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**BOBCATS BASEBALL**

**'Cats clobber 'Dogs, 14-4 and 10-0**

*Freshman's shutout highlights season-opening day*



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Ambrose Valdez tries catching up to a Dove Creek pitch during season-opening play Thursday, March 16, at IHS Field. The Bobcats swept the Bulldogs, 14-4 and 10-0.

*By Joel Priest*

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

His team trailing 8-0 through three innings of their second game Thursday, March 16, but sensing they could break through offensively – designated hitter Audric Chadd had cranked a two-out double to left in the top of the second inning and catcher Cole Taber had tripled with two down in the third – Dove Creek head coach



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Kept honest by Dove Creek's Taber DeJane (33), Ignacio freshman Sonny Flores leads off second base during season-opening action Thursday, March 16, at IHS Field. The Bobcats routed the Bulldogs, 14-4 and 10-0.

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Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Museum Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee and Museum Collections Assistant, Sheree Mann work together to process one of the baskets donated by placing them in a large plastic bag on Thursday, March 16. The basket will then be put into a freezer for a 72-hour cycle to ensure that potential pests are eradicated prior to the item's inclusion in the museum.

**CULTURE**

**Southern Ute Museum receives basket donation from Pendleton Woolen Mills**

*By Fabian Martinez*  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Museum acquired a donation of over 33 traditional baskets on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from Pendleton Woolen Mills, Inc., and the Bishop family, who has owned the company for over six generations. The donation was originally proposed back in August of last year and was accepted by the museum's Collections Committee soon after.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Since receiving the donation, Southern Ute Museum has begun the lengthy process of accessioning the items to be included with their existing permanent collection. One of the challenges in receiving this particular donation is trying to uncover the history behind the baskets.

Pictured is one of the traditional Ute baskets that features the braided edge that is typically seen in traditionally Ute basketry. While the actual date the basket was made is unknown, this basket is believed to date back to the 1800's.

"Normally, what we would do is we would have a lengthy intake process where we would do a lot of interviews and questions and try and get some answers," Southern Ute Museum Director, Susan Cimbrek said. "That's always a challenging thing – to get

this information [at first]. We will then start building the item's records."

According to Cimbrek, what is currently known about the collection is that all of the baskets have been

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**Denver March fills coliseum**



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Leandra Litz and Miss Southern Ute Grace Gonzales stand in line to shake hands with other visiting royalty on Friday, March 17. The Southern Ute Royalty represented their community and tribe during the 47th Annual Denver March Powwow held at the Denver Coliseum, Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19, making sure to shake hands and greet fellow dancers at each of the Grand Entries throughout the weekend.

Jr. Womens Jingle Dress dancer, Zariah J. Whiteplume competes in the Youth Enrichment Special sponsored by the Denver March Powwow Committee on Saturday, March 18. Dancing to a side-step song, Whiteplume prepares to raise her fan during the honor beats of the song. This special is held for dancers aged 15-24 to encourage the young dancers transitioning into adult categories to continue dancing.



**See more Denver March Powwow photo coverage on page 11.**



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

SUIMA students, Harmony Montoya and AnnaLicia Delgado Torres, work together with SunUte Fitness Trainers on Thursday, March 16, to build healthy snacks using natural yogurt, fresh fruits, dried raisins and honey as part of a multi-day health and nutrition program for students at SunUte Community Center.

**HEALTH & NUTRITION**

**SunUte trainers teach nutrition 101 firsthand**

*Montessori students schooled on health and hydration*

*By Jeremy Wade Shockley*  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

SunUte Fitness Trainers, Elijah Lucero and Will Hacker took the lead on a series of hands-on educational programs for tribal youth focused on health education and basic nutrition. Students from the Southern Ute In-

dian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) attended in person workshops over the course of four days at SunUte Community Center from Monday, March 13 through Thursday, March 16.

"It's important to start a foundation early for healthy eating habits, especially when it comes to Native

youth," Hacker emphasized.

At the direction of SunUte Fitness Director, Abel Valesquez, the trainers put together a list of materials and ingredients they would need to facilitate a multiday program at the community center. Their goal – to reinforce

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courtesy WSTN

Japan's Vice Minister for the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry, Hirai Hirohide, (center) joins his delegation for a photo with the WSTN delegation including representatives from the Jicarilla Apache Nation, including President Edward Velarde (second from left), and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## GROWTH FUND

### Western States and Tribal Nations convene in Washington, D.C.

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

The Western States and Tribal Nations (WSTN) Capitol Hill Forum on LNG Exports from the Pacific Coast just concluded, capping a power-packed three days in the U.S. Capitol. The March 9 forum demonstrated our bipartisan credibility and ability to convene an impactful conversation with elected leaders, companies, and policymakers about employing LNG as a tool for lowering global emissions and creating rural and tribal economic growth.

Building on the momentum from WSTN's December forum in Grand Junction, Colo., our fly-in to the nation's capitol produced many new avenues of potential support and international collaboration that WSTN will be pursuing in the coming days, weeks, and months.

Over the two days prior to our forum, the WSTN delegation split into two groups to accommodate more than 25 meetings in congressional offices, during which we were able to educate staff and some members of Congress about our mission, vision and unique organizational structure.

The forum, like its Grand Junction predecessor, produced great food for thought, attracted media attention from influential outlets like Politico and LNG Intelligence – and a host of new action items to tackle. The Politico article nicely tied the WSTN D.C. Forum to ongoing LNG discussions and dialogue at CERAWEEK.

It is appropriate here to thank all of our participants, guests, and sponsors, and share some of the highlights:

- We are grateful to the Honorable Hirai Hirohide, Vice Minister of Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for his keynote address that previewed the case for LNG Japan will be making at the April meeting of the Group of Seven (G7) nations, which Japan hosts as this year's president. The Vice Minister shared what Japan views in U.S. and European-led global decarbonization plans, mainly the failure to prioritize energy security in a post-Ukraine world and the lack of realistic forecasting about what is achievable in certain timeframes.
- WSTN would also like to thank our bipartisan sponsors, Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming and Sen. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico for gracing us with their remarks and demonstrating the spirit of cooperation across the aisle.
- Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairman, Melvin J. Baker spoke passionately about tribal energy development principles on behalf of our sovereign tribal nation members, and Jicarilla Apache Nation President, Edward Velarde's attendance drew recognition and praise from Sen. Lujan. WSTN is especially grateful for the attendance of the Ouray and Uintah Ute Indian Tribe's presence at the forum, given they are a founding member of WSTN and guided

development of our organization's mission.

Our other speakers included:

- U.S. State Department Energy Policy Advisor, Marcus Lee, who addressed aspects of the Biden Administration's policy positions.
- Tallgrass Energy Vice President, Steven Davidson shared his company's vision for a decarbonized energy future, and how that is playing out across the U.S. through its assets and investments.
- Wyoming Energy Authority Chairman, Paul Ulrich spelled out Wyoming's pro-energy policy and ability to deploy up to \$3 billion in state bonding authority to support energy development, a salient prospect.
- WSTN Chairman, Jason Sandel closed the forum with impassioned remarks about why energy development matters to rural communities, demonstrating how life-changing it can be for families and putting food on their tables.

In the coming weeks, WSTN will have more to share as we follow up on the new opportunities this fruitful visit afforded us. As always, on behalf of WSTN, thank you for supporting, guiding and arming us with the expertise we need to keep growing and moving forward.

As I flew home to Denver from Washington, I felt a sense of promise for WSTN's future and that there is a coming global moment for LNG in line with our mission and vision. I look forward to seizing those opportunities together.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member Diane Millich joined other Native women and tribal leaders on Thursday, March 7 to celebrate with President Obama the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Millich along with her mother, Arlene Millich (left) and her sister, Dedra White (right) – with a formal letter of appreciation and Pendleton Blanket given by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in honor of her work.

This photo was first published in the March 22, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Howard Richards Sr. was one of the representatives at the dedication for a monument in honor of the Southern Ute Veterans Association at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colo. on Friday, March 14, 2003.

This photo was published in the March 21, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Executive Officer, Eugene Naranjo and Education Director Lee Briggs testify before the Colorado Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The Forum was held on March 4, 1993, and was designed to inform the committee about steps taken to retain minority students in Colorado colleges.

This photo was published in the March 19, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



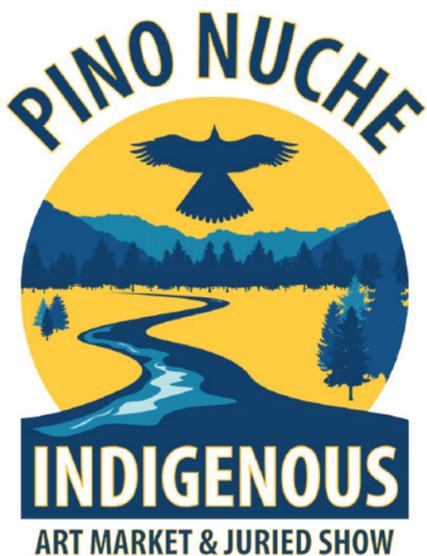
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### 40 years ago

The Ignacio eighth grade girls' basketball team placed second at the San Juan Jr. High League Tournament held in Ignacio.

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# Students make jerky



Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, Facilities Operations Manager, Elise Redd teaches the class how to fry their ground jerky to conclude the class. Students learned the cultural importance of making jerky and the hard work it takes to get the final product at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, March 15.



The Ignacio High School's Native American Studies class attended a jerky making lesson. Using beef and bison meat, students marinate each piece of meat before setting them to dry in a dehydrator.

After marinating and setting the meat to dry, students then learn to grind pieces of pre-made jerky. Using stones, students practice a traditional way of making ground jerky which can be used for gravy, stew, and other dishes.



Students test their physical strength and use stones to grind pieces of jerky that will later be fried; each student and staff member took a turn grinding the pieces of jerky.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum

## SU MUSEUM RECEIVES BASKET • FROM PAGE 1



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Museum Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee shows the faint design on one of many baskets donated by Pendleton Woolen Mills. This specific basket is believed to be from the Jicarilla-Apache Nation and holds similar characteristics to traditional Ute baskets.

sitting in storage for over 50 years as part of a personal private collection of the Bishop family. Many of the baskets are believed to be dating as far back as the mid to late 1800's – and the collection features baskets from other tribes across the United States. Out of the collection, six are believed to be traditional Ute baskets which feature techniques, colors, and artwork seen historically within the Ute bands.

“They are very similar to some examples in the Smithsonian that come from the John Wesley Powell’s Expedition,” explained Museum Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee. The Powell Geographic Expedition occurred over the course of 98 days in 1868, starting in Wyoming and ending near the current Nevada and Arizona border.

After receiving the donation from Pendleton in a series of tightly compacted boxes, members of the Southern Ute Museum Collections staff began the delicate series of tasks relating to minor conservation of the collection. First, documenting the condition of the item, giving an accession number for the digital catalogue, including any photos and research for the catalogue, vacuuming the item for contaminants, and pest control management. From here, extra steps can be taken to conserve the items, including more specialized jobs like restoration. Finally, the items will be placed in the archival room or vault, where space is set aside, and their location is

documented in the database. “It’s important that these [baskets] are here so we can provide top notch, conservation care,” Cantsee said. “Here we are able to provide a quality of care that can provide longevity [to the collection]. This is stuff that should be cared for by tribal peoples.” Cantsee explained that many of the baskets are in acceptable condition, but most have not been properly taken care of in a way that a museum or someone knowledgeable in handling artifacts could provide.

“We know here at the Southern Ute Museum that we can give the baskets the best possible care and to have them live the longest life they can – but also giving access,” Museum Collections Assistant, Sheree Mann said.

Access is an important step in the museum procedure and allows for collections to be seen in the public, which allows for education and research to be done with items acquired by the museum.

“I think one of the ultimate goals as a museum [which has] a public mission, is an obligation to serve the public in some way. The main thing we that do is that we keep these historical artifacts, and we make them accessible to people,” Cimberek explained. “We don’t keep stuff just to keep it. It’s here so people can learn from it and appreciate it. That’s a big part of our mission.”

Access can be done in a variety of ways by doing a “full interpretation” within a permanent or temporary gallery, hosting education pro-

grams, allowing researchers to come in and work with the collection, or even putting them online in a digital exhibit for public viewing.

“The end goal here is to add to our current basket collection which is also a multicultural collection in the hopes of creating a basket exhibit that is a headliner,” Cantsee said. The Southern Ute Museum currently has a collection of around 230 baskets with 78 percent of the baskets being specifically Ute made. Most of the collection is a part of the White Mesa Collection, which was featured when the museum’s new facility opened in 2011.

With the newly acquired donation, the museum hopes to do an exhibit featuring the pieces from this collection as early as next year, which could potentially allow for collaboration with Pendleton or other agencies in the area.

“It’s possible in next year’s temporary exhibit we might highlight this collection,” Cimberek said. “Because it is such an interesting collection, it could be fun to collaborate with some other cultural institutions in the area.”

The accession of the baskets also showcases an importance to museum staff as to why the baskets and their techniques must be preserved for future generations.

“To me, it is really crucial to have examples of traditional Ute baskets as there are only so many basket makers left,” Cantsee said. “It’s still the same design as it was back in the late 1800’s. That really shows the continuum of tradition.”

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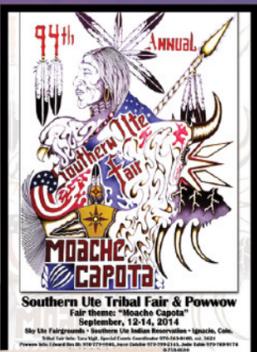
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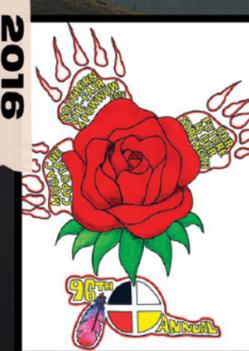
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## HEALTHY RECIPES

# Delicious and healthy hummus!

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

Chickpeas or Garbanzo beans. Whatever you call them, they are packed with fiber, protein, and many different vitamins and minerals. They are an inexpensive protein and can be used in a variety of ways. They can be added to soups, salads, or curries to name a few.

Hummus, which is made by pureeing chickpeas, is an easy to prepare snack. Try this recipe for a healthy alternative to other dips or snacks.



courtesy Forks Over Knives

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

### Hummus

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can cooked chickpeas, drained
- ¼ cup tahini
- 3 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 Cloves garlic, chopped
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 6 Tablespoon water, more as needed for blending

#### Directions:

1. Place all ingredients in a blender and set to high. Blend until smooth. Add more water as needed for consistency.
2. Try various toppings; A sprinkling of paprika, olive oil, fresh parsley, everything bagel spice blend, roasted garlic, etc.
3. Serve with a variety of fresh vegetables, whole grain crackers, or spread as a sandwich condiment.

Serves 8

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## BEHAVIOR HEALTH

# BEE HEARD: Wellbriety Movement recovery motivation

## The Elder's Meditation

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Wise words from an elder for your recovery journey. "By listening to the inner self and following one's instincts and intuitions, a person may be guided to safety," "Dr. A.C. Ross (Ehanamani), LAKOTA (Ross, 2021). Depending on where you are in your journey in life, whether you're in recovery or not, or maybe you're struggling with mental health issues or what we call "life," we can take this quote in many ways. So, let's break it down.

### What is our inner self?

According to many sources, the inner self can be described as our mind, heart, soul, and spirit. In many Native American belief systems, this could be seen as part of the medicine wheel and our emotional and spiritual needs.

### What are instincts and intuitions?

Ironically, instincts and intuitions are separate things. According to many sources, such as the article Difference Between Instinct and Intuition, intuition is the "ability to understand or know something without conscious reasoning," and instinct is defined as "an inborn tendency, a natural ability." (Admin, 2015) We all have instincts and intuitions; sometimes, we don't even know we're listening or following their guidance through

out our day or maybe in a particular situation. Have you ever entered a room or area that didn't feel right? That could be an example of either your instincts or intuitions. Because we have been wired for survival, our instincts tell us if something is safe or not, whether we need to fight, freeze, or flee.

### What is safety?

Safety is defined as being protected, or in a space or environment where we will not be harmed. Close your eyes and ask yourself, where do I feel safe? What am I doing that makes me feel safe? Is there anyone around me, and do they make me feel safe? Think about your safety in different scenarios and environments, such as at home, school, work, community, or traveling. You'll find that when you start looking at what helps you feel safe, you might also identify some instincts, intuitions, and your "inner self" guiding your thoughts.

So, now that we have broken down some of the elements of the elder, Dr. A.C. Ross's quote, it is clear that our ability to find safety can be hindered if we are using substances or experiencing a mental health challenge.

If you want to learn more about your instincts or intuitions, or maybe they're telling you to seek help and support, don't hesitate to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division. And if you need to speak to someone immediately due to a mental health or sub-

stance use crisis, please dial 9-8-8. Remember, we have instincts and intuitions for a reason; they are messengers and will help guide you to safety. If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

### It's okay not to feel okay.

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH

# Tùchupikivi Sùmuguavi "Good Brain, Strong Heart"

Prevalent pimples

By Sandra Beirne, MD  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Can you guess the most common skin condition in the U.S.? The title was a clue: it's acne. Almost everyone will have at least some acne between the ages of 12 and 24 years old, while some people have it far into adulthood. Acne can be very mild or very severe. It can be on the face, the chest, or the back – anywhere there are oil-producing glands. Typically, acne does not occur until puberty because that is when the glands really start to make oil. The cause of acne is a combination of more oil, skin cells that plug up pore openings, and bacteria that flourish in the plugged pores. These causes can be inherited and are the reason acne often runs in families.

While it can feel to a teenager like they are the only person with acne, hopefully it helps to know how very common it is. Also, it almost always gets better with age. But for those that want to treat it, there are lots of options. But first, there are basic tenets of acne prevention and care. The first basic of acne care is that it takes consistency and time to treat. This means the treatments need to be used every day for two-three months to know if they are working. That is hard for many teenagers, but if they can stick with it, their persistence can pay off in clearer skin.

The second basic tenet is that some people with acne are tempted to try to scrub



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

it off, thinking of it like dirt. But acne is about inflammation, and harsh treatment of the skin, either through aggressive cleansers or topical treatments, can sometimes make acne worse. I encourage patients to treat their skin gently to prevent any additional inflammation. This means using a gentle acne wash no more than twice daily, applying gently with clean hands, rinsing with warm water, and gently towel drying off.

The third basic rule of acne care is the importance of moisturizers and sun protection. Treatments can be drying, and dryness can encourage more oil production. Keeping the skin well moisturized is essential to keeping it healthy. Some acne treatments can also make the skin more sensitive to the sun, so a daily sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 is critical to preventing sunburns and future skin injury. Moisturizers and sunscreen placed on the face should say "non-comedogenic," meaning they don't clog pores.

When it comes to treatment, there are many different options, the first usu-

ally being benzoyl peroxide, which is available to buy in stores without a prescription. I encourage starting with the 2.5% strength because it can be less drying, and starting slowly, perhaps applying every third day to start. While it may be tempting to think more is better and slather on benzoyl peroxide and any other topical acne medication, the opposite is true. About a pea-sized amount distributed throughout the face is enough to treat the acne without worsening the drying side effects. In addition to benzoyl peroxide, providers may also prescribe topical retinoids, topical antibiotics, oral retinoids, oral contraceptive pills, spironolactone, or other medications. The choice depends on the individual patient and their type of acne.

For more information about acne, check out: [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org) and search for "acne."

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to talk about acne or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

TRAINERS TEACH NUTRITION • FROM PAGE 1

the nutritional education that was already being offered at SUIMA through Lisa Smith with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

"I saw that the kids already knew quite a bit about what is healthy; they already knew that they should be making healthy choices, drinking water, eating healthy snacks," Hacker said. "They already knew a lot, but our class helped reinforce that."

The four modules covered the topics of hydration, sugar, healthy snacks and the dangers of fast food. Classes were split into groups of kindergarten students, plus lower and upper elementary – with SunUte hosting three classes per day. "It was very interactive, and the kids really enjoyed it," Lucero said.

"The sugar one was probably the best one for them, it was hands on," Lucero said. "We showed them the difference between a Pepsi, a Monster energy drink, Gatorade, and a Snickers candy bar. We showed them how much sugar they should be consuming and compared that to how much the drinks had in them."

"They could really see [ firsthand ] how much sugar was in each item," Hacker emphasized. "SUIMA guides participated as well, to help reinforce the lessons."

"Hydration ... I gave them facts on when they should drink water and why they should and ways to make water taste better, and we made our own infused water with cucumbers, lemon and mint," Lucero said. "Some of them liked it and some of them didn't. [The idea was to emphasize] choosing flavored



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

With a little help from SunUte Fitness Director, Abel Velasquez, SUIMA Lower Elementary student, Ziyah Carel, adds a small amount of honey to her yogurt dish during a healthy snack making exercise designed to help students identify healthy vs. non-healthy snack options on Thursday, March 16.

water over sugary beverages." The multiday program broke down into: Hydration: the importance of staying hydrated, healthy drink options (fruit and mint infused water); Sugar: negative effects of sugar, health alternatives to sugar, and a sugar measuring activity. Healthy Snacks: importance of healthy ingredients, including fruits and vegetables; Fast food and fat content.

"We collaborated with Gabs Garcia, the SUIMA Physical Education teacher," Lucero said. "We had

all the kids come in during their PE time as well, for a basic physical assessment, with hopes to follow up at the end of the school year."

The program isn't new to SunUte, but this is the first health & nutrition series that the community center has sponsored in several years. "It reinforces what Lisa Smith is teaching," SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth said. Empowering youth to make the best choices possible in their everyday lives – where diet and nutrition play a key role.

### La Plata Community Health Assessment

The Southern Ute Health Center would like to encourage community residents who participate in health care within the county to please fill out this survey for San Juan Basin Public Health to share your perspective on the public health issues facing our community! This survey is done once every five years, and they use your input to guide their plan for how to improve public health. <https://sjobpublichealth.org/257/Community-Health-Assessment> The survey deadline is Friday, April 7, so don't wait!

Thanks,  
Will Finn, MD, MPH  
Public Health Physician

### 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.

### 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!

### 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

SUIMA

## Kwanachigani po'okwatu "Eagle's Nest"

*A brief reference for vowels in Ute*



courtesy SUIMA

Staff and students participated in making a body and naming as many body parts as they could! While the staff version may have more words, the students' work was more creative!

**By Mari Jo Owens, Principal**  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

You may notice I have a few Southern Ute words written throughout the articles I submit to the Drum. Recently, it was pointed out that it would be helpful to have the letter sounds provided for reference. Using the approved Ute Dictionary, I have provided a brief reference for the vowels that are encountered in the Southern Ute language. I hope you find it useful.

**-** - as in taa' - sounds like the air space between uh'oh  
**\_** - 'ivett - underline - means these vowels are devoiced.  
**a** - as in taa' - sounds like a in father - means shirt, clothes  
**e** - as in 'ivet - sounds like e in met - means 'on here'  
**i** - as in 'ivet - sounds like i in Wii - means 'on here'  
**o** - as in 'aghochi - sounds like o in note - means 'dish'  
**ø** - as in 'eaqar - sounds like er in her - means yellow  
**u** - as in 'uwar - sounds like u in who - means 'rain'  
**tt** - as in tt - sounds like oo while frowning - means 'yes'

### Montessori Tidbits

What exactly is Montessori? The Montessori method is a type of teaching curriculum. It is an educational philosophy and approach that can be found in all sorts of settings, from small, humble schools to large, well-equipped campuses.

In a nutshell, Montessori schools strive to build peaceful classrooms, have students who show care and responsibility, have a welcoming environment, and help students learn to collaborate and grow into productive and inclusive citizens of the world.

The vision SUIMA has for its students align with these beliefs as we are creating future tribal and world leaders.

See the Southern Ute Drum's events calendar for SUIMA events and activities throughout the school year.

SUIMA

## The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SUIMA

**Mari Jo Owens, Principal**  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Dear Families and Community Members – Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND – as always – every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7, in the Dining Hall.

- We will be open on:
- Monday, April 3: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Tuesday, April 4: 7:30 a.m. – 6 pm
  - Wednesday, April 5: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Thursday, April 6: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Friday, April 7: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet-your child's digital payment account. Before the Book Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Book Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>  
 The countdown to more book joy is on! Catch you at the Fair! Happy reading,

### Ignacio Middle School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Sixth Grade	GPA	Eighth Grade	GPA
Matthew Maestas	3.5	Lainee Bradley	3.5
Chadlyn Cundiff	3.8	Cyrus Cosio	3.5
Brekan Romero	3.8	Alahna Cundiff	3.6
Brynlee Burcham	4.0	Daevon Claw	3.7
Carmen Candelaria	4.0	Matrim Jones	3.7
Kirstyn Jameson	4.0	Alexa Lopez Rodriguez	3.7
Carley Martinez	4.0	Tarah Baker	3.8
Kodi Rima	4.0	Jaelyn Alston	4.0
Ava Sage-Morgan	4.0	Cayson Burcham	4.0
Paiten Tucson	4.0	Katie Cundiff	4.0
		Leandra Litz	4.0
Seventh Grade	GPA		
Travis Bliss	3.5	Malyah artinez	4.0
Mirra Bourriague	3.5	Lily Quintana	4.0
Hayden Melton	3.5	Kelly Sirios	4.0
Veronica Brown	3.7	Gage Smithson	4.0
Leeland Huwig	3.7	Paisley Vezeau	4.0
Joseph Atencio	4.0	Thunder Windy Boy Hebert	4.0
Jade Howell	4.0		
Amira Montoya	4.0		

### Upcoming events

- Every Friday: Fancy Fridays & Early Release!
- March 27: Students return from Spring Break
- March 28: UE students transition luncheon PAG via Zoom
- March 29: Family Night in person
- March 30: UE Food sale  
Infants/toddlers field trip to the IHS petting zoo
- March 31: Spring pictures
- April 3 – 7: Book Fair week

## SUIMA FAMILY NIGHT

# Easter Basket Decorating/Craft Night

SUIMA Dining Hall  
March 29th, 2023 at 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

We hope to see you all there.  
Dinner will be served.

# SUIMA

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting

Student: Gunner Eagle

## TUES. MARCH. 28

### 6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

SUIMA families will receive a virtual meeting link in ClassDojo. Attendance will count towards the Parent Commitment Contract requirement.

Scholastic Book Fair!!!

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**

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Online shopping available April 3 – April 16 at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>

## BUY NOW

# Upper Elementary INDIAN TACOS

Sale

Upper Elementary will host a fundraiser for their end of the year field trip to Santa Fe, NM.

They are going to sale Indian Tacos for \$10 on Thursday March 30th.  
 Sale begins : 11:30 am  
 Sale end: 12:45 pm (or when food is gone)

Please contact Ms. Mae by 3/29/2023 to be put on their taco list.

970-563-2751  
Outside of SUIMA Dining Hall



## Ed hosts Little Shop of Physics



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Little Shop of Physics, hosted by Colorado State University made its way back to the Southern Ute Education Center from Monday, March 13 – Tuesday, March 14. Students from both Ignacio Public School District and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy attended the hands-on program with their peers to learn more about physics.



Neeka Howe (red shirt) and her friends enjoy the strobe light effect in the “dark room” during the Little Shop of Physics program at the Southern Ute Education Center.

Natalie Richards and Dawnnetta Scott-Silva check out the “light room” side of the Little Shop of Physics.

### 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 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, and shall state the basis for the nomination. Or email the letter to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information call 970-563-0235.**

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

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

## 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](http://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



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay gives an update to community members on the school district's Strategic Plan in the Ignacio High School Auditorium, Monday, March 13.

### EDUCATION

## Ignacio School District gives update on Strategic Plan

District leaders present areas of focus at meeting

By *Jeremy Wade Shockley*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The most recent Strategic Plan informational meeting was held at Ignacio High School, Monday evening, March 13 – where a light meal and refreshments were provided. The meeting is part of a series of meetings the Ignacio School District (ISD) is holding to help guide the district over the next five years. The ISD's strategic planning process encourages community input as ISD looks to the future here in Ignacio, for each of the schools, from elementary up to high school. “Please come to the meeting to learn about the progress the school district has made on the Strategic Plan,” Ignacio School Dis-

trict Superintendent, Chris deKay emphasized ahead of the public forum. “We have worked hard to stay true to the new school district mission statement, “Together we will engage, empower, and prepare all of our learners for the future.””

The mission statement was created through work done at the first strategic planning meeting in early 2022. “We’ve worked hard to put the mission statement out to the community, something we see as integral,” deKay said.

Last week's presentation took place in the High School Auditorium, where deKay gave the welcome and opening remarks before handing the microphone over to his district leadership team, principles rep-

resenting each of the four schools and the curriculum director, who gave updates and long-term SMART goals as outlined by the District in their Strategic Plan.

“This is really an opportunity to report out to you – the community,” deKay said.

Focus areas covered in the meeting included academic achievement, staff development and retention, culture and climate, and district operations with set goals of improvement strategies across the board, from increased parent involvement in academic events to providing teacher housing.

For additional information, contact the Ignacio School District at 970-563-0500 or visit the website at <https://www.ignacioschools.org/en-US>

### BAYFIELD EDUCATION

## Bayfield Early Education Center receives accolades

Staff report

BAYFIELD EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

April Schneider Stewart, the Executive Director of the Bayfield Early Education Program, was named the Equity and Inclusion Superstar by the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Council. This award recognizes a school or childcare center director, administrator, classroom teacher, family childcare home teacher-provider, or FFN provider that offers exceptional work and sensitivity in the area of equity and inclusion for children with disabilities, challenging behaviors, or those requiring greater social-emotional support.

Opening in 1995, Bayfield Early Education Cen-

ter (BEEP) has served Bayfield area children over the past few decades. Stewart has been at the helm as Director for the past four years, with BEEP for 12 years, and has been in education for over two and a half decades. With a passion for children, Stewart is a biological mom, an adoptive mom, and was a foster mom for 15 years. Over the years, she has taken in children with mental and physical disabilities to show them the potential they have inside themselves and that they are more than just their past.

“This award is a win for our community. It highlights our determination at BEEP to see hope instead of limits, people instead of data, and the belief that all in our com-

munity deserve community.” Stewart said. “Each day I work alongside a team of professionals who are relentless in their passion for Bayfield to have access to a quality early childhood program that leaves an impact.”

Stewart and BEEP maintain and offer various grant and trade opportunities to ensure all families who desire to have their child in the program have access. Additionally, various fundraising events are held throughout the year to keep the cost of tuition at a reasonable level. Winning this award as an educator in small-town Bayfield is especially gratifying as nominees represented regions throughout the state, including Denver.



courtesy History Colorado

Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, Hesperus, Colo.

## INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

### History Colorado issues third report to Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs

*House Bill 22-1327 research continues*

**Staff report**  
HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado's State Archaeologist, Dr. Holly Norton, presented a third quarterly report about Federal Indian Boarding Schools in Colorado to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), Thursday, March 16.

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

The latest report provides updates on the ongoing research being conducted at the location of the former Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, work done at The Teller Institute in Grand Junction, Colo. and next steps prior to the issuance of a final report on June 30.

This report is a continuation of the previous reports under the HB 22-1327, which were provided to the CCIA on Sept. 8, 2022 and Dec. 15, 2022.



courtesy History Colorado

The Teller Institute, Grand Junction, Colo.

#### Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, Hesperus

Final analysis of remote sensing at the Fort Lewis site is being completed by Statistical Research, Inc (SRI) and the final report is expected to be done by the end of March 2023. These efforts use methods outlined in the September report and are non-ground disturbing, meaning that soils and sediments are not excavated, dug, or removed in any way.

Archival research of the Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School is ongoing from SRI and Alpine Archaeological Consultants, an archaeological consulting firm contracting on this project.

#### The Teller Institute, Grand Junction

Alpine Archaeological Consultants and AECOM, an infrastructure consulting firm contracting on this project, continue to analyze historical documents related to the Teller Institute and new documents were gathered by

the History Colorado team from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. in February. Remote sensing of the Teller Institute has been funded by a State Historical Fund grant issued in December 2022 and is planned for late spring or early summer of 2023.

#### Next Steps

History Colorado is continuing to investigate archival materials and consult with tribal representatives. Dr. Norton has begun to draft the final report to CCIA which will include final analysis from SRI and summaries of archival research and anticipates at least one additional consultation meeting with tribal representatives prior to the final report's release on June 30.

A complete collection of the reports and summaries issued on work under HB 22-1327 can be found online at [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b-B8RtOmxABogaP9R-jlfMw-rqEzid\\_V5S](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b-B8RtOmxABogaP9R-jlfMw-rqEzid_V5S)



courtesy BGC

The Club Team — Dawrence Romero, Part time Program Aid; Nicholas Sanchez, Part time Program Aid; Cassandra Sanchez, Site Director; Armondo Dominguez, Part time Program Aid; Tristany Sanchez, Program Coordinator; Bruce LeClaire, CEO; Destini Hernandez, Part time Program Aid; Journii Cordova, Behavioral Coordinator; stand with BGC Director of Organizational Development, Brandee Paisano.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

### Club Connect: Director of Organizational Development visits

*Jimenez and Monte: BGC youths of the month*

**Staff report**

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

**What does club mean to you?**

*"Club has a lot of fun activities to do" – BGC club member*

#### Youth of the Month

For this month we have two club members we want to recognize.



**Rutila Jimenez**

*March Youth of the Month*

First is our Junior Youth of the Month which is awarded to Rutila Jimenez. Rutila or as we call her Ruti, is new to BGC. For being a new club member, she has naturally clicked with her group members and staff. She brings a ball of energy and always has a smile on her face. Ruti is very caring and respectful. We want to thank her for attending club.

Our second Youth of the Month award goes to Marcia Monte. Marcia comes to club with a good attitude. When she comes to club, she manages to bring a smile to staff's face. She is super funny; she greets all staff with a "Hello" and gives hugs for goodbye. She shows all six Character Count characteristic, and we thank her for being herself.

Congratulations to both Rutila and Marcia on behalf of BGCSU staff!

#### BGC highlights

#### Director of Organizational Development visit

Boys & Girls Club of America Director of Organizational Development, Brandee Paisano (right), visited our Club on Friday March 3. She was provided with a



courtesy BGC

BGC Retreat group photo, pictured left to right, Cassandra Sanchez, Site Director; Nicholas Sanchez, Part time Program Aid; Bruce LeClaire, CEO; and Tribal Council member Dr. Stacey Oberly.

tour of the community and Tribal Campus. Brandee also met with Tribal Council, who asked some questions of her and welcomed her to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe homelands.

#### BGC Retreat

BGCSU held our annual retreat on March 4. BGC Board of Directors, staff, Director of Organizational

Development, and Southern Ute Tribal Council member Dr. Stacey Oberly all came together away from the office for some informal socializing, collaborative work, and team building. The retreat took place in Durango, Colo. at the Double Tree Hotel. This one-day event ended with dinner and recognition of all BGCSU staff and board members.



courtesy BGC

Shout out to Farmers Fresh for selling the most BGC Valentines Hearts this year! Annette, second from left, She sold more than half of the hearts at Farmers Fresh.

## BGC Announcements

#### March Birthday shout out

- **Robert** – 8 years old
- **Braydn** – 10 years old

- **March 27:** Prize donations due for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Prizes can be anything from bubbles, stuffed animals, easter baskets, basketballs, footballs, etc. Donations can be dropped off at BGC or with SUPD Resource Officers Don or Jasper by 5 p.m.
- **April 1:** Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10 a.m.
- **April 6:** FLC Career Fair – BGC will be attending to fill our summer positions.

## IGNACIO CREATIVE DISTRICT

# 2023 QUARTERLY MEET & GREETs

APRIL 20TH 2023  
5-7PM

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### CONNECT • CREATE • INSPIRE

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# Celebrating community at MPF



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Head Gourd Dancer, Russel Blackbird honored Meonahan Joseph Howell during the second Gourd Dance session on Saturday, March 11 at the Multi-Purpose Facility Community Powwow.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association brought in the flags for the Multi-Purpose Facility Community Powwow.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

During the event, attendees play musical chairs for a chance to win a small prize. Anxiously waiting the pause in music, players laugh while circling around chairs.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SUIMA Upper Elementary students continue to raise funds for their upcoming end of the school year trip, students sold numbered plates for a cake walk during the MPF March Powwow. Buyers get the chance to win a cake sponsored by SUIMA. All proceeds go to support their class trip to Santa Fe, N.M.

**D**ancers, singers, and spectators gathered at the Multi-Purpose Facility Community Powwow held on Saturday, March 11. Head staff included Micco Wesley, Shilo Harjo, Russell Blackbird, Marvin Pinnecoose, Leandra Litz, and the Southern Ute Veterans Association. Throughout the evening, attendees enjoyed inter-tribal dancing, musical chairs, owl dance contest, down dance contest, various raffles, and a cake walk sponsored by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Head Lady and Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz dances behind the Southern Ute Veterans Association during the Grand Entry at the Multi-Purpose Facility Community Powwow.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Consuela Phillips, daughter of Samantha Maez, waves at family during the Grand Entry at the Multi-Purpose Facility Community Powwow.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Little Miss Southern Ute Alt., Shayne White Thunder dances alongside her younger sister Malia White Thunder and her mother Heather White Thunder during the Gourd Dance. Dancers enjoyed two sessions of Gourd Dance before the start of the powwow.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Host Northern Drum, Shiprock Agency, sings an intertribal song for dancers and spectators to enjoy.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Jack Frost III (far right), dances along with fellow gourd dancers during Howell's honoring.

## Welcome Spring!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Multi-Purpose Facility celebrates the incoming Spring season with a virtual grocery shopping lesson with Lisa Smith, Diabetes Patient Coordinator, and various goodies for attendees on Monday, March 20. Tribal elder Georgia McKinley practices reading a nutrition label and identifies which loaf of bread is the healthier option during the lesson.



MPF Facilities Operations Manager, Elise Redd hands out garden starters and packets of seeds to attendees of the Spring Celebration. Redd also led the group in making herbal eye pillows and a relaxing exercise.

Diabetes Patient Coordinator, Lisa Smith compares two brands of pasta and explains how to identify the healthier option via the nutrition labels. Smith also explained how to navigate grocery stores for healthy foods and good prices.

## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# A day in the life...

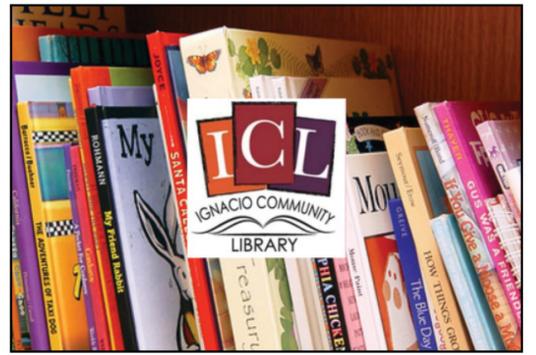
By Marcia R. Vining  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

When someone gets hired at the library, we invariably hear them say "I had no idea all this went on here." From creating programs to evaluating and purchasing materials for checkout, there is always plenty to keep staff occupied. Each day is full of variety, but I thought I'd share with you how the library staff might spend their workday.

Upon arriving at 8:30 a.m. we prep the library for opening. We check displays, our information board, the bookdrop and the calendar. Staff sets up the community room for any program to be held that day, whether our planned programming or another group that is using our community room.

We then turn on computers, feed the fish (since we don't have a library cat), process returned books and pull any newly requested items. These items may be for our local patrons but also may be books we send by courier to other libraries in our consortium. During our two-hour desk shifts we handle reader's advisory questions, reference questions, fax and business services and more. We also help with computer questions, printing, and program advertising and sign-up.

When we're not at the service desk we all have our separate areas of responsibility. Ron runs the IdeaLab, our makerspace. With 3D printers (yes, we have three), our electronics supplies, and our video



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

editing we can help you get started on most any project. Ron also has established our first internship program. Currently we have two high school students interning at ICL. We hope that this experience will assist students in developing employment skills as well as understanding what it takes to run the library.

Dixie handles the processing of all library materials, from cataloging each item to ensuring that they are properly labeled, covered or packaged. She oversees the facility as well as planning programs. We're very excited that soon this part will include overseeing our newest addition; the bookmobile!

Dorothy is our service desk manager. She makes sure that things run smoothly on the service side of things. During her day she will be at the service desk, working on the overdue book list, helping with programs, working with the interns on their customer service skills, and she runs a book club once per month.

Lindsay runs the programming at ICL, both for

kids and adults. She hosts our weekly storytime, provides programs at the elementary school, facilitates film screenings, author talks and more. If you have ideas for programs you would like to see us offer, contact Lindsay.

For marketing, we rely on Cheyenne. With her photography background, her natural artistic leanings, Cheyenne helps get the word out on library events and offerings. She also puts a smile on our face with some of her social media posts and jokes.

The rest of the staff; Patti, Helen, and Libby, run the service desk, help with programs, computer assistance, readers advisory and so much more. We get to meet new folks in the community and enjoy visiting with those who've been here a lifetime.

As you can see, we have plenty to do to keep offering our community the quality services and materials you've come to expect and to remain at the forefront of library services.

We hope to see you at the Ignacio Community Library soon!

### Stay up to date on tribal & community events

Check out the Southern Ute Drum's Events Calendar at:  
[www.sudrum.com/events](http://www.sudrum.com/events)

# Easter Buffet

## \$30.99 per person

### Sunday, April 9th, 2023, 8AM - 4PM\*

Menu:

Herb Scrambled Eggs	Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Ham Scramble	Steamed Rice
Chicken Fried Steak	Herb Baked Chicken
Country Gravy Biscuits	Chef Carved Honey Ham
Potato Wedges	Italian Sausage and Peppers
Hickory Smoked Bacon	Tri Colored Tortellini Alfredo
Country Sausage	Tri Colored Tortellini Bolognese
Cheese Blintz with a Blueberry Sauce	Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
Seared Salmon Dijonnaise	Fruit Salad
Sweet Corn	Garden Salad
Seasonal Squash and Zucchini	Apple & Cherry Pie
Coconut Crusted Shrimp	Cheesecake with Assorted Toppings

*For reservations please call Willows 970-563-6238.*

\*Willows Open at 8AM; No To Go Options. Menu items are subject to change. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. All Ace's Club discounts apply; kiosk voucher required to receive discount.

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## NOTICE

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# Denver kicks off powwow season



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***This past weekend dancers, singers, vendors, and spectators gathered to celebrate the 47th Annual Denver March Powwow held Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19. Located at the Denver Coliseum, this event brought thousands together and is often referred to as the kickoff powwow for those who regularly travel the “powwow trail” throughout the North American region. The Ute tribes are well represented during the event, with attendance from the Southern Ute Royalty, Ute Mountain Ute Royalty, Ute Indian Tribe Royalty, and members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard.***

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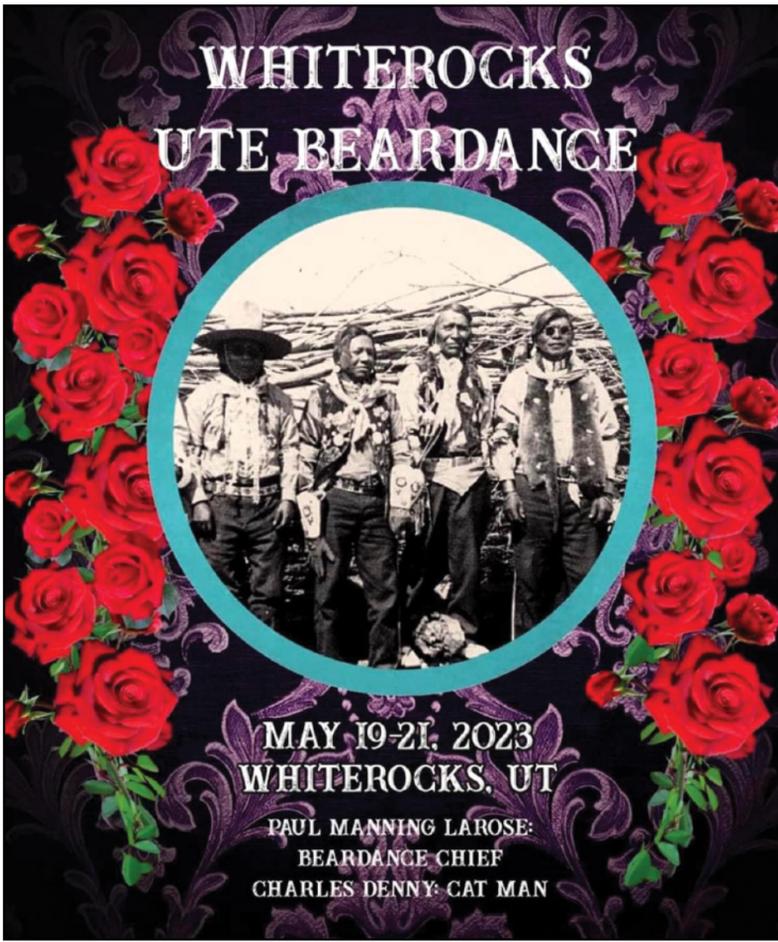
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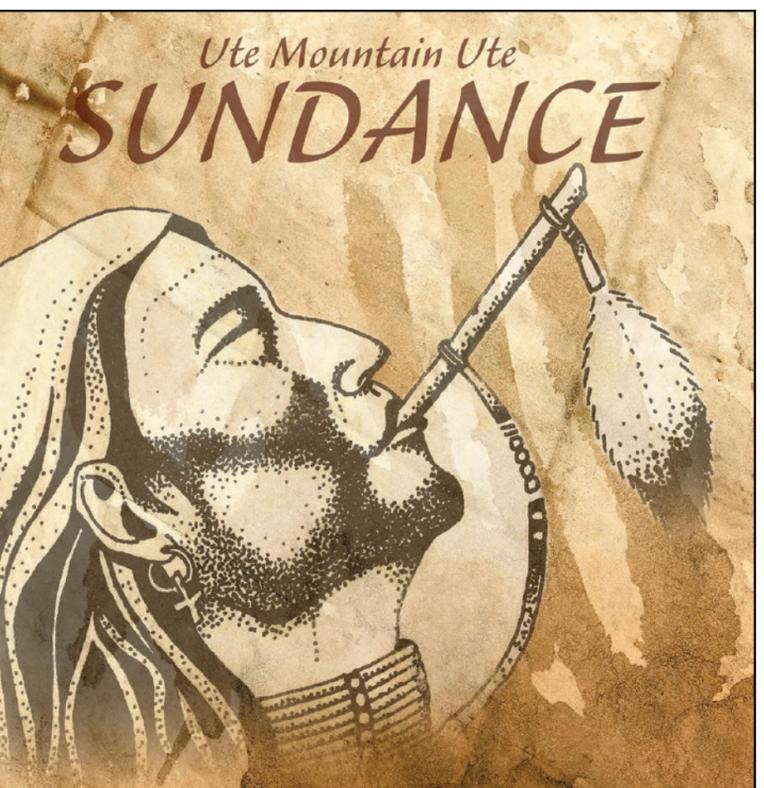


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Ignacio senior Sierra Red (21) challenges Alamosa's Jayden Wubben (5) for possession during season-opening action Tuesday, March 14, at Alamosa High School.

BOBCATS SOCCER

# Lady 'Cats kick off new soccer season

*IHS strong away, not so much in town*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Burned for five goals in each half Saturday afternoon, March 18, Ignacio's first 2A Southwestern League match of Spring 2023 didn't go the way head coach Alisha Gullion and first-year assistant/former Lady Bobcat Tori Burch (née Archuleta) would have preferred – even if they weren't facing SWL force Ridgway.

Senior standout Maizy Gordon scored five goals upon IHS Field, plus registered an assist as the Lady Demons improved to 2-0 overall (1-0 SWL) prior to visiting 3A Delta's JV on the 23rd. Sophomore Madi Miller tallied two goals and an assist, freshman Adelyn Gardiner scored twice and assisted on two others, and sophomore Lily Hawkins netted one goal. Senior Eleni Wallin logged two assists in RHS' mercy-rule road victory.

Having had their 3/16 trip to 3A Montezuma-Cortez postponed – but possibly rescheduled for Monday, March 20 – the Lady 'Cats dipped to 0-2, 0-1 SWL after being unable to match the quality of their season-opening effort on the 14th at 3A Alamosa.

In that match, IHS trailed skipper Claire Lara's Mean Moose by just a 2-1 margin going into halftime after senior Harmony Reyn-



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Ignacio freshman Aspen Naranjo (16) pursues the ball against Alamosa's Bea Yenezza (6) during season-opening action Tuesday, March 14, at Alamosa High School. Naranjo was one of seven underclassmen suiting up for the Lady Bobcats' first match of Spring 2023.

olds cashed in sophomore Ollyvia Howe's 26th-minute cross in from AHS goalkeeper Emily Tibbitts' right.

"I was so excited for that," said Howe, a first-year team member. "It was a learning game for everyone. And especially for me; I've never played soccer before, so it was fun."

"To get experience was our main goal when we came here," Gullion said,

"and I went from 'Let's get some experience' to 'Let's win!' as soon as we hit that goal in. I was like, 'Oh my gosh, there it is!' They've had so much growth."

Senior Abby Wubben, admittedly not yet in her best soccer shape despite having ran cross-country during the fall, ended up totaling three goals as Ala-

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## 'CATS CLOBBER 'DOGS' FROM PAGE 1

Trent Daves looked to at last get inside Ignacio pitcher Stoney White Thunder's head in the fourth.

Shortstop Gage Buffington had rapped a leadoff single to left and reached second via second baseman Taber DeJane's short one-out single. Chadd then popped up to Bobcat shortstop Eppie Quintana, but with Kendall Gardner – who'd previously lashed a liner at Quintana – at bat, Daves had Buffington steal third base, thus increasing the number of ways he could score.

None factored into the final mathematics, however, as White Thunder froze Gardner with a called third strike.

"Like, it was all mental," IHS head coach Duke Baker said. "And his mental game – I've coached him since he was, I believe, in third grade – and baseball knowledge is unreal for a freshman."

"It was a huge confidence boost," White Thunder said. "I felt really good."

And though the Bobcats failed to score against Gardner, slinging his second inning of relief, in the bottom of the fourth, White Thunder countered by getting Bulldog pinch-hitter Mike Coffey – who'd already belted a pinch-hit triple in Game 1 off Quintana, IHS' ace when not in the infield – to fly to centerfielder Devante Montoya, then pinch-hitter Liam Hassell to pop up to second baseman Marcus Maez. Atop Daves' order, Taber then managed to beat out an infield single up the third-base line, but White Thunder got Aiden Chadd to fly out to leftfielder Dylan McCaw.

White Thunder then led off the home half of the fifth drawing a walk. A Gardner balk to McCaw advanced him to second, and he reached third when McCaw reached first via a DeJane error. Plunking pinch-hitter Sonny Flores with a pitch, Gardner loaded the bases for leadoff batter Devante Montoya – who'd circled the bases his previous time up, plating Gabe Archuleta in the process, when DCHS rightfielder Josh Kibel couldn't squeeze a fairly routine fly ball.

Montoya (2-4, 2 R, RBI) promptly singled to left, bringing home White Thunder (1-2, 2 R) and pushing McCaw to third. Maez struck out, but Quintana (3-4, R, 3 RBI) quickly singled to center, allowing McCaw to jog in and clinch a 10-0 victory – and White Thunder a shutout in his varsity debut – as Ignacio began their 2023 season taking two at IHS Field.

Having gotten underway on the 13th with an 11-1 loss at 4A Shiprock, N.M., 1A DCHS dipped to 0-3 overall. "(Baker) told me during practice I was going to pitch ... a couple innings," said White Thunder, who scattered five hits, struck out



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Stoney White Thunder pitches during the second of two season-opening games Thursday, March 16, versus Dove Creek at IHS Field. Following senior Eppie Quintana's complete-game effort in Game 1, won 14-4 by the Bobcats, White Thunder kept the Bulldogs scoreless in a 10-0 win.

four, and walked or tagged zero Bulldogs. "Didn't think he was going to keep me in the whole game; he kind of kept it a surprise! I'll just have to go out there every time like it's my last game."

"Stoney's something else; he came out and did his job," Baker said. "Not many people would've expected him to do what he did, but he did ... and he shined. Sky's the limit."

Catcher Phillip Quintana went 1-2 with a walk, run and one RBI, and first baseman Rylan Maez, who retired multiple 'Dogs by receiving throws, doing the splits and managing to keep a toe on the bag, went 1-2 with a walk, run, and an RBI-double punctuating the 2A Bobcats' six-run second against Aiden Chadd (L; 2 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 3 K).

Taber went 2-for-3 in defeat, while Buffington, DeJane and Audric Chadd each finished 1-for-2.

Helping his own cause in Game 1, after beginning the opener beaming Taber and later surrendering an RBI-triple by Buffington plus an infield RBI-single by Aiden Chadd in the afternoon's first frame, Eppie Quintana all but assured Ignacio (2-0 overall) of victory with a bases-clearing double – scoring Flores, Montoya and Marcus Maez – in the bottom of the third when the 'Cats increased a 5-2 advantage to 12-2, and chased DCHS starter Taber (L; 2.1 IP, 3 H, 7 R, 4 ER, 5 BB, 5 K) off the slab.

Buffington (0.2 IP, 2 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 4 BB, HB, 0 K) and first baseman Sheldon Gardner (2.1 IP, H, 2 R, 3 BB, 2 K) followed him on the hill, but IHS secured a 14-4 win as Eppie Quintana (W, CG; 6 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, HB, 5 K) scored

an unearned run in the Bobcats' fifth, via a failed pick-off attempt of Ambrose Valdez over at first base, and Flores booked an unearned run in the sixth when DeJane, trying to complete a 1-4-3 double play at the expense of batter Marcus Maez (0-2, 3 BB, 2 R, RBI), threw wide of first baseman Coffey as Flores hurried to the hot corner.

Offensively, Eppie Quintana also cracked a two-RBI single, reached via a fielder's choice and also an error, and ended up 2-for-4 with three runs scored and a vicious six batted in. Hitting right after him in Baker's lineup, Phillip Quintana went 3-4 with a double, run and three RBI. Montoya walked twice and reached once via error in finishing 1-3 with three runs and an RBI.

Manning third base defensively, White Thunder went 0-2 but walked twice, scored a run and plated Phillip Quintana with a third-inning RBI-groundout. Valdez fanned twice but walked twice, and leftfielder Elliott Hendren went 0-3 but walked once and scored twice as Ignacio profited from an extra practice day when a scheduling snafu postponed 1A Nuclea's 3/14 visit.

"We definitely took advantage," White Thunder said. "We worked harder than ever so we could beat these guys. I mean, we knew that we're good; we just had to prove it to everyone else."

"Pitching, offense, fielding ... we were on point, all the way around," said Baker. "I'm impressed with these wins."

Aiden Chadd finished 2-for-3 with a double in Game 1. Buffington went 1-3, Taber 1-2 and Coffey 1-2 with a run.

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Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) and Laci Brunson (2) stand with 2023 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Basketball Games Class 3A-Blue team coaches Anthony Wilson (left) of Brush High School and his assistant (right), following the conclusion of play Sunday afternoon, March 19, at Grandview High School in Aurora, Colo.

## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ignacio duo caps careers at All-State

*Brunson, Reynolds hoop at CCGS showcase*

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seeing Woodland Park senior Isabella Slocum commandeering the second quarter of the 2023 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State, Class 3A game could have been considered something out of a basketball player's bad dream.

Especially Harmony Reynolds' or Laci Brunson's. Or both, as both Ignacio seniors had faced her firsthand just over two weeks prior in the second 3A-Region VI semifinal up in Kersey – after event-hosting Platte Valley, led by seniors Andi Schissler and Bree Bunting, had decimated Rocky Ford by 44 points in the first semi.

And unfortunately, PVHS' potent pair were placed with WPHS' power post Sunday afternoon, March 19, inside Grandview High School's Gymnasium against IHS' talented tandem. With Schissler sinking two three-pointers, Bunting scoring a two-pointer and Colorado Springs-based Fountain Valley's Grace Stansbury draining a trey, the 'Red' team raced out to an 11-0 lead 3:03 into the opening eight-minute quarter and managed to keep Blue at bay the rest of the way in prevailing 75-54.

"Felt like a dream to go out (of high-school basketball) with Harmony because no matter if we were winning or losing, we were having fun together," said Brunson, who drilled a three off the left wing during the third quarter, and added a fourth-quarter deuce for her five points. "It was an honor .... Means a lot that I got 'All-State' in basketball."

"Playing with everybody that has the same talent – it was fun to watch everybody," Reynolds said. "I mean, I've never seen those girls, but they were pretty good."

Trailing Red 18-10 after the first quarter, thanks to gaining some momentum via two Hailey Blanchard (Colorado Springs The Vanguard School) triples, Blue would have been in better position at halftime to contend, but went into intermission down 35-25 as Slocum asserted herself in the paint to score four baskets. And during the mid-game pause, Blue head coach Anthony Wilson (Brush High School) assigned Reynolds to shade



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Ignacio's Laci Brunson (left) and Harmony Reynolds leave Strasburg's Autumn Stone no way out along the baseline during the 2023 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Basketball Games' Class 3A feature Sunday afternoon, March 19, at Grandview High School in Aurora, Colo. The two Lady Bobcats and the rest of their Blue team-mates unfortunately lost 75-54 to a loaded Red roster.

ow Slocum ... who managed just two close-range buckets the rest of the way.

Luckily for Red, shooters Amaya Garcia – of Ignacio's Intermountain League rival Centauri, no less – and Payton Carver (Hotchkiss North Fork) totaled two threes and ten third-quarter points, offsetting Ellicott perimeter threat Alyssa Lagasse's two treys and eight points for Blue during the same stanza.

Garcia sent the contest into its fourth and final frame with a three keeping Red ahead, 55-42, and Carver then combined with NFHS teammate Delilah Vasquez to register ten of the eventual victors' last 20 points. Slocum converted a three-point play down the stretch and ended up totaling 15 points – equaling Blanchard's count – while Schissler and Carver each totaled 12. Bunting and Vasquez each finished with ten points, Stansbury totaled seven, Garcia five and Strasburg's Autumn Stone four.

Mirroring Blanchard's three threes in defeat, Lagasse joined her in double figures by totaling 11 points. FVHS' Ava Warner, opposing her teammate Stans-

bury, ended up with eight, Brush's Kashlynn Tadolini chipped in four, Fort Collins Liberty Common's Ruby Richardson three and Estes Park's Bree Wilkerson two.

Reynolds ended up scoring six points, with her last hoop resulting from running ahead of pursuers and onto a lengthy Brunson outlet pass for an easy transition layup – a play seen frequently during the duo's decorated days in uniform at IHS.

"Honestly, I had a blast," said Reynolds. "I mean, she is my best friend and so I don't think I could have done it without her; we do everything together."

And that included receiving the news initially naming them CCGS All-Staters.

"It's a goal I've wished to accomplish for a long time," Brunson said. "I'd found out that I was picked, and then the (CCGS) lady called and told us that Harmony was picked – we were sitting in our cars and Harmony screamed! Then I started screaming! We were just so excited we'd both made it; we couldn't have imagined it any other way."

"And it was a fun experience to play with girls that knew basketball like we did."

## BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

# IHS Track gets underway in Durango

*Personnel numbers not yet up to speed*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With a best heave of 34 feet, one inch, thrower Kyle Rima got Ignacio's Spring 2023 track-and-field season underway placing third in the shot put Friday, March 17, at the Bayfield Invitational.

Only BHS junior Gabriel Archuleta (40'0.5") and Dove Creek senior Asher Nye (34'6") threw farther as the veteran junior earned six of IHS' 12 team points at the meet, relocated to Durango High School (DHS) due to conditions inside Wolverine Country Stadium. Overall, the Bobcats placed eighth in the boys' standings, while DHS (244 points) had no problem grabbing first place.

Montezuma-Cortez bettered Dove Creek 98-79 in a much closer race for runner-up status, Pagosa Springs (54) edged Bayfield (50) for fourth place, and Mancos (26) and Dolores (17) bridged the gap back to Ignacio.

IHS sophomore Ken-

drick Nossaman finished 11th in the 400-meter dash, but with several Durango entrants' times excluded after the Demons clocked the four fastest times and nine of the top ten, his 57.54 was worth four team points. Freshmen James Martin and Dillon Brann finished 11th (2:45.59) and 12th (2:45.99) in the 800, but did not factor into the specialty's scoring.

Martin, however, did earn two points via his seventh-place 5:55.15 in the 1,600. Brann did not compete in the event, but did run the 110-meter hurdles and placed 10th in 22.70 seconds.

Also, Nossaman placed 21st in the 200 meters with a 26.64, while Brann (30.88) and Martin (32.15) came in 32nd and 33rd overall. Freshman Zane Pontine ended up 34th in the 100 (14.78), and freshman Evan Perkins took 22nd in the shot (16'11").

Numbers were lacking even more for the scoreless Lady 'Cats, but junior Moriah Ashley just missed earning a point via her

ninth-place 3:50.62 in the 800 – won in 2:26.34 by Durango sophomore Sofia Voss. Ashley also placed tenth in the 1,600, her 8:01.67 trailing Voss' winning 5:25.77 (runner-up Teagan Archer, a Mancos sophomore, was more than 23 seconds behind).

Freshman Samantha Riddell was entered in the high jump, but was one of six not clearing the minimum height.

In the team standings, Durango and Pagosa Springs reportedly each totaled 179.5 points. M-CHS (64) then followed, pursued by Mancos (55), BHS (52), Dove Creek (35) and Dolores (24).

IHS is set to next see action Saturday, March 25, in Farmington, N.M., at FHS' Scorpion Invitational. Competition inside Hutchinson Stadium is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. As of press time Monday evening, March 20, Ignacio was one of seven squads registered, with no fewer than 13 others – including several teams present in Durango – slated to attend.

## LADY 'CATS KICK OFF NEW SEASON • FROM PAGE 13

mosa ultimately prevailed 5-1 in a contest much closer than what the scoreboard showed. Reynolds, in fact, nearly netted a second goal for the guests but zipped a 66th-minute breakaway opportunity just wide of Tibbitts' vulnerable framework. Wubben, meanwhile, completed her hat trick in the 70th by intercepting an IHS clearance and subsequently capitalizing.

Freshman sister Jayden Wubben, meanwhile, scored the very first goal by knocking in senior Anahí Molina's third-minute shot escaping the grip of Ignacio senior goalie Trinity Strohl. Molina later netted the first goal after intermission, converting an Abby Wubben pass into a 42nd-minute strike.

But despite being decidedly out pressured, leading to the Moose owning a 6-2 edge in corner kicks and Strohl having to make (unofficially) ten true saves compared to sophomore Tibbitts' three, the Lady 'Cats seemed content with an upbeat effort coming just days after Mother Nature finally permitted practice upon their own pitch.

"Personally, I have a lot of expectations, especially being a senior ... showing play-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Ollyvia Howe (17) chases after an unclaimed ball during season-opening action Tuesday, March 14, at Alamosa. Howe assisted on the Lady Bobcats' first goal (scored by senior Harmony Reynolds) of Spring 2023.

ers who haven't been playing for a long time – or this is their first time playing – how the game works, and just encouraging them," senior defender Autumn Sage said. "I think we can achieve a lot, especially with our seniors

and our juniors." "Definitely," agreed Howe. "(Gullion) wants us to support each other, and to have fun ... all the new faces. I'm excited to have learned my position; that'll bring more to the team."

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For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214  
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RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT

# Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients announced

**Staff report**  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (The National Center) announced the 2023 class of Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients. The Native American 40 Under 40 awards represent the best and brightest emerging Indian Country leaders. Every year, 40 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian leaders under the age of 40 are inducted in recognition of their leadership, initiative, and dedication to their communities. Started in 2009, past 40 Under 40 award winners include leaders working in numerous fields including academia, government, non-profits, tourism, conservation, technology, medicine, sports and entertainment, and more.

This year, The National Center will resume the tradition of honoring Native American 40 Under 40 awardees during an in-per-

son reception at the Reservation Economic Summit. It will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. PST at Caesars Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. To learn more about attending the 2023 Native American 40 Under 40 reception and other RES events, <https://res.ncaied.org/>. You can also learn more about the winners on social media using #NCAIED40U40.

“The 2023 Native American 40 Under 40 awardees showcase the hard work, perseverance, and dedication that have come to define this prestigious award,” said Chris James, President and CEO of The National Center. “This year’s class includes leaders in a variety of fields from across the country, showcasing the depth and breadth of the current generation of Native leaders. They are truly making a difference in every aspect of American life. I can’t wait to welcome the latest class of 40 Under 40 award winners to the upcoming Reservation Economic Summit, and

I hope you’ll join us to celebrate their achievements.”

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL CENTER**

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. With over 50 years of assisting American Indian Tribes and their enterprises with business and economic development – The National Center has evolved into the largest national Indian specific business organization in the nation serving over 500 clients and providing over \$4 billion in contracts to its clients. The National Center has nine offices throughout the nation with its home office located in Mesa, Arizona. The National Center is actively engaged in helping Tribal Nations and Native businesspeople realize their business goals and are dedicated to putting the whole of Indian Country to work to better the lives of American Indian people - both now... and for generations to come.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

**LIVING IN THE DESERT**

The Ute American Indian Tribe once live in the Great Basin area of the Rocky Mountains. The Great Basin runs through the states of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Some of the land was good for growing food, but most of it was dry desert. In order for the Utes to survive they learned to live off of the land. They farmed and ate roots, seeds and insects. Sometimes they hunted animals such as antelope, jack rabbits, squirrels and other small animals. The Utes were skilled at finding and hunting for food in their dry desert land.

Joseph Rael Jr.

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

• **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



**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

Our Pilgrimage will begin at St. Bartholomew's in Bayfield. At 8am we will pray and begin to walk to St. Ignatius Parish in Ignacio. The walk is approximately 9 miles and we will use CR 516 (Rainbow Road) as the route.

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.

**In The Southern Ute Tribal Court**  
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**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2022-0069-CV-NC  
**Trinidad Maria Martinez, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Trinidad Maria Martinez filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trinidad Mary Pena. As of August 2, 2022 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Trinidad Maria Martinez name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Trinidad Mary Pena.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2022.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Case No.: 2022-0128-CV-NC  
In the Legal Name Change of,  
**Kiana Siamone Thompson, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Kiana Siamone Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kiana Siamone Wood. As of March 6, 2023 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kiana Siamone Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kiana Siamone Wood.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2023.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
In the Legal Name Change of,  
**Betsy Leah Marshall, Civil Subject**  
Case No.: 2023-0021-CV-NC  
Notice is hereby given that Betsy Leah Marshall has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Betsy Leah Kent. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 1, 2023. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2023.  
By The Court, Marlene Price, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2021-0002-CV-PR  
**Albie Lino Vigil, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **APRIL 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 15th of February, 2023.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
In the Legal Name Change of,  
**Mara-Jade Nimat Marshall, Civil Subject**  
Case No.: 2023-0022-CV-NC  
Notice is hereby given that Mara-Jade Nimat Marshall has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Mara-Jade Mimat Kent. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 1, 2023. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2023.  
By The Court, Marlene Price, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
In the Legal Name Change of,  
**Betsy Leah Marshall, Civil Subject**  
Case No.: 2023-0021-CV-NC  
Notice is hereby given that Betsy Leah Marshall has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Betsy Leah Kent. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 1, 2023. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2023.  
By The Court, Marlene Price, Court Clerk

**+ ST. IGNATIUS PARISH +**  
St. Bartholomew Church in Bayfield - St. Peter and St. Rose Church in Arboles  
*One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church Uniting Cultures in Christ*

**2 0 2 3** **2 0 2 3**  
**HOLY WEEK**

**Celebrate His Love this Holy Week by participating at the many celebrations our parish offers to commemorate the Mystery of our Salvation. Encourage your loved ones to join you in these celebrations.**

**April 2nd - Palm Sunday** *Domenica in Palmis*  
+Sat., April 1st Penitential Walk from St Barth's to St Ignatius: 8:00am  
St. Bartholomew Church, Bayfield: 4:00pm  
+Sun., April 2nd St. Ignatius Parish, Ignacio: 11:00am

**April 3rd - 5th - Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week PARISH MISSION**  
+Mon-Tue-Wed 6:00pm - 7:00pm "A Preparation for Easter" St. Ignatius Parish

**April 6th - Holy Thursday in Coena Domini at St. Ignatius Parish**  
+ Evening Mass Washing of the feet and Last Supper - 6:00pm  
+ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm

**April 7th - Good Friday in Passione Domini at St. Ignatius Parish**  
+ Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm  
+ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and death - 6:00pm

**April 8th - Holy Saturday De Vigilia Paschali at St. Ignatius Parish**  
+ 9:00am - 12:00pm confessions - 4 priests will be available for confessions  
+ Solemn Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm

**April 9th - Easter Sunday - Domenica Resurrectionis**  
+ St. Bartholomew, Bayfield at 8:00am;  
+ St. Ignatius, Ignacio at 10:00am

**Saint Ignatius Parish**  
*St. Bartholomew - Sts. Peter and Rose*  
in Ignacio, Colorado

**A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FROM MIND TO HEART**  
*a preparation for Easter*

**+ Holy Week Mission 2023 +**  
April 3rd to April 5th from 6:00 pm - 7:00pm  
**Mass at 6:00pm during the mission days.**  
Confessions on Holy Saturday (April 8th, 2023)  
from 9:00am - 12:00pm

Please join Fr. Flores and the faithful of Saint Ignatius Parish for a time of renewal.

Very Rev. Fr. Antonio J. Flores, CR., STL.  
Provincial Superior of the USA Theatine Fathers

Father Flores did graduate studies in Spiritual Theology and Theological Anthropology at the Gregorian and the Theresianum in Rome. Since his ordination, he has served in different leadership roles in the Theatine Fathers.

**Drum Deadline**

Next issue:  
**Apr. 7**

Deadline:  
**Apr. 3**

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[jschockley@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jschockley@southernute-nsn.gov)

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

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

- 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.*

## Southern Ute Elders Department

### REUSABLE BAG GIVEAWAY



Elder Services would like to offer **FREE** reusable bags to local Southern Ute Elders for their grocery shopping needs. Elders can pick up their **FREE** reusable bags at the Southern Ute Elders Department. **Limit 4 bags per household, while supplies last.**

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

## 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 Archaleta 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](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.

### \*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP\*\*\*\*\*

Construction Services will be taking calls for one month starting March 24, 2023, and ending April 24, 2023, to gauge the level of interest for 450 cubic yards of Recycled Asphalt Paving (RAP) recovered from the Cedar Point Housing Road Improvement Project. Depending on level of interest and number of individuals requesting material, maximum material amount per individual will be determined. Supposing there is more interest than material, a lottery system will be utilized (10CY will be the minimum amount provided to any given individual)

The milling is currently located behind the Construction Services Division (CSD) yard. Millings or reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) is the term given to removed and/or reprocessed pavement materials containing asphalt and aggregates. These materials are generated when asphalt pavements are removed for reconstruction, resurfacing, or to obtain access to buried utilities. The timing was selected to ensure that RAP would be delivered on a warm day and before the hottest time of the year to improve material placement and longevity.

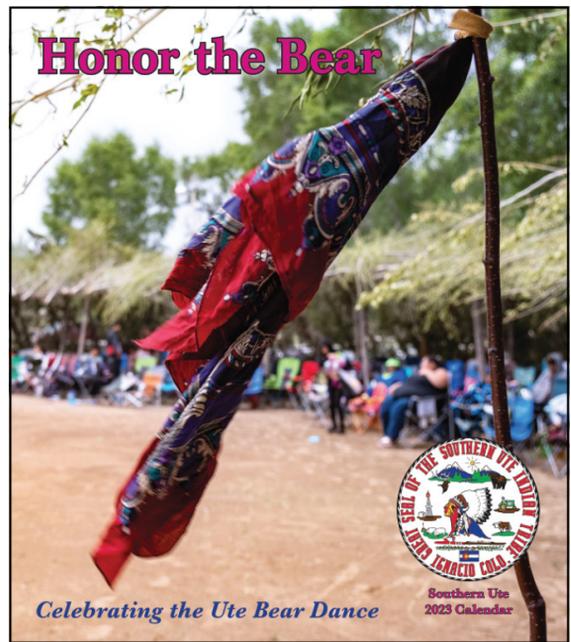
Construction Services is offering these millings to the Tribal Membership within the exterior boundaries on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Construction Services Heavy equipment crew will load the millings into a commercially licensed, tandem dump truck, to be delivered to your residence.

\*(Haul and dump-spread only) This means that heavy equipment will haul the material and spread it with the dump truck. The truck delivery cost will be \$65.00 per load. RAP will be hauled after the advertisement period listed above.

Please call Construction Services at 970-563-0260 if you are interested.



## 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.

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.

**PURCHASE PRICE  
\$10 EACH**



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

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### 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 PICKUP**. 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 970-563-2222**. 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 Comissions Vacancies

### SUIMA SCHOOL BOARD

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) is seeking interested candidates to submit a letter of interest to fill one (1) position on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18. Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you. With Resolution 2020-142, signed on October 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council. With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council. Interested parties may submit a letter of interest by April 24, 2023 to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at [mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov).

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

### ETHICS COMMISSION

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

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

### 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 Shared Services

Laptop training for all Southern Ute Tribal Members. Get an overview of laptop operations and internet security

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### SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM (SUDEP)

“INTERNET, SECURITY, STORAGE AND MICROSOFT BASICS”

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DATE: APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 1PM – 4PM

LOCATION:  
Southern Ute Growth Fund  
First floor conference room  
14929 HWY 172  
Ignacio, CO, 81137

\*Bring your laptop and charger for training. If you have not received a laptop from SUDEP you are eligible to get one.

Go to: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP)

Fill out questionnaire and submit it to SUDEP. A team member will call when your laptop is ready for pickup. Laptops are currently available to all Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. We will distribute laptops until inventory is gone.

For questions or to sign up for training contact SUDEP 970-563-5555 or [sudepservice@southernute.com](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com)

Light snacks will be provided

SUDEP techs will be available for one-on-one help, tutorials, and any laptop questions you may have

## READY TO BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TO OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

GETTING STARTED? HAVE AN IDEA?

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### Start with BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS

The program includes 3 required training paths for businesses to complete and receive a certification. Once completed, businesses may be eligible to apply for small grants of up to \$1,200.

## START TODAY

IS YOUR BUSINESS PLAN READY?

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### Apply for the COLORADO STARTUP LOAN FUND

This opportunity makes it easier for small-business owners and entrepreneurs to access financing to start and grow your business.

## SEE YOUR DREAM BECOME A REALITY

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Office of Economic Development & International Trade

### Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 03/09/23

#### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

#### MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Member Customers: March 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$4.78 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet). Rates are dropping toward a normal range.
- Contact the Utilities Division to discuss your monthly billing arrears — pay to keep your balance current.
- The Tribe's Special Utility Assistance of \$500 ends in April. Apply toward your utility bill.
- Place your Trash Carts out by 6AM to avoid being missed by GFL's trash pickup. They do not circle around if you are late. Questions? Call Utilities Office.

#### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

#### Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN!
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:  
**April 5th / May 3rd  
June 7th**
- Settle your payments before 10AM

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per household.

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)

## Advertise in The Southern Ute Drum

### 970-563-0118

Download the 2023 advertisement packet online at:

[www.sudrum.com/advertise/](http://www.sudrum.com/advertise/)



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

**Assistant Environmental Program Manager**  
Closes 4/3/23 – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

### Deputy Court Clerk

Closes 4/4/23 – Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

### Detention Officer

Closes 4/5/23 – 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 N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

### Legal Assistant, Public Defender's Office (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 4/3/23 – Under general supervision of the Southern Ute Public Defender, is responsible for routine office duties which also include the preparation of criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and involuntary commitment cases for hearings, trials, and appeals. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

### After School Program Attendant

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

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

### Custodian

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

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

### Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

### Early Childhood Teacher

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

### 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 N14; 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. To 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.

### Grants Program Coordinator

Open Until Filled – 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.

### Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Recreation Assistant 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.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- High School Assistant Track Coach
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
- High School Head Volleyball Coach
- High School Math Teacher
- High School Social Studies Teacher
- Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Head Volleyball Coach
- Middle School/High School Music Teacher

## TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information 970-563-2294 • Native American Preference Applies  
Job descriptions and applications available at TERO 71 Mike Frost Way, 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.

## Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

### Employment Announcements as of March 20, 2023

- Finance, A/P Tech – Closes 3/31/23
- CFR, Part-time Judicial Officer – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- CHR, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- Media/Echo, Journalist – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Administrative Assistant – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Suicide Prevention Coord. – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, UA/BA Tech (male) – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Youth Services Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Planning, Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Director – Open Until Filled
- Shelter, Houseparent Part-time 1 – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- White Mountain CHR, CHR – Open Until Filled
- White Mountain Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- White Mountain Seniors, Cook/Assistant – Open Until Filled
- White Mountain Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- White Mountain Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

## The Southern Ute Health Center continues to be proactive with COVID-19 prevention and care

The S.U. Health Center continues to provide COVID-19 testing Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. for scheduled and walk-in patients in the modular covid building. Wednesday vaccination hours are 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. for vaccinations. Vaccinations will be done inside SUHC. For scheduling: 970-563-4581. S.U. Tribal Information Services continues to provide masks, Antigen Rapid Home Test Kits, and hand sanitizer to Southern Ute tribal families and tribal entity staff members. To request PPE: 970-563-2208.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

### 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. Trainee 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. 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 Registered Nurse providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and 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 – Advanced level position, 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.

### 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. For both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

### Tribal Apprenticeship Program – (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Accepting applications for S.U. tribal members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. Program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. 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 application is submitted, an email will be sent asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

### Tribal Attorney

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

### Tribal Ranger Captain

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

### Water Quality Specialist: Animas River Coordinator

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



**Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements**

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

**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.

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

Closes 3/31/23 – Managing and maintaining field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow and Tribal priorities and concerns.

Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

**Regional Vice President – GF Properties, LLC (Durango, CO)**

Closes 3/31/23 – Effectively performing a variety of senior level real estate functions for both development and investments focusing on Three Springs and Growth Fund Administration projects. Will be involved in regional portfolio strategic planning, coordination of certain property acquisitions and dispositions, negotiation of joint venture partner transactions, real estate asset management, financing and loan evaluation and placement, project financial performance and feasibility analysis, project development and entitlement management, overall development project supervision.

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

Closes 4/30/23 – Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, fixed assets entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Communicates and coordinates with Growth Fund business units and third-party accounting providers to provide accurate and timely monthly closing of books and records. Supports the preparation of the monthly financial reporting packages and the audit function. Providing accounting support as needed to the Growth Fund Controller's office and presents a positive and professional image to the Growth Fund and its entities, Tribal employees, Tribal members, and to the general public.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements**

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

**\*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 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. Must be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*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. 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. Ensures 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)**

Kitchen Stewards 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 Tech. 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 copy writing, implementing the marketing strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions.

**Room Attendant (Full-time)**

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. 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. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

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

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

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

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

**\*Surveillance 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.

**\*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.

**Willows Busser (Full-time)**

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

**Willows Server (Full-time)**

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

**Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements**

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

**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](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4545/4517.

- Addiction Counselor
- Assist. Div. Director
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Tech.
- Finance Administrator
- Substitute Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

**Multi-Purpose Facility Up-Coming Events**

**March Beading Class**

**Shawl Pins**  
**March 28 & 30, 2023**  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
**And**  
**5:30 PM—7:30 PM**



Call To sign up  
 Specify day or evening  
 Class

**April Events**

- Cooking Workshop April 4**
- Senior Breakfast April 5**
- Quilt Class—April 11-12**
- Yard Sale—April 15**
- Elder Crafts April 17**
- Dresses, Skirts April 18 -20**
- Food Sale April 21**
- Beading Class April 24 & 26**



**Easter Sip Chat & Chew**

**Friday April 7, 2023**



**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



All three Ute Tribe  
 Families Ute Mountain,  
 Northern Ute & Southern  
 Ute

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

**CREATE YOUR FUTURE!**

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



**Program runs April 3-May 10**  
**Class lectures are online.**

Lab on Tuesday & Thursday from 4:00-8:15 pm at the PCC Southwest Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

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

For more info or to apply, contact  
**Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu**  
 or call **970.385.2098**



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

**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](http://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.



## LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

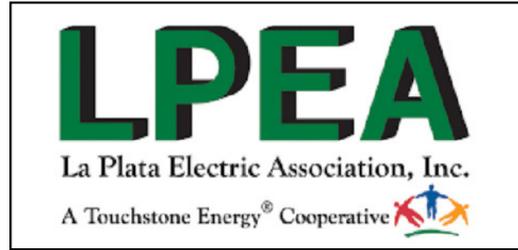
# LPEA seeks members due to receive Capital Credit refunds

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is seeking current and former members who are due to receive Capital Credit refund monies. Capital Credits represent member investment in the cooperative and are credited to members based on the amount of electricity they consume.

As a cooperative utility owned by its members, LPEA regularly returns Capital Credits to its membership. Each year, the LPEA Board of Directors determines how many Capital Credits should be retired based on the cooperative's financial situation. Those funds are then returned to members as a bill credit or check. Sometimes these checks go uncashed, or LPEA cannot find a valid address on file to remit them.



After three years, these funds become "unclaimed" and are then used for educational or charitable purposes as determined by the LPEA Board of Directors as outlined in LPEA's Bylaws. Unclaimed Capital Credit funds support LPEA's scholarship and grant programs and contribute to educational and non-profit community projects in La Plata and Archuleta counties.

The complete list of unclaimed Capital Credits is available at [lpea.coop/ucc](http://lpea.coop/ucc). It will also be published as an insert in the Durango Her-

ald and the Pagosa Springs Sun. To claim funds, members must call LPEA directly at 970-247-5786.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to approximately 35,000 members. Contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit [lpea.coop](http://lpea.coop) for more information.

## AGRICULTURE DIVISION

PRESENTS

### GARDEN PLANNING & PREPARATION

Date: April 6, 2023  
Time: 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Ag/Custom Farm shop located at 655 CR 517

Gardening in Southwest Colorado can present many challenges. This program is offered to Southern Ute Tribal members and other Natives. It will provide information on soil preparation, planting dates and plant selection. There will be door prizes that may include seeds and other gardening items.

For more information contact Kevin Mallow at 970/563-2901.

## 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

# ATTENTION

## WATER USERS

### PINE RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

#### SPRING WATER USERS MEETING

April 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 6-8PM

SKY UTE CASINO

WILL BE TURNING ON

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

## SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

Bureau of Indian Affairs

(970) 563-9484

### Need Technical Assistance?

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) Support Team

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

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



## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- 19th century 8 Down leader
- "I'll drink ---!"
- Knight's breastplate
- Night sky sight, way up north or south
- Periodicals, briefly
- Get a promotion
- "Guess the joke's ---"
- "Skeleton Dance" author Aaron ---
- Magazine of the National Space Society
- Kaw
- Place for a light slap
- Bunkers' old auto
- Roomier
- "Braveheart" group
- Singer/soap star Gloria ---
- Shan ---, Ute Garden of the Gods gathering
- Plastered
- Apartment, to rental agents
- Most senior
- Photos

### Down

- Western Shoshone tribe
- Nation north of Lake Victoria
- Important guy, particularly on campus
- Evaluate
- Stun gun
- Fugitives
- Long, hard trip
- Arizona native, whose creator is Tawa
- "--- for one's money"
- "Lights out" tune
- Ancient money units
- Accumulate
- Mississippi Rive Valley confederation of old
- Czech, for instance
- Basic beliefs
- Jargon
- Monstera ---, a variegated house plant
- Mob miss
- Cattle poker
- "Diet," in adspeak

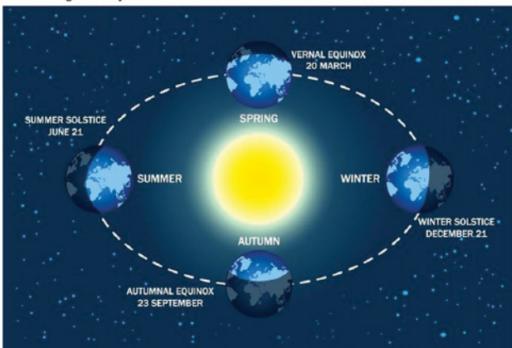
Answers for this crossword will appear in April 7 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for March 10, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Baal, 5 Asian, 10 UNGA, 11 Dinned, 13 Rood, 14 Olathe, 15 Cdre, 16 Retire, 17 Headmen, 19 Cup, 20 Paa, 21 Cui, 23 Hah, 25 Steppes, 29 Owosso, 31 Hale, 32 Goblin, 33 Etre, 34 Grieve, 35 Roil, 36 Dawes, 37 Eros.  
Down: 1 Burch, 2 Anode, 3 Agoraphobia, 4 La-de-da, 5 Adore, 6 Silence, 7 In at, 8 Anticipator, 9 Nehru, 12 Deep, 18 Massive, 22 Up here, 23 Hogg, 24 A word, 26 Tones, 27 Elrio, 28 Seels, 30 Slew.

## Did you know?!

This year, the official day of astronomical spring, also called spring equinox or vernal equinox, in the Northern Hemisphere is Monday, March 20. During this time, both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres receive roughly equal amounts of sunlight. The amount of daylight has been increasing each day since the winter solstice and will continue until the summer solstice in June.



Source: <https://www.almanac.com/content/first-days-spring-vernal-equinox> & forbes.com  
Please contact the Environmental Programs Manager, Mandy Eskelson, at 970-563-2256 or [meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions or comments.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, March 24



Partly sunny 41°F  
50% chance of precipitation

Saturday, March 25



Partly sunny 37°F  
Slight chance of snow showers

Sunday, March 26



Mostly cloudy 38°F  
A chance of snow showers

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

