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**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

Doug Gray flags traffic along County Road 516 on Tuesday, Feb. 7, as contractors trench and lay fiber along the roadside.

**BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**What is broadband and how will it improve internet speeds?**

*Fiber optic rollout underway across the Reservation*

**By Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has developed a strategic fiber and wireless network plan for improving broadband infrastructure on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, using a license from the Federal Communications Commission for the 2.5 GHz spectrum. Once fully deployed, the Tribe's plan will provide high-speed internet connections to 85 percent of the households on the Reservation and 95 percent of all tribal member homes. The Tribe is nearing completion of Phase I of its plan, which included laying down the backbone infrastructure for fiber optic cable to facilitate faster internet, while future proof-

ing the demand for reliable high-speed data. "Broadband service on the Reservation is woefully deficient," noted Southern Ute Shared Services in their grant proposal. Further stating that, "Improved broadband is needed for economic development, educational opportunities, enhanced access to health care through telemedicine and telehealth programs, and for government operations." The need for improved broadband on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation is currently being addressed through a series of grants, primarily the \$44 million in federal funding to deploy high-speed internet, awarded to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A total of \$73 million was awarded to nine tribal entities in latest round

of "Internet for All" grants. The announcement came on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit held at the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. "Wireless Companies are currently trying to do point-to-point to your house, max speed is 50Mbps, and cannot reach most houses if they are out of sight of towers," explained Delbert Cuthair, Broadband and Digital Equity Manager with Southern Ute Shared Services. "We're trying to replace that, because with fiber you can get a lot faster speeds and add a lot more people to the system." "When we refer to 'Fiber,' we refer to fiber optic internet, which refers to fi-

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**CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

**Southern Ute Youth Group reunion aims to share and reflect**

*Social event to be held at Southern Ute Museum*

**By Divine Windy Boy**  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department invites past members of the Southern Ute Youth Group to a reunion to reminisce on dance performances and past travels. Guests will have the opportunity to share their memories, old photos, and enjoy a meal provided by the staff of the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department.

The Southern Ute Youth Group formed around the year 1974 and was coordinated by Cynthia Kent who was working as the Southern Ute Education Director at the time. The group traveled as far as Winnipeg, Man., to perform traditional Nuche dances. The group also spent a lot of time fundraising and attending various local events.

In an interview with Cultural Events/ Heritage Coordinator, Edward Box III, he shared what the Southern Ute Youth Group had accomplished as they traveled the nation. "[Southern Ute Youth Group] taught us a lot about



**SU Drum archive**

Students from the youth group gave a performance during the 1982 Tribal Christmas Program. The members of the youth group would often give performances during various events throughout the Four Corners and beyond to help promote Southern Ute culture and traditional dance.

working together and traveling – what to expect leaving the reservation and experiencing the world out there," Box said. "We did a lot of events here locally; our performances were Ute centric."

Before transitioning into the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), Cynthia Kent served as a role model to participants of the Southern Ute Youth Group in how she would facilitate appearances and events. "She was a role mod-

el, we would look to her to show us 'I got this event, this is what we need to do, this is what they want', she was our mentor," Box said. "We were really sad when she moved to CCIA. I still remember, you would walk into the Mouache Capote Building you go up the first stairs and you turn right, that was her office, right there and we'd have meetings I still remember."

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Questions about taxation of deliveries on the Reservation**

**Staff report**  
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Concerns have been expressed that stores outside of the Reservation but located in Colorado are sometimes charging state taxes where goods purchased are delivered to tribal members or the Tribe on the Reservation. This is particularly true of Home Depot in Durango, Colo. which has been constantly reminded of this obligation not to charge tribal members taxes for these deliveries.

The law on this is clear. Tribal members are exempt from local and state taxes on goods delivered to them on the Reservation by Colorado businesses. This was



but the property or service is delivered by the vendor and received by the Tribe or the tribal member on a reservation." C.R.S. § 39-26-727. Therefore, when tribal members, for example, go to Home Depot and purchase goods and services to be delivered to them on the Reservation, the tribal members are exempt from state and local sales and use taxes on those purchases.

recognized by the Colorado legislature in 2014 when HB-14-1080 was signed into law and codified at C.R.S. § 39-26-727.

Under that statute, "all sales of tangible personal property or services to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, or an enrolled member of either tribe, are exempt from taxation ... if the vendor is located ... outside of a reservation

If you are experiencing problems with Home Depot or any other business taxing you with respect to deliveries on the Reservation, please call 970-563-0100 and ask for a member of Tribal Council, the Executive Office, or the Legal Department so it can be addressed.

**Bobcats' Seniors recognized**



**photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

Cheered by young and old, Ignacio's Autumn Sage (41) was one of four Lady Bobcats saluted on Senior/Parent Day Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, inside IHS Gymnasium. The Lady Bobcats defeated Bayfield 44-21.

**See more Senior/Parent Day recognition photos Page 14.**



Ignacio Lady Bobcat senior Faye Hackett, left, stands with mother, Jackie during a Senior Day salute received at IHS' 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational.

With eyes welling, Ignacio's Alexis Ortiz glances skyward as the gravity of Senior/Parent Day Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, hits home. She would score three points in the Lady Bobcats' 44-21 varsity win over Bayfield.

**Winter wonderland**



**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

Ice fishing on Scott's Pond – Clementine Carrillo and Aeden Richards visit with each other under clear blue skies, as they patiently watch the line – hoping for a fish to bite. The Southern Ute Wildlife Department hosted a group of students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for an afternoon of ice fishing on Scott's Pond, Thursday, Jan. 26. Students were broken into groups by age, and parents were also invited to participate.

**See more ice fishing photos on page 7.**

## GROWTH FUND

# Tribe to join Capitol Hill briefing on natural gas initiative

By Andrew Browning,  
President  
WESTERN STATES AND  
TRIBAL NATIONS

I am excited to share the news that we will be hosting the “Western States and Tribal Nations Natural Gas Initiative Capitol Hill Briefing: LNG Exports from the Pacific Coast” on March 9 in the Capitol Hill Visitor Center in Washington, D.C.

The briefing will feature a distinguished panel of guests including the Honorable Hirai Hirohide, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Japan Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry, the Honorable Senator John Barrasso of Wyoming and the Honorable Senator Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico.

Also joining us at this bipartisan, international forum will be representatives of the Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Nation as well as executives from Semptra Infrastructure Partners, Tallgrass Energy, and the Board Chair of the Wy-



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).

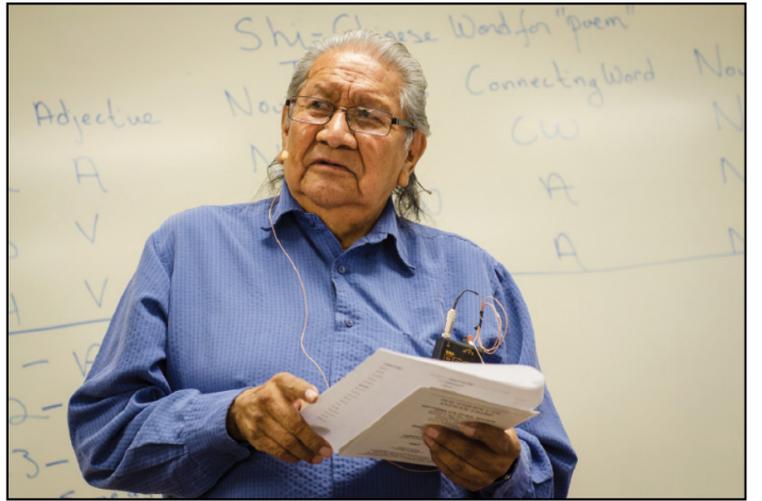
oming Energy Authority.

Our goal for this briefing is to advance the policy discussions and initiatives which came out of WSTN's successful West Coast LNG Export Forum, held in December.

The Western States and Tribal Nations Natural Gas Initiative Capitol Hill Briefing – LNG Exports from the Pacific Coast to include policy discussion on Rockies

Clean Energy Exports from North America West Coast – Resource Base, Industry Decarbonization Progress, Tribal Perspectives on Resource Development, Export Opportunities and the Energy Security of U.S. Asian Allies.

Stay tuned for further information and announcements on this event. Looking forward to seeing you in D.C. on March 9.

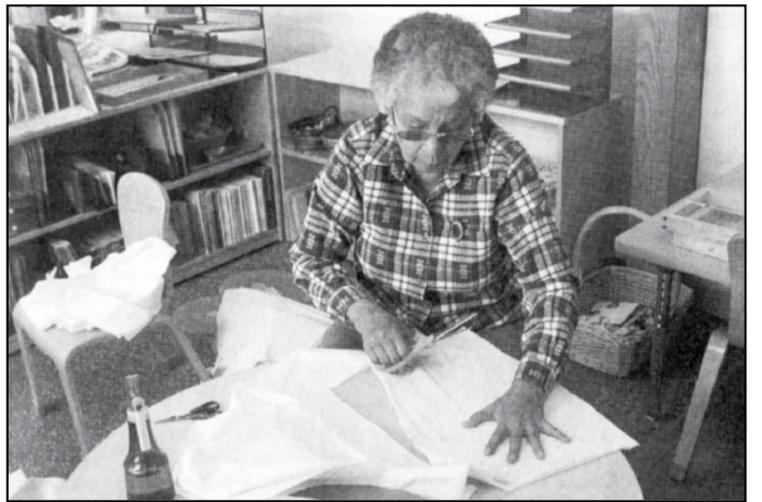


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute elder Bennett Thompson instructs an Ignacio Junior High School class on Ute language on Tuesday, Jan. 29, during a special poetry project in which students used Native American language to create Chinese form poems.

This photo was first published in the Feb. 8, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

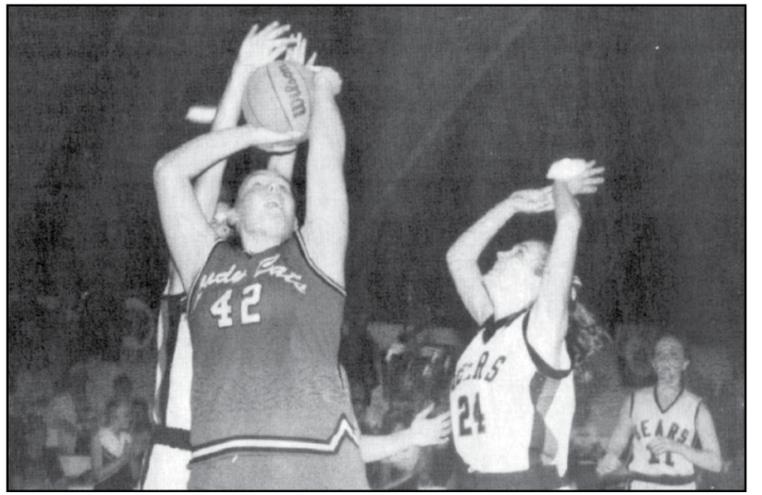


Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Southern Ute Elder Annie Bettini makes patterns for her cradle board making class at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Bettini explains to the children that a Ute Woman's role was very important in the old days. She also sings a song when she makes the cradle boards. She calls it the cradle board song.

This photo was published in the Feb. 7, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

The Lady Cats take it to their archivals, the Dolores Bears, with Gina Cox going up for two points. The Lady Cats lost 43-45.

This photo was published in the Feb. 5, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Lorraine Duran, CHN, received a certificate of recognition for being nominated by the PHS clinic staff for the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award.

This photo was published in the Feb. 11, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

## WHAT IS BROADBAND? • FROM PAGE 1

ber optic communication, by sending a beam of light through fiber optic glass cables,” Cuthair said.

Currently, contract crews with Bonfire Engineering & Construction are working throughout the Reservation to lay the fiber line. The core element of the broadband infrastructure is essentially an underground line comprised of a 7-way micro conduit bundle. One of the micro conduits within the bundle will hold a 144-fiber cable, leaving six spare micro conduits for use in Phase II and future growth.

“Phase I is just the backbone, or the main arteries. Phase II is all the little fingers going to individual households and business,” Cuthair said. “When we're done, and we get it completed, it's going to be 100 megabytes symmetrical service at the minimum – up to 2gb speeds available to the Reservation. These speeds are equal to or better than anything offered currently in cities like Albuquerque and Denver.”

Roadside crews are currently working on Hwy172, Hwy160, Hwy151, CR516, CR334, and CR330 leading into and neighboring the town of Ignacio. The broadband project includes the use of plowing and boring machines to place the micro conduit, in addition to air-blown fiber equipment to install the fiber cables, plus reclamation and seeding along roadways.

“Bonfire Engineering & Construction will connect everything and make it one line [once individual sections are finished], they don't hand pull it anymore,” Cuthair said. “They will take a machine and blow the fiber through it, removing human error. They can blow 10 thousand feet in a matter of an hour. Then you can have a more contiguous length; that way you don't have to splice as often – which would have a negative impact on transmission speeds.”

“Installing the 7-way micro conduit bundles protects the network from over capacity issues in the future,” Cuthair explained. “We can blow additional fiber cables through the six spare micro



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fiber optic cables run through a junction box at the intersection of CR516 and Rainbow Road northeast of Ignacio as part of the Phase I implementation for the reservation-wide broadband infrastructure project.

conduits at any point in time without incurring the high costs of redundant construction. It gives you that option to update and expand a lot more – that's for sure.”

In telecommunications, broadband refers to the wide-bandwidth data transmission that transports multiple signals at a wide range of frequencies and internet traffic types, which enables messages to be sent simultaneously and is used in fast internet connections.

The medium can be coaxial cable, optical fiber, wireless internet (radio), twisted pair, or satellite. In the context of internet access, broadband is used to mean any high-speed internet access that is always on and faster than dial-up access over traditional analog.

According to Deepak Sharma, in a paper published by Sterlite Technologies, “Over the past thirty years, internet connection speeds have steadily increased. Higher speeds have also been driven by the move to higher-resolution displays. On the demand side, the greater use of images and video rather than plain text has also been a driving force.”

“This growth in connection speeds is expected to continue in the foreseeable future, Sharma explains. “The trend is encapsulated in ‘Nielsen's law of Internet Bandwidth’, an empirical observation which states that a high-end user's connection speed grows by 50 percent per year, or doubles every 21 months.”

### Travel Impacts and important safety reminder

One year ago today, February 10, 2022, a motorist hit Dominic Sandoval, 22, of Farmington, N.M. resulting in the loss of his life, while also injuring George Sedlack, 53, of Colorado Springs. Both workers were placing work zone signage along Colorado Highway 172, south of Elmore's Corner, when the vehicle struck their truck parked along the shoulder of the highway.

Regional travel will continue to be impacted by the ongoing Broadband Modernization Project, and it is of utmost importance that motorists stay vigilant and aware of traffic flaggers and speed restriction, while also adhering to general traffic laws in work zones.



101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME & ARTWORK CONTEST

# TRIBAL FAIR LOGO

THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE 2023 LOGO AND THEME CONTEST FOR THE 101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR. THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS.

ALL ART MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 1ST, 2023 AT 5 PM. ARTWORK SHALL BE NO LARGER THAN 8.5 INCHES BY 11 INCHES. LOGO SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE A THEME TO COINCIDE WITH RESPECTIVE ARTWORK. ARTWORK MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ARTISTS.

SELECTED ARTWORK WILL BE PROPERTY OF THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$750 MONETARY AWARD PLUS FAIR MERCHANDISE.

SUBMIT TO THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 737, IGNACIO, CO 81137 OR CALL (970) 563-2988 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

### SOUTHERN UTE YOUTH GROUP • FROM PAGE 1

The Southern Ute Youth Group Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 25, at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's large classroom at 11 a.m. Attendees can expect to share a meal and discuss their fondest memories. Box hopes to collect digital scans of photos brought in by participants, to be placed into an archive. "I want to thank [group members] for what they did for the Tribe, and not just that, take time to honor the ones who have passed on and just come together to have a good time," he said. Box hopes to share teachings of traditional Ute dances to youth and bring the previous youth group members back to the dance circle, to help create a sense of community and happiness. "That's my vision, the youth group members who are now elders I want them to remember," he said. "I feel if we come together, we can bring back those dances and plus bring back the ones who used to dance back then – bring them back into the circle of dancing." For more information on the event, you can contact Cultural Events/Heritage Coordinator, Edward Box III at 970-563-2988 or send him an email at [ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov).

## UTE STORYTELLING

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023  
12:00pm-1:30pm

Mouache Meeting Room at the SunUte Recreational Center  
390 Mouache Dr, Ignacio, CO 81137

Join us and listen to stories told by Ute Elders. Refreshments will be provided.

Elder Services will be providing transportation to and from this event for Southern Ute Elders who are interested in attending. Please schedule your ride with Elder Services Administrative Assistant, Michelle at 970-563-2300.

For more information contact Cultural Education Coordinator: Izabella Cloud (970)563-2984

## HOZHONI DAYS POWWOW

MARCH 31ST - APRIL 1ST, 2023

Fort Lewis College + Whalen Gymnasium + Durango, CO

**Head Staff**  
Headman: Ty Gray  
Headwoman: George Gray  
Head Dancer: Lisa Gonzalez  
Master of Ceremony: Rick Yocco  
Aunt: Deborah Medina (Assistant)  
Host Southern Dancers: Southern Dancers  
Host Northern Dancers: Dan Sapp

**Dance Contest Categories**  
Men's & Women's Golden Age (55+) - All Categories  
Men's (18-24): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Women's (18-24): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Teen Boys (15-17): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Teen Girls (15-17): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (25-30): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (31-35): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (36-40): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (41-45): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (46-50): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (51-55): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (56-60): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (61-65): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (66-70): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (71-75): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (76-80): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (81-85): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (86-90): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (91-95): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy  
Men's (96-100): N, Traditional, S, Straight, Fancy, Fancy

**Friday March 31st**  
Grand Dance: 10:00  
Grand Entry: 10:30

**Saturday April 1st**  
Grand Dance: 10:00  
Grand Entry: 10:30

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

**Host Hotel**  
SpringHill Suites Durango  
77 Mercury Village Durango, CO 81301 - 970.822.8222

SCAN QR CODE FOR RESERVATIONS  
Reservations must be made by 3-15-2023

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**ADMISSION IS FREE**

This is an alcohol, tobacco, & drug-free event.  
Vendor Info: Lisa Cate - [lscate@fortlewis.edu](mailto:lscate@fortlewis.edu) - 970.247.7321

Weather: Wind & Fort Lewis College are NOT responsible for any theft, accidents, and/or injury. Attendees: NO smoking, vaping, or walking vendors.

## FORT DUCHESNE NORTHERN UTE BEARDANCE

MAY 12 -15, 2023

### Mother's Day Weekend

For more information contact  
Reffel Kanip 435-401-3125

# 2023 Spring Blessing

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The 2023 Spring Blessing of all Tribal buildings (Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, & Sky Ute Casino Resort) as well as Tribal vehicles, will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd. The Ceremony will begin at Sunrise.

Sun Dance Chief, Matthew Box, asks that all Staff respect the ways of the Nínchiu and have all offices & buildings open to be blessed. If you have a specific Sun Dancer you would like to bless you, your office or your vehicle, please contact Cultural Events/Heritage Coordinator, Edward Box III, at (970) 563-2988 ([ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov)) and good faith efforts will be sought to accomplish that.

All Southern Ute Tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the SUCCM (Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum) South parking.

Community members and Tribal Staff that would like an individual Blessing are encouraged to get blessed at the sunrise ceremony.

**LOCATION: SUCCM FIRE PIT**  
**TIME: SUNRISE**

## SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT INVITES

### SOUTHERN UTE YOUTH GROUP REUNION (70S-80S - 90S)

ALL Southern Ute Tribal Members who had the opportunity to perform or chaperoned in the Youth Group in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's.

"Let's have a Reunion!"

"Let's reminisce on our dance performances, fund raising, traveling."

Do you .....

- "Remember Gateway High School?"
- "Remember performing in Winnipeg, Canada?"
- "Remember performing at the Garden of Gods?"
- "Remember the after-school meetings with Cynthia?"
- "Remember the bake sales?"
- "How about traveling in the green Tribal vans?"

Save the date: March 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM, Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Large Classroom. Meal will be provided.

For more information call Edward Box, III at (970) 563-2988 or email at [ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov).

RSVP BY MARCH 18, 2023 BY 5:00PM

## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Muffins can be a healthy choice

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

Muffins often seem like dessert for breakfast, but you can make these a healthy choice by using whole grain flour, reducing the sugar, adding some flax seeds, and using Greek yogurt to replace some of the butter!

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



courtesy Evolving Table

#### Wholesome Poppy Seed Muffins

##### Ingredients:

- 2 medium lemons
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups white whole wheat flour or regular whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup poppy seeds
- 2 tablespoons flax seeds (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3. Combine the sugar and lemon zest in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk in the flour, poppy seeds, flax seeds, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the butter, yogurt, eggs, vanilla and the juice of one of the lemons.
5. Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients. Mix to combine until just moistened, do not over mix!
6. Divide batter evenly between the 12 muffins cups. The batter will be thick. Fill each cup 3/4 full.
7. Bake for 16 to 19 minutes or until tops are golden and a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean.

Makes one dozen

Nutrition per muffin: 168 Calories, 7.4g Fat, 21.8g Carbohydrates, 2.4g Fiber, 5.2g Protein

##### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease your muffin pan using butter or non-stick cooking spray or line with muffin cups.
2. Shred the skin of both lemons using a fine shredder.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: Tips on talking to your child about mental well-being, mental illness

#### First visit with a Mental Health Professional

By Cedra Etesam, MSW  
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Here are some tips to help talk to your youth about mental well-being, mental illness, and their first visit with a Mental Health Professional:

First, work on de-stigmatizing the language around mental illness in your own mind.

- Be open and honest.
- Do not sugar-coat.
- Be truthful, not hurtful.
- Be as prepared as possible for their response.

Stay loving, compassionate, and understanding as you both go through this entire journey through diagnosis and/or evaluation of your child's mental health. Using words that are age proper, simple, and direct to prepare your child in advance is helpful.

##### Things to AVOID:

- Avoid using appointments as threats.
- For example, "you are a bad child I am taking you to see someone."
- Avoid using the trip to the mental health professional as an occasion for lecturing or berating the child on the way to and/or from the appointment.

Starting the process in a positive direction by listening to your child and responding with a reassuring friendly tone can help your child feel heard and validated. Emotions are okay - they are neither bad nor good, let us learn together how we can express them without being mean to one another. Remember the dream works when the team works together!

##### 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

NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8

Simply calling or texting 988 or chatting 988Lifeline.org will connect you to compassionate care and support for mental health-related distress. #988Lifeline

**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

Dial 988

for mental health emergencies.

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

#WeNeedYouHere

## February

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

February Recipe:  
Healthy Shrimp and Sausage Jambalaya

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshFebruary2023>

**Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, February 20th  
**Pickup Date:** Wednesday, February 22nd

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

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

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATE TRAINING**

**February and March 2023**

- Saturday 2/25
- Wednesday 3/1
- Thursday 3/2
- Saturday 3/4
- Wednesday 3/8
- Thursday 3/9

In person Online

Applications may be found at:  
[www.durangosaso.org/volunteer](http://www.durangosaso.org/volunteer)

SCAN ME

This free 30-hour training certifies you as a victim advocate in the state of Colorado

Contact Kelsey Lansing, Assistant Director, at [kelsey@durangosaso.org](mailto:kelsey@durangosaso.org) for more information

## Alternate Resource Benefits

**WHY YOU SHOULD APPLY**

### Enrolling in Alternate Resources

Why You Should Apply

- Generates revenue to the Southern Ute Health Center, which allows us to:
  - Buy new equipment
  - Expand services
  - Hire more staff
- Saves the Southern Ute Indian Tribe money
  - The Tribe would not have to pay for services out of the Tribal Health Benefit Plan for Tribal Members
- The Southern Ute Health Center is required by law to exhaust all applicable alternate resources
- Could result in a denial from the Purchase/Referred Care (PRC) Program if you do not apply
  - You may then be responsible to pay the bill
- Access to non-emergency transportation
- Allow us to expand our Purchase Referred Care Priority (Currently at Priority Level 1)

The Tribal Health Department has made enrolling our patients in alternate resources (Medicaid, Medicare, VA, etc.) a priority.

If you are contacted by a Southern Ute Health Center Benefits Coordinator, we respectfully ask you to take their call and listen to what they have to say. Their job is to help you enroll in an alternate resource.

Does it Cost Money?

There is no cost to you to apply. The process takes about an hour to an hour and a half. One of the Southern Ute Health Center Benefits Coordinators will help walk you through the process.

Contact Us To Apply TODAY!  
Lori Herrera at (970)-563-2371  
Carmen Allanic-Ryder at (970)-563-2211

## Breastfeeding & Parent Support Class

Be Heart Healthy in More Ways Than One

Join us on February 9th for food, education, and good company

Free goodies ♥ Heart Healthy Lunch ♥ Raffle Giveaway

We invite anyone to attend. Please feel free to bring your support group and children

**Where:**  
Mouache-Capote Building  
(116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO)

**When:**  
Thursday, February 9th

**Time:**  
12-1pm

Contact: Shawmarie Tso (970)-563-2163



We can learn about ourselves through **healthy dating**

**STRONGHEARTS**  
Native Helpline

[strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)  
1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) #HealthyFlex

**ALTERNATIVE HORIZONS**  
Volunteer Opportunity

Become a Volunteer Hotline Advocate. Serving La Plata and San Juan Counties, Alternative Horizons, provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence. Alternative Horizons is in need of 15 or more ongoing volunteers to staff our 24/7/365 hotline, for more information please call the office at 970-247-4374. If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call our 24-Hour hotline 970-247-9619. All services provided are free, confidential and voluntary.

**A lot is gonna change.**

**You've got this!**

With a free, personal nurse who can give you the support, advice, and information you need while you're pregnant with your first baby.

CONTACT US  
CALL (970)335-2061  
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SAN JUAN BASIN public health Nurse-Family Partnership

**CREATE YOUR FUTURE!**

Become a **CNA**

PCC Southwest offers a **Certified Nurse Aide** certificate

Program runs **Mar. 13-Apr. 23**  
Class lectures are **online.**  
Lab on **Tuesday & Thursday** from 4:00-7:30 pm at the **PCC Southwest Bayfield** site, 110 E. South St.

Students who enroll in specific short-term health care training programs at PCC will pay **nothing**, thanks to the new **Care Forward Colorado** program.  
Learn more at [pueblocc.edu/programs/nu](http://pueblocc.edu/programs/nu)

For more info or to apply, contact [Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu) or call **970.385.2098**

**Pueblo Southwest** Community College

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or [Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu) at least five (5) working days before the event.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**EPA encourages Rocky Mountain residents to 'Test Your Nest'**  
*Radon mitigation proven to save lives*

**Staff report** U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker. "I encourage you to take some time to check your nest this winter, so you can be sure that quality time spent inside with friends and loved ones is not just comfortable, but safe." Want to learn more? The information and resources below can help.

January is National Radon Action Month, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working with our partners to spread the word about radon health risks in homes, the importance of testing, and steps homeowners can take to reduce risk in the Rocky Mountain and Great Plains states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Radon is a known carcinogen and is estimated to cause more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the U.S. In fact, the colorless, odorless gas is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. The good news is the health risks and impacts are preventable — testing and reducing radon levels in your home, and saving lives, is easy.

This year's Call to Action, "Test Your Nest!" is especially important to our region's residents as large portions of these states are at risk for high indoor radon levels that can cause lung cancer. The best way to protect against radon is to perform a simple, low-cost test of your home. EPA recommends homeowners take action to reduce radon levels when they exceed the action level of 4.0 picocuries per liter (or 4pCi/L).

- THINGS YOU CAN DO**
- Learn the basics – Visit EPA's Radon website for a wide range of information, including free radon publications.
  - Test your home – EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommend that all homes in the U.S. be tested for radon. Learn more about testing your home, including how to obtain an easy-to-use test kit.
  - Fix your home if needed – Should your test results come back elevated, EPA recommends hiring a certified radon mitigation specialist to install a mitigation system that will prevent radon from entering your home. Read about ways to reduce radon in your home in EPA's "Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction."
  - Spread the word – Check out Media Resources here and share infographics on social media and around your community to help get the word out about the importance of radon testing. Tell your family and friends about the health risk of radon.
  - Building a new home? Make it radon resistant. Read more about radon-resistant new construction, "Building Ra-

**Test Your Nest for radon.**

**Save a Life!**

**Fix Your Nest, if needed**

[www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)

**VA** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**WEDNESDAY**  
February 15<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM - 3:00PM

**VETERAN BENEFIT OUTREACH EVENT**

Event to be held at VFW Post 4031 in conjunction with VISN 18 & 19 Veteran Health Administration, Veteran Benefits Administration, Native Direct Home Loan, State Veteran Service Officers will be in attendance to assist Veterans and their family members.

**VFW Post 4031**  
1550 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301

For more information, please contact: WJ 'Buck' Richardson, VISN 19 Minority Outreach Program Coordinator VA Rocky Mountain Network (VISN 19) 3687 Veterans Dr PO Box 1500 Ft. Harrison, Montana 59636 (O) (406) 447-7547, (C) (406) 439-6331 [William.Richardson@va.gov](mailto:William.Richardson@va.gov)

**\*\*Bring your DD214 if possible\*\***



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA toddlers enjoy sledding down the hill in their playground area.

## SUIMA

# Kwanachigani pə'əkwatə Eagle's Nest

First Family Night of the school year

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

We had our first Family Night of the school year on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Those who attended enjoyed some good conversation on raising children now vs. the past, planned for some upcoming events, and organized a fund raiser. The next Family Night will be Wednesday, Feb. 15 – more details will be sent out.

The mid-year benchmark assessments are complete and preliminary results look favorable. With the growth that is shown with this assessment, I know the end of the year assessment will be positive also.

With the amount of snow we received, the students have had a wonderful time shoveling, sledding, and building snowmen. Experiment with freezing water in a balloon, observation of what can be found in melted snow, and what type of water melts snow faster took place. When the temperatures allow, the students are outside every day. Thank you for sending snow gear so they can enjoy this beautiful, wintery wonderland we live in.

### Montessori Tidbits

While Maria Montessori observed children in the classroom, she thought about their developmen-

tal needs and what materials she could develop to suit those needs. Following up from the last Pə'əkwatə article, where I wrote about math, I will focus on one traditional Montessori material: The Pink Tower.

If you've ever been in a Montessori classroom, you will know exactly what this specific material is. While some might say it is just a stack of blocks, it is not merely just that. The Pink Tower is a carefully calculated instrument to educate the senses and to implicitly introduce the decimal system. Each block is 1 centimeter longer on all sides than the one before it and there are 10 such blocks go-

ing from 1 cubic centimeter to 1000. In other words, each block is increasing exponentially. But why is it called the Pink Tower? There is no research to determine the answer, so I am going to surmise that it was developed in February due to Valentine's Day!

### Positions advertised

Just like schools all over the nation, we have some job openings throughout the school. You can find applications by going to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe Jobs, click on Career Portal – Government, then click on View Current Jobs. It's as easy as that!

## Nuu'apaghapi Ute phrases and sentences

Even though it may seem like tamaritə is around, we are still in temeri. Repetition helps with the retention of language, please continue using the Ute language at home.

- naghakáachoghoptə - winter hat
- səpə'ra - cold
- para'sikyətə - frozen
- 'agharat'aqh təravachi? How is the weather?
- Nəvwayaqh. it is snowing.
- Kawayaqh. It is frosty.

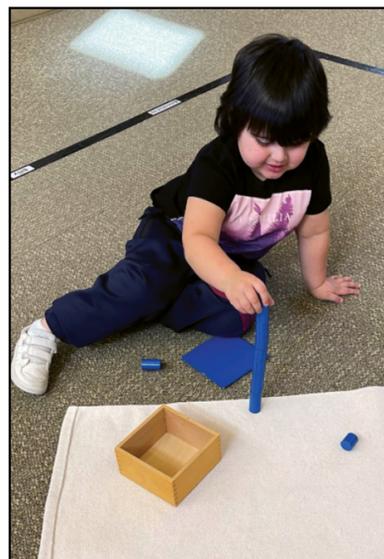
### Upcoming events

- Fancy Fridays' and Early Release every Friday
- Feb. 13: 100th Day of School
- Feb. 15: Family Night in person
- Feb. 20: No School – Presidents Day
- Feb. 21: PAG Meeting via Zoom
- Feb. 28: Elementary students ice skating



courtesy SUIMA

December Santistevan is working on her project using the Montessori beads.



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA student, Kingsley Martinez is working with the Knobless Cylinders.

## PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# PCC Southwest welcomes new executive dean

By Amy Matthew  
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SOUTHWEST

Lisa Snyder is the new executive dean of the Pueblo Community College Southwest campus and sites.

"Dr. Snyder has an extensive background in higher education leadership, a strong desire to foster student success in the southwest corner of the state, and a proven track record of promoting a culture fostering evidence-based practice committed to diversity, equity and inclusion for students, faculty and staff," said PCC President Patty Erjavec.

Snyder and her family have lived in Durango, Colo. since 2013. Prior to joining PCC Southwest, she was the dean of the School of Humanities at San Juan College. She also worked as the associ-



Lisa Snyder  
Executive Dean  
Pueblo Community College Southwest

ployment and foster relationships and partnerships in southwest Colorado," said Snyder. "Durango is my home and PCC Southwest is an integral part of my community."

Her career in education spans more than 20 years. In addition to leadership positions in higher education, she was a faculty member at universities in New York and Oregon.

Snyder is a first-generation college graduate. She earned her doctorate in instructional leadership from Argosy University in Sarasota, Fla., a master's in curriculum development and instructional technology from the State University of New York Albany and a bachelor's degree in English from SUNY New Paltz.

Snyder is based at the PCC Southwest campus in Mancos and also oversees sites in Durango and Bayfield.

ate vice president for academic affairs at Fort Lewis College.

"I look forward to building upon the outstanding work already being done by the dedicated staff at the college and to leading the campus in its efforts to increase concurrent enrollment, streamline pathways to transfer or em-

## 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.



## Medical Assistant Program

# Apply for Apprenticeship Today!

Real-world experience is invaluable – especially if you are compensated for that experience. That's what apprenticeships are all about.

### Benefits to Students:

- Get invaluable hands-on experience
- Receive dedicated mentorship throughout your apprenticeship
- Transition from education to experience
- Immediate marketability of skills and experience



### About the Program

Today's medical assistant job market is more competitive than ever. An apprenticeship is the perfect way to transition from education to experience and make yourself immediately marketable. PCC works with regional companies to provide paid employment opportunities to build your skills and experience while you're still in school.

<b>Related Instruction (RI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 600 hours of RI per year</li> <li>• Courses delivered in classroom and on-line instruction</li> </ul>
<b>On-the-Job</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 2,000 hours of structured and supervised on-the-job training (OJT)</li> <li>• Mentoring from experienced professional in the field</li> </ul>
<b>Credentials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprentice earns nationally-recognized credentials once demonstrating occupational identified competencies. These include a PCC Medical Assistant Certificate, RMA certification and a Federal Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Certificate</li> </ul>

### Requirements to Apply

- 18 or older
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Physically able to perform job duties
- Demonstrate interest in the job
- Able to pass a background check and drug test
- Provide copy of required immunizations including flu and COVID vaccine
- Demonstrate motivation, ambition, and a willingness to take direction
- Demonstrate trustworthiness

### Invest in Your Future – Contact Us Today!

Contact our Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator at 719-549-3318 to schedule an appointment or email your interest to [maapprenticeship@pueblocc.edu](mailto:maapprenticeship@pueblocc.edu).



## Multi-Purpose Facility February 2023 Events

Sip, Chat & Chew Friday, February 17 - 11:30 AM—1:30 PM  
---All Three Ute Tribes & Families---

Beading Class Two Sessions—10:00 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM  
Tuesday And Thursday, February 21 & 23, 2023

MPF Food Sale Friday, February 24—11:00 AM—2:00 PM

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



## Students drop a line in Scott's Pond



SUIMA Upper Elementary students, Matthew Carrillo and Jayceon Richards work together to cut a hole in the pond's surface ice using an ice auger.



Clementine Carrillo, with her dad Jordan Carrillo, make a new fishing hole in hopes of luring a big trout to the surface.



Destiny Valdez gets a hand warmer from staff member, Andrea Hudspeth. Teachers assisted the kids in their fishing adventures Thursday.



Joe Howell and Sibrya Larry have a good laugh at Scott's Pond while ice fishing with their Upper Elementary classmates.

**The Southern Ute Wildlife Department hosted a group of students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for an afternoon of ice fishing on Scott's Pond, Thursday, Jan. 26. The Tribe provided ice augers and other fishing equipment for the students and their parents to use. Students fished alongside their peers in hopes of netting a big trout. The fishing workshop is an annual program in collaboration with SUIMA and the Wildlife Division each winter.**

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



### 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

Division of Social Services  
116 Capote Dr.



Native American Fatherhood & Families Association (NAFFA) created and designed this program for fathers and mothers using a Native American approach. The goal of the program is to strengthen families through responsible parenting. NAFFA teaches parents to connect with their heritage as they become actively involved in the lives of their families. NAFFA welcomes non-natives to participate in our program. When a foster parent or step-parent comes through the program, connections are more fully developed with other parents in the community, thus creating a stronger support network.

Parents, your children are right behind you and they will follow you.

First Class Begins February 20th!

This class is free of charge and consists of 7 weekly sessions that will last up to two hours. We ask that you commit yourself to completing each session. You will need access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) and an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services/Angelina Whitehorse at 970-563-2335 for more information or to sign up.



Motherhood/Fatherhood Is Sacred  
TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES

## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

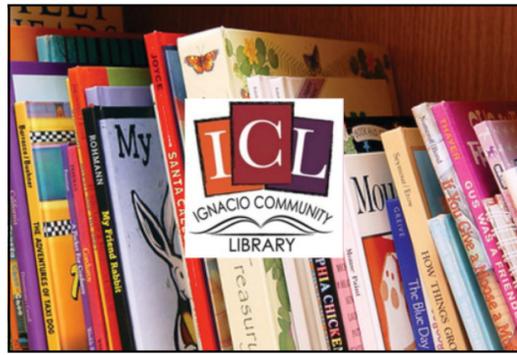
# For you data geeks out there

By Marcia R. Vining  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

When I first started at ICL back in 2010, many of my friends and acquaintances remarked that it must be so great, having a job where you could read all the time. Well, let me tell you, while I do get to see the new materials that come in, my to-be-read list is miles long while my list of books I've actually read is shorter than I would like.

We're busy here at ICL, and sometimes we get to see the results of all that activity and effort. In Colorado, library staff is required to submit a report with numerical data for what we do. We enter the numbers for program attendance, computer use, checkouts, new cards and much, much more. And, while it's fun and informative to see the data, it doesn't provide much in the way of real information about the impact that the library has in the community.

So, for you data geeks out there; we had 385 new patrons in 2022. We passed out almost 300 Take & Make Kits in 2021 and over 800 in 2022. The Stuffie Sleepover had 62 stuffies participate in 2021 and 82 in 2022. Over



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

10,800 physical items were checked out last year. We're seeing a significant increase in participation in programs and checkouts over the years.

But, what really makes our hearts sing is when someone stops in to let us know how our services and materials have impacted their lives. We have a young man in the IdeaLab whose family has recently returned to the area. He stopped in the library and is now learning electronics and other job skills while also planning to build a computer for himself. He returned because the library had been a safe, welcoming space when he was younger.

Another patron mentioned how the legal clinic has helped her solve some landlord/tenant issues. Yet

another stopped in to thank us for the computer help we offered during a job interview process. One parent said that they felt they received some parenting that they were lacking as a child during a literacy event.

These are the comments that keep the library staff coming back year after year. We love knowing that we are making a difference in the lives of our patrons and our community.

While books and reading, ideas and knowledge may have been what led us to working in a library, the passion for people and helping our patrons attain their goals is most definitely what keeps us here and engaged. As always, we hope to see you at the Library!

## Denim & Diamonds



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Ignacio Community Library hosted the Denim and Diamonds Gala fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 27. Guests enjoyed a musical performance by Adam Swanson, playing various jazz tunes during the event. The Gala was held to help support the Ignacio Community Library and all the services they offer.



Southern Ute tribal elder, Russell Box Sr. joined in on the fun — visiting with guests and showcasing his art. Box attended as a special guest artist helping to support the Friends of Ignacio Community Library.

During the Denim and Diamonds Gala fundraiser, guests had the opportunity to bid in a silent auction with art from a variety of local artists. Guests also enjoyed drinks and Hors d'oeuvres upon entry.



## Champagne Murder Mystery Party

a live action game

### February 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Are you prepared to play the game?  
A murder has been committed...  
you'll be surrounded by suspects, and you must  
find the killer, you have to solve the mystery!

Things can twist and turn at our parties,  
so it will not be easy...

Food and beverages will be provided  
Free program | No signup required

Call (970)563-9287 for more info  
or to inquire about being an actor in the game!

(970)563-9287 | ignaciolibrary.org | 470 Goddard Ave.

### ANNOUNCING THE NEW IGNACIO AA MEETING

Ignacio Alcoholics/Addicts Anonymous Group

WHEN: Fridays from 5:30PM to 6:30PM

WHERE: SunUte Community Center  
390 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado





**PCC Southwest, in collaboration with the  
La Plata Economic Development Alliance and  
the Fort Lewis College Center for Innovation,  
will offer a **Networking+ class.****

Classes held **Saturdays from 10 am-2 pm** from  
**Feb. 18-Mar. 11** and **Apr. 1-May 6** at the Fort Lewis College  
Center for Innovation, 835 Main Ave., Suite 225, Durango.



**Instructor**  
**Natambu Obleton**

Obleton is a customer delivery architect for Cisco Systems Inc. and teaches IT Networking part-time at PCC Southwest. He holds two Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE) Certifications in Enterprise Networking and Security, in addition to a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification.

For details, contact [Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu), call **970.385.2098**,  
or visit [https://pueblocc.formstack.com/forms/swc\\_05](https://pueblocc.formstack.com/forms/swc_05).





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<p><b>SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>6:30-7:30pm</b> I Praise &amp; Worship and Lesson or Testimony</p> <p><b>7:30-8:30pm</b> I Small Group Sharing</p>	<p><b>LOCATION</b></p> <p>Ignacio Community Church 405 Browning Avenue Ignacio, CO 81137</p>
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For more information contact Teresa at 970.779.8133 or [tmmsox@yahoo.com](mailto:tmmsox@yahoo.com)



## Fundraising with food



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Councilwoman Marge Barry visits the Multi-Purpose Facility food sale to order a lunchtime meal on Friday, Jan 27. This food sale was held to help raise funds for the Multi-purpose Facility community events held throughout the year, such as powwows, round dances, and crafting events. The menu consisted of tuna salad sandwiches, posole, and enchiladas, the group also sold special treats to benefit the Multi-Purpose Facility.

MPF Administrative Assistant Kierra Fournier makes fresh popcorn, snow cones, and piccadilly to benefit the Multi-Purpose Facility's community events. The sale proved to be a success, with numerous purchases made during the lunch hour on Friday, Jan. 27.



## COMMUNITY CONCERT HALL

# Community Concert Hall's Live presents Durango's Balladeer Chacon

Staff report  
COMMUNITY CONCERT HALL

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College presents an intimate evening with Durango, Colorado's balladeer, Thom Chacon as part of their 'Live @ the Smiley Café' series Friday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Smiley Café located in historic downtown Durango.

With an acoustic guitar and a weathered voice, Thom Chacon, breathes life into the characters he creates on paper. His latest nine-song manifesto, "Marigolds and Ghosts" is filled with his one-of-a-kind, hardscrabble American storytelling and has the type of inviting melodicism that will sweep listeners into his deeper meanings.

Chacon delivers his poetic verse and all-American sentiment with the kind of memorable characters you just can't shake. He takes listeners by mule into the high country to fly-fish for trout in his prayer, "Church of The Great Outdoors." "Borderland" answers Neil Young's 2018 call for artists to highlight the plight of children at the U.S.-Mexico border.



courtesy Thom Chacon

Durango, Colorado's balladeer, Thom Chacon.

"Angel Eyes" pays tribute to, as Chacon puts it, "One of my favorite western movie villains," Lee Van Cleef.

Chacon has landed on the cover of the legendary Italian music magazine, "Buscadero" and travels around the world playing his songs: from the intimidating confines of Folsom Prison ("a life-changing experience") to Thailand, India and Europe.

The Smiley Café offers a small, intimate experience for an audience of 50 - creating the perfect "listening room" venue. Beer and wine along with special coffees will be available for sale throughout the evening. Charles Leslie, CCH Director says "we are excited to continue this series to introduce Durango to artists they may not know and vice-versa - and welcome our new sponsor, KDUR - Fort Lewis College Community Radio." Tickets are \$25 and on sale at [www.durangconcerts.com](http://www.durangconcerts.com), or by phone at 970-247-7657.

The Community Concert Hall is a not-for-profit, multi-use performance venue located on the campus of Fort Lewis College. Its ability to bring a diverse spectrum of shows to Southwest Colorado is made possible through a partnership with the college, a state-supported, independent institution of higher education, and financial and in-kind contributions from generous members of the community.

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY February Sip, Chat & Chew



**Friday February 17, 2023  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



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

Door Prize donations are welcome

Honoring our eldest Tribal Member  
**Ms. Vida Peabody**



Sponsored by the  
**Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council**

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

### Need Technical Assistance?

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)  
Support Team

Phone: 970-563-5555  
Email: [sudepservice@southernute.com](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com)

SUDEP is here to assist Southern Ute Tribal Members with laptop support & troubleshooting, training, education, and technology questions. "We can help you over the phone, remotely, or you may bring your laptop to one of our techs."



## Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day



**Tuesday February 14, 2023  
10:30 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 February Quilt Class

**Monday & Thursday  
February 13 & 16, 2023  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



Let's make Aprons

Call to sign up and for supply list



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

## Multi-Purpose Facility February Beading Classes

**Tuesday & Thursday, February 21 & 23, 2023**



**Two Sessions:**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Class Agenda

Apply finished beadwork to moccasin top

Bring your finished beaded moccasin tops

Cut sole and tongue. Attach the sole to moccasin top

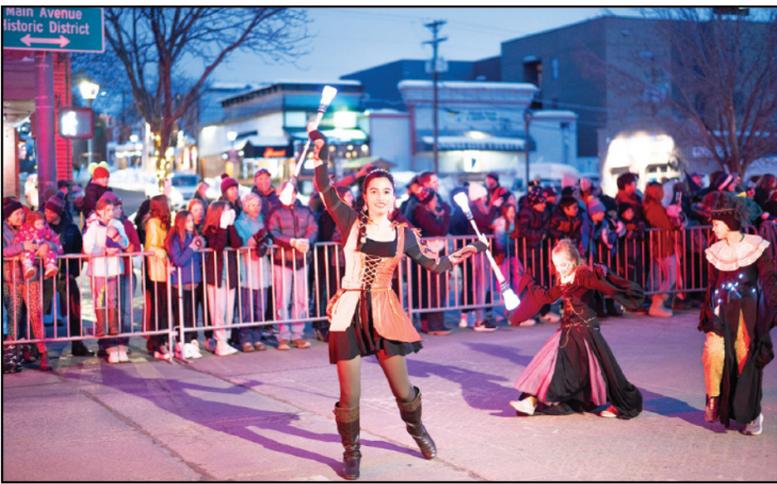
**This is the Part II of the January Class  
If you are needing help with a project at this stage  
call to see if you can attend**



For more Information: 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641  
email: [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)



## A Shakespearean Snowdown



Dancers led the parade wearing their best brocade and billowing dresses, a dancer smiles before tossing her LED batons into the air — putting on a show for spectators lined up along Main Ave.

The local brewery, Ska Brewing Co. featured their best brews in costume as they paraded down on the corner of Main Ave. and College Dr., the group also played upbeat music and handed out candy to the many spectators lining the street.



Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum



Many floats featured hot air balloon baskets, keeping spectators wowed and warm. Despite freezing temperatures, this year's parade still packed the streets of downtown Durango. Winners for this year's parade were announced at the Main Mall on 8th Ave. following this year's successful event.

**D**urango welcomed the 44th Annual Snowdown, featuring a Shakespearean theme, beginning on Friday, Jan. 27 and ending on Sunday Feb. 5. The winter celebration takes place annually. Snowdown is made possible by the generosity and creativity of hundreds of local businesses and community members who help to create events each year.

## COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# Can cops tell if you're driving high? Yes they can!

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION



**COLORADO**  
Department of Transportation

Sixteen law enforcement officers from across the state will take CDOT's advanced roadside impairment testing course to receive Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification starting Monday. With one-third of fatal crashes in Colorado linked to drivers impaired by drugs, alcohol or a combination of substances, advanced training for law enforcement is crucial.

Participating agencies: Alamosa PD, Arvada PD, Bent County Sheriff's Office, Carbondale PD, CSP-Colorado Springs, CSP-Florence, CSP-Fruita, CSP-Glenwood, CSP-Larimer, CSP-Pueblo, Fountain PD, Fort Collins PD, Glendale PD, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Monument PD, and Pueblo PD.

According to CDOT data, the prevalence of Colorado drivers getting behind the wheel after consuming drugs, alcohol or mul-

multiple substances is impacting the safety of drivers on our roads. Law enforcement officers obtain the required training and experience necessary to identify drug and multi-substance impairment during traffic stops in which impairment is suspected. Drug habits change over time so continued training is necessary for law enforcement to keep up with these changing trends.

2021 (the most recent data available) saw an increase in fatalities involving drivers who tested over the 5ng limit for active Delta-9 THC, the impairing substance in cannabis. Com-

binning cannabis and alcohol is common and can lead to significant impairment.

A Colorado Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is a law enforcement officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) coordinates the International Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Colorado DRE program began in 1987.

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

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**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!

Produced by Lindsay J. Box

**SUPER SUNDAY**

**LVII**

**Sunday, February 12**

**TAILGATE GIVEAWAY**

**Hot Seat Drawings**    **Grand Prize Giveaway valued at \$1,300!**    **Stadium-Style Buffet**

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**Sky Ute CASINO RESORT**

**SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Election Board is closed.**

**We will return:**

**July and August 2023**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Please contact 970-946-3474 if needed.**

**NOTICE**

**Firewood Distribution**

**FIREWOOD SEASON**  
**Through April 30, 2023**

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



**PINE RIVER SHARES**

**“Together We Thrive” quilt on display at Pine River Senior Center**

*Quilt project features images of resiliency*

**By Jules Masterjohn**  
PINE RIVER SHARES

The “Together We Thrive” quilt was created by seniors through Thrive in Place (TIP), a project of Pine River Shares that provides peer support and resources for aging in place in the Pine River Valley. The quilt will be on display at the Pine River Senior Center from Feb. 7 through March 17. Pine River Senior Center is open on Tues., Weds., and Fri from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is located at 111 W. South Street in Bayfield, Colo.

The “Together We Thrive” quilt project began in 2021 when Thrive in Place advocates distributed fabric squares and art supplies to their peers, along with the assignment to express a positive way of coping with COVID-19 related stress and uncertainty.

Many thanks to the “Together We Thrive” quilt makers Mary Curtis, Maxine Dvojack, Sara Grover, Sharon Hunter, Brenda Jones, Ramela Munoz, Corrine Nichols, Kay Phelps, Kathleen Reilly, Kate Smith, Rose Marie Swanson and Lisa Van Den Berg. Bayfield textile artist Corrine Nichols provided



courtesy Pine River Shares

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ed guidance and technical support throughout the project. She and Kathleen Reilly hand sewed the individual squares together. Local quilter Kim Goodwin then applied the final touches and put the entire quilt together.

The Next 50 Initiative provided grant funding for the project.

For information contact Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040. Information about Pine River Shares programs can be found at [www.pinerivershares.org](http://www.pinerivershares.org).

**NONPROFIT GRANT FUNDING**

**The Ballantine Family Fund bumps up its average grant size**

*Response to increased need for SW Colorado nonprofits*

**Staff report**  
BALLANTINE FAMILY FUND

In 2022, the Ballantine Family Fund donated a record-setting amount to nonprofits across Southwest Colorado with the goal of enhancing life for all who live in the region. \$334,500 was donated to organizations through a quarterly grant application process and additional Core Value grants. The Trustees of the Ballantine Family Fund awarded \$284,500 to 113 nonprofit organizations across all sectors in Southwest Colorado through their quarterly grant cycles. The average grant size was \$2,518, which is an increase of 25% in the past three years. The counties served include Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan.

A full listing of organizations that received these grants can be found at [BallantineFamilyFund.com](http://BallantineFamilyFund.com). To be considered for funding, nonprofits in Southwest Colorado may submit grant applications online at the same web address.

In addition to the quarterly grant awards listed above, the Ballantine Family Trustees awarded an unsolicited \$50,000 in Core Value grants to support organizations across the region that are bolstering youth mental health by getting children outside and engaged with one another and with the environment. These grants included support for Audubon Rockies (\$5,000), Montezuma Land Conservancy (\$9,000), Montezuma School to Farm (\$9,000),

Southwest Open School (\$7,000), and a \$20,000 planning grant for a collaboration of four SW Colorado environment organizations serving youth: La Plata Open Space Conservancy, Mountain Studies Institute, San Juan Mountains Association and Southwest Conservation Corps. These Core Value grants are an unsolicited infusion of funds designated for a significant impact in a particular area of need, as identified by the Trustees.

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado supports the Ballantine Family Fund as grant managers by bringing nonprofit knowledge and financial expertise, while the Ballantine Trustees maintain their independence with grant-making decisions and funding priorities.

“For more than six decades, the Ballantine family

has been providing substantial resources for our region, and since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, I’ve witnessed the Trustees doubling down on their commitment to Southwest Colorado,” says Brigen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and grants manager for the Ballantine Family Fund. “The Trustees recognize the needs that have been exacerbated over the past three years and they are responding with even greater impact.”

The Ballantine Family Fund was established in 1957 by Morley C. Ballantine and Arthur A. Ballantine Jr. for the purpose of providing financial assistance to nonprofit causes that benefit the human condition in Southwest Colorado. For more information, visit [www.ballantinefamilyfund.com](http://www.ballantinefamilyfund.com).

**By sector, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded**

- \$9,500 to Animal Protection (3% of total grants)
- \$76,200 to Arts and Culture (27% of total grants)
- \$48,600 to Education (17% of total grants)
- \$14,500 to Environment (5% of total grants)
- \$76,700 to Human Services (27% of total grants)
- \$27,500 to Youth (10% of total grants)
- \$31,500 to Other (11% of total grants)

By county, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded:

- \$26,500 to Archuleta (9% of total grants)
- \$8,000 to Dolores (3% of total grants)
- \$142,700 to La Plata (50% of total grants)
- \$66,200 to Montezuma (23% of total grants)
- \$15,100 to San Juan (5% of total grants)
- \$26,000 to other counties that support Southwest Colorado, but are not physically located in our geographic region (9% of total grants)

**Southern Ute Elders Department**  
**REUSABLE BAG GIVEAWAY**



Elder Services would like to offer **FREE** reusable bags to local Southern Ute Elders for their grocery shopping needs. Elders can pick up their **FREE** reusable bags at the Southern Ute Elders Department.

**Limit 4 bags per household, while supplies last.**

If you have any questions, please call Elder Services @ 970-563-0156.

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**Jan 31st-Feb 24th 2023**

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- Town of Ignacio
- Pine River Chiropractic, Massage & Acupuncture Bayfield, CO
- Ignacio Floral & Gifts
- Thriftway
- The Rose Café
- Lil Bit Ranchy
- Ignacio Community Library
- Rolling Thunder Lanes

Any questions please contact the Boys & Girls Club of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970.563.2692

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

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**SOUTHERN UTE POW WOW COMMITTEE**

**If you have any questions, please contact:**  
**Edward Box III - 702-305-0790**  
**Rochelle Aguilar - 970-563-2990**

**Elder Services Program**  
**February Activities**  
Nana-pæ-chiu Káni

**February 14, 2023**  
Movie day in Durango. Van will depart from Elder Services @ 1:00 p.m.

**February 16, 2023**  
Farmington Shopping trip. Van will depart from Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

**February 21, 2023**  
Cortez Shopping trip. Van will depart from Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

**February 23, 2023**  
Towaoc Casino trip. Van will depart from Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

Call Elder Services @ 970-563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions.

Activities are subject to change without prior notice.



# Youth ballers jump into league action



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



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Ezra Watts passes the ball to a teammate which takes eye-hand-coordination and words of encouragement from family, friends, and spectators is always expected for these developing basketball players. Many of these players will continue to play basketball into their High School years, some with the same teammates they play with during these younger years.

It's a learning experience for the young players. As each game is played, rules are taught and guidance from referees and coaches alike, help these future stars hone their basketball skills.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The 2023 Sun Ute Youth basketball league kicked off on Saturday, Feb. 4, in the SunUte gymnasium. Osias Goodtracks, who is a part of team Kwiyaqhatu, passes the ball to his teammate during their first game of the season.



courtesy Margaret Manzanares/SunUte

SunUte had a full house on their first day of youth basketball games in the SunUte gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 4. "Thank you, families, for showing your support!" – Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Community Center Director.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Syre Sanchez attempts to deny his team's opponent from scoring under the basket in 9U team play. Teams will play every Saturday in the SunUte gymnasium. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs as seating is limited with both courts being utilized for games.

## Launching Group Exercise



courtesy Sage Frane/SunUte

Following a successful Group Exercise class launch held at SunUte Community Center, Group Exercise Instructors gather for a photo, Saturday, Jan 28. SunUte members and visitors had the opportunity to "Choose a New Challenge" and try a new Les Mills class, create a fitness vision board, or chat with any of the instructors. Back row, left to right: Meeka Bailey, Katy Guffey, Rebecca Flinders, Sage Frane, and Koel Phelps. Front row, left to right: Heather Riley, Erin Cummins-Roper, Cindy Valdez, Deja Herrera, and Jalisa Paul.

## 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.  
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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Sporting protection for a broken nose, Ignacio senior Keaton McCoy works against his Pagosa Springs opponent during IHS' 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational. McCoy more recently won his weight division at the SJBL Championships in Dolores, Colo.

**BOBCATS WRESTLING**

**Bobcat wrestlers vie for league titles**

*IHS readies in Dolores for regional*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For the Ignacio Bobcats, it was a case of 'one for all' at the 2023 San Juan Basin League Championships.

Which meant that for most of IHS' wrestlers competing Thursday evening, Feb. 2, they'd have one shot for all the proverbial marbles, and thus ideal motivation to prepare for the upcoming Class 2A-Region II Championships.

And the 'Cats didn't depart Dolores High School without at least one individual title.

Competing at 144 pounds, lone senior Keaton McCoy went 2-for-2 including a back-and-forth 9-7 win over Mancos' Jacob Martin in the weight's finale as he improved his 2022-23 record to 16-7 overall. Freshman Zane Pontine (25-17), however, had the misfortune of meeting MHS junior Levi Martin in the last 132-pound pairing, and though enduring into the third period, succumbed via pin to the Blue Jay standout.

At 106 pounds, Mancos' Dillon Eichner notched a pin of Ignacio freshman Aven Bourriague, while freshman Dillon Brann lost to DHS' Nathan Hill at 120. Freshman 113-pounder Joshua Kerrigan went 1-1 at the meet, defeating Norwood's Aiden Walton but then losing 6-1 to Dove Creek sophomore Wade Conner in the title match.

Freshman Lincoln deKay lost in the first period of his only bout at 138 to Mancos' Brandon Vannest, soph-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marlene Martinez-Perez is presented after winning her last match at IHS' 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Faye Hackett pins her Bloomfield, N.M., opponent to win first place at IHS' 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational.

omore Kendrick Nossaman lost to his Norwood opponent at 157, and sophomore Asher Gallegos, after beating MHS' Bryce Miera, placed second at 150 pounds after losing in the first period to DCHS' Tyson Beanland.

The SJBLers will next head north to Hayden for the aforementioned February 10-11 regional, with all seeking top-four status – locking them in for the CHSAA State Championships, Feb. 16-18 at Ball Arena in Denver – at their respective weights.

Ignacio's girls, meanwhile, are set to next see

action at the all-classification Region IV Championships, to be held in Edwards at Battle Mountain H.S. 3A Bayfield's and 4A Durango's girls will compete at the same event.

Five Lady 'Cats were ready to rumble in Dolores, but only one drew an opponent with junior Kacey Brown losing her match at 125 to Nucla's Riley McCabe. Sole senior Faye Hackett (130), Audrey Roderick (120), Marlene Martinez-Perez (135) and Larissa Espinosa (190) each received a forfeit victory.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marissa Olguin (3) hustles around Bayfield's Genesis Barrera (23) to break BHS' press during IML action Saturday, Feb. 4, inside IHS Gymnasium. The Lady Bobcats defeated BHS 44-21.

**BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Lady 'Cats brush off Bayfield, 44-21**

*Seniors star in win over IML rivals*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Scoreless during a frustrating final three minutes, 33 seconds of the second quarter, and still searching for points beginning the third as visiting Bayfield steadily climbed out of a 15-6 hole, Ignacio turned to a senior to ensure Senior Day success.

Whereas senior guard Laci Brunson's corner three-pointer had put the Lady Bobcats up by nine points approaching half-

time, senior forward/center Harmony Reynolds converted a key three-point play after BHS had crept as close as 15-12. Reynolds' and-one triggered a game-altering 10-0 run – highlighted by a Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga trey and capped by a Reynolds breakaway layup – effectively putting IHS in the clear.

Junior reserve Maci Barnes buried a three late in the third, helping increase Ignacio's rebuilt advantage to 29-16 entering the fourth quarter, when

sophomore Marissa Olguin promptly sank IHS' fourth and last triple. Sitting on a comfortable 32-16 cushion, the Lady 'Cats got five more Reynolds points and four more from Olguin down the stretch, during which head coach Trae Seibel was able to get senior reserves Autumn Sage and Alexis Ortiz court time in what ended up being a 44-21 victory.

After making one of two free throws, Ortiz took a

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Trajan Garcia (32) attempts to jab the basketball free from Pagosa Springs' Colt Lewis (24) during IML action Friday, Feb. 3, inside IHS Gymnasium.

**BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Bayfield barrage breaks Bobcats at home**

*Quintana's shooting not enough in loss*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Trailing visiting Bayfield 7-2 after a mutually awful first quarter inside IHS Gymnasium, and 14-4 after Wolverine senior Jackson Queen sank a three-pointer with 4:54 left in the second, Ignacio's boys, hoping to steal a Senior Night win Saturday evening, February 4, suddenly sprang into action.

Sparked by junior guard Phillip Quintana's two three-pointers and a breakaway layup by junior guard Devante Montoya, the Bobcats rallied to tie the score at 17-17 before Queen cashed a trey just before the half-time buzzer. Still with momentum after the ten-minute intermission, the 'Cats at last forged ahead, 22-20, early in the third quarter via Quintana's third triple.

"The past few games ... my confidence wasn't that high – for shooting three – but ... in my head I just



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Tip-toeing the baseline beneath the basket, Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) attempts a difficult reverse layup against Bayfield's Caden Wood (10) during IML play Saturday, Feb. 4, inside IHS Gymnasium.

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**WE HAVE SLOTS TO FILL!**

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- Where:** Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Athletes:** Open to All Native Americans ages 13-19yrs.
- Must provide Tribal I.D. / CIB or a Descendent Letter from your tribe.**
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**Coaches/ Athletes/ Chaperones will need:**

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The following are the available sports for NAIG 2023.

Individual Sport:	Team Sport:
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2023**

For Information Contact: Virgil Morgan 563-2652, Tara Vigil 563-2667

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thought, 'Hey I'm going to make them today!'" Quintana said. "And sure enough, I made all the threes I shot, pretty much – only missed, like, three."

"Senior Night definitely helped a lot," he noted. "The speech from my brother got my confidence up, really helped me."

Hard as it became to believe, the two-point lead was IHS' only ... and last.

A relative non-factor during the first half, Bayfield senior Lance Mazur nailed a three regaining the upper hand in the 3A/4A Intermountain League clash, and Queen – still red-hot after a 14-point half featuring four treys – followed with another. Mazur then sank yet another bomb, and Queen did likewise with 3:44 remaining in the quarter.

IHS skipper Chris Valdez took a timeout in hopes of stopping the run, but Wolverine senior forward/center Caden Wood answered by swishing a surprise three – inflating BHS' lead to 36-22 with 2:18 to go.

"Caden takes a lot of jokes and a lot of teasing ... but he's a good shooter; we knew he could make that shot if he was wide-open," said Bayfield head coach Scott Key. "They started to key on Jackson and ... I said, 'If they don't think you can shoot, spot up when you're open and knock it down!'"

"We knew that was it right there," Wood said. "We came out of halftime and every shot just started falling for us. Once our shots started falling we knew no team could hang with us at that point."

"I thought we'd really come to life," said Valdez. "Got down by about ten there ... and made a nice run to get within three at halftime, then came out and hit two shots in a row! And then the wheels kind of fell off."

"When our defense is tight we can stay with anybody, but when our defense starts falling apart ... against a good team like this – they've got three or four guys who can knock it down – that's it."

Senior Eppie Quintana closed out the third cleaning up a Phillip Quintana miss, trimming the deficit down to 40-27, but despite the younger Quintana canning his fourth and fifth three-pointers during the deciding eight minutes, Bayfield got four more Mazur points and as many from sophomore guard Lincoln Williams in winning the final frame 10-6 and the game 50-33.

"We were definitely coming in here a little bit fa-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana (10) dribbles around Bayfield's Lincoln Williams during IML action Saturday, Feb. 4, inside IHS Gymnasium. Quintana scored a team-high 17 points in a 50-33 loss.

stigated and tired," said Wood, alluding to BHS' 55-38 loss in La Jara to Centauri the previous night, "but ... you've just got to come in here, push through it to come out with a win helping out the team."

"We were turning the ball over on stupid stuff and once we fixed that it just changed things a lot."

Queen finished with six threes and a game-high 20 points for the Wolverines (8-9 overall, 2-6 IML), and Mazur booked 14 points in support. Williams totaled eight points and Wood four, as did junior guard Devin Cundiff – given a starting spot with senior Max Meyers up in Fort Collins, performing at the 71st Annual Colorado All-State Orchestra.

"We knew we were walking into a Senior Night – always extremely emotional – and usually Ignacio has one of the greatest home crowds there is. We knew from the get-go that we had to take the crowd out of the game," Key said. "It didn't start off as fast as we would have hoped, but they struggled as well."

"There was a lot of energy in here, guys were overplaying, but we kind of settled down ... and, you know, good things started to happen. At halftime we made some big adjustments and put the pedal down ... got what we needed done, done."

In a battle where neither team scored for the first miscue-marred 4:15 (Queen then got things going with a three), Phillip Quintana – bouncing back from a ze-

ro-point showing in the previous night's 54-37 loss to Pagosa Springs – totaled 17 points in defeat. Junior center/forward Gabe Cox scrapped for seven, Eppie Quintana totaled four, Montoya managed three and senior Dylan McCaw two – after netting ten against the Pirates, with Cox scoring 12.

"I thought we came out ... with the Senior/Parent Night thing ... just starry-eyed; we couldn't hit a shot," said Valdez. "And they were missing wide-open shots – neither of us was guarding the other that first quarter, and still, we couldn't score!"

"We don't have any consistent guys right now," he continued. "Phillip did a good job today ... so if we can get him to be consistent ... then we'll try to find somebody else on Tuesday, then Friday. Hopefully by the end of the year we'll go to the district tournament good enough to stay with some of these teams. We'll work on it, not give up and keep moving forward."

Stuck in an eight-game slide after a winless January, the Bobcats (3-12, 0-7 IML) will continue league play hosting Montezuma-Cortez (6-9, 2-5) Friday night, February 10, with fourth-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 3A poll, 2/6] CHS coming to town the next evening to conclude a rugged week. Results from IHS' game on the 7th at non-league Dove Creek – up a notch to No. 4 in the Class 1A rankings – were unavailable at press time.

## JV girls win two back-to-back



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio senior Alexis Ortiz (11) goes up for two against two Bayfield Wolverines in Junior Varsity girls action, Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Ignacio Gymnasium. The Ignacio JV teams have three games left in the regular season. Friday, Feb. 10 vs Cortez. Saturday, Feb. 11 vs Centauri – both home games, and one last away game at Cortez on Thursday, Feb. 16 before the JV Tournament to be held Feb. 18. Time and venue to be announced.

Ignacio High School seniors Autumn Sage and Alexis Ortiz, stand together after the Ignacio Bobcats Senior and Parent recognition following a triumphant win over the visiting Bayfield Wolverines, Saturday, Feb. 4. The Ignacio girls JV team also defeated Pagosa Springs the day before, on Friday, Feb. 4.



## Senior-Parent recognition



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds was one of four Lady Bobcat seniors recognized on Senior/Parent Day Saturday afternoon, February 4, inside IHS Gymnasium. Reynolds then went out and scored a game-high 14 points in IHS' 44-21 win over Bayfield.



Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (20) stands with his parents while receiving a pre-game Senior/Parent Day salute Saturday evening, Feb. 4.



Ignacio Bobcat senior Keaton McCoy gives mother, Kelly, a squeeze during a Senior Day salute received at IHS' 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational.

## SunUte shout out



courtesy/SunUte

We're so proud of SunUte staffers, Will Hacker (trainer) and Bird Red (recreation) for winning the San Juan College Pickleball Tournament in the 3.0-3.5 Intermediate men's doubles bracket. They went undefeated! The tournament was held on Saturday, Jan. 28, in Farmington, N.M.

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long pass from Brunson and dropped in a break-away layup for what ended up being the 3A/4A Intermountain League contest's final points.

Rebounding from the previous evening's nail-biting 32-29 home loss to 4A IMLers Pagosa Springs, the Lady 'Cats improved to 8-7 overall, 2-5 in league play. Reynolds ended up with 14 points, equaling her game-high 14 against the Lady Pirates, and Brunson and Olguin each totaled eight against Bayfield (3-12, 0-8 IML).

Mendoza-Lechuga finished with four points, Barnes and Ortiz each booked three, junior Solymar Cosio two (while limited by four personal fouls) and sophomore reserve DaLaney Wesner two. Brunson went 3-of-4 from the foul line and Reynolds 2-of-3 as Ignacio finished 8-of-13 as a team. Sophomore Renae Foutz managed ten points for



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga (12) guards a Pagosa Springs player during IML play Friday evening, Feb. 3, inside IHS Gymnasium. The Lady Bobcats fell 32-29 to the Lady Pirates.

the Lady Wolverines (9-25 FT; 0 3-PTR) in defeat, and junior Genesis Barrera chipped in four after logging a team-best six in a 71-8 loss at Centauri the previous evening. Seniors Alaysia Kremer and Abria Thayer were held to a combined four points, junior Michelle Kirk to two and junior Madison Mead one. The Lady 'Cats will continue league play hosting

Montezuma-Cortez Friday evening, February 10, then welcome No. 3-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 3A poll, 2/6] CHS the following afternoon. Results from Ignacio's trip on the 7th to non-league Dove Creek – standing 12-2 overall and No. 7 in Class 1A at the time – were unavailable at press time, as were those from M-CHS' 2/8 home game versus DCHS.



CYBER SECURITY

# Bennet urges Apple, Google to remove TikTok from app stores

*In letter, Bennet calls TikTok an 'unacceptable threat'*

**Staff report**

OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet called on Apple CEO Tim Cook and Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai to remove TikTok from their app stores immediately given its unacceptable risk to U.S. national security.

"Like most social media platforms, TikTok collects vast and sophisticated data from its users, including faceprints and voiceprints. Unlike most social media platforms, TikTok poses a unique concern because Chinese law obligates ByteDance, its Beijing-based parent company, to 'support, assist, and cooperate with state intelligence work,'" wrote Bennet.

In the letter, Bennet highlights the danger of TikTok's extensive reach in the United States. TikTok is now the third-most popular social media app in the U.S. with more than 100 million American users, who spend an average of more than 80 minutes per day on the app. Bennet describes how the combination of TikTok's reach, aggressive data collection, and obligations under Chinese law threaten U.S. security.

"Beijing's requirement raises the obvious risk that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) could weaponize TikTok against the United States, specifically, by forcing ByteDance to surrender Americans' sensitive data or manipulate the content Americans receive to advance China's interests," continued Bennet in the letter. "No company subject to CCP dictates should have the power to accumulate such extensive data on the American people or curate content to nearly a third of our population."

Bennet goes on to describe a troubling pattern of behavior at TikTok and ByteDance, including past efforts to limit content critical of the CCP and disseminate pro-Chinese propaganda to American audiences.

"Last year, Congress recognized the unacceptable security risks from TikTok and banned it from all federal government devices. At least 27 state governments have also passed full or partial bans on the app. Given these grave and growing concerns, I ask that you remove TikTok from your respective app stores immediately," concluded Bennet.

Bennet is a leading voice in Congress urging common-sense policy to hold powerful digital platforms accountable to the public interest. On Sunday, Bennet will deliver the keynote address at Silicon Flatirons, Colorado Law's flagship conference on "The Internet's Midlife Crisis." Bennet will describe the vast

and unchecked power of Big Tech over American democracy and society and call for reasserting the public interest through common-sense rules and oversight.

Last year, Bennet introduced the Digital Platform Commission Act, first-of-its-kind legislation to establish an expert federal body empowered to provide comprehensive, sector-specific regulation and oversight of digital platforms to protect consumers, promote competition, and defend the public interest.

In December, Bennet helped pass the Children and Media Research Advancement Act, which directs the National Institutes of Health and Department of Health and Human Services to research technology's effects on child development. In July 2020, Bennet and then-Senator Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) urged Facebook to heed recommendations of a civil rights audit of the company's policies and practices by strengthening efforts to protect civil rights, remove hate speech, and combat voter suppression on its platforms. Earlier that year, Bennet wrote to Facebook urging it to assume greater responsibility for the damage its platforms have caused to democratic values around the world, citing examples from Brazil, the European Union, the Philippines, and Myanmar.

## Pena: Newest enrollment



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Council gathers around new tribal member enrollee, Cataleya Cherish Sue Pena and her family. During the Southern Ute Tribal Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 31, an enrollment request was made by the Tribal Information Services Department Director, Amy Barry and Vital Statistics Clerk, Terence Whyte.

Following the enrollment request during the Southern Ute Tribal Council Regular Meeting, Cataleya Cherish Sue Pena and family meet in the Hall of Warriors on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Pena is the daughter of Marisera Kes Pena and Renae Gene.



## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM

We love you!

From Xavier, Avionne, Ebonye

### THANK YOU...

The family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to extend their appreciation involved in the annual LCB Walk/Run in December 2022.

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

Thank you for your kind donations of support! We are always humble by the gratitude shown by tribal departments, tribal community and our fellow tribal membership.

Your generosity will enable us to continue providing a welcoming LCB Walk/Run for years to come in remembrance of our late father, Leonard Cloud Burch.

Happy New Year with good blessings,  
The Burch family



### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
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#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2023-0008-CV-PR  
Donald Kuebler, Deceased

Notice to Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 3rd of February, 2023.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### 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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With Love,  
Your Grandmother, Cynthia Buckskin

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**Feb. 24**

Early  
Deadline:  
**Feb. 17**

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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HOUSING SNOW CLEARING • 2022/2023

### 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 an Arboles area.

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

**Custom Farm Route 970-563-0220:** 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 Rd., Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, PowWow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Ave., Bear Dance Rd., 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, Justice & Regulatory, 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, an 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 **Southern Ute 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 **Southern Ute 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. If you believe you need this service, please contact Agriculture Division, **Custom Farm at 970-563-0220.**

**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.**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Internal Audit Support Services

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Internal Audit Dept., PO Box 737, MS #56, 356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Internal Audit Support Services. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Internal Audit Department located at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, 356 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 5 p.m. MST, on March 10, 2023. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. Contact the Internal Audit Department for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-2239 or ia@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the proposal deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Environmental Consulting Support Services of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Brownfields Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to perform on demand environmental services including assessments, sample collection, cleanup and/or remediation for the Tribe's 128(a) Brownfields Program. The selected Consultant will enter into a three (3) year contract, not to exceed \$450,000. All work requested by the Tribe under this RFP will occur on the Reservation. The Tribe will engage the Consultant, as needed, to perform services including site assessments, hazardous materials site cleanup and/or remediation, structure demolition, and recycling and/or disposal of hazardous materials or regulated wastes, to fulfill the objectives of the Brownfields Program. Email proposal submittals and questions to the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Sharon LeBeau, Brownfields Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: slebeau@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2217. Full RFP details are found online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/). Proposals will be received through March 3, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Construction of Stream Restoration Projects and General Earthwork Services

The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for construction of stream restoration projects and general earthwork services for the Environmental Programs Division. The selected Consultant will enter into a three (3) year contract, not to exceed \$400,000. All work requested by the Tribe under this RFP will occur on the Reservation. The Tribe will engage the Consultant, as needed, to perform services, including: management, design, and construction of stream restoration projects; construction of watergap fences across streams; installation of Low-Tech Process-Based Restoration structures; fence building; tree planting; spraying weeds; and performing various earthwork tasks utilizing heavy equipment. Email proposal submittals and questions to the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Steve Kem, Water Quality Specialist \$319 Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81,, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: skem@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2295. Full RFP details are found online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/). Proposals will be received through March 3, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

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**Cash Prize: \$500**

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[rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov)  
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 **Southern Ute Utilities Division**  
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 01/11/23 

### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- JAN. 16<sup>TH</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY — CLOSED
- FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT'S DAY — CLOSED
- MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
- JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Tribal Members: Pick up new 2023 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp.

#### Office Hours

**Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM**

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

*Happy New Year!* 

#### Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN!
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:  
*January 4th / February 1st  
March 1st / April 5th*

#### 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.

**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)



**COLORADO DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Tribal Liaison (Hybrid or Remote)**

Closing 2/14/23 – Full-time, Tribal Liaison (Hybrid or Remote) for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Job Number: PAA TBD Tribal 1/23. \$66,444.00 - \$97,260.00 Annually, Denver, CO. Employees new to State Government will be paid on a bi-weekly basis. Are you interested in investing in a career that makes a difference? Consider joining the dedicated people of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. It's our mission to manage and conserve Colorado's natural resources for the benefit of people today – and tomorrow. That means we have to balance development with conservation so the state we all love provides similar opportunities for our children and their children. We invite you to explore our website at <https://dnr.colorado.gov> to find out more about the work we do to manage Colorado's natural resources for today – and tomorrow. The State of Colorado believes that equity, diversity, and inclusion drive our success, and we encourage candidates from all identities, backgrounds, and abilities to apply.

**Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.**

Attention: We prefer all applications by email [GRLOpez@utemountain.org](mailto:GRLOpez@utemountain.org) or [ceyetoo@utemountain.org](mailto:ceyetoo@utemountain.org) or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

**Employment Announcements as of Feb. 6, 2023**

- Educational Department, Culture & Language Coordinator – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, P/T Water System Helper – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, P/T Janitor PM (2) – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, Plumber – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, Lead Transfer Station – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, Office Assistant – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, Plumber Helper – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, P/T Relief Propane Driver – Closing 2/17/23
- Public Works, Water System Helper – Closing 2/17/23
- Water Resources, Water Resource Director – Closing 2/17/23
- Brunot, Wildlife Officer – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, F/T-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- CHR, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Environmental, Biologist – Open Until Filled
- Environmental, Water Quality Manager – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- Housing, Director – Open Until Filled
- Media/Echo, Journalist – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, BH Navigator – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Suicide Prevention Coord. – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Program Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, UA/ BA (male) Tech – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Youth Services Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Planning, Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Director – Open Until Filled
- Resource, Cowboy – Open Until Filled
- Shelter, P/T Houseparent – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Case worker – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- Voc. Rehab., Director – Open Until Filled
- Voc. Rehab., Program Assistant Tech – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa CHR, CHR – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Public Works, Supervisor – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Public Works, Transit Driver – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Recreation Center, P/T Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Seniors, Cook/Assistant – Open Until Filled

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

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD**

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

Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

**KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**POWOW 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. 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. 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. 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 Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for consideration.

**GAMING COMMISSION**

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

**JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE**

Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235.

**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.

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**FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE**

**Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions**

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

- Distribution Friday, July 7 NOON, Friday, June 30
- Distribution Friday, Sept. 29 NOON, Friday Sept. 22, 2023
- Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22 NOON, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023
- Distribution, Friday, Dec. 29 NOON, Friday, Dec. 22, 2023

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



**San Ignacio de Loyola Parish**

St. Bartholomew Church & St. Peter St. Rosa Church

**Ash Wednesday**

**22nd of February, 2023**

**Saint Ignatius - Ignacio: 7:30am**

**Saint Bartholomew - Bayfield: 12:00pm**

**Saint Ignatius - Ignacio: 6:00pm**

**Confessions will be available from 5-6pm**

You are invited to join us for Mass and imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions.

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Electrician

Closes 2/20/23 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation and preventative maintenance on commercial mechanical, electrical equipment and fire alarm systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$26.21/hour.

#### Field Technician

Closes 2/17/23 – Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for Tribal lands currently served by Custom Farm. Evaluates agricultural noxious weed management needs; completes weed management plans. Conducts cropland evaluation and develops farm plans. Provides technical assistance and irrigation water delivery information to Tribal agriculture producers. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Scorekeeper

Closes 2/21/23 – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### SunUte Community Center Director Apprenticeship (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 2/17/23 – The objective of this Apprenticeship Program is to provide the Southern Ute Tribal Member Apprentice with training, education, and hands-on experience to effectively manage the SunUte Community Center as the Department Director. Will develop and enhance their skills in all operational aspects involved in managing the Community Center and Multi-Purpose Facility to promote Tribal, community, and individual health. The time frame for program completion is planned for 2 years, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction in the training period. Will start at 20% below the grade for Community Center Director and receive quarterly evaluations and bi-annual pay increases. Upon successful completion of the Program, the Apprentice will transition into the full-time regular Sun Ute Department Director position.

#### After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – A regular part time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Air Quality Planner

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

#### Animal Care Technician – (Southern Ute members only)

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

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

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

#### Chief of Police

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

#### Clinical Supervisor

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

#### Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly or physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. House cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### 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. 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.

#### Detention Cook

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

#### Dispatcher

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

#### Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

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

#### Economic Development Project Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will assist with projects to develop, plan, organizes and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### 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 (Southern 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.

#### Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$41,456.65/annually.

#### 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.

#### Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk, and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. In order to gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Investment Associate (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – 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 manage-

## VEHICLE AUCTION 2010 Ford F-150 "As-Is"

63,867 miles, White. View at Growth Fund Office Building Parking Lot, NW Corner, 14929 Highway 172, Ignacio, CO. Sealed Bids due by 4 p.m., March 3, 2023. Drop sealed bids off at front desk of Growth Fund Office Building, 14929 Highway 172, Ignacio, CO. Bid Opening on March 6, 2023. Vehicle awarded to highest bid. Include bidders name, phone number, and bid dollar amount. Payment required prior to pick up (Cashier's Check Required). Auction open to Southern Ute tribal members only.

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4545/4517.

- Addiction Counselor
- Assist. Div. Director – Road Runner Transit
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Tech.
- P/T Monitoring Technician (3 positions)
- Substitute Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

Information, job descriptions and applications: [www.ignacioschools.org/en-US/employment](http://www.ignacioschools.org/en-US/employment)

- Finance Director – Closes 2/17/23
- Bus Driver
- High School Assistant Soccer Coach
- Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Middle School Assistant Soccer Coach
- Substitute Bus Driver
- Substitute Cooks
- Substitute Custodians
- Substitute Teachers

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Seeking TEAM Workers

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund is seeking for TEAM Temporary Workers. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions. Please Contact Rochelle Aguilar, Southern Ute Human Resources Career Coordinator at 970-563-2990 or stop by at Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

ment 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. Position will be located in Three Springs.

#### Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

#### Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

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

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

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

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

#### Receptionist – Council Affairs

Open Until Filled – Greeting Tribal Members, employees, and the public. Performs reception duties by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting with inquiries and appointments. Requires a positive and professional attitude with demonstrated integrity, dependability, trustworthiness, and teamwork. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – A full-time temporary Registered Nurse position responsible for providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforce-

ment 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.

#### TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

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

#### TERO Compliance Officer (Temporary / Part-time)

Open Until Filled – TERO Compliance Officer has the general authority to enforce compliance with the TERO Ordinance of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A point of contact for all development activities occurring on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and surrounding service areas. Works closely with contractor(s), other tribal departments, and non-tribal organizations to meet the mandates of TERO. Maintains a database of potential Indian Owned Businesses and Contractors. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Attorney

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

#### Tribal Ranger Captain

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Director of Justice & Regulatory, performs a variety of administrative and field supervisory functions over the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers and Animal Control Programs in accordance with all applicable Tribal, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Umpire / Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/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.

#### Process Plant Operator – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/13/23 – Safe operation of one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in compliance with all Tribal, federal, and state regulations.

#### Environmental Manager – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/17/23 – Environmental oversight of the Southern Ute Growth Fund and its business enterprises to ensure compliance with Tribal, Federal, and State environmental regulations applicable to doing business on and off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Will lead a senior staff of environmental professionals to develop and implement strategic compliance programs and processes.

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

Closes 2/26/23 – 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. 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.

#### Operational Accounting and Marketing Manager – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/17/23 – Establishing and managing processes, procedures, and staff to effectively and economically account for and market production volumes in collaboration with Operations, Engineering, and Accounting departments as well as outside suppliers. Maintains and manages contracts, monitors daily volumes, and reconciles sales and transportation statements with production volumes.

#### Senior EHS Specialist – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/21/23 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the organization to all employees. The lead for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Company. Responsible for the development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives.

#### Senior EHS Specialist – Safety – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/21/23 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the organization to all employees. The lead for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Company. Responsible for the development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives. Will have an emphasis on health and safety aspects and will be the health and safety program lead.

### 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.

#### \*Bell Person (Full or Part Time)

Will be mainly responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport and assisting with phones as needed.

#### \*Benefits Specialist (Full-time)

Directs, plans and implements the day-to-day operations of group benefit programs (group health, dental, vision, long-term disability, life insurance, flexible spending plan, 401(k) plan, retirement plan and COBRA). Investigating and resolving issues relating to the application of Benefit plan provisions. As a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe benefits team, assists in researching new benefit programs, assessing and improving existing programs, and providing analytical and technical support in program delivery.

#### \*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.

#### 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. Responsible for cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

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

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

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

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

#### Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

#### \*Kitchen Utility 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 Players Club Representative, signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard

of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long lasting experience for all Club Card members.

#### \*Player Development Host (Full-time)

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.

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

Lor 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.

#### Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

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

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

#### \*Security Officer Trainee (Southern Ute Indian tribal member Only) \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

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. Department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. No experience necessary.

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

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

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

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

#### \*Slot Tech I (Full-time) – On the Job Training Available

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. Entry-level position with On-The-Job training available.

#### \*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. The Slot Technician II reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

#### \*Surveillance Agent I and II (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment 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 Busser (Full-time)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

#### Willows Server (Full-time)

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

### Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

#### Business Intelligence Developer I (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/10/23 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments.

#### Systems Operation Manager (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/17/23 – Enterprise systems, data center operations and support for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization including planning, directing, improving, monitoring, and maintaining computer operations to maximize the use of the Tribe's information processing systems and resources.



### Take a look at a career as an EMT

If you enjoy helping others, apply for the EMS program at PCC Southwest. The EMS program will prepare you to enter the field of emergency medicine. Trained EMS providers may work for an ambulance service, fire department, in tactical EMS, critical care transport, or as an emergency department technician.

If you graduate with an associate degree, you'll have additional career opportunities in administration and management in the pre-hospital field.



Contact for further information:  
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## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

# HUD awards \$801,249 in historic grants to address rural homelessness in Colorado

**Staff report**  
U.S. DEPT. OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is announcing the first set of communities to receive grants and vouchers to address homelessness among people in unsheltered settings and in rural communities. The national award total is nearly \$315 million in grants to 46 communities. The Colorado Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), the body that coordinates the local implementation of the homelessness response system, received \$801,249.

“This historic investment in housing assistance, coupled with supportive services, will provide a lifeline to many individuals and families struggling with homelessness across rural Colorado,” said HUD Rocky Mountain Regional Administrator Dominique Jackson. “By looking at homelessness from all angles, HUD is demonstrating its commitment to addressing this crisis in meaningful and sustainable ways.”

In the coming weeks, HUD will be awarding grants to an additional set of communities, as well as allocating housing vouchers to all awarded communities. Together, these grants and vouchers comprise a first-of-its-kind package of resources to help communities provide housing and supportive services to people in unsheltered settings and people experiencing homelessness in rural areas. Communities were al-

so asked to develop a comprehensive approach to addressing unsheltered and rural homelessness that involves coordination with health care providers, other housing agencies such as public housing authorities, and people with lived experience.

“Homelessness is a crisis, and it is solvable. Housing with supportive services solves homelessness. That’s why, for the first time the federal government is deploying targeted resources to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered settings or in rural areas,” said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. “With these grants and vouchers, HUD is filling this gap and giving communities the resources and tools to improve housing and health outcomes for people on the streets, in encampments, under bridges, and in rural areas.”

This funding initiative is also the first in which HUD has coordinated grants and housing vouchers. In response to the competitive special Notice of Funding Opportunity, Continuum of Care collaborative applicants were asked to formally partner with public housing authorities to leverage access to housing resources. Public housing authorities partnering with awarded CoC grantees will receive priority for approximately 4,000 Housing Choice “Stability” Vouchers that allow people experiencing homelessness to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

From Day One, the Biden-Harris Administra-

tion has taken action to deliver housing relief and to solve homelessness. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided historic levels of homeless assistance –including nearly 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers and \$5 billion in HOME Investment Partnership homelessness grants. HUD and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched House America, a national initiative in which HUD and USICH partnered with 105 communities led by mayors, county leaders, governors, and tribal nation leaders to place over 100,000 households from homelessness into permanent housing and add over 40,000 units of affordable housing into the development pipeline. In late December, USICH released All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, which set forth President Biden’s ambitious goal to reduce all homelessness by 25% by 2025.

The resources announced today build upon the momentum and renewed political will at all levels of government to solve homelessness through the provision of housing with supportive services. They respond directly to the calls from state and local leaders, advocates, and people with lived experience for more federal assistance to address unsheltered and rural homelessness specifically. And they provide communities with the resources and tools to respond to homeless encampments humanely and effectively and to avoid approaches that criminalize homelessness.

## MOTOR VEHICLES

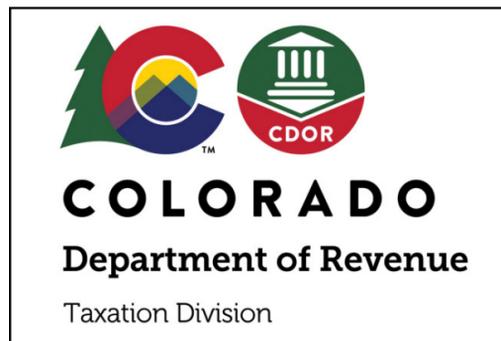
# Lewd, crude or rude: Colorado DMV shares 2022’s rejected personalized license plates

**Staff report**  
COLO. DEPT. OF REVENUE

From AYZFM to SHIKAKA, the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles rejected over 140 personalized license plate requests in 2022 because the sequence was determined to be lewd, crude or rude.

“We love the creativity and personal pride Coloradans take in picking their personalized plate,” DMV Senior Director Electra Bustle said. “While most personalized plates are approved, there are a small percentage that do not meet DMV standards and are rejected.”

The list features requested personalized license plates that were rejected automatically by the DMV’s processing system, DRIVES. The system rejects some requests if they run afoul of the DMV’s offensive and omit list. The list, which has been built



over the years, using the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) recommendations, known offensive words and terms, as well as comparing what other states do not allow.

These terms and alphanumeric combinations are reviewed periodically by a committee of DMV staff members. They can be removed from the list by committee vote, or if through a hearing or courts, the DMV is ordered to remove and

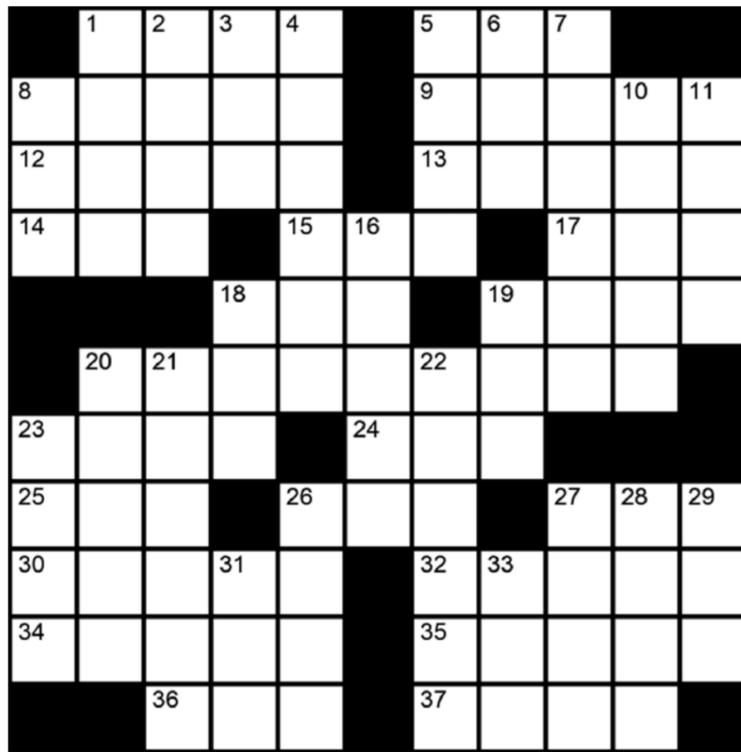
issue the configuration. A customer may appeal this decision with the Colorado Department of Revenue’s Hearings Division.

Coloradans can personalize many of the state’s 212 license plates at an additional cost of \$60 on top of regular fees. Personalized license plate renewal can cost between \$25 and \$75 and can be completed online, in-office or at an MV Express Kiosk for Coloradans who live in participating counties.

## CPW’s big game license distribution

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is considering changes to policies and regulations that direct the distribution of big game hunting licenses in Colorado. To help inform this process, CPW is looking for input from residents and nonresidents interested in big game hunting in Colorado. Follow the link below to fill out a comment form on the current big game license distribution process. The comment form will be open through Feb. 20, 2023. Results from this comment form will be shared with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to inform their decision-making process on big game license distribution. Find more info at <https://engagecpw.org/big-game-license-distribution>.

## The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Truckload
- 5 Bobby
- 8 Kind of trout
- 9 The Second Buffalo --- Treaty of 1838
- 12 Words before lunch?
- 13 Swedish seaport
- 14 Such as Dorothy Parker or Oscar Wilde
- 15 Carpet fuzz
- 17 Energy
- 18 Apollo lander, briefly
- 19 Cans
- 20 Soured
- 23 Larrup
- 24 Dine
- 25 Babysitter’s handful
- 26 College prof.’s degree
- 27 Porcini
- 30 Big flare-up
- 32 Capital on the Buriganga River
- 34 Fish locator
- 35 Emitted coherent light
- 36 Type of internal combustion engine
- 37 Mild oath

### Down

- 1 Water, in Chinese
- 2 Feminist Carrie Chapman ---
- 3 “The --- of the Deal” (Trump book)
- 4 Talked in a monotonous tone
- 5 Canadian cops
- 6 --- Angelico
- 7 Australian sheepdog
- 8 --- Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe, Oregon
- 10 Blue-pencil
- 11 “Keystone” arresters
- 16 Some Pennsylvanians
- 18 Stereotypical big-government type
- 19 Apex
- 20 Former steel giant
- 21 Southern Californian tribe
- 22 Throw for a loop
- 23 Insult
- 26 Sexual deviant, briefly
- 27 The Hohokam --- Grande Ruins, AZ
- 28 Scraped out
- 29 Brake part
- 31 “Bad idea”
- 33 Crone

Answers for this crossword will appear in February 24 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for January 27, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 CFO, 4 Pryor, 9 Hum, 10 Lie low, 12 IATA, 13 Apogee, 14 Spirit, 16 Mast, 17 Mil, 18 Nope, 20 Sneak, 22 Inapt, 26 PSAT, 28 Zoo, 29 Hake, 32 Sipapu, 34 Ubangi, 36 A lot, 37 Beaned, 38 Ref, 39 Thyme, 40 RAF.  
**Down:** 1 Chapin, 2 Futile, 3 Omar, 4 Plato, 5 Rip, 6 Yeomen, 7 Olga, 8 Roes, 11 Wet, 12 Isms, 15 Inks, 19 PITI, 21 A penny, 23 Azalea, 24 Pop off, 25 Tout, 27 Aside, 29 Hub, 30 Abet, 31 Kaah, 33 Parr, 35 Gem.

**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.

## Did you know?!

Mold... no one wants it in their home. Mold produces allergens and can cause health problems. Although mold is naturally found in the indoor environment, it won't grow without moisture.

**Take steps to control mold and moisture indoors:**

Reduce humidity: use exhaust fans or open windows in kitchens and bathrooms, and use air conditioners or dehumidifiers as needed.

Prevent condensation by reducing humidity, increasing ventilation, or raising the indoor air temperature.

Completely dry any damp or wet surfaces within 24-48 hours, and fix the source of the water problem or leak.

**If mold does grow in your home...**

Promptly fix the source of any water problems or leaks.

Clean mold off of hard surfaces with water and detergent, and dry completely.

Absorbent materials that have mold growth may need to be replaced -- e.g. ceiling tiles, carpet, furniture.

If you are experiencing symptoms that you think are caused by mold, consult a medical professional.

Photos: EPA.gov - The Key to Mold Control is Moisture Control - Infographic  
Source: Ten Things You Should Know about Mold | US EPA  
Please contact the Assistant Environmental Programs Manager, Teana Cavallo, at 970-563-2272 or tcavallo@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

**Friday, Feb. 10**

**Sunny 37°F**  
Light afternoon winds

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

**Partly sunny 49°F**  
Light afternoon winds

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

**Partly sunny 49°F**

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

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January 28

February 5

February 13

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