4, 2023  
10:00 - 11:30 AM



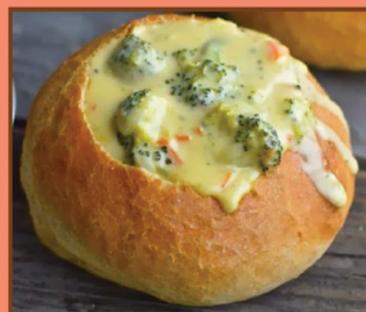
Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older

Enjoy a home cooked meal with friends



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

## Multi-Purpose Facility Lets Make Soup!



Wednesday January 11, 2023

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Please call to sign up  
- space is limited -



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SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES

# Understanding natural gas pricing as a consumer

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE  
UTILITIES DIVISION

**There are two primary factors impacting pricing in the San Juan Basin**

creased Western U.S. natural gas demand, pipeline infrastructure limitations, and reduced flow from Canada to the Pacific Northwest.

The Southern Ute Utilities Division (Utilities) values our relationship with customers and would like to share how the natural gas market impacts end users. Utilities supplies natural gas to its customers at market prices.

Utilities does not profit from high natural gas pricing as it passes the actual market cost of natural gas through to its customers. Supply and demand fundamentals drive pricing in the natural gas market both nationally and regionally.

- First, national storage levels in the U.S. are below the five-year average heading into the winter season, which is the season where natural gas inventories are typically drawn down to provide heat during the winter months.
- Second, the San Juan Basin is experiencing higher pricing when compared to other basins in the country due to low regional storage levels, in-

All these factors are resulting in higher than typical natural gas pricing when compared to prior years.

Utilities encourages you to winterize your homes to save on your heating bills this winter. If you have questions, feel free to call the Utilities Office at 970-563-5500.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# CDOT offers winter safety resources to drivers

**Staff report**  
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TRANSPORTATION

vehicle, winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon), tires with an all-weather rating, or mud/snow tires (M+S icon).

CDOT offers the following tips and reminders to help drivers be safe this winter:

“Winter weather is unpredictable in Colorado, and the best way to stay safe is to always be prepared for the weather to turn,” said Andrew Hogle, CDOT communications manager. “With the support of our partners, we are able to offer Coloradans a wide range of resources to stay safe this winter.”

“If your vehicle is not well equipped to travel in winter conditions, there are plenty of alternative options like transit and carpooling. Reducing vehicles on the road will lead to quicker travel times and an overall safer travel experience for drivers.”

Colorado’s Passenger Vehicle Traction Law requires that all motorists have 3/16”

If a vehicle has neither all-wheel, four-wheel drive or the adequate tires mentioned above, it must have chains or an approved alternative traction device. For more information about the Traction Law requirements, visit [cdot.gov/travel/winter-driving/tractionlaw](http://cdot.gov/travel/winter-driving/tractionlaw).

“Traction Law awareness and compliance makes a world of difference as we try to make Colorado winter roads safer,” said Master Trooper Gary Cutler of the Colorado State Patrol. “Driving slowly and ensuring you have space to stop behind the car in front of you is also crucial. The combination of adequate tire tread and slower speeds will lead to more Coloradans getting home safely this winter.”

Know the Traction Law requirements for mountain driving. Which may include having 3/16” tire tread depth and one of the following:

- 4WD or AWD vehicle.
- Winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon).
- Tires with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer.
- Tires with a mud/snow designation (M+S icon).
- Chains or an approved alternative traction device.
- Avoid traveling during peak times. Use safe public transit if you need a ride. Bustang, Pegasus, Snowstang offer service to and from certain mountain areas, and Bustang Outrider offers service in rural regions.

**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.

**CLOSE UP WASHINGTON DC**  
**American Indian and Alaska Native Youth Summit**

The group will leave on Sunday, April 30, 2023 and return Friday, May 5, 2023. We will fly out of Albuquerque NM.

We have 10 spots open for High School students. Open to Tribal Members first, then 1st descendants and others after.

You can pick up applications from Dustin L. Weaver at the Education Department.

Contact info: [dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov) or 970-563-0237

All applications must be turned in by December 30, 2022

“Close Up is a non-profit and non-partisan organization that believes a strong democracy requires active and informed participation by all citizens. Therefore, we seek to serve young people from all communities and backgrounds, regardless of race, religion, gender, socioeconomic level, or academic standing. Since 1971, nearly one million students, teachers, and parents have participated in Close Up’s Washington, DC-based programs.”

Below is a sample agenda

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Welcome and Orientation</p> <p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Session: Introduction to Washington, DC</p> <p>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session: History of the Nation's Capital</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Session: The White House</p> <p>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Session: The Supreme Court</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Session: The Lincoln Memorial</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner</p>	<p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session: The National Mall</p> <p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Session: The Smithsonian Museums</p> <p>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session: The National Archives</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Session: The National Constitution Center</p> <p>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Session: The National Geographic Society</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Session: The National Science Foundation</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner</p>	<p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session: The National Security Agency</p> <p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Session: The National Defense University</p> <p>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session: The National Intelligence University</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Session: The National War College</p> <p>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner</p>	<p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner</p>	<p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner</p>	<p>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Breakfast and Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Session: The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner</p>

**Winter Wise**  
**COLORADO TRACTION LAW COMPLIANCE**

**SURVEY DETAILS**

- 489 interviews and tire surveys
- Surveys conducted from February – April 2021
- 9 gas stations along I-70 between Gypsum and Evergreen
- Various locations, weather conditions and times

**TRACTION LAW COMPLIANT VEHICLES**

- PERSONAL:** 80%
- RENTAL:** 75%
- IN-STATE:** 81%
- OUT-OF-STATE:** 75%

**VEHICLES SURVEYED**

- 80% PERSONAL
- 12% RENTAL
- 8% COMPANY

**SURVEY TAKEAWAYS**

- 83% of all vehicles had 4WD or AWD
- 11% of all vehicles carried chains or traction device
- Nearly 75% of non-compliant vehicles were driven by Colorado residents
- 3% of surveyed vehicles were non-compliant rentals

**During an active Traction Law, all motorists must have 3/16” tread depth and at least one of the following:**

1. 4WD or AWD vehicle
2. Tires with a mud and snow designation (M+S icon)
3. Winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon)
4. Tire with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer
5. Chains or approved traction device

winter.codot.gov

COLORADO Department of Transportation

**Multi-Purpose Facility**  
**January Indoor Yard Sale**

**Saturday January 14, 2023**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee**  
**(Doors open at 8:00 AM)**  
**Make and Take Crafting 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**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)**

**FLC FORT LEWIS COLLEGE**  
DURANGO, COLORADO

**Seeking student applicants for the 2023 Tribal Water Media Fellowship Program!**

The Tribal Water Media Fellowship is a collaboration between Fort Lewis College, Rocky Mountain PBS, and the KSUT Tribal Media Center that gives students the opportunity to research, create, and present multimedia projects centering on water usage and the community.

Applicants accepted into the Fellowship will get to:

- Participate in a 10-day spring intensive (May 8<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) at Fort Lewis College with workshops on water usage, cultural representation, and media training.
- A three-day river excursion on the San Juan River guided by FLOW (Fort Lewis on the Water) during the May intensive.
- A \$1000 stipend split between the summer intensive and the ensuing project.
- A mentorship where the fellows will work with a mentor in their chosen media field on the fellows' project.
- Earn up to 4 upper division elective credits towards a Fort Lewis College Degree – 3 credits for SU23 and 1 credit for FA23.
- Finally, applicants will present their projects at a public symposium on the Fort Lewis campus in October of 2023.

To find additional information, or to apply, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone or tablet. You may also follow this link online, [fourcornerswater.org/flc-students/water-media-fellowships](http://fourcornerswater.org/flc-students/water-media-fellowships), or reach out to [tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org](mailto:tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org) if you have any questions.

KSUT FOUR CORNERS WATER CENTER at FORT LEWIS COLLEGE RMPBS

QR Code for fellowship website

## BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcats begin break bouncing Farmers

*IHS boys atone for loss at Mancos*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Served a rotten third-quarter goose egg the night before, practically the difference in a hard-to-stomach 35-30 road loss at long-time – but now former – 2A San Juan Basin League rival Mancos, Ignacio's boys took a virtual sledgehammer to its memory Friday night, Dec. 16, inside IHS Gymnasium.

Finding themselves leading 10-2 through one quarter, but suddenly tied at 16 after another sluggish second stanza (IHS had scored just three points in the second at MHS), the Bobcats broke free from 2A Sargent by winning the third quarter 17-6 and rode that momentum to a 41-27 victory.

Junior center/forward Gabe Cox blew up for ten third-quarter points and ended up totaling a game-high 14 as the 'Cats improved to 3-4 overall (0-0 3A/4A Intermountain) in their final outing before the lengthy holiday break.

Two of his third-quarter points came after he handed the ball innocently to a teammate well outside the top of the three-point arc, then stealthily curled around a backside screen – preventing two defenders, who collided, from pursuing – at the elbow towards an unguarded rim ... to receive said teammate's lob pass for a morale-boosting, two-handed alley-oop dunk.

Senior Dylan McCaw, Cox's low post-mate who managed a team-leading eight points against the Blue Jays (Cox finished with six), nearly joined him in double figures by totaling nine against the Farmers.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) battles Mancos' Brian Veach (left) for a difficult shot attempt beneath the basket during the second half of IHS' game Thursday, Dec. 15, at MHS.

Junior Devante Montoya recorded five points before fouling out, and senior guard Eppie Quintana – actually held without a field goal – went 4-of-5 from the free-throw line for his four points. Charlie Pargin, Phillip Quintana and Trajan Garcia rounded out the team's scoring with three points each, Quintana's and Garcia's via singular three-pointers.

SHS (2-3, 0-0 2A/3A Southern Peaks), meanwhile, failed to connect even once from long range in defeat. Sophomore Lucas Garcia tallied a team-leading seven points and senior Burke Temple six before he fouled out in the fourth quarter. 4-of-

4 from the charity stripe, senior A.J. Garcia also booked six points. Sophomore Fernando Venzor recorded four, junior Corbyn Wright chipped in two and junior Trenton Paskett two via his five FT attempts.

Against Mancos (3-4, 0-0 2A/1A SJBL), Eppie Quintana fought for six points while Montoya (who fouled out) and Phillip Quintana each scored five. Freshman Darren Daves and junior Brian Veach each registered a game-high nine points for the Jays, and junior Andrew Jaime logged eight before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Sophomore post Kaiden Wyatt scrapped for four points before fouling out in the third.

## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady 'Cats split last pre-holiday pair

*IHS enters break ranked No. 8 in 3A*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When no fewer than four essential players – between visiting Ignacio's and hosting Mancos' rosters – were attempting to balance aggression and self-restraint during a heated third quarter Thursday night, Dec. 15, it was evident the former 2A San Juan Basin League girls' basketball rivals' clash wasn't destined for an aesthetically-pleasing ending.

Able to slice and pare MHS' 24-16 halftime advantage all the way down to 34-31 entering the fourth and final frame, the now-3A Lady Bobcats never could complete the comeback – even after Lady Jay junior Teya Yeomans, with 6:21 remaining in regulation, became the first of three individuals to foul out.

Unluckily for IHS, both Yeomans deterrent Soly-mar Cosio (with 4:42 left) and guard Laci Brunson (3:11 left) – whose three-pointer late in the third had closed the scoreboard gap to just three points – were whistled for their respective fifths not long after, and Mancos (5-1, 0-0 2A/1A SJBL) managed to earn a shaky 49-42 home win.

Going 7-of-10 from the free-throw line, Lady Jay freshman Claire Goodwin totaled an impressive 22 points and Yeomans registered an even dozen before her disqualification. Junior Quincy Morgan-Montoya scored nine points, fellow juniors Mandi Peacock and Chloe Endres each chipped in two, and sophomore Jenna Wilson another two.

Booking eight points during the fourth quarter and her other five in the third, senior Harmony Reynolds led Ignacio with 13 points, despite picking up her fourth personal with 5:55 still left in the third. Brunson ended up with 12 points, junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga contributed eight and sophomore Marissa Olguin five. Cosio totaled just three points and fellow junior Maci Barnes came off the bench to score one.

Exhibiting little battle fatigue inside IHS Gymna-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marissa Olguin prepares to take contact from Mancos' Claire Goodwin (31) on a drive into the paint during the second half of IHS' game Thursday, Dec. 15, at MHS.

sium the following night, however, the Lady 'Cats recovered by smashing 2A Sargent 52-23. Leading the Lady Farmers 25-14 at halftime, Ignacio (5-2, 0-0 3A/4A Intermountain) effectively put the game away by winning the third quarter 17-3 to carry a 42-17 advantage into the last eight minutes.

Recording the Lady Bobcats' entire ten-point fourth-quarter offensive output, Reynolds finished with a game-high 16. Brunson again breached double figures with her 11, nine

points coming during the third quarter, and Olguin ended up with eight.

Cosio and Mendoza-Lechuga each tallied six points as IHS rolled emphatically into the holiday break.

Freshman Angelise Sandoval led SHS (1-4, 0-0 2A/3A Southern Peaks) with 12 points, including the guests' only three-pointer. Senior Megan Peterson scored five points while senior Stephanie Johnson chipped in two, as did juniors Bailey Asbell and Azzy Lister.

## BOBCATS WRESTLING

# Gallegos leads wrestlers in Walsenburg

*Sophomore earns third; three 'Cats place*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Certainly happy, as any high-schooler tends to be, over beginning the lengthy holiday break, Asher Gallegos may have been the one Bobcat wrestler not so psyched over the end-of-year pause.

Closing out the 2022 half of Ignacio's schedule competing in Walsenburg at 2A John Mall's Pete & Ina Gomez Invitational, the sophomore went 3-1 and earned a team-best third place at 144 pounds – helping IHS depart having placed 15th out of 29 scoring (and 30 total) teams. The 'Cats amassed 48 team points, landing them between 2As La Veta (50) and Rye (41).

Ranked No. 8 in Class 2A going in, Trinidad topped the table with 184.5 points, followed by 3As Lamar and La Junta – about as close as the U.S. 50 arch-rivals could ever care to be, with the former nipping the latter 172 to 171.

The 2A County Line (Eads/McClave/Wiley) co-op claimed fourth, totaling 130 points, and 5A No. 5 Colorado Springs Pine Creek's JV ended up fifth with 118.5 (the varsity Eagles ventured instead to Missouri and the

high-profile Kansas City Stampede). Matching 2A Peyton's 35 points, the hosting Panthers shared 18th place.

Gallegos received a first-round bye, then outlasted LJHS sophomore Davin Vigil 8-6 to advance to the semifinals, when 4A Colorado Springs Palmer junior Arvell Amos prevailed by pin with five seconds left in the first two-minute period. Guaranteed to place, however, Gallegos regrouped and rallied back into the fray with a 9-2 win over PCHS freshman Landon Noble, and ultimately doubled up LVHS junior Jessey Montunnas 6-3.

Ignacio 165-pounder Kendrick Nossaman also received a first-round bye in his 13-wrestler (Gallegos' division had 14) bracket and followed it up with a 10-5 win over 2A Weston Primero sophomore Aedin Borja. But he, like Gallegos, had his own title hopes dashed in the semis when 2A Fowler junior Caiden Thompson pinned him in just 58 seconds.

Staying alive in the consolation rounds by sticking Rye freshman Skyler Moore in 1:54, Nossaman then met Gaige Cressler of 2A San Juan Basin League

rival Dove Creek for third, but the Bulldog senior pinned the Bobcat sophomore in 0:43.

IHS freshman Joshua Kerrigan went 2-2 at 113 pounds, both his wins coming via pin, but did not place. Neither did 120-pounder Dillon Brann, also a freshman, who went 1-2 with a pin.

Starting his tournament with a second-period pin of 2A Simla senior Elijah Chocate, freshman Zane Pontine went 3-3 (with consolation-bracket pins coming against La Junta's Zayden Franklin and DCHS' Quaden Huffaker) at 138. Relegated to the survival stages after losing by pin to Lamar sophomore Davier Martinez in the winners' quarterfinals, Pontine ended up placing an unlucky sixth at the weight.

Having already wrestled five times during the Invitational, Pontine (bumped into the fifth-place test via a 5-4 loss to 2A Del Norte freshman Paul Neal) found himself opposing 2A Sargent junior Garrett Thompson – who'd also logged five matches during the event – with their final placing to be determined by rule ... which meant, in the Pontine/Thompson case, a coin flip.

### CHSAANOW.com Class 3A Girls' Poll (12/19)

1. Colorado Springs Christian
2. Peyton
3. Colorado Springs The Vanguard
4. La Jara Centauri
5. Colorado Springs St. Mary's
6. Kersey Platte Valley
7. Ellicott
8. **IGNACIO**
9. Ault Highland
10. Parachute Grand Valley

**Others receiving votes:** Colorado Springs Fountain Valley, Brush, Buena Vista, Highlands Ranch SkyView Academy, Englewood St. Mary's Academy, Yuma, Bennett, Olathe, Strasburg, Woodland Park.

IGNACIO LOCALS COME WATCH THE FORT LEWIS SKY HAWKS PLAY FOR FREE!

*Women's games will be held*

**@ 3:00PM Dec 30th**

**@ 3:30PM Dec 31st**

*Men's games will be held*

**@ 5:00PM Dec 30th**

**@ 5:30PM Dec 31st**

VS

THE SUNUTE RECREATION CENTER WILL PAY THE ENTRANCE FEE FOR ALL IGNACIO RESIDENTS TO ATTEND THESE 2 FORT LEWIS BASKETBALL GAMES

IF YOU HAVE A CIB PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE GAMES!

WHERE:  
WHALEN GYMNASIUM



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# Vehicle registration renewal reminders to resume Jan. 3

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

Due to programming updates that include the implementation of Keep Colorado Wild Pass, motor vehicle registration renewal reminders for Coloradans' whose vehicle registration expires in January will not be mailed in December.

These registration renewal reminders will start being sent on Jan. 3. In addition, February vehicle registration renewals reminder cards will be mailed on Jan. 6, 2023.

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) encourages Coloradans to check when their vehicle registration expires and plan accordingly since December renewal reminders won't be mailed until Jan. 3, 2023.

The Keep Colorado Wild Pass is an optional way for Coloradans to support state parks by purchasing a low-cost annual pass when registering vehicles with the DMV. Visit [CPW.State.co.us/aboutus/pages/keep-colorado-wild-pass.aspx](http://CPW.State.co.us/aboutus/pages/keep-colorado-wild-pass.aspx) for more information on the Keep Colorado Wild Pass.

The DMV offers a variety

of online tools to help Coloradans with vehicle registration, including registration renewals, first-time vehicle registration, registration fees estimator and much more. Additionally, Coloradans who reside in participating counties can access DMV motor vehicle services at one of the state's 52 MV Express Kiosks.

Coloradans can DMV anywhere. Yes, anywhere. Online, in-office or on the go, Coloradans have more options than ever before. Discover all the ways to DMV at [DMV at DMV.Colorado.gov/Anywhere](http://DMV.Colorado.gov/Anywhere).

## Spreading Christmas cheer



courtesy Heather White Thunder

In her role as Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Shayne White Thunder delivers Christmas gifts in Bayfield, Colo. White Thunder wanted to help a less fortunate family for Christmas. It turns out no one volunteered to help this boy, Dylan, age 17, so she wanted to help him on Christmas.

## Dream Maker Campaign

DANCING SPIRIT IS BUILDING A PERMANENT HOME! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING, TODAY AND HELPING US RAISE THE MONEY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IGNACIO HAS A COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER THAT WILL BE HERE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



Our current goal is to raise \$250,000 towards building a new building on our own property in downtown Ignacio. We plan to restart and build up our art gallery with art openings and shows for professional and aspiring artists; add more classes and workshops and bring in live music, pottery and art demonstrations while continuing to offer our children's camps and therapeutic art programs.



Or visit our GoFundMe page at: <https://gofund.me/f9852e28>

We have been helping the communities of Ignacio, Bayfield, Durango, Aztec and Pagosa Springs since 2010 through art programs and camps for children; classes and workshops for adults and families; by offering Ignacio's only art gallery and co-op; and through therapeutic arts at the Ignacio Schools, the Department of Justice and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. During that time, we have had to move four times, and each time, we have lost a little bit of our identity as Ignacio's community arts center. Most recently, we were an integral part of helping pilot the ELHI Community Center, and although we are glad for the collaboration and experience, it's past time that we finally focus on building YOUR community arts center.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Jolene Martinez

**Job title:** Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant II  
**Hobbies:** Outside of work, I enjoy fishing and spending time with family.

**Comments:** Prior to this position, I was a Communicable Disease Specialist and Administrative Assistant with San Juan Basin Public Health.

## 2023 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINE SCHEDULE

DEADLINE	PUBLISH	FEDERAL & TRIBAL HOLIDAYS	OFFICE CLOSURE
Jan. 9	Jan. 13		
Jan. 23	Jan. 27	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 16)	Jan. 16
Feb. 6	Feb. 10		
Feb. 17*	Feb. 24	Presidents' Day (Feb. 20)	Feb. 20
Mar. 6	Mar. 10		
Mar. 20	Mar. 24		
Apr. 3	Apr. 7		
Apr. 17	Apr. 21		
May 1	May 5		
May 15	May 19		
May 26*	June 2	Memorial Day (May 29)	May 29
Jun. 12	Jun. 16		
Jun. 26	Jun. 30	Juneteenth (Jun. 19)	Jun. 19
Jul. 10	July 14	Independence Day (Jul. 4)	Jul. 3 & 4
Jul. 24	Jul. 28		
Aug. 7	Aug. 11		
Aug. 21	Aug. 25		
Sep. 1*	Sep. 8	Labor Day (Sep. 4)	Sep. 4
Sep. 18	Sep. 22		
Oct. 2	Oct. 6		
Oct. 16	Oct. 20	Indigenous People's Day (Oct. 9)	Oct. 9
Oct. 30	Nov. 3		
Nov. 13	Nov. 17	Veterans Day (Nov. 11)	Nov. 10
Nov. 27	Dec. 1	Thanksgiving	Nov. 23 & 24
Dec. 8*	Dec. 15	Leonard C. Burch Day (Dec. 10)	Dec. 11
Dec. 22*	Dec. 29	Christmas (Dec. 25)	Dec. 25

\*Denotes early deadline

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#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
**Landis Anastacia Litz, Deceased**  
Case No.: 2022-0122-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JANUARY 9, 2023 at 2:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 6th of December, 2022  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
**Kiana Siamone Thompson, Civil Subject**  
Case No.: 2022-0128-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Kiana Siamone Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kiana Siamone

Wood. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **JANUARY 20, 2023**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2022.  
By the Court, Marlene Price, Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
**Robert Goodmen Kean Richards, Deceased**  
Case No.: 2022-0125-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JANUARY 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 17th of November, 2022.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

**Christmas 2022**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
The Southern Ute Drum

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**Jan. 13**

Deadline:  
**Jan. 9**

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## Tribal Housing Department

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**  
Phone: 970-563-4710 – Fax 970-563-4832  
INFORMATION HOTLINE (970) 563-4800

### 2022/2023 SNOW CLEARING

#### **SNOW PLOWING – FOR SU TRIBAL MEMBERS, DRIVEWAY for HOME ACCESS SU TRIBAL CAMPUS & LIVESTOCK**

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

**Construction Services Route: 970-563-0260:** Cedar Point East and West, Cedar Point Townhomes, Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak, Town of Ignacio – Elders/ the Disabled, HWY 172 South from County Rd. 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River, South of Bayfield to La Boca. Allison & Arboles area.

**Motor Pool Route: 970-563-0280:** North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area Airport & Weasleskin.

**Custom Farm Route: 970563-0220:** Snow Plowing for Livestock only.

**Forestry Fuels Crew: 970-563-4780:** WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only) Shovel walkways for: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders;** Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12" or more.

**BIA Route: 970-563-9484:** BIA does not clear driveways: Roads include Ute Road, Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, PowWow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Avenue, Bear Dance Road, and North Ridge.

**Housing Authority Route: 970-563-4575**  
Snow clearing for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder: Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak's Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave., and Jefferson Dr.

**Grounds Maintenance: 970-563-0272:** All campus parking areas: Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, SunUte, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, Election/ Tribal Housing, Food Distribution, Parking lots, & Sidewalks.

**General Information:** During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please **move your vehicles** to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snowstorms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow clearing. **If you are Disabled or a Frail Elder and you need assistance with manual snow clearing, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710.** Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the **Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800.**

**Walkways – Snow Clearing:** Snow clearing from walkways will only be done for the **Disabled or Frail Elders** the order of priority is: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders;** If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact **Tribal Housing 970-563-4710.**

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

**Livestock – Snow Plowing:** Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 970-563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

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

Note: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders.** Please contact department to notify them of **early morning** doctor appointments.

## Winter Walking ... It's Dangerous Business!

By its very nature, winter walking is a seasonal safety issue, usually limited to several months. Yet thousands of serious injuries happen every winter. And the personal and financial impacts of a wintertime injury can last throughout the year for the individual and for the employer.

while walking on a slippery surface. The load you're carrying decreases your stability and it may block your view, making it more difficult to spot patches of ice or other dangerous surface conditions. This is when you need to use the flat foot walk, while bending your knees slightly. You may also want to turn your body slightly as you walk to get a better view of your path ahead.

### Winter Hazards to be on Alert for

**Snow banks** – Snow banks next to sidewalks and parking areas often have packed areas where people have stepped as they cross the bank. These can turn into rounded, slippery depressions. If you step into one of these depressions and hit the sloped edge it's easy to slip and fall.

**Ice patches** – Scattered ice patches on mostly bare, clean pavement can take a person by surprise. During the day the sun can melt snow that forms small puddles in isolated areas. As it turns colder the water can freeze leaving scattered patches of ice on an otherwise perfectly clear area.

**Hidden ice** – It's common to find ice patches under new snow. Since you can't see the ice, it can be especially treacherous.

**Shaded areas** – The sun has tremendous power to melt ice and snow. An area that is free of ice and snow can change to slippery and dangerous as you enter a shaded area. Suddenly you can be walking on glare ice that hasn't been exposed to the sun's melting power.

**Corners** – During most of the year, we don't give a second thought to walking around a corner. But during the winter months a small patch of ice or snow can quickly turn a corner into the scene of an injury.

**Blowing/drifted snow** – Blowing/drifted snow can obscure curbs, potholes, signs, walkways and areas where ice may be under the snow.

**Darkness** – During the winter months it's stays dark later in the morning and gets dark again earlier in the afternoon – times when people are going to and from work and school. The darkness hides slippery areas in your path. The darkness also makes you less visible to vehicles.

**Vehicle traffic** – Avoid walking in the street if possible. If it is necessary to walk in the street, walk facing oncoming traffic. And use extra caution when crossing the street. Remember that vehicles may have a hard time stopping at intersections. And when a vehicle hits the brakes, they might slide toward the road's edge – where you might be standing. So stay well away from traffic until it has stopped or passed.

And pay attention to vehicles as they approach intersections where they have to stop.

**Entering or leaving buildings** – When entering or leaving buildings you can experience a dramatic change in walking surfaces. When entering a building, remember that your footwear may be wet or snowy, which can lead to a nasty slip or fall. Even the smallest amount of snow on the bottom of your footwear can cause a serious slip. Try to use floor mats to remove snow before continuing into the building. And when leaving a building, the walking surface can change dramatically as you go from a warm indoor setting to a cold exterior with slippery areas.

**Carrying loads** – It's important to use extra caution if you have to carry a load

### Procedures to Help Prevent Winter Slips and Falls!

**Walking on Stairs** – Heavy snow can cover stairways and make it difficult to see where the steps actually are. Don't assume you know where they are. Carefully clear away the snow with your boots so you can see the steps well enough to safely walk on them. Snow can also get packed on steps so it's deeper at the back of the step than at the front, resulting in a slippery, dangerous slope that you step on. If you are responsible for keeping the stairs clear, shovel them off as soon as possible. Otherwise, kick away some of the packed snow so you have a flat surface to step on. And use the handrails. Hanging onto the handrail can prevent a serious injury if you slip.

**Getting in and out of vehicles** – When you exit or enter a vehicle parked next to a curb or snow bank, there is often a snow-packed slope right next to the vehicle. When you step onto the slope, it is easy for your feet to slip under the vehicle, resulting in a painful, nasty fall. Even on a flat surface you have to use caution getting out of the vehicle when it's slippery. Under normal conditions you would probably swing one at an angle, the more likely your feet will go out from under you. If you're getting out of a larger vehicle, such as a delivery truck, use any handgrips and make sure you slowly step from the vehicle, holding onto to the handgrip until both feet are securely on the ground. If you have to walk around a vehicle, slow down and use the flat foot walk with your feet spread slightly apart. Walking around corners forces your feet toward the outside of the corner. If the surface is slippery, your feet can slip to the side, resulting in a serious fall.

**Clear away snow** – Clear away snow from walkways as soon as possible. The longer it stays, the more likely it's going to get packed down and become slippery. Use sand or de-icing agents – Don't forget to use sand or appropriate deicing agents on walkways.

**Footwear** – Wear the right footwear for slippery conditions. Rubber soles grip better than leather or plastic. There are also a variety of ice gripping devices that can be slipped over boots.

**Visibility** – Don't let heavy clothing, hoods or hats limit your ability to see or hear approaching vehicles, plows, etc. You may have to try extra hard to look for hazards and be aware of your surroundings. And wear clothing that shows up. It is dark longer during the wintertime, so bright colored clothing that reflects vehicle headlights adds protection when you're walking.

**Plan ahead** – Realize that it will take longer to get where you're going when your path is snowy and slippery. Give yourself extra time so you can avoid hurrying.



## Be Prepared for Winter Driving

**In addition to annual maintenance, here are some excellent tips to winterize your car:**

- Test your battery - battery power drops as the temperature drops
- Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
- Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
- If using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops...check your spare tire and tire tools for readiness.
- Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze

**Remember to keep your car's emergency kit fully stocked, too.**

**\*\*This the first of several Winter bulletins to come as the Cold Season is upon us.**

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## Emergency Supplies for Your Vehicle

Every vehicle should have an emergency supply kit in the trunk. Kits should be checked every six months, and expired items should be replaced regularly. Vehicle emergency supply should include:

- ☞ A properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench and tripod jack
- ☞ Jumper cables, tool kit and/or a multipurpose utility tool
- ☞ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☞ Reflective triangles to make your vehicle more visible
- ☞ First aid kit with gauze, tape, bandages, antibiotic ointment, aspirin, a blanket, nonlatex gloves, scissors, hydrocortisone, thermometer, tweezers and instant cold compress
- ☞ Nonperishable, high-energy foods, such as unsalted nuts, dried fruits and hard candy
- ☞ Drinking water...min of 6 - 16.9 oz bottles
- ☞ Reflective vest in case you need to walk to get help
- ☞ Car charger for your cell phone
- ☞ Fire extinguisher, Duct tape, Compass
- ☞ Heavy Jacket(s), gloves, stocking cap and a couple of Blankets
- ☞ Additional items for cold weather include a snow brush, shovel, windshield washer fluid, and cat litter for traction issues.

It's also a good idea to keep family and emergency phone numbers, including your auto insurance provider and a towing company, on your phone. An added feature like a tracking app "Glimpse" is great.

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## Notice Of Draft Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan And Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program has prepared the 2023 draft Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan. Under 40 CFR 58.10 (relating to annual monitoring network plan and periodic network assessment), air quality monitoring agencies must adopt an annual air monitoring network plan and make the plan available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final submission to the EPA Regional Administrator. This public comment period is open for 30 days from this notice (Dec. 30, 2022). The draft plan is available on the AQP's public comment website <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/> and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the plan to the AQP in care of John Volkerding, Ambient Air Quality Technical Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [jvolkerding@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jvolkerding@southernute-nsn.gov).

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.

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If you have any questions please contact:

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## 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.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Mâykh! 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).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

# ENTER FOR LOGO CONTEST WINNER TAKES ALL

November 28



January 27th

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

**Cash Prize: \$400**

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

## RULES

1. MUST BE TRIBAL MEMBER.
2. LOGO CONTEST STARTS Nov 28th AND ENDS Jan 27th. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED Feb 3rd.
3. SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FULL NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) WHO DESIGNED THE LOGO, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR POSTAL ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.
4. LOGO CAN BE SUBMITTED IN A TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.
5. THE LOGO MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR A PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS SETTING.
6. ALL SUBMITTED WORK MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF ENTRIE AND MUST NOT INCLUDE, OR BE BASED ON, OR DERIVED FROM ANY PRE-EXISTING OR THIRD-PARTY DESIGNS, TRADEMARKS, OR COPYRIGHT IMAGES.
7. THE SELECTED WINNER WILL BE ASKED TO RE-SUBMIT THEIR LOGO, SO THAT IT CAN BE SUBMITTED IN JPEG OR PDF FILE.
8. ALL THE WORK, INCLUDING THE COPYRIGHTS, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE TRIBE AND TRIBAL PLANNING. AND THAT THE ARTIST MUST DOCUMENT THAT THROUGH A WRITTEN AGREEMENT.
9. CONTESTENTS ARE TO SUBMIT THERE LOGOS TO MY EMAIL PROVIDED OR TO BE DROPPED BY MY OFFICE AT THE ANNEX BUILDING (116 MEMORIAL DR. COLORADO 81137 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OFFICE 211).
10. CONTESTENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT WE DO AS A DEPARTMENT. [HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV/TRIBAL-PLANNING/](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-planning/)
11. THIS LOGO WILL BE USED ON OUR TRIBAL PLANNING WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, POSTERS, AND ANYWHERE TP DEEMS APPROPRAITE.

Southern Ute Tribal Planning

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Taxi Business. Pagosa Cab, Protected territory.  
Excellent Growth Potential \$70K  
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## Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 12/06/22



### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE — 8AM - NOON OPEN
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — CLOSED
- JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup> NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY — CLOSED

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

#### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

#### Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN!
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:  
**December 7th / January 4th  
February 1st / March 1st**

Settle your payments before 10AM

#### DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* Dec. 7th: Shut-Off Day, pay before 10am
- \* Utilities Office CLOSED on December 9th & 26th
- \* Transfer Station OPEN on December 24th, Christmas Eve from 8am—Noon
- \* **NO HOT ASHES** allowed in the open tops at the Transfer Station
- \* Dec. 19th: **New 2023 Trash Permits are available.** Call the Utilities Office or contact Mr. James Red at the Transfer Station Ramp. **Tribal ID Required.**

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

**2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.**  
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit 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

### Community Resource Officer

Closes 12/30/22 – Under the general supervision of the Administrative Lieutenant, provides prevention awareness activities to the community and serves as a liaison between the Southern Ute Police Department and the community. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

### Detention Cook

Closes 12/30/22 – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

### Health Center Clerk

Closes 1/2/23 – First line of communication for the Southern Ute Health Center. 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.

### Investment Associate (So. Ute members only)

Closes 1/3/23 – Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Closes 1/4/23 - Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

### 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.

### Assistant Environmental Programs Manager

Open Until Filled – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

### Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

### Clinical Supervisor

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

### Controller

Open Until Filled – 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. Responsible for the 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.

### Custodian

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

### Dispatcher

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

### Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, 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. This 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.

### Education Assistant

Open Until Filled – 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.

### 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. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/annually.

### Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

### Forestry Fuels Crew Member (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/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.

### Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

### GFMC Tribal Member At Large – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 12/30/22 – The Growth Fund Management Committee At-Large member is responsible for assisting in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as established by Tribal Council, and in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Financial Plan. Serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GFMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. The At-Large committee member reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member.

### Compression Operations Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/30/22 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Field Compression facilities, including engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

### Plant Maintenance Foreman – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 1/06/23 – Supervising the Maintenance Technicians and Apprentice Technicians in the repair and maintenance of all plant equipment including, vessels, pumps, heat exchangers, engines, compressors, power generators, fans, process equipment and dehydration equipment. Coordinates with Plant Manager to ensure that all plant equipment is maintained in a safe operating condition.

### Investment Accountant – GF Private Equity Group (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 1/06/23 – Assisting in the management of all accounting operations and financial reporting of the GF Private Equity Group. Performs complex, professional level accounting and analytical work that includes, investment transaction processing and reconciliation; financial analysis and reporting; data and systems processing and review; maintenance of accounting records and practices; support of monthly and quarterly close processes; budgeting and forecasting; and assisting with the annual audit.

### General Accountant – Growth Fund Accounting/Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 1/15/23 – Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, fixed assets entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Communicates and coordinates with Growth Fund business units and third-party accounting providers to provide accurate and timely monthly closing of books and records. Supports the preparation of the monthly financial reporting packages and the audit function. Responsible for providing accounting support as needed to the Growth Fund Controller's office and presents a positive and professional image to the Growth Fund and its entities, Tribal employees, Tribal members, and to the general public.

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

Closes 1/15/23 – This position is responsible for 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.

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

Closes 1/15/23 – Ensuring the Southern Ute Growth Fund 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.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

### 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.

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

### Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

Open Until Filled – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; 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. Length of this program is designed to last (2) years, may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. 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, will assume 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.

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

### Tribal Ranger

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

### Water Quality Specialist: Animas River Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.63/year.



**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 2, 2023 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.**



## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

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| Bus Driver, Custodian                       | Mid. School Head Volleyball Coach (2023-24)            |
| Elementary Assistant Principal F/T or P/T   | Mid. School Asst. Volleyball Coach (2023-24)           |
| Elementary School Counselor                 | Mid. School Reading/Language Arts Interventionist SpEd |
| Elementary Teacher                          | Substitute Bus Drivers                                 |
| High School Cross Country Assistant Coach   | Substitute Cooks                                       |
| High School Head Volleyball Coach (2023-24) | Substitute Custodian                                   |
| Middle School Head Wrestling Coach          | Substitute Teachers                                    |
| Middle School Asst. Wrestling Coach         |  |

## Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

### \*Audio 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.

### \*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 Dept. retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. The Count Team 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 this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

### \*Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

### \*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

### \*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.

### \*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. Ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

### \*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to insure 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 including; boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

### \*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.

### \*Player's Club Rep (Full-time)

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

### \*Promotions Coordinator (Full-time)

Leading special events and promotions from conception to post event follow up. Working closely with the Marketing team on design work and copywriting, as well as implementing the marketing strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions.

### \*Player Development Host

Identifies, develops and creates relationships with Sky Ute Casino Resort gaming patrons. Facilitates VIP events that enhance the overall gaming experience. Fosters an environment that results in generating gaming related revenue measured by more trips and increased spending. Assists with all facets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Bear Club and Player's Center as needed. Reports directly to the Player Development Manager.

### \*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.

### \*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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### \*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, 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.

*\*Must be 21 years of age to apply.*

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# TRIBAL WILLS PROJECT

January 2-6, 2023

## PROVIDING WILLS, MEDICAL POWERS OF ATTORNEY, LIVING WILLS AND MEMORIAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 2 LOCATIONS:

- Nenahnezad Chapter
  - o 1600 W Upper Fruitland #N367, Fruitland, NM 87416
- Upper Fruitland Chapter of the Navajo Nation
  - o N365 F006 006, Fruitland, NM 87416



### Details:

Appointments are limited to 75 people, 2 appointments are required on separate days: One for the interview and the second for the document signing.

Each appointment will take about two hours. Please bring photo ID.

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**To Sign Up for An Appointment Please Contact:**

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**Multi-Purpose Facility  
January 2023 Events**

Senior Breakfast—Wednesday, January 4, - 10:00 AM—11:30 AM  
----- Open to all Seniors 55 + years -----  
Elder Crafting Monday, January 9, - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
----- Elders or Adults Only Please -----  
Soup & Bread Workshop—Wednesday, January 11, - 10:00 AM—3:00PM  
Yard Sale—Saturday, January 14, - 9:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Quilt Class—Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, January 17-19 10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Sip, Chat & Chew Friday, January 20, - 11:30 AM—1:30 PM  
-----All Three Ute Tribes & Families-----  
Moccasin Class—Tuesday & Thursday, January, 24 & 26, 2022  
Two Sessions  
10:00 AM—3:30 PM or 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

**JANUARY**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO \* Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or \* e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

**POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING**

*Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children*

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world.

In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

**WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –**  
**Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access**  
**WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in January 2023**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up  
(970) 563-2337

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This class is free of charge and consists of 8 sessions that may last up to three hours. We ask that you commit your-self to completing each session. You will need the Microsoft Teams App and access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) in an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services at 970-563-2332 for more information or to sign up.

**Positive Indian Parenting**  
TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES

**LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER**

**Friday, Dec. 30**  
Mostly cloudy 33°F  
40% chance of snow showers

**Saturday, Dec. 31**  
Mostly cloudy 38°F  
Chance of snow showers

**Sunday, Jan. 1**  
Cloudy 40°F  
Rain/snow showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

December 23, December 29, January 6, January 14, January 21

## NATURAL RESOURCES

# Bennet, Hickenlooper celebrate reauthorization of National Heritage Areas

Staff report  
OFFICE OF SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper celebrated the reauthorization of Colorado’s three National Heritage Areas (NHA), ensuring they continue to receive National Park Service (NPS) funding through 2037. Previously, the National Heritage Area designations for Cache La Poudre, Sangre de Cristo, and South Park were set to expire in 2024. The reauthorizations now head to President Biden’s desk for signature after Congress passed a package of more than 45 NHA reauthorizations yesterday.

“People come to Colorado’s National Heritage Areas to learn about the rich and diverse history of our state,” said Bennet. “Ensuring these National Heritage Areas continue to receive funding through the National Park Service will preserve our state’s story and culture for future generations.”

“Colorado’s public lands, especially those that honor our past and diverse history, make us great. That’s why we fight so hard for the next generation,” said Hickenlooper.

In March 2022, Ben-

net and Hickenlooper introduced the Colorado National Heritage Areas Reauthorization Act to ensure our state’s three NHAs continue to receive National Park Service (NPS) funding through 2036.

“As the Chair of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Board and Conejos County Commissioner, I would like to thank Senator Bennet for all his hard work getting us another 15 years of funding through this reauthorization effort. The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area has been an incredible resource in helping preserve and restore historic sites within the San Luis Valley. Without the resources provided from the National Park Service, we would not have had the means available to make these projects happen. It has definitely been a blessing to this area. The economic impact to our counties has been tremendous,” said Mitchell Jarvis, Conejos County Commissioner and Chair of the Sangre de Cristo NHA.

“We are absolutely thrilled to have been included in the reauthorization of several other National Heritage Areas nationwide for another fifteen years. A special thank you to Senators

Bennet and Hickenlooper for their support and efforts in this success. We would also like to thank our elected officials, board members, previous board members and our many partners in the San Luis Valley and beyond for their letters and emails of support during this huge team effort,” said Julie Chacon, Executive Director of Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area.

Colorado’s three NHAs were first authorized in 2009 following years of grassroots organizing from stakeholders in their respective regions. NHAs leverage federal NPS funds for historic and cultural preservation projects with the support of counties, tourism, and historic preservation organizations.

Colorado’s National Heritage Areas all completed notable projects since they were authorized in 2009. At the South Park NHA, NPS funds have helped to restore the endangered Paris Mill near Alma. Within the Sangre de Cristo NHA, funds have helped share the story of the first desegregation case in the nation, Mes-tas v. Shone. At the Cache La Poudre NHA, NPS funds were leveraged to develop a water education curriculum at the Poudre River that can be accessed across the West.

**The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle**

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**Across**  
1 Fan blades  
6 Oliver Stone epic  
9 NM town west of Jicarilla Apache trust  
10 Ute leader who sounds ecstatic  
13 Drive away  
14 Citrus tree orchard  
15 Retail centers  
17 Groundbreaking  
18 Barber’s blades  
21 Most equable  
23 Glared on crazy city near LA  
24 Fink  
25 Blue and White flowers in Africa  
28 Improve morally  
31 Oglala Sioux Olympic gold medalist Billy ---  
33 Oversize jib  
34 Old Man  
35 Liquid flow rate  
36 Like the peak of Kilimanjaro

**Down**  
1 Old tape machine  
2 “Could I interrupt?”  
3 California valley known for its wine land  
4 The Sage of Concord  
5 Cured, dried fish  
6 Brief exercise  
7 Winter coat  
8 Father of Zeus  
11 Fend off  
12 Evergreens used for bows  
16 Suppress  
19 Small people  
20 Circus ball balancer  
21 Old West gunslinger Jack ---  
22 Doling out  
23 First name of TV’s Dr. House  
26 The --- Colony of the Te-Moak tribe of Western Shoshone  
27 Dull  
29 Dandy  
30 Sweet potato, in the South  
32 Not a people person

Answers for this crossword will appear in January 13 issue of the Drum.

**Answers for December 16, 2022 Crossword Puzzle**  
**Across:** 1 Gybes, 6 KVA, 9 Needy, 10 Aorta, 13 Paron, 14 Axmen, 15 Studs, 17 Fan, 18 Ail, 19 Numa, 20 Marco Polo, 23 Rand, 24 Pat, 25 Icy, 26 Slabs, 29 Cahto, 32 E-book, 34 Hoo-ha, 35 Sligo, 36 Wok, 37 Tyson.  
**Down:** 1 GNP, 2 Yeas, 3 Bert, 4 Edouard, 5 Syndic, 6 Kaa, 7 Vox, 8 Armful, 11 Te amo, 12 Anna, 16 Slops, 19 Notably, 20 Macao, 21 Anyhow, 22 Palest, 23 Rich, 27 Bois, 28 So go, 30 Tho, 31 Oak, 33 Kon.