



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Irrigation water flows through the Southern Ute Reservation, crossing tribal allotments northeast of Ignacio, along County Road 516. Consistent snowpack is vital to farmers and ranchers in the Pine River Valley each year who depend on the water for maintaining their agricultural operations each season.

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Tracking snowpack, drought conditions, and forecasts

George Gavrielides, Water Resources Specialist

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Snowpack has been great since the last drought update on Jan. 9, and continues to increase as our region receives more snowstorms. As we are nearing spring and irrigation season, the Southern Ute Water Resources Division (WRD) decided to send out a drought-snowpack report to update everyone on how our area is doing and what this year's irrigation season could entail. This report will describe the current snowpack, drought conditions, and forecasts.

SNOWPACK

Snowpack across the western United States, including Colorado, is above average. Colorado's Western Slope has had above average snowpack for all of 2023, which has been great. Southwest Colorado river basins currently have 142% of Normal Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) which should provide a great runoff season to fill most reservoirs and provide a good irrigation season.

The Ignacio Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) station has recorded 2.95 inches of liquid precipitation so far this year. That amount is substantial compared to the amount of liquid precipitation on March 6 for the previous three years. The Pine River watershed is currently at 144% of median SWE, which will lead to a great runoff season — filling the Vallecito Reservoir.

In fact, you may have noticed the Pine River has higher flows right now and that's due to Vallecito releasing water to make room for all the inflows from runoff this coming spring. Val-

lecito is currently 59% full and needs 48,000 acre-feet (AF) of water to fill. However, projections show there is 182,000 AF of water in snowpack storage above Vallecito, which is why they are releasing now to make room for all that extra water that will melt and come down to the reservoir.

Date	Liquid precipitation (inches)
3/6/2023	2.95
3/6/2022	1.17
3/6/2021	1.64
3/6/2020	0.74

Liquid precipitation amounts recorded by Ignacio CoCoRaHS station.

The Florida River watershed is currently at 151% of median SWE. This trend is much higher than last year and the 30-year median which is great news.

Lemon Reservoir is currently 43% full and needs about 22,000 AF of water to fill. The current storage levels and inflow forecasts suggest Lemon has a 90% chance of filling this year based on 1991-2020 hydrology, so the Florida irrigation season will no doubt be better than the last few years. As runoff season begins this spring and the WRD receives more info, we will notify tribal irrigators and water users about irrigation season forecasts.

For those interested in how other watersheds are trending, the Animas watershed is currently at 116% of median SWE, the La Plata watershed is currently at 122% of median SWE, and the San Juan watershed is currently at 126% of median SWE.

Snowpack is good right now and more snow events will maintain our snowpack. The seven-day forecast shows some precipitation for our area over the next week.

DROUGHT

Western Colorado is still doing pretty good in terms of drought. At the time of the last drought update, Jan. 9, Southwest Colorado was still mostly in an "Abnormally Dry" drought condition. Currently, the region is not experiencing any drought conditions thanks to the great snowpack we've seen. The Southern Ute Indian Reservation is also not experiencing any drought conditions except for a small area in the eastern part of the reservation.

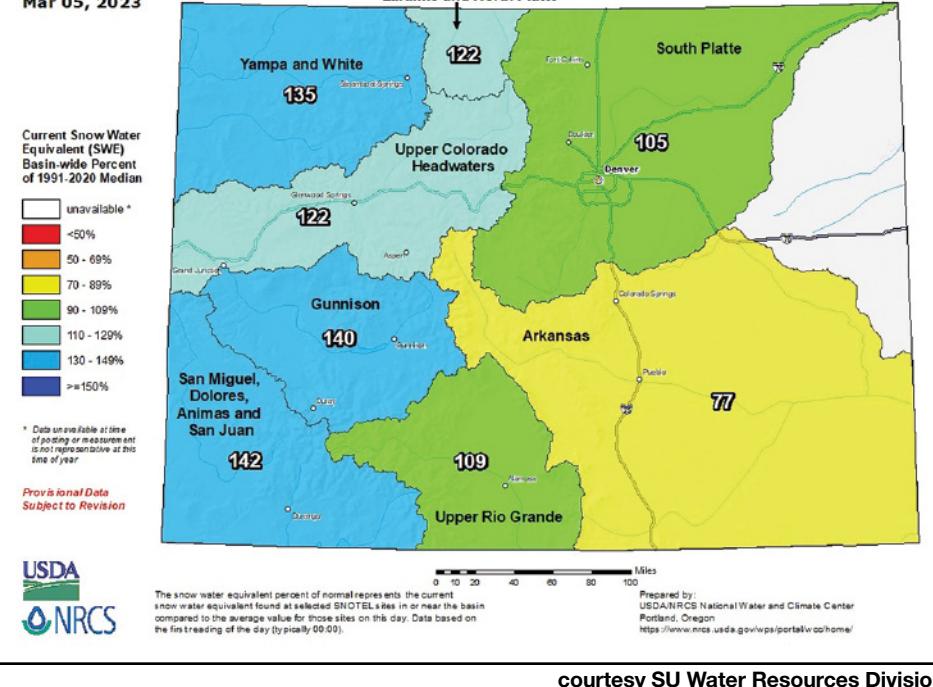
Colorado and the Southern Ute Indian Reservation's drought conditions are both doing a lot better than at this time last year. The drought forecast ending March 31, shows Southwest Colorado continuing without drought conditions, which would be a great start to irrigation season.

FORECASTS

Although the forecasts haven't been the most accurate this winter, they still provide some insight into the upcoming spring irrigation season. The March, one-month forecast shows our area having above average precipitation and below average temperatures which has been the trend for 2023 so far. The March-May, three-month forecast shows our area having the opposite: below average precipitation and above average temperatures.

Likewise, the April-June, three-month forecast, shows our area also having below average precipitation and above average temperatures. These spring conditions would be less than ideal, but anything can change, so take these forecasts with a grain of salt. More information

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Current Snow Water Equivalent % of normal for Colorado River basins.

Many Moons Ago

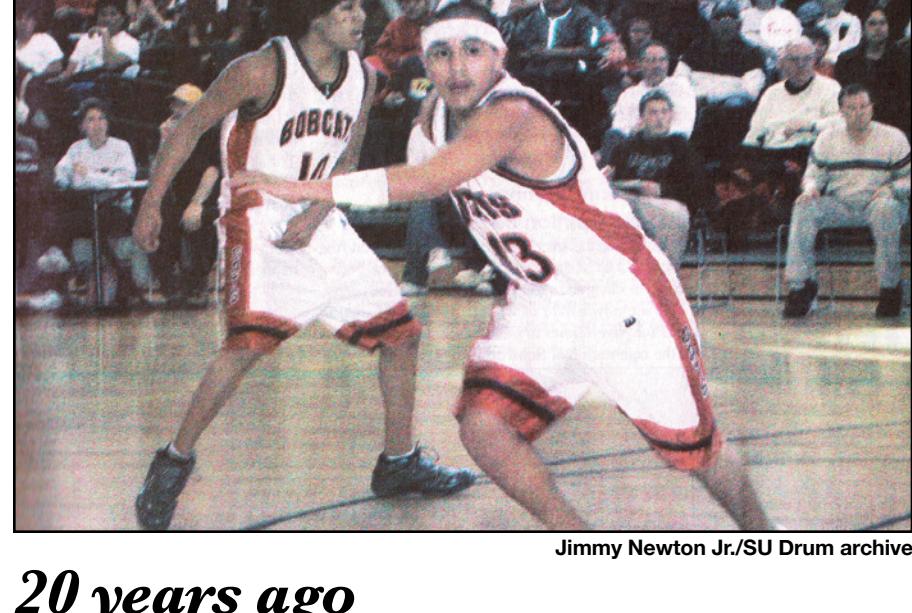


Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On Thursday, Feb. 28, students of Ignacio School District were selected to be the first to toss dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Ignacio Elementary School. The school will be located at the site of the current Intermediate School.

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



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

From Feb. 28 through March 1, 2003, the SunUte Community Center hosted the Intermountain League Boys and Girls District Playoffs. The Ignacio boys won the first round and continued into the Regional Tournament, while the girls took second place in the playoffs. Pictured is Ignacio's Olin Goodtracks and Andre Mattox setting up a press against the Centauri Falcons.

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

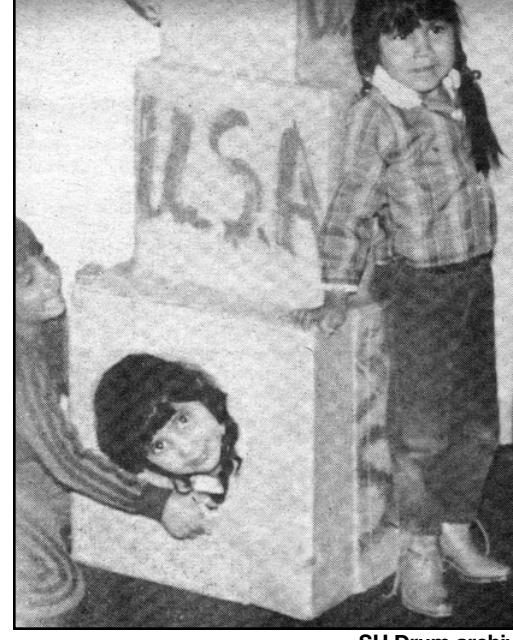


Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Kayla Armstrong was crowned Miss Southern Ute by Chairman Leonard C. Burch. Pictured with Armstrong is Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Angelina Vicenti and Little Miss Southern Ute, Carol Whiteskunk.

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



40 years ago

Beth Santistevan along with classmates Lanay Naranjo and David Herrera show off their space ship they built while studying the planets.

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

SU Drum archive



Spot Belt workshop at Museum



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Agatha Bison strings leather ties to each metal concho on her handmade spot belt while attending the Cultural Preservation Department's Spot Belt Workshop, Friday, Feb. 24 in the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

Cultural Preservation Director, Crystal Rizzo smiles while piecing together her belt during the Spot Belt Workshop on Friday, Feb. 24. Participants learned how to measure, tan, and pierce leather to create a belt most used in traditional dress.



REMINDER

YOUTH GROUP REUNION 2023

MARCH 25, 2023 - 11:00 AM

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM - LARGE CLASSROOM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (970) 563-2988

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 Niúchiu 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) 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

Sharing stories of the Nuchuu



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Cassandra Atencio shares the traditional Ute story of the "Frog and the Eagle" to a group of Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, tribal employees and community members, Wednesday, Feb. 23. The Southern Ute Culture Department's Ute Storytelling event took place in SunUte Community Center's Mouache Meeting Room. Atencio shared other traditional stories at the event including the Ute Creation Story.

Royalty hosts Ute storytelling



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz and Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales welcome visitors to the Multi-Purpose Facility and introduce Ute storyteller Colleen Cuthair-Root visiting from the Ute Mountain Ute sister tribe. On Saturday, Feb. 25, attendees heard two stories from the invited storytellers and also anyone who shared during the open mic storytelling portion of the event.



Ute Mountain Ute storyteller Colleen Cuthair-Root traveled from neighboring Towaoc, Colo. to share her stories with attendees of the Ute Storytelling event hosted by the Southern Ute Royalty. Cuthair-Root currently works as the Pisichu Enrichment Academy of Knowledge Project Coordinator for the Tiwahe Program and is also serving on the Ute Mountain Ute Elder Committee.

REMINDER

101st ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR

94th ANNUAL MOACHE CAPOTA

2014

THEME & ARTWORK CONTEST

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MAY 1, 2023

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: EDWARD BOX III @ (970) 563-2899 OR EBBOX@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV

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SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Green cabbage stew

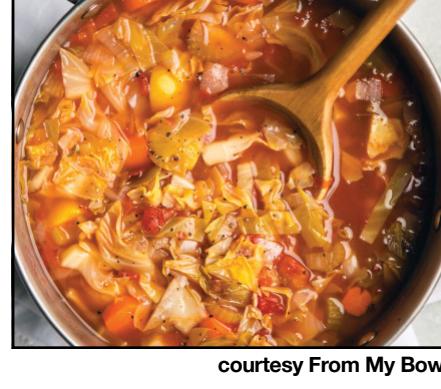
By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day!

This is a very simple recipe that can be made quickly and is filled with healthy, nutrient-packed veggies.

10-15 minutes of prep, 30 minutes of cook time.

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

courtesy From My Bowl

Green Cabbage Stew**Ingredients:**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- ½ medium cabbage, chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 medium potatoes, chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning (or ¼ tsp each: dried oregano, basil, thyme, rosemary)
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- 2 cups broth (vegetable or chicken)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Heat oil over medium-high in a large pot. *
2. Add onions and sauté until soft, about 3 minutes.
3. Add celery and garlic, sauté for 2 minutes.
4. Add cabbage, carrots and potatoes, seasonings, and broth, stir to combine.
5. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer for 20-30 minutes or until potatoes are soft.
6. Salt and pepper to taste.

*If adding stew meat or pork, do so at this point, cooking until browned, about 10-15 minutes. Drain any excess fat. Proceed to step 2, adding additional oil as needed.

**Notice of our Accreditation Survey**

The Southern Ute Health Center, in accordance with AAAHC requirements, is posting Notice of our Accreditation Survey scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2023. The survey will evaluate the organization's compliance with AAAHC Standards for ambulatory health care organizations and to determine if accreditation should be awarded to, or retained by, this organization.

Elder Services Program**March Activities****Nana-pu-chiu Káni**

- March 14, 2023 - Shopping Trip (Pagosa)**
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 16, 2023 - Towaoc Casino**
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 21, 2023 - Shopping Trip (Durango)**
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 23, 2023 - Shopping Trip (Cortez)**
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.
- March 28, 2023 - Pagosa Hot Springs**
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

Call Elder Services at (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

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988

for mental health emergencies.

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

#WeNeedYouHere



RECOVERY AND WELLNESS IS POSSIBLE

Recovery Retreat

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 20, 2023 8:00AM-8:00PM

SKYUTE CASINO- CONVENTION CENTER

14324 HWY 172 NORTH, IGNACIO, CO 81137

FREE EVENT! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Are you in your recovery journey and looking for support or connection? We welcome all persons at any stage of their recovery journey and their family and friends. Come find FELLOWSHIP, SKILLS, SUPPORT, RESOURCES, and INSPIRATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PRECIOUS COLLINS (970) 563 2487

MARVINA OLQUIN (970) 563 2359

Brought to you by the

Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division,

Colorado Department of Human Services

and the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health.



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 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)

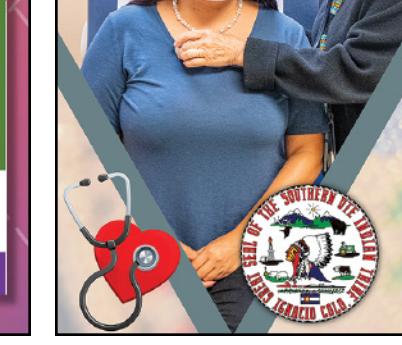
The Tribal Health Department has made enrolling our patients in alternate resources (Medicaid, Medicare, VA, etc.) a priority.

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.

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

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.



Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center

+ introduce +

Patient Advocate Line

(970) 563.4757

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

Try it out today!

Produced by Lindsay J. Fox



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 March 2023

March 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up

(970) 563-2337

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS StrongHearts celebrates six-year anniversary

Staff report

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline celebrates its six-year anniversary operating a culturally appropriate helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic and sexual violence. It's a celebration of breaking down barriers to safety and empowering Native people across the nation that has kept advocates fueled and the number of contacts growing.

"We've seen monumental growth in our contacts and our ability to provide support and advocacy to our relatives," StrongHearts Native Helpline Chief Executive Officer, Lori Jump said. "The statistics clearly show that our relatives are seeking what has been missing for years - a connection to culturally appropriate, anonymous and confidential support and advocacy."

In the first seven months of operation, StrongHearts tallied 468 contacts. However, that number grew each subsequent year. By the end of 2022, StrongHearts advocates had answered more than 40,000 contacts via call, text and online chat.

StrongHearts met the ever-increasing need for advocacy by incorporating additional support systems and expanding hours of operation:

- In 2020, online chat and sexual violence advocacy were launched.
- In 2021, text advocacy was launched, and hours of operation were expanded to 24/7.

This past year, StrongHearts filled key leadership positions with Sonia Palmer, chief operations officer and Chelsee Singleton, human resources manager who work to support the growth in staff and infrastructure. To sustain continued growth, plans include:

- Working more closely with tribal partners to expand services and increase awareness of StrongHearts.

ly with tribes and tribal events.

• Increasing external relations and outreach efforts.

• Bolstering staffing structure and support for employee well-being.

• Leveraging data and resources to advocate for change at a policy level.

• Increasing the capacity for long-term sustainability.

CULTURE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

for culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 via call or text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.



Lori Jump

Chief Executive Officer
StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline Chief Executive Officer, Lori Jump

Citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Tribal Appellate Court Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Chippewa Court. Former Executive Director and Current Board Member of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, DV/SA tribal coalition in Michigan. Served on the Federal Task Force researching Violence Against American Indians and Alaska Native Women.

26+ years of tribal advocacy experience in my community. Tribal programs developed from the ground up include victim services and advocacy; tribal court and law enforcement programs; victims advocacy and women's shelter.

Land Acknowledgment: I am currently in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, land of the Ojibwe, the Anishinabeg, the original people. StrongHearts Native Helpline is headquartered in the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area on the ancestral lands of the Sioux Santee (Eastern Dakota) Wahpekute (Wahpēkhute) peoples.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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



HOLY WEEK 2023
ANNUAL PENITENTIAL WALK & MASS
APRIL 1, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm

8am @ Saint Bartholomew Church
1749 County Road 526
Bayfield, CO 81122
12:00pm Mass @ St Ignatius Parish
15449 HWY 172, Ignacio, CO 81137
Lunch will be offered at the parish hall after the celebration. Participants are invited to park at St. Ignatius (7:15am), rides to St. Barth's will be provided.
For info contact Linda Moore at 970-749-4179

If you can't walk, help out (sign up in back of church) and join us for Mass around 12 p.m. and lunch afterwards.

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

8am in person / 8pm Online

Applications may be found at: www.durangosaso.org/volunteer



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 for more information





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.

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.

First Class Begins February 20th!



 Native American Fatherhood & Families Association



Motherhood/Fatherhood Is Sacred
TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES

We can learn about ourselves through healthy dating



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

We can learn about ourselves through healthy dating

strongheartshelpline.org
1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) #HealthyFlex

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



Education

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March 10, 2023



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA Upper Elementary student, Joe Howell reads a book to his classmates as they spent time at SUCCM. Pictured with Howell are Max Frost, Niko Frost, Sibyra Valdez, Meskvlw Wesley, Saniyya Valdez, and Aeden Richards.

SUIMA

Kwanachigani pe'ekwatu "Eagle's Nest"

Reflecting on 22 years of Montessori

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Due to the articles I have been writing, some people have asked me about the beginnings of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. In an article dated Sept. 1998 in the Denver Post, by Post Staff Writer, Electa Draper, she wrote "The [Southern Ute] Tribal Council resolved this month (1998) to open a private school next year (1999), preschool through second grade. Its purpose is not only to preserve Ute language and culture but to also improve the quality of education... of Southern Utes."

During this time, the Blue Sky School, with kindergar-

ten and first graders, was functioning at the SUIT Education Center, while plans for a new school and training in the chosen curriculum were taking place. With the Tribe choosing the Montessori method due to its similarities with native teachings, 19 staff members at the then Southern Ute Head Start, became trained in Montessori philosophy. When the school opened, the Ute language became the cornerstone of the school.

On Oct. 25, 1999, the groundbreaking ceremony for SUIMA took place. Less than a year later, on Sept. 6, 2000, SUIMA opened its doors to preschoolers and lower elementary students. In November of 2000, the

infant and toddler building was fully constructed, as was the SUIMA dining hall. Some of the newly hired staff came from the Southern Ute Head Start while others were from the public realm. As the students grew older, and more students attended, the upper elementary classrooms were put to use.

We are soon to end our 22nd year, already looking at what the 2023-2024 school year has in store for us.

MONTESORRI TIDBITS

On Jan. 6, 1907, the first Montessori school was opened in Rome. The name of the school was Casa dei Bambini which means "Children's House." Since the opening of that school, there are over 15,000 Montessori schools around the world.

Maria Montessori passed away on May 6, 1952. During her lifetime, Maria Montessori had been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times.

Since the founding of Casa dei Bambini, thousands of teachers and guides have been trained in the Montessori method. The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy was the first Native American Montessori school to earn its accreditation.

Upcoming events

- Fancy Fridays & Early Release every Friday!
- March 11: Fundraising at SunUte
- March 11: Rescheduled Family Dance (SUIMA dining hall, 4 p.m.)
- March 13-17: Parent teacher conference
- March 13 & 14: Little Shop of Physics: Primary and elementary students
- March 15: Farmington Museum: Primary
- March 20-24: Spring (tamarite) break
- March 28: PAG via Zoom
- March 29: Family Night
- March 30: Upper Elementary Food Sale
- March 31: Spring pictures



courtesy SUIMA
SUIMA Ute Language Specialist, Daisy Bluestar is teaching the Ute language to a small group of community members. This was an assignment from the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute course she has been taking through Fort Lewis College.



courtesy SUIMA
SUIMA teaching assistant, Aislinn Ryder helps preschooler Angelisa Pena hide her bones during the Hand Game activity.

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.

Dr. Seuss Day at SUIMA



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students and staff celebrate Dr. Seuss Day in their "Cat in the Hat" attire during the lunch hour, Dr. Seuss Day helps to endorse the importance of reading throughout the nation. This nationwide reading celebration takes place annually on March 2.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy celebrates National Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss Day, Thursday, March 2. Principal Mari Jo Owens celebrates in a Dr. Seuss themed outfit, next to the Toddler Two Seuss themed door.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Scholastic Book Fair!!!

The 2023 book fair will be held **April 3 – April 7**

in the SUIMA Dining Hall

Monday, April 3: 7:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday, April 4: 7:30am-6:00pm

Wednesday, April 5: 7:30am-4:00pm

Thursday, April 6: 7:30am-4:00pm

Friday, April 7: 7:30am-8:30am



Online shopping available April 3 – April 16

at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>





Ute Language 101



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Harley Monte instructs the small class of tribal and community members on how to say greetings in the Ute Language at the Southern Ute Education Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The Ute Language Class was hosted by participants of the SILDI program, which requires students to instruct six hours of Ute language classes.

Tribal member Marie Joy and her daughter, Maleina Carel, listen carefully to the phonetics of the Ute alphabet before repeating back to the instructors. The class also allowed instructors to receive feedback from elders and Ute speakers as well as beginners on the content.



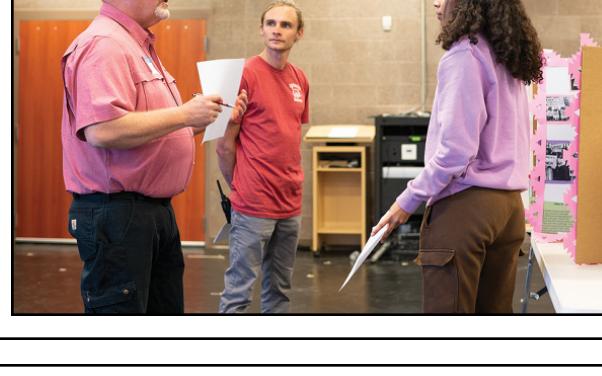
History Fair hosted by IMS



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students at Ignacio Middle School showcase their individual historic research boards during the History Fair on Thursday, March 2 at the Ignacio Middle School. Southern Ute tribal member Neeka Howe stands proudly next to her Jimi Hendrix themed project, showing his legacy as a musician.

Ignacio Middle School student Jaylen Alston presents her board to judge Clark Craig of the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce, during the History Fair event on Thursday, March 2. Students individually selected a topic or theme to conduct historical research, then presented their work to local judges.



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 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.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio School District looks to spring season

Strategic Plan meeting to be held at Ignacio High

**By Christopher W. deKay,
Superintendent
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT**



School District will partner with Ignacio Early Learning Program and SoCo-CAA to provide educational services for our children. Please get signed up as soon as possible at UPK.Colorado.gov. There is a lot of research to show that the continuity of care will have far reaching positive effects for youth who are exposed to early education.

The winter has been a tough one and very unpredictable. While we always appreciate the moisture, the school has had to negotiate

snow days and then had to schedule make-up days to ensure that we meet both

district and state requirements for contact hours for students. With the four-day week, we committed to making up instructional time on Fridays as opposed to scheduling snow days in the calendar as we have done in the past. Having to make up three snow days

proved challenging and required flexibility by families and staff. Next year, we will identify specific Fridays for make-up to ensure that everyone has plenty of advance notice. I appreciate your patience and flexibility while we work through our first year of the four-day school week.

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Art Camp Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is offering week long Art Camp each month during the Ignacio School Districts Summer Break. Each day will include games, activities, arts & crafts and a lunch break. Cost for the week is \$165 and we may have limited scholarships available. Each student needs to bring a water bottle and a sack lunch each day. Please be aware that we will be spending time outside each day, so a light jacket and sunscreen are recommended.

For more information or to register, please call us at 970-563-4600 or register online at <http://www.dancingspiritgallery.org/register-online-.html>

Pre-School Coming to Ignacio School District

AUGUST 2023

SIGN UP NOW



Governor Polis has cleared the way for Universal Preschool (UPK) across the state. The Ignacio School District and IELP will be working in collaboration to serve our pre-kinder students. All children who are four years old (one year away from kindergarten) will qualify for at least 15 hours per week beginning in August of 2023. Children with at-risk factors will qualify for 30 hours per week.

Please consider signing up for preschool in Ignacio as soon as possible. It must be done on the State website at UPK.Colorado.gov. Please select the Ignacio Early Learning Program (IELP).

It is important to know how many students will be attending in the fall to ensure staffing, classrooms, and resources will meet the needs of our learners.

For questions, contact Chris deKay at 970-563-0501 or Shauna Branch at 970-563-0630



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March 10, 2023

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ICL: Diverse, unique, multicultural

By Marcia R. Vining
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In starting to write today's article a number of adjectives crossed my mind to describe our community and our library. Diverse, unique, multicultural all come to mind. Then I began reflecting on the uniqueness of the different areas of La Plata County, how distinct and varied they are. This applies to the four La Plata County libraries as well as the communities themselves.

I think it's truly wonderful that we have four very unique libraries in this county.

Durango, being the largest, offers a number of special programs and services. Two items they have which are not available at the other area libraries are a Patent and Trademark Resource Center and book club kits. The newest library district in Colorado; the Southwest Colorado Library District is unique in that it is housed within two schools. This is wonderful for youth access



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

to the library but certainly comes with its own particular set of constraints as well.

The Pine River Library in Bayfield is closest to Ignacio patrons but fortunately, is part of a different consortium and so offers a largely different collection, including digital items.

While virtually all librarians focus on youth literacy, here at ICL the literacy kits, book bundles, and family literacy events are among the services and materials that set us apart. Our Native American and Southwest collections, as well as our maker kits and classes are

part of our unique offerings. Lastly, very soon ICL will be the only local library with a bookmobile! We're very excited about this new opportunity to serve the community and cannot wait to see how our patrons respond.

As with other areas of life, there are portions which overlap and portions that are distinct. Just as with individuals, I believe that our commonality and diversity is what makes each local library special and poised to support and assist everyone in the community. As always, we'd love to see you at the library!

Lanier signs off from KSUT



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

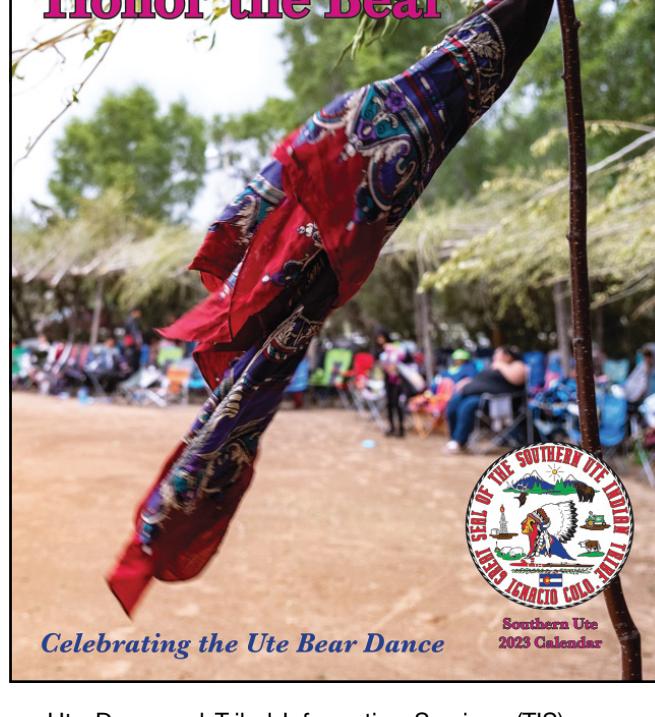
All attention was on Stasia Lanier during her final day at KSUT. Lanier has spearheaded marketing and promotional campaigns. In addition, she's produced a series of live in-studio performances, even taking the helm as station manager for a few years. Lanier's last day at KSUT was Thursday, March 2 – retiring from KSUT after 30 years of dedicated service to the non-profit radio station.



Signing off from her last show, broadcasting from KSUT, Stasia Lanier has hosted Music Blend shows and San Juan Sunrise on Saturday mornings.

Lanier clearly appreciates one of the gifts she received during her retirement celebration. About retirement, she says "...less stress, more fun, time outdoors, travel, more time with family as everyone is aging. I definitely have some angst over it."

Southern Ute Calendars available for purchase



The Southern Ute Drum and Tribal Information Services (TIS) are currently selling the 2023 Southern Ute Calendar "Honor the Bear." Calendars are \$15 each, cash or check only please. Call the Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118 for more info, or swing by the Southern Ute Drum office to purchase your calendar.

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Night Sky Party

at the Ignacio Community Library

Join us as we view the conjunctions of Venus and the Moon!
We'll begin with a short program inside and then move outside to view the events and sky with our telescopes.

Friday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

FREE PROGRAM | NO SIGNUP REQUIRED
(970)563-9287 | ignaciolibrary.org | 470 Goddard Ave.

Ignacio Community Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 1ST, 2023
10:00 AM
SUNUTE PARK
(FIELDS BEHIND COMMUNITY CENTER)
FREE EVENT OPEN TO ENTIRE COMMUNITY

AGE CATEGORIES:
0-4 YEARS 5-8 YEARS 9-14 YEARS

EACH CATEGORY HAS A GRAND PRIZE FOR ONE LUCKY BOY AND GIRL!

PLUS!
FOOD VENDORS, GAMES AND TONS OF OTHER PRIZES!
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET
MEET THE EASTER BUNNY AND TAKE PHOTOS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, BOOTH INFO OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT DON FOLSOM AT (970) 563-2899 OR JASPER ABETYTA AT (970) 563-2808

KIDS Spring Camp Creative

MARCH 20th - 24th
10am - 3pm

DANCING SPIRIT COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

\$165
Limited Scholarships available

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Each day will include games, activities, art & crafts, and a break for lunch.
Students need to bring a jacket, water bottle, and sack lunch each day.

For More information, contact us : dancingspiritgallery@gmail.com www.dscac.org

(970)563-4600

115 Ute Street Room #19, Ignacio, Co 81137

Register Here

March 10, 2023

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2023 SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE POWWOW
MAY 26TH & 27TH
IGNACIO, CO

HEADSTAFF
Head Lady: So Ute Royalty
Head Man: Picked daily
MC: Bart Powanika
Arena Director: Bart Stevens
Drum Judge: Henry Howell
HOST UTE DRUMS:
Red Spirit
Catching Eagle
Drum Contest up to 5th Place

DANCE CATEGORIES
Men & Women Golden Age (55+)
Men's (18-54) Northern & Southern Traditional, Grass, Fancy
Women's (18-54) Northern & Southern Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
Teen Boys (13-17) Northern & Southern Traditional, Grass, Fancy
Teen Girls (13-17) Northern & Southern Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
Jr. Boys (6-12) Northern & Southern Traditional, Grass, Fancy
Jr. Girls (6-12) Northern & Southern Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
Tiny Tots 5 & under

Bear design by Kree Lopez

Chairman: Edward Box III 702.305.0790
Vice Chairman: Tara Vigil 970.799.0615
Treasurer: Dona Frost 970.553.9291
Secretary: Lisa Jacket 970.560.1157
Rochelle Aguilar, Kaylyn Weaver
Rhiana Carrel, Valerie Armstrong

Vendor Information: First come first serve
Contact: Dona Frost 970.553.9291
Fee: \$100 Food, \$75 Arts & Crafts, \$35 Walk Around
CASH ONLY!

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, thefts, injuries or food borne illness's.

Path to Healing While Restoring Our Resilience

HOZMONI DAYS POWWOW

MARCH 31ST - APRIL 1ST, 2023

Fort Lewis College ♦ Whalen Gymnasium ♦ Durango, CO

Head Staff
Headman: Ty Grey
Headwoman: Georgia Grey
Headman: Jason Grey
Master of Ceremonies: Rick Valdez
Arena Director: Nathan Lutchedo Jr.
Host Southern Drum: Southern Star
Host Northern Drum: Black Eagle

Friday March 31st
Gourd Dance - 1PM
Grand Entry - 5PM

Saturday April 1st
Gourd Dance - 11AM
Grand Entry - 5PM

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

Host Hotel
Sorrel River Ranch
77 Mercury Village Driveway, CO 81301 970.822.8777
SCAN QR CODE FOR RESERVATIONS
Reservations must be made by 3-3-2023

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADMISSION IS FREE

This is an alcohol, tobacco, & drug-free event
Vendor Info: Lisa Carre - liscarre@fortlewis.edu - 970.247.7221
Walter Cha & Fort Lewis College are NOT responsible for any lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed items including but not limited to clothing / luggage / wallet contents

FORT DUCHESNE NORTHERN UTE BEARDANCE
MAY 12 -15, 2023

Mother's Day Weekend

For more information contact
Reffel Kanip 435-401-3125

WHITEROCKS UTE BEARDANCE

MAY 19-21, 2023
WHITEROCKS, UT

PAUL MANNING LAROSE: BEARDANCE CHIEF
CHARLES DENNY: CAT MAN

Randlett Ute Beardance
"Pee-chueh Kwey-ahgut"
May 4,5,6,7,2023

Beardance Chiefs:
Skyler Lomahaffewa
Lloyd Arrive
Nelson Colorow, Jr.
Henry Cesspooh

Feast day: Sunday, May 7
Turkey Dance Contest following the Feast

Headstart Mini-Beardance
Thursday, May 4, 2023
For more information contact: 435-722-4506

Horseshoe Tournament
UIT Recreation Department
For more information contact: Austin McCook at 435-722-2249 or cell 435-823-2924

Handgame Tournament
For information contact: Doyleen Cesspooh and Irene Thompson at 435-724-4527

Fun-Walk-Run
UIT Painted Horse - Saturday, May 6
For more information contact: 435-725-4913
For more information vendor booths, food stands, contact: Lloyd Arrive at 435-823-8658
Randlett Beardance Information contact: Skyler Lomahaffewa at 970-300-8991
24 Hour Security by Ute Tribe Search & Rescue U & O Agency

Community ACTS Fund

We Fund Culture. SCFD

Multi-Purpose Facility Community Pow Wow
March 11, 2023

Gourd Dance Sessions - 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM -
-Dinner Break - Pot Luck 5:00 PM - Grand Entry - 7:00 PM

So. Drum: KCA Singers, Cache OK, Delvin Bennett, Lead Singer
No. Drum: Shiprock Agency, Shiprock NM, Mike King Lead Singer
MC: Micco Wesley **Arena Director: Shilo Harjo**
Head Gourd Dancer: Russell Blackbird, Omaha, Ignacio CO
Head Man: Marvin Pinnecoose, So. Ute Ignacio CO
Head Lady: Miss Leandra Litz—Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Ignacio CO

Color Guard—Southern Ute Veterans Association—

Special Events:
Musical Chairs, Owl Dance Contest, Clown Dance Contest, 50/50 Pot, Raffles

Cake Dances—Sponsored by SUIMA, to Support Class Trip

Limited Vendor space available

Arts & Crafts Only- call Stais at 970-563-2640

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call for more information 970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640

47th Annual Denver March PowWow
March 17th-19th, 2023
Denver Coliseum

COMMUNITY ACTS FUND

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PINE RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT • FROM PAGE 1

courtesy SU Water Resources Division

Crews working on applying the two-part polyurea coating on the Dr. Morrison Drop Structures in the fall of 2022.

sign phase, comprising one siphon on the Dr. Morrison Canal, eight large concrete drops on the Dr. Morrison Canal, the Severo Canal heading, the Frost Lateral heading, the Goodnight Lateral heading, along with nine others.

Structures selected for this construction phase were determined by condition assessment reports' rankings for critical maintenance. Wide-ranging renovations comprised of the demolition of spalling concrete, the forming and pouring of new concrete floors, walls, and structures, extensive concrete patching and repairs, replacement of non-functioning canal gates and operating components, removal of vegetation and sediment from structures and canal ways, and installation of safeguards like railing and walkways which were completed during the 2021-2022 irrigation offseason. During the fall of 2022, Phase II



courtesy SU Water Resources Division

The Severo heading, located on the Los Pinos River, is pictured during the 2022 irrigation season following completion of significant repairs and improvements.

structures received a polyurea coating which provides a durable waterproof barrier and will prolong the concrete's service life.

With the successful completion of Phases I and II, which were funded in part through the Tribal Animas La Plata Project Resource Funds, WRD looks to begin various other projects, including securing funding for Phase III and IV shovel

ready designs and proceeding with engineering work for canal and lateral headings such as the Ute Creek Long Crested Weir on the Pine River Canal and the Nannice Canal Diversion on the Los Pinos River.

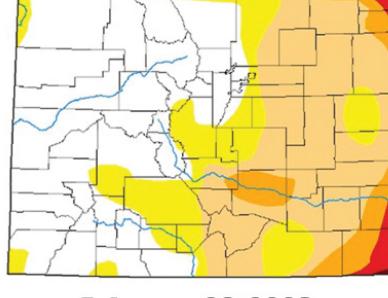
Please contact the Southern Ute Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482 with any questions or to learn more about current and future projects.

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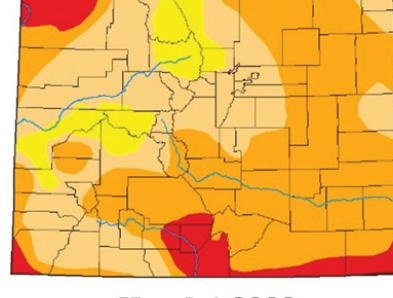
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- No Data



February 28, 2023



March 1, 2022

courtesy SU Water Resources Division

Drought comparison for Colorado (3/1/2022 vs 2/28/2023).

can be found here: <https://www.colorado.edu/resources/intermountain-west-climate-dashboard>.

Having above average precipitation and below average temperatures in March will help increase and maintain snowpack which is what we need to prevent another very early runoff like last year. Snowpack is great this season and will lead to a good start to the irrigation season. The reservoirs will be more full than last year, and drought conditions are presently non-existent in our area.

One major caveat to this information is although the western portion of the United States, including our area in Southwest Colorado, has had a wet year so far, and is not currently experiencing any drought conditions, this doesn't mean we are saved from the megadrought.

It will take several winters like this one to bounce back from the megadrought. However, we must start somewhere, and this winter has been a nice break from major drought, low snowpack, and poor runoff.

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Drought comparison for the Southern Ute Reservation (3/1/2022 vs 2/28/2023).

Karla Perez as **SELENA** THE SHOW

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Thank You!


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FRIENDLY REMINDER:

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SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

**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.

Native Lens: Filming at Ouray Ice Park



Native Lens Fellows, SunUte Community Center, Cultural Preservation, and Behavioral Health employees attentively observe ice climbing guides as they learn the proper way to use gear for belaying climbers. Participants were provided with all the necessary equipment including boots, crampons, harness, helmet, and ice tools to ensure their safety while climbing.



Cultural Heritage Events Assistant, Yllana-Chanelle Howe takes a turn at climbing during the Ouray Ice Park trip.



Sharing the importance of mental health, Native Connections Program Specialist, Precious Collins hands out resources to practice gratitude. Collins gave lots of encouragement to participants throughout the trip and offered positive reassurance.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Cultural Preservation and Behavioral Health employees, Xavier Watts, Cassandra Atencio, and Precious Collins enjoy the scenery with filmmaker Brook Swaney and Ouray Ice Park staff.

NATIVE LENS MEDIA FELLOWSHIP • FROM PAGE 1

of ice climbing after being approached by Fellowship Instructor, Brooke Pepion Swaney and SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth. "When we talk about Indigenous health, we are thinking about many things such food, hunting, hiking, and overall relationship to the land and ceremony— in this conversation [with Swaney and Duffy-Wirth] I referenced back to my experience at the All In Ice Fest in Ouray this past January and hiking into the canyon and going ice climbing with some of the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation team and elder Cassandra Atencio. Not only were we in a group of Indigenous climbers and guides, but the event itself was a BIPOC event that also included Queer and Trans climbers," Collins said. "Based off of that experience and seeing Cassandra hike in the canyon and climb that ice wall, I thought it would be great to duplicate or share a similar experience with the young Native film makers and some of our own youth in the community."

Following this conversation between Collins, Swaney, and Duffy-Wirth, a trip to ice climb at the Ouray Ice Park is coordinated via Collins and Ouray Ice Park Events Coordinator, Christina Lujan. On Tuesday, Feb. 28, the group traveled to neighboring Ouray, Colo. to begin the filming process. This trip provided participants with all necessary climbing equipment and the opportunity to learn from professional ice climbing guides. Everyone takes to the ice throughout the afternoon, each participant explored the ice and for many this experience is a first. Many climbers agreed that this experience was eye opening and served as a positive emotional release, reflecting on themselves and being open to trying new things proved to be a common theme.

Collins reflects on the trip and expresses that it is important to practice making outdoor connections, promoting good mental health. "It's important that we make space for outdoor connections. Mother nature has a great way of being an outlet for the stress and worries we sometimes might hold," Collins said. "It's okay not to feel okay. It's important that when we find ourselves finding it hard to understand



Native Lens Fellow Laelah (Lalabah) Jaye-Kizzia and mentor Brooke Swaney begin filming climbers as they begin their journey up a small ice wall. Swaney works to tell contemporary Native stories and throughout the week of filming, she helped to guide the Native Lens Fellows throughout their productions. Swaney is notably known for her films "Daughter of a Lost Bird," "Ok Breathe Auralee," and "Buster's Mal Heart."

our emotions and feelings or maybe we just can't 'shake it off,' that it is okay to reach out for professional help."

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Cassandra Atencio played a key role in the trip and within the film serving as a mentor for all involved in this creative process. In a brief interview, Atencio shared her pride in the filmmakers for being open to trying new things and to the community members involved for being willing to share their cultural knowledge and exploring ancestral lands. "Seeing the kids there and their eyes light up, and then trying something different – everybody, even the young filmmakers coming out of their box and reconnecting, that was the key moment for me," Atencio said. "Looking around and feeling very proud, looking at all of you – big shout out to Precious and Robin, all of us coming together to make this happen was very inspiring about what teamwork can do and moving forward we want to continue to bring the youth out here to do different programs."

"Coming into this, I wasn't really sure how this would affect me in any way, but it did—a lot of the youth are very smart, like [Bird Red] he's well-spoken and reviewing the footage, going back and listening to what he had to say was pretty touching and eye opening, same with [Cyrus Narango]," Duran said. "Even on the way up [to Ouray] when we were in the van with [Precious Collins] she said such good things and it really resonated with me—when we premiered the film, I really hope it resonated with the audience as well."

The trip and production proved to be a great success for those involved in this unique experience, moving forward participants hope to continue exploring Indigenous health and being open to trying new things.

Upon reflection, Collins shares on the importance of connecting to nature as Indigenous people. "Mother nature has a way to teach us and humble us, we get an opportunity to also connect to our ancestors in doing and seeing much of what they have seen, did, and heard. It's a beautiful experience, one that you can't get from working out in a box."

Native Lens hits Film Festival



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Native Lens fellows, actors and others attend the reception during the Durango Independent Film Festival at the Sorrel Sky Gallery in Durango, Colo., Saturday, March 4. KSUT Radio hosted the event, while attendees mingled with members of the Native Lens Fellowship sponsored by Rocky Mountain PBS and KSUT Radio. Shannon Spencer (right) stands alongside, Rhianna Carel and her family at the reception. Spencer is one of seven Native Lens Media fellows who worked on the Native Lens films, while Carel participated in the recent ice climbing excursion in Ouray, Colo.

Southern Ute tribal member and Native Lens film participant, Cyrus Narango speaks about his Ouray ice climbing adventures with fellow Southern Ute tribal member youth who participated in the program sponsored by SunUte Community Center. A screening of the two Native Lens films premiered at the Durango Arts Center. The other Native Lens film is about poet Esther G. Belin, a Native lecturer at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.



After a week of filming and editing, the Native Lens Fellows premiered their films at this year's Durango Go Independent Film Festival located at the Durango Arts Center. The small theater is filled with local Durango viewers, supporters of the Native Lens fellows, and the people highlighted in each film short. Fellows – Spencer, Duran, and Kizzia shared highlights from their climbing experience and expressed their gratitude to the people of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and everyone who was involved during a brief interview following the screening event, Saturday, March 4.

"Whenever I actually got



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NATURAL RESOURCES

UMU Tribe voices support for Dolores River protections

Staff report

OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper recently introduced the Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act to protect over 68,000 acres of public lands in Southwestern Colorado.

In 2008, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management requested that the Dolores River Dialogue – a coalition of diverse interests in the region – convene a broad-based community group to study pressing management issues in the Dolores River corridor from McPhee to Bedrock, including the possibility of a Wild and Scenic River federal designation. Through consensus agreement, the working group, known as the Lower Dolores Plan Working Group, decided to explore the possibility of an NCA and appointed a Legislative Subcommittee, which included counties, water managers, conservation groups, landowners, recreationists, energy companies, and staff from federal elected officials' offices, to draft a legislative proposal for further vetting.

"Our Dolores Project allocations are the centerpiece of our Colorado Water Rights Settlement," Ute Mountain Ute Chairman, Manuel Heart said. "The Dolores Project provides clean drink-

ing water for our people and the businesses that sustain our economy including our 7,700 acre Tribal Farm, cow herd and corn mill."

"The NCA legislation protects our Dolores Project allocations by legislatively resolving the conflicting authorities of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage McPhee Reservoir allocations and Forest Service/BLM authorities below McPhee Reservoir," Heart said. "The legislation also protects Tribal cultural rights and practices in the NCA and involves the Tribe in collaborative efforts to manage for sensitive native fish below McPhee, another key to protecting our Dolores Project allocations. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe thanks Senator Bennet for his leadership on bringing these issues to a successful resolution in this legislation."

"Over millions of years, the Dolores River carved a canyon renowned – not just in our state, but across the country – for its majestic red rock walls that tower over the ponderosa pines. For the people of Southwest Colorado, the river is more than just a landmark – it's the lifeblood of their communities and way of life," said Bennet.

"This bill was written in Colorado, by Coloradans who live, work, and depend on the Dolores River. It represents a balanced, sensible way forward to resolve many of the long-standing disagreements,

protect the river for all parties, and provide long-term certainty for generations."

San Miguel County has been among those actively participating for over a decade in regional stakeholder discussions to determine the best locally driven long-term management for the Dolores River collaborating between Dolores and Montezuma Counties and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to protect natural resources and existing use.

A rapidly changing climate highlights the urgent need for better protections for some of our wildest public lands in the state. The lands in this legislation are a key piece of a broader landscape scale conservation effort to connect important wildlife corridors and protect the biodiversity in the greater Dolores River canyon country. Years of science-based collaboration helped move these efforts forward and we are excited that these lands near the Dolores are getting the attention they deserve," said Jeff Widener, The Wilderness Society.

"Here in Colorado, we are preserving and protecting our world-class outdoors, supporting our thriving agriculture industry, and expanding opportunities for outdoor recreation, and legislation to protect our treasured land in the Lower Dolores River canyon is a great step towards achieving these goals," said Governor Jared Polis.

Sharing emergency resources



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Tribal Information Services Director, Amy Barry answers questions during the Southwest Region: Colorado Whole Community Inclusion Workshop Roadshow held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Thursday, March 2. Hosted by the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and Functional Needs Program, employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe attend this workshop to highlight services and resources to strengthen whole community inclusion.

Amelia Aguilar, SUPD Communications Manager attends the Southwest Region: Colorado Whole Community Inclusion Work shop Roadshow held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Thursday, March 2.



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Sip Chat & Chew—Friday March 24—11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Social event for all Three Ute Tribe & their Families

Beading Class—Tuesday & Wednesday March 28 & 30

Two sessions—10:00 AM—3:00 PM—5:30—7:30 PM

March Food Sale—Friday March 31, 2023

11:00 AM—2:30 PM





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Ignacio freshman Ambrose Valdez (22) converses with The Pinnacle's Noah Estes prior to a free throw attempt during the 3A-Region VII championship Saturday, March 4, at Peyton High School.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats bow out in 3A's Sweet 16

Ignacio loses 56-36 to The Pinnacle

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For being a team which won just five regular-season games this winter, the Ignacio Bobcats certainly didn't play the part in the playoffs and entered the Class 3A-Region VII Tournament's championship game Saturday afternoon, March 4, having grabbed three of their most recent four.

Which included a heart-stopping 45-42 upset of event-hosting Peyton – once Panther senior Logan Nickell's attempted three-pointer finally rimmed out at the buzzer after it appeared to be forcing overtime – the previous evening.

"They won a game they're not supposed to win – over the number-seven team – to advance to the Sweet 16," stated IHS head coach Chris Valdez. "Last year we got beat out in the Round-of-32 in 2A, so we made it one round further ... beat the home seed on their floor with a big crowd! I was proud of the kids."

"You know, this season's been up and down," he continued. "Going back into 3A, where the competition's so much better – we had four top teams in our league, and two of them were 4A! – it really helped us prepare for this."

Seeded 26th in the 3A State Tournament's Round-of-32, the 'Cats found themselves facing



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Ignacio junior Gabe Cox (21) leans away from The Pinnacle's Jacob Madrid and Daunte Dominguez (11) for a shot attempt during the 3A-Region VII championship Saturday, March 4, at Peyton High School.

No. 23 The Pinnacle up-on PHS' Clowers Court, with the Federal Heights-based Timberwolves having stunned 10-seed Colorado Springs The Vanguard 53-45 in the previous day's other semifinal.

However, led by senior guard Eppie Quintana, Ignacio looked primed early on to pull off another shocker. Responding quickly to Pinnacle senior

guard Robert McClinton's first three-pointer, Quintana sank already his second to regain the designated guests an 8-7 advantage.

But after Bobcat freshman Ambrose Valdez knocked down a near-trey re-tying the score at 10-10, the 'Wolves got five straight

McClinton points – a triple, plus a breakaway layup off

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BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats push Woodland Park in loss

Ignacio girls lose Round-of-32 classic



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Laci Brunson (2) hugs junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga following a season-ending 50-49 loss to Woodland Park in the second 3A-Region VI semifinal Friday, March 3, at Platte Valley High School in Kersey. Mendoza-Lechuga was injured midway through the third quarter and did not return to action.

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It wasn't as though Craig Macari arrived in Kersey, Colo., holding a grudge.

But after his Woodland Park girls survived a mutually memorable Class 3A-Region VI semifinal Friday evening, March 3, by a 50-49 margin the head coach couldn't help but wonder if he had a squad which could help him right a weathered wrong.

"See that 2004 banner up there?" he said, pointing up at the ceiling of event-hosting Platte Valley's gymnasium. "In that State Championship year, when I was with a different school – I was at Kent Denver – they beat me by three."

Macari was recalling a 57-54 loss in the semifinals, though KD bounced back – under the classification's old double-elimination Great Eight format – to beat Pagosa Springs in the third-place game.

But in order to even have a shot at the powerful Lady Broncos in the next afternoon's tourney championship, his Lady Panthers, seeded 22nd in the State Tournament's opening Round-of-32, needed to first negotiate No. 11 Ignacio – just as eager to impress inside the back-to-back State Champions' house.

"The bus ride was so long on the way up here, but this was great," said junior guard Maci Barnes. "A lot of Ignacio fans showed up and it was awesome to hear them cheering for us."

"We were ready," junior center/forward Solymar Cosio said. "We didn't want to come up here and not give it our all, especially after traveling eight hours. And win or lose, we put a hundred percent on the floor; that's all we could do."

"I think that 3A's good for



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Marissa Olgun (3) drives baseline around a Woodland Park defender during 3A-Region VI semifinal action Friday, March 3, at Platte Valley High School in Kersey. Olgun scored five points in the Lady Bobcats' season-ending 50-49 loss.

us; it pushes us more," said sophomore guard Marissa Olgun, speaking about the Lady Bobcats' upward transition this winter from the program's longtime Class 2A designation. "And we had to keep pushing; when Darlyn got hurt we knew we couldn't stop."

Having already seen WPHS go on a 10-0 scoring run during the last 5:36 of the first half, authoritatively erasing their 11-10 first-quarter lead which maxed out at 16-12 early in the second, watching junior guard Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga need assistance off the court to begin icing what appeared to be a left thigh/hip injury (from which she did not return) could have been catastrophic for the Lady 'Cats.

"Everybody was a little scared, I think," admitted senior guard Laci Brunson, "but we had to regroup. There was still a lot of time left to play basketball. We were still in it and just had to keep fighting."

Trailing 24-21 with 4:18 left in the third quarter, Ignacio truly got into the battle Brunson's quarter-starting three-pointer had signaled was brewing. And with Barnes hitting two free throws, Cosio powering inside for two baskets, and senior forward/center Harmony Reynolds converting a steal into two points with 55.6 seconds left, IHS had closed to 28-27.

Woodland Park junior forward/center Jaedyn Kohn,

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a steal – before Quintana booked a basket shortly before time expired, keeping IHS close at 15-12.

Unfortunately, the 'Cats would get no closer.

Outscored 11-2 during the first 5:32 of the second stanza, Ignacio fell behind 26-14 before boss Valdez called a timeout with 2:28 remaining until halftime. And for a moment, the pause seemed to serve the Bobcats well; junior center/forward Gabe Cox maneuvered inside for two points and junior guard Devante Montoya followed with a trey cutting The Pinnacle's lead down to 26-19. Fouled by Ambrose Valdez with 0:01.4 left, junior forward Jacob Madrid answered by making one of two free throws and the Timberwolves went back to their locker room up eight.

Reportedly averaging more than 30 points per game, McClinton began the third quarter with a baseline jumper and, after IHS crept back within ten points, 33-24, via three Quintana FTs in four tries, later closed it out sinking two of three FTs after being fouled by Montoya on a three-point attempt – with 0:00.6 to go – right in front of the designated home team's bench.

Down 41-26 beginning the final frame, the Bobcats attempted one last push but found themselves losing even more ground as McClinton went 7-of-8 from the charity stripe during the deciding eight minutes and totaled the last nine of his game-high 31 points as The Pinnacle ultimately prevailed 56-36.

"We had an unfortunate injury ... had a key player

come out, and it was next-man-up for us," said Timberwolves head coach Ron Guerrero, alluding to senior reserve Philip Pham seriously hurting his lower-left leg with 5:04 left in the first quarter and IHS up 5-4. "It's a team effort, from our starting five all the way down to our 14th man; I'm just so proud of the guys."

Madrid (3 points) and senior center Noah Estes (6) combined to offset Ignacio's low-post duo of Cox (6) and senior forward/center Dylan McCaw (2), plus sophomore alternate Charlie Pargin (0).

"(Cox) was definitely a factor on the floor. We got to watch some film on him and wanted to front him, double-team him so we can limit his touches in the paint," Guerrero explained. "Estes really plays hard defense, tries to keep a big out of there, and we can come with Madrid to help. They're pillars of our defense down low; without those two ... we don't do very well."

Seniors Izaiah Parsons and Daunte Dominguez also scored six points apiece for the 'Wolves (16-8 overall), while sophomore Nehemiah Arellano and freshman Caleb Arellano each chipped in two.

Quintana totaled 14 points in his final game for the Bobcats (8-16), Montoya matched his two threes in registering ten points, and Valdez finished with four. Junior guard Phillip Quintana was held scoreless and fouled out with 3:36 left in the contest.

"We need to start games better, and that's going to be

a big part of the plan next year—not coming from behind," said Chris Valdez. "I didn't kid myself thinking we could stop (McClinton), but in a zone we could hold him to a few shots and we just didn't step out. We gave them ... wide-open shots and were on our heels the rest of the game."

Advancing to the 2023 CHSAA Class 3A State Championships' Great Eight phase, the Timberwolves were to next face 2-seed Salida (23-1) Thursday morning, March 9, inside the University of Denver's Hamilton Gymnasium.

"Right out our back door!" beamed Guerrero. "We're ... so excited for the guys to experience the pageantry, the playing, and it's all about them believing in each other, you know? The way we've played this year ... we can't wait to get to DU."

IGNACIO 45, PEYTON 42:

In the victory over the hosting Panthers, Cox led the 'Cats with 16 points, eight coming during the pins-and-needles fourth quarter. Montoya made two threes and tallied ten points, while Phillip Quintana sank three treys and logged nine. Eppie Quintana scored five points, Valdez made a three, and McCaw chipped in two points.

Junior forward/center Ayden Breese scored 13 first-quarter points for Peyton (13-9 overall) and ended up with a game-high 24, but PHS couldn't hold an early 16-4 lead. IHS cut the margin down to 16-8 beginning the second, eventually went into halftime down 24-23, and later closed out the third quarter having pulled even at 34.

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who'd hit an open jumper after an inbounds pass deflected off Olguin's head right into her unguarded hands just prior to Mendoza-Lechuga's exit, managed to drop in a basket but Cosio responded with a buzzer-beater at the other end – leaving the score 30-29 going into the final frame.

"It was very energetic, very fun to play in," she said of the overall atmosphere. "We just had to make sure we kept our heads in the game no matter what happened. We had our fans behind us but we had to stay focused on what we had to do."

Assisted by sophomore reserve DaLaney Wesner, Brunson buried a game-tying trey 45 ticks in. Still able to out-muscle Ignacio on the boards, the Lady Panthers rebuilt a 37-32 lead before Barnes cashed a corner three. Motivated by unstoppable senior center/forward Bella Slocum, WPHS answered with a deuce, but Barnes (8 points) then struck from deep off the left wing.

"I'd drained one, then Laci passed me the ball again and I was open, so I shot again," recalled Barnes, still somewhat awestruck by the intense sequence. "I was pretty happy that I was on fire."

"There was a couple times we let 2 (Brunson) loose in the corners, and then Ignacio had a girl ... knock a couple threes down in the fourth – those were huge shots!" acknowledged Macari. "I don't know if she's done that normally all year, but great for her for stepping up tonight."

"There's nights where she's just on; you've got to see that," Cosio (8 points) said. "She's always giving a hundred percent – whether she has four fouls (as she did before her two triples fell) or no fouls – and when she's on, she's on!"

With the Lady 'Cats behind 39-38 but seemingly closing faster and faster, Slocum effectively took matters into her own hands ... and caught IHS off-guard somewhat by taking her own game out to the perimeter. Taking a Kohn pass, she sank an unexpected three-pointer rebuilding WPHS' advantage back up to 44-38. And even with Woodland Park in the one-and, later, two-shot bonus

for the final 3:10 of regulation, Ignacio never relented.

Behind 45-40 as Lady Panther junior guard Stella Schroeder went about making three of six FTs down the stretch, IHS just kept coming. Cosio and Brunson netted takes to the hoop as the game clock ticked under two minutes remaining, again bringing the Lady Bobcats back to within one point, and even after Cosio fouled out with 1:46 left the game was still very much afoot.

Brunson (12 points, 6 assists) would make two free throws prior to Cosio's departure, and Wesner (4 points) later finished a breakaway keeping Ignacio within two, 50-48. Woodland Park junior guard Brenna Larsen would soon foul out vying for a rebound, and with 0:23.7 left Olguin (5 points, 8 rebounds) hit one of the two resulting FTs.

Able to then work the clock down to fewer than ten seconds remaining, the Lady Panthers had a chance to effectively clinch victory, but Kohn inexplicably clanked two FTs with only 5.2 ticks left. And with 1.1 to go, following a Macari timeout – in which he must have instructed his players to not foul at any cost – the Lady 'Cats, set to inbound on the baseline, still had hope.

Barnes managed to pass to Brunson, who then heaved a shot needing to fly three-fourths the length of the floor.

The two-handed try, however, fell well short, and IHS' 2022-23 season was abruptly over.

Reynolds, who logged eight first-quarter points, finished with 12 to match Brunson's team-leading count. All told, Ignacio went 13-of-20 from the free-throw line; Woodland Park ended up 5-of-12 during the fourth quarter and 6-of-15 overall.

Registering a devastating 15 fourth-quarter points, many via second - or third chance put-backs, Slocum finished with 23 points and a reported 26 rebounds. Kohn totaled eight and ten, Schroeder scored seven points and freshman Karise Broeker five.

"As a whole it was well-played by both teams," declared Macari. "Both made good adjustments to what

the other was trying to do, and we got lucky enough to make a few free throws to come out ahead."

Improving to 14-10 overall, Woodland Park advanced to face 6-seed PVHS, which had ripped No. 27 Rocky Ford (10-11) in the preceding semi, 60 to 16. Ignacio, meanwhile, finished 11-11 for a second straight year.

"We're never guaranteed anything," Cosio said. "We just have to leave everything on the floor, whether we're going to win or lose. And we're always going to play to win, never going to play with fear."

"I mean, we only lost by one; I'm so proud of my team for battling," said Brunson. "We're out, but I love my team; this was one of my most fun years."

"All these teams are good, and we're just as good," she continued, recognizing IHS' ability to ball in either 2A or 3A, as well against upper-classification (some in the 3A/4A Intermountain League) teams. "So, I wish Woodland the best of luck tomorrow ... taking on Platte Valley."

AFTERMATH

In the Region VI finale, PVHS bolted out to a 21-2 lead after one quarter and galloped away to a 60-33 win securing the Lady Broncos (17-7) a Great Eight date Thursday, March 9, against 3-seed Colorado Springs Christian (22-2).

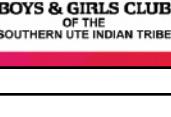
Mercifully reclassified out of the former 4A Colorado Springs Metro League and into the 3A (now 3A/4A) Tri-Peaks prior to the COVID-delayed 2020-21 campaign, WPHS made indelible history regardless of the loss:

"The first-ever winning record for girls' basketball at Woodland Park," Macari said. "First-ever trip to the State Tournament, and first-ever State Tournament win. Two years ago, we won three games with, basically, this same group of girls; that's where we've come from."

"Platte Valley's beat some teams in our (league) that we haven't been able to," he added. "Our work was cut out for us, so we'll just ... enjoy the moment."

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COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Distracted driving video contest for high school students

\$5,000 prize pool awarded to the top entries

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation is launching a statewide video contest for high school students to create a public service announcement on distracted driving. Students are invited to create their own anti-distracted driving video for the chance to win money and be featured in CDOT's awareness campaign. This effort is part of a grant CDOT received from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and General Motors to decrease distracted driving related fatalities and injuries.

All high school students residing in Colorado are eligible to enter the contest. Submissions will be accepted from Feb. 15 to April 10, 2023, through CDOT's Distracted Driving website. The video concepts and produc-

tion style are entirely up to the students and can be either live-action or animated, and students can work individually or in groups. All videos should be 30-90 seconds and reflect what the students think will convince Coloradans to stop driving distracted.

Young drivers in Colorado are increasingly at risk when behind the wheel. In 2022, there were 103 deadly crashes involving drivers 20 years old and younger in Colorado. This is a 37% increase from 2019 when there were 75 fatal crashes involving drivers in the same age group.

With new technologies, phones, food, pets and fellow passengers all providing increasing distractions within the vehicle, this campaign aims to remind teens to stay safe and focus on the road when behind the wheel.

"Distracted driving is a

dangerous habit that many drivers develop at a young age," said Darrell Lingk, Highway Safety Office director at CDOT. "We hope this contest will spread the message far and wide about the dangers of distracted driving and motivate teens to think twice before reaching for their phones when behind the wheel."

CDOT will announce the contest winners during Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April. Students will compete for \$5,000 in prizes and the winning PSA will be featured as part of CDOT's distracted driving educational campaign. Students are encouraged to get imaginative using interviews, music, art, animation and other creative resources to convey their message. For safety purposes, no portion of the video can include footage taken inside a moving vehicle.



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CDOT BEGINS PROJECT • FROM PAGE 1

The 16.7-mile surface treatment project includes the following improvements:

- Culvert replacement in three locations prior to paving; at MP 11.59 and MP 14.23, both south of the airport (airport turn-off is at MP 18.9); and at MP 20, just north of the airport.
- Florida River bridge resurfacing at MP 19.4 north of the airport.
- Culvert repairs/upgrades at three additional locations.
- Deep-patch repairs to the roadway in two locations, one just north of the airport (near MP 19), and one in downtown Ignacio.
- Asphalt resurfacing of the entire 16.7-mile stretch (two applications).

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- Browning Street

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The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph through the work zone/s. It is critical that those planning their trips to Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) add at least a half hour to their travel time and check updated project schedules and travel impacts on CDOT's travel information site at www.cotrip.org.

Resurfacing and improvement work is set for CO 172 from south of Ignacio, through the town and will extend for 16.7 miles to just south of the US 160 junction at Elmore's Corner.

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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In the Feb. 24 edition of the Southern Ute Drum, Faye Hackett was misidentified as Marlene Martinez-Perez in the feature titled, "Wrestler's send-off to State."

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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.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Fiber Optic Construction Contractor for Phase II of the Tribe's Broadband Modernization Project

Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS), a division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe), requests a written response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to be the construction contractor for a large-scale broadband fiber optic infrastructure project. The selected contractor will build the fiber optic infrastructure that has already been engineered in advance of the Tribe being awarded a grant through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. The Tribe completed all design and engineering work that was the basis of the NTIA application for this phase. Phase II will expand the backbone network from Phase I to build a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network reaching most of the native American households within the Reservation (i.e., approximately 1,798 homes). Approximately 300 miles of fiber will be installed with a completion date targeted for December 2025. Email proposal submittals and questions to SUSS: Attn: Delbert Cuthair, Broadband and Digital Equity Manager, PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: dcuthair@southernute.com, 970- 563-5627. Full RFP details are found online at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project>. Proposals will be received through March 31, 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 Environmental Consulting Support Services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Fiber Optic Installation

Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS), a division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe), requests a written response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to perform on demand environmental services to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including Environmental Assessments, Categorical Exclusions, Biological Assessments, and general environmental permitting support services for a large-scale broadband infrastructure project. The selected Consultant will enter into a three (3) year contract. All work requested by the Tribe under this RFP will occur both on and off the Reservation in La Plata and Archuleta Counties. Email proposal submittals and questions to SUSS: Attn: Delbert Cuthair, Broadband and Digital Equity Manager, PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: dcuthair@southernute.com, 970- 563-5627. Full RFP details are found online at https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2023/03/RFP_BB_Phase-II_Enviro-20230303-Final.pdf. Proposals will be received through March 31, 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.

EPA Region 8 to host webinar on upcoming environmental grant opportunities

For states, tribes, communities, and non-government organizations on March 15

Join us for information on unprecedented funding available for air, land, water, climate change, and environmental justice projects. Are you interested in learning more about the many new grant opportunities available from the Environmental Protection Agency, but don't know where to start? This webinar is for you! On Wednesday, March 15, EPA Region 8 will host a webinar from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. MST focused on current and upcoming environmental grant opportunities associated with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act. EPA Region 8 includes the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming, and 28 Tribal Nations. Please join EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker and EPA staff as we explain the basics on how to find and apply for grants that can help communities protect human health and the environment. Register below and we'll send you a Zoom link the morning of the webinar. Come prepared to ask questions!

Agenda

- Opening Remarks: EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker
- Grants Availability: Overview of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act grants and application timeframes
- Grants Basics: Registration; Grants.gov and how to Search for Grants; Eligibility, Budgeting, and Terms and Conditions
- Preparing to Apply: EPA Science Priorities; Quality Assurance Plans; Tips for writing good applications
- Environmental Justice: EJ considerations and tools

Pine River Shares hosts Monthly Food Drives “When everyone shares, no one goes without”

Pine River Shares Hosts Monthly Food Drives to Feed Pine River Valley Residents in Need. During March, donations of breakfast items will be collected in Bayfield and Ignacio. Donations of breakfast items can be dropped off during the month of March on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pine River Shares lobby at 658 S. East Street in Bayfield or at ELHI Community Center located at 115 Ute Street in Ignacio. Breakfast items encouraged for donation are cereals, shelf stable milk, pancake and muffin mixes, syrup, oatmeal, etc. For more information contact Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040. More information about Pine River Shares programs can be found at www.pinerivershares.org. Pine River Shares, a constituent-led social justice leadership project, brings together the knowledge, skills, and resources of people in the Pine River Valley to increase collective power and bring about positive social change resulting in healthy, thriving Pine River Valley communities.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week – please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454, aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal.

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

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



2023 Annual Spring Clean-Up

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

APRIL 17 through 21 ONLY! By Appointment Only **No pickups over the weekend or the week after.**

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

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP.** No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** No semi or heavy equipment tires accepted.

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

Tribal Elders. Please contact the **TERO Department at 970-563-2291** if you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash.

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

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call **Environmental Programs at 970-563-2272.** If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

LARGE SITE or DANGEROUS or HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the **HOMEOWNER'S EXPENSE.** This will be on a case-by-case basis and scheduled dependent on program availability.

Areas of Operation

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Commissions 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.bgcus.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for "Member-At-Large" and One vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration 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. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

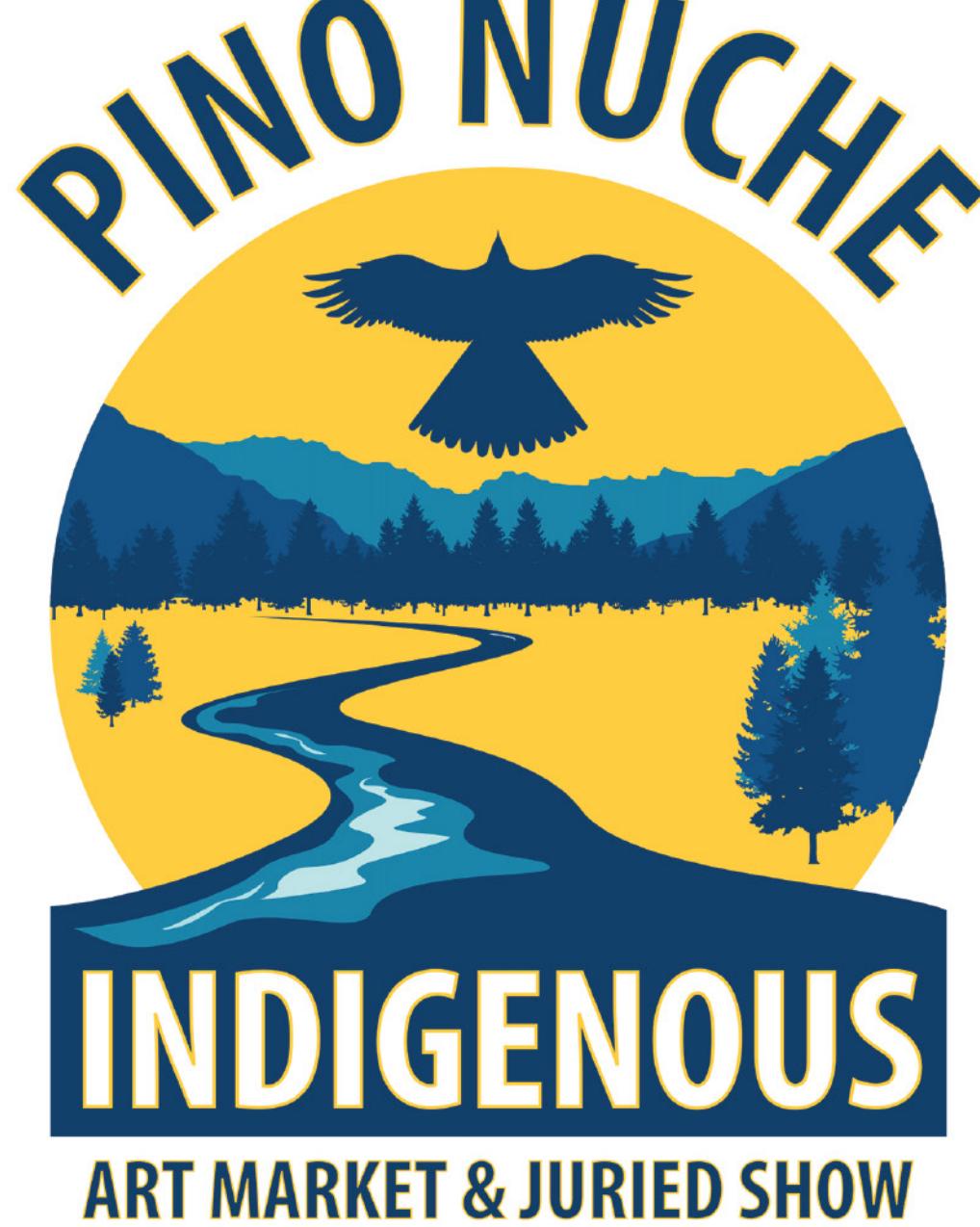
KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open until filled – KSUT 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, 970-563-5780.

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 Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

Southern Ute Artists Register Now!



ART MARKET & JURIED SHOW



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

AP/AR Clerk

Closes 3/14/23 – Processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Processing accounts receivable transactions including invoicing, cash receipts, account adjustments, and printing invoices and statements. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Executive Assistant – Housing Department

Closes 3/10/23 – Performs administrative support and office management for the Housing Department including budget preparation and monitoring, report preparation, office records management, and reception/clerical services for the Department Director. Will carry an emphasis on coordination of all functions and activities related to construction projects, housing projects, and providing administrative support to staff, clients, and projects through completion. Pay grade E12; the pay range begins at \$45,236.23/year.

Grants Program Coordinator

Closes 3/10/23 – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring their effectiveness, administering and reporting for existing grants as they are required, handling budget modifications, participating with Tribal Court in the administration of its budget, researching methods to improve effectiveness of Tribal Court programs, and writing grant proposals to support improvement and funding. Position is partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade E13; the pay range begins at \$49,517.56/year.

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

Closes 3/14/23 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

Senior Detention Officer

Closes 3/15/23 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N12; they pay range starts at \$21.75/hour.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – This is 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.

Agriculture Field Technician

Open Until Filled – 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.

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. This position also 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 and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health

duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

Controller

Open Until Filled – 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/hour depending on experience and includes a \$2,000 sign-on bonus.

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

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

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, 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. This position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

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. This position is responsible for promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

Electrician

Open Until Filled – 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 N9; Pay starts at \$26.21/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

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.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and applications: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

Current School Year:

- Finance Director – Closes 3/10/23
- Middle School Assistant Soccer Coach
- Middle School Assistant Track Coach
- High School Math Teacher
- Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Bus Driver

23-24 School Year:

- Elementary School Counselor

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information 970-563-0118 • Native American Preference Applies
Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

TERO: BONFIRE Inspector II

Open Until Filled – Bonfire is looking for an Inspector II. Position would consist of 80% field work and 20% administrative support. Support the Construction Manager, Operating partners, and engineering with day-to-day construction operations. Qualifications: High School Diploma or Equivalent. Valid driver's license and be insurable. Must live within 50 miles of project. Must have working experience with sub-contractors. Ability to communicate clear and accurate information regarding quantity and deliverables to the Construction and Project Managers. Working knowledge of permits, ISA's, and traffic control safety measures. Pay base: \$60,000.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

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

Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

Patrol Officer Trainee

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

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.

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – A full-time temporary position providing professional and clinical ser-

vices. 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 Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Social Worker

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

TEAM Worker (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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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

Tribal Attorney

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

Tribal Ranger Captain

**Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements**

Please visit our website at 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.

Facilities Assistant Manager – SUGF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/10/23 – Maintenance management services and assistance to the Facilities Manager and the Property Maintenance Manager to include monitoring and maintaining Growth Fund properties, Quichas Apartment Complex, and developed and vacant land at Three Springs. Will assist with addressing tenant requests; processing work-orders; coordinating contracted and maintenance work; coordination and supervision of capital improvement projects.

Senior Operational Accounting and Marketing Analyst – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/17/23 – Providing quality control checks of marketed production and sales volumes (Natural Gas, NGL and Oil). Works with team and outside customers to reconcile issues related to production and sales volumes and values. Works with the Marketing Representative to forecast and sell natural gas and oil volumes. Developing and overseeing the work of junior team members including reviewing work, training, and quality control.

Revenue Accountant III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/17/23 – Performs complex revenue accounting assignments, involving a well-rounded knowledge of revenue accounting practices.

Plant Mechanic – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/17/23 – Performing work related to maintenance and repair of plant compression facilities, including amine processing plant equipment, pumps, plant compression facilities, de-hydration units, and electric power generators.

Risk Manager – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/17/23 – Directing the purchase of insurance programs, management of claims and loss control activities, management of relationships with third party service providers including brokers and insurers, preparing loss analyses and budgets, identifying exposures, recommending solutions and implementing approved programs for the Growth Fund, its companies and departments.

Gas Chromatograph Technician – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/26/23 – Maintaining and calibrating all Red Cedar natural gas chromatographs; obtains required well analysis samples as required by producer contracts.

Gas Measurement Foreman – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 3/26/23 – Coordinating and overseeing all gas measurement related activities and work tasks, to include RCGC measurement standards and coordination of new projects as they relate to gas measurement.

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

Closes 3/27/23 – Provides accounting support, reconciliation and review for the monthly financial statement consolidation and close process for Growth Fund, GF Properties and SUSS entities. Responsible for fixed asset capitalization and management for Growth Fund, GF Properties Group and SUSS entities. Assists in coordination and reporting for the annual budget and five-year plan processes. Coordinates the monthly close process and provides support to Growth Fund Controller's office as required.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at 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.

Cloud Developer I – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/17/23 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs cloud application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4545/4517.

- Addiction Counselor
- Assist. Div. Director – Road Runner Transit
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Tech.

- Substitute Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

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

***Assistant General Manager Trainee (Southern Ute tribal member only)**

Under the direction of the General Manager (GM), this is a training position that will result in a Tribal Member having the opportunity to train for the position of General Manager. Will participate in the Career Development Program (CDP) and associated curriculum requirements to the extent necessary, depending on their background, education and experience. As the AGM-TM gains education and experience, their level of authority and responsibility for various components of the business will increase. Will participate in both the gaming, as well as the non-gaming areas of the business.

***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, it 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. Responsible for 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.

***Career Development Coordinator**

Will provide career and educational guidance to the Casino Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) employees through career skills training, mentorship and to promote management opportunities. Career development, coordination and presentation of training and development programs for all SUIT employees. Will manage and actively recruit new candidates for the CDP program. Works in conjunction with the Department Director/Managers to promote career advancement.

***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. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

***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.

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

Leading special events and promotions from conception to post event follow up. Working closely with the Marketing team on design work and copywriting, as well as implementing the marking 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. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Willows Server (Full-time)

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

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.

Need Technical Assistance?

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)
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Email: sudepservice@southernute.com

Southern Ute Shared Services

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March 10, 2023

FLY FISHING

Two words

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



Keep out, no trespassing, no fishing, private property, those of us that fly fish hate to find those two words on a sign nailed to a tree or fence post. And, the reason we usually find them is that we haven't done our homework. Since states' rights are inherent in this country, and sometimes usurp federal laws and mandates, different states have different rules and laws for river accessibility. Some states have laws that allow a fly fisherman access to most, if not all, rivers. While other states give the land owner control of the stream bed and banks.

In the October-December issue of Fly Fisherman Magazine an article by Culien Battle rated ten states on their river accessibility laws. Colorado was one of the ten, and along with Utah received F's for their access laws. Idaho, Montana, Missouri, and Pennsylvania, received A's. As I understand it, the issue for accessibility is based on whether a river was at some time navigable and used for commercial traffic. So, if the river was or is navigable the stream bed, surface water, and banks are public. If not navigable, they're private. There are lawsuits in all that language.

The above explanation leads me to Colorado. Until now the stream beds and banks have been private. Which means, without permission from the landowner, you are trespassing if you are standing on the banks or in the river. You can legally float on the surface, but not touch the stream-bed or

banks. Some land and river owners have carried their ownership rights to an extreme and put fences across the river to hamper people from floating on the surface in front of their property. And, to carry it further, some landowners and fishermen, have let the rights arguments escalate to heated verbal confrontations, and in one case, to rock-throwing. The rocks thrown were from a landowner at a fly fisherman floating through the owners property. When this happened, law enforcement was called in. Temps cooled only slightly, then the inevitable lawsuit was filed.

On Christmas Day, the Durango Herald ran an article by Jason Blevins of the Colorado Sun, about this case. It has made its way to the Colorado Supreme Court, and could bring a change in the stream accessibility laws to Colorado. That raises the question, should the courts or legislature decide this issue? Since, in my wildest imagination, I do not see the Colorado Legislature taking up an issue guaranteed to piss off half their constituencies, we're stuck with a court ruling.

As a riverside landowner,

and fly fisherman, I think I see both sides of the argument. The landowner believes that since he owns the land and the water that flows through it, he gets to control its accessibility. It's been that way since private ownership came into being; don't change it now. The fly fisherman, on the other hand, acknowledges I can't trespass across your property to gain access to the river, however, if I can get to the river legally, the stream-bed is public and I can stand in the river and on its banks.

Who's right, and who's wrong? The landowner doesn't want strangers anywhere near his property. He doesn't want the trash and bad behavior that comes with public access. And, he doesn't want the liability of someone getting hurt on his property. The fly fisherman just wants to fish. I have fly fished in states with F's and A's. And, I've caught fish and had fun in all those states. I believe that by doing my homework on access laws in the states I find myself fly fishing, everyone can remain civil and enjoy the day. In Colorado there is an incalculable amount of public water to fly fish. So, the access law has little effect on places to fish. In Colorado, and other states, should you accidentally wander onto private property (and I have) and meet the owner stream-side, just be courteous and respectful. For owners, mistakes happen. Politely let the fisherman know he's trespassing and needs to move on. There is no need for rocks and law enforcement. Everyone loses when this happens.

Membership Outreach & Scoring Night

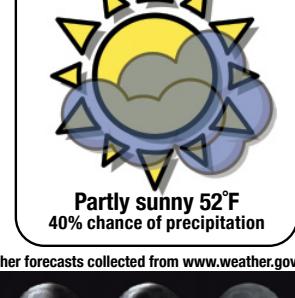
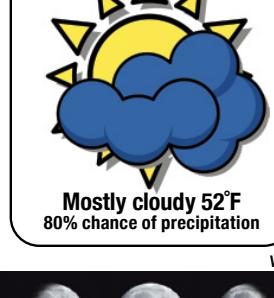
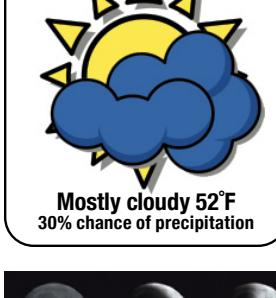
Wednesday, March 22nd
1:00 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Event Center

**Please join us to meet with the
Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board
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talk about and learn more about your Wildlife
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February 20

February 27

March 7

March 14

March 21

Department of Natural Resources,
Construction Services, Tribal Housing & Tribal Credit
are hosting an Open House

When: April 12, 2023

Where: Multi-Purpose Facility

Time: 10am-2pm

Tribal Members please join
us for lunch and door prizes!

Representatives from each division will be available to discuss
programs & projects that serve the Membership.

Information will be available regarding:

- DNR Divisions: Agriculture, GIS, Forestry, Lands, Range, Water Resources & Wildlife
- Construction Services
 - Tribal Housing
 - Tribal Credit
 - BIA Irrigation

For more information
call: 970-563-2237

See you there – April 12th, 10am-2pm



Did you know?

Environmental Impacts of U.S. Food Waste:

What resources go into a year of food loss and waste in the U.S.?

*excluding impacts of waste management, such as landfill methane emissions



Greenhouse gas
emissions of more
than 42 coal-fired
power plants



Enough water
and energy to
supply more than
50 million homes



The amount of
fertilizer used in the
U.S. to grow all plant-
based foods for U.S.
human consumption



An area of
agricultural land
equal to California
and New York

Learn more: www.epa.gov/land-research/farm-kitchen-environmental-impacts-us-food-waste

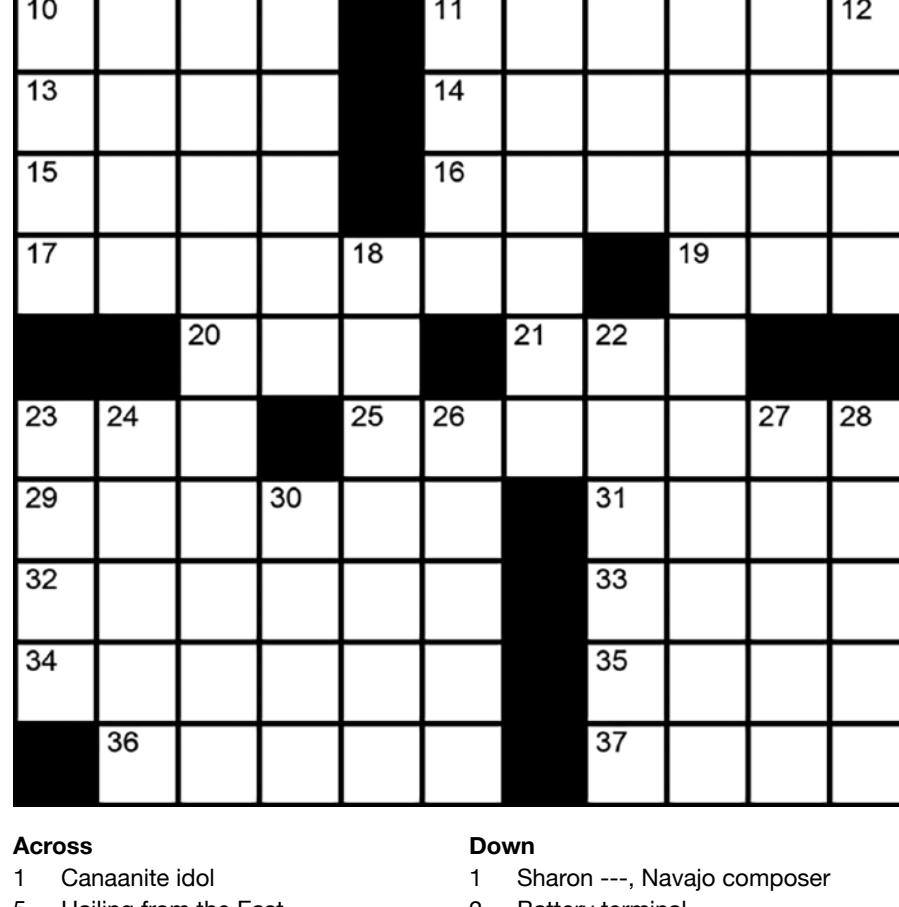
Source: Preventing Wasted Food At Home | US EPA

Reduce your environmental footprint

The average family of four spends \$1,500 a year on food that goes uneaten and becomes waste. Land, water, and energy resources can also be wasted during the transportation, preparation, storage and disposal of food products. These activities contribute more than 85% of greenhouse gas emissions even before food waste enters a landfill, decomposes, and begins to generate methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas.

Please contact the Assistant Environmental Programs Manager, Teana Cavallo, at 970-563-2272 or tcavallo@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



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| 1 | Sharon ---, Navajo composer |
| 5 | Battery terminal |
| 10 | Main policy-making body of the United Nations |
| 11 | Repeated excessively |
| 13 | Cross |
| 14 | Beautiful, to the Shawnee |
| 15 | Senior USN captain's honorary title, briefly |
| 16 | Drop out of the race |
| 17 | Chiefs |
| 19 | Golf goal |
| 20 | "--- Vidderne" (Long Ibsen poem) |
| 21 | --- bono |
| 23 | "A likely story!" |
| 25 | Eurasian grasslands |
| 29 | Michigan town named after 19th century Ojibwa leader (Shiawassee) |
| 32 | Malicious sprite |
| 34 | To be, in France |
| 35 | Mourn |
| 36 | Move turbulently |
| 37 | Failed citizenship Act of 1887 |
| | Love god |

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

Answers for February 24, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Yin, 4 Coy, 7 Puce, 8 Aromas, 12 Atom, 13 Diyogi, 14 Pan Am, 16 No-cal, 17 Haw, 19 Hit, 20 Melanesians, 25 PLO, 26 Bod, 27 Elias, 30 Tykes, 34 Gerbil, 36 LaLa, 37 Sneeze, 38 Lynx, 39 Deg, 40 Sou.

Down: 1 Yuta, 2 Icon, 3 Nemaha, 4 Cad, 5 Or in, 6 Yo-yo, 7 Pap, 9 Mocha, 10 Again, 11 Silts, 15 Man, 18 Web, 20 MPEGs, 21 Ellen, 22 Loire, 23 Sot, 24 Idylls, 28 Abed, 29 Size, 31 Kayo, 32 Elnu, 33 Sax, 35 Leg.