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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Revisiting the Native Connections Program through the years

Grant funded program to end in September

By Divine Windy Boy
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

This year the Southern Ute Native Connections Program (NCP), a nationally grant funded program through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will be ending in September of this year. Over the last five years the NCP has worked diligently to help the tribal community identify and address the behavioral health needs of Native youth.

The program consists of three employees, Southern Ute Behavioral Health Manager Mary Young, NCP Therapist Cedra Etesam, and Program Coordinator Precious Collins. The main focuses of the program include reducing suicidal behavior and substance abuse among Native youth up to age 24, easing the impacts of substance abuse, mental illness, and trauma within Native communities, as well as supporting youth as they transition into adulthood. Throughout the past five



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Curtis White Thunder stands with Native Connections Program Coordinator, Precious Collins after winning a skate deck in the raffle event hosted by the SunUte Community Center and the Behavioral Health Division.

years the program has collaborated with many entities within the Tribe to spread awareness and uplift youth within our community.

NCP in collaboration with local, state, and Tribal entities have completed numerous programs and events including, the "I Rise Above" Mural, Gun Lock Safety Project, annual "988 Skate Park Jam," Ice Climbing in Ouray Ice Park, plus multiple substance abuse preventative trainings, in addition to suicide aware-

ness and social norming campaigns throughout the community. In an interview, Collins shares that these accomplishments were made possible through collaboration.

"We [NCP] realize that in order to address and get to the root of some of the mental health and substance use challenges that our Native American youth might encounter, it's not just going to be one program or person

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. and Ute Mountain Ute Vietnam Veteran, Terry Knight welcome attendees to the annual Vietnam Veterans Day recognition celebration, held at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio, Wednesday, March 29.

SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Southern Utes hold recognition of service for Vietnam Veterans

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A formal Vietnam Veterans Day recognition celebration was held at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio, Wednesday, March 29. Hosted by the Southern Ute Veterans Association, the event brought veterans, families, and tribal dignitaries together for this day of recognition and remembrance.

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. served as Master of Ceremonies, joined by Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Vietnam veterans, reflecting on their experiences in Vietnam, and the impact it has had on their lives and their generation.

"I landed in Vietnam on my 19th birth-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Vietnam Veterans from the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes in attendance at last week's recognition ceremony, stand together for a formal portrait next to the Vietnam Memorial; pictured left to right - Ronnie C. Baker, Howard Richards Sr., Rod Grove and Terry Knight.

day," Vietnam Veteran Rod Grove said. "[I was there] 13 months and 22 days - it was hot and humid, there was malaria ... we filled a lot of sandbags," he said reflecting on his military service in Southeast Asia.

The Southern Ute Veterans Association acknowledged the other veterans in attendance and spoke to the long history of tribal participation in this country's many wars - defend-

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Hope in Healing Native Opioid Summit brings tribes together

Two-day conference hosted at the Sky Ute Casino

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Keynote speaker Sam Rivera, Executive Director of OnPoint NYC, presented "We are the Medicine" opening the two-day Hope in Healing Native Opioid Summit at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Monday, March 27 - while at the podium, Rivera wears a set of earrings fashioned from empty vials of Naloxone that were used to reverse two lives in his presence. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids - including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications - he keeps the earrings as a reminder of the possibilities and hope



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Keynote speaker, Sam Rivera of OnPoint NYC presented "We are the Medicine" during the first day of the Hope in Healing Native Opioid Summit at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Rivera hails from New York City where he currently serves as the Executive Director of OnPoint NYC.

that access to proper medications and training can provide. A direct link to the miracle of life.

"Rivera brings to this role

his several decades of cutting-edge service provision experience and a com-

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Scoring night!



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Avalina Frost grips her aunt's bull moose antlers during the Membership Outreach and Scoring Night event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center. Tribal members were encouraged to bring in their trophy animals to get officially scored, Wednesday, March 22. The last time the Wildlife Division held a scoring night was in 2019 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

See more scoring photos on page 13.

Wanbli Ota hosts Hozhoni Days



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Royalty attended both days of the Hozhoni Days Powwow, greeting powwow participants in their role as ambassadors for the Tribe. Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz, and Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Shayne White Thunder welcomed the newly crowned first alternate titles; Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate Maleina Carel.

See more Hozhoni Days Powwow photo on page 15.

Fort Lewis College President, Tom Stritikus, alongside powwow emcee Rick Yazzie, welcomes attendees to Durango, Colo. and the Whalen Gymnasium. Stritikus wished all a safe and joyous weekend as the powwow kicked off Friday afternoon at Fort Lewis College.



Welcome Judge Taylor



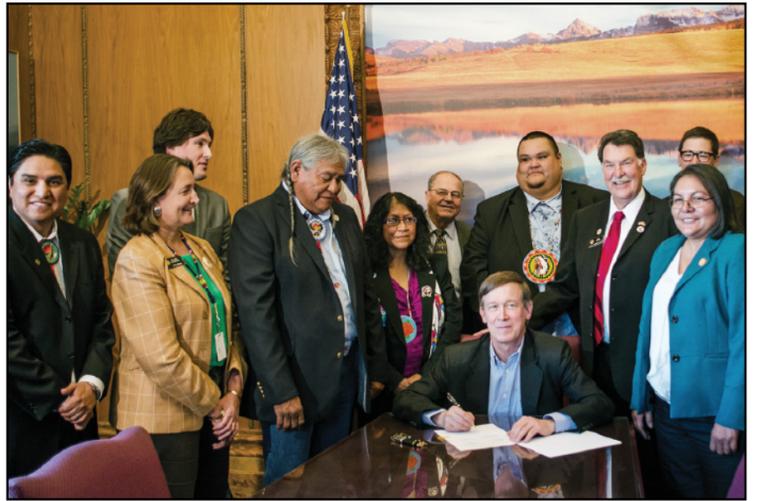
photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Former Chief Judge and tribal elder, Pearl Casias helped mentor Michelle Taylor throughout her journey to becoming appointed Associate Judge. Casias shares a few words with attendees and members of Tribal Council expressing her pride in Taylor. Friends and family members of Judge Taylor also gathered to watch her become appointed to Associate Judge for the Southern Ute Tribal Court.



Michelle Taylor became the newly appointed Associate Judge on Tuesday, March 28 following her swearing in during the Tribal Council regular meeting. Taylor has completed extensive training to make this accomplishment, she will continue to learn in this position for the next three years.

Many Moons Ago

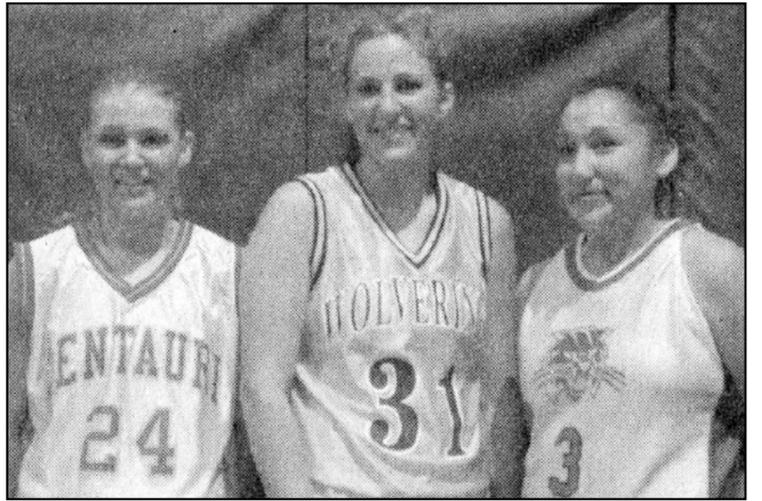


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Ute leaders and members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs joined state legislators in Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper's office for the signing of HB 13-1198 – an Act concerning the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. The signing, which took place on Friday, March 22, coincided with the Denver March Powwow.

This photo was first published in the April 5, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

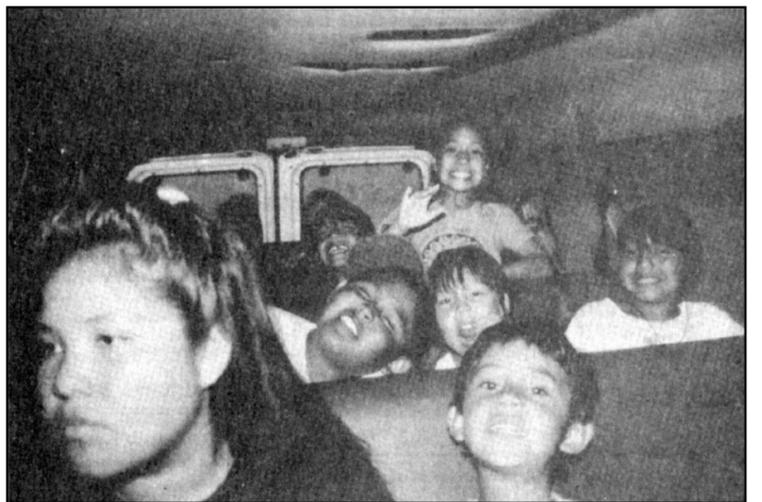


Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Lady Bobcat starting guard Katie Whiteskunk was selected as an alternate for the 2003 Class 3A All-State basketball game. Pictured are Brittney McCarroll, guard of the Centauri Falcons; Kimberly Piccoli, center of the Bayfield Wolverines, and Whiteskunk.

This photo was published in the April 4, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

These kids wore tired faces after a long week of swimming at the Ouray Hot Springs swimming pool. This trip was the end of the weeklong Spring Break activities held by the Southern Ute Library. Other field trips included an excursion to Mesa Verde, NAPI, skating in Farmington, N.M. and a visit to Salmon Ruins in Bloomfield, N.M.

This photo was published in the April 2, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

The winners of the Denver March Powwow royalty were announced. Those crowned were Williamette "Pebbles" Thompson, Miss Denver March Powwow; Ronaldyn Tiznado, Jr. Miss Denver March Powwow First Alternate; and Teresa Harlan, Jr. Miss Denver March Powwow.

This photo was published in the April 8, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

Monday April 17, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

Please call to sign up
- space is limited -

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



2023 Home Rehabilitation Program will be taking Applications.

The Construction Services Division will be accepting applications for the 2023 Home Rehabilitation Program. The deadline for application is May 5, 2023. All applications received after May 5th will be considered in the 2024 selection. If you have previously submitted a Home Rehabilitation application and were not selected at the time, you will need to submit a new application.

You must meet all the eligibility requirements and fill out the Home Rehabilitation application to be considered. Once the selection panel meets and makes its decision. You will be notified in writing if you were selected or not selected for the Home Rehabilitation program for 2023.

Please contact Construction Services Division for applications and if you have any questions, you can call 970-563-0260.

Thank you, Construction Services



Youth Group Reunion



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Lena Gallegos and Williamette deKay view old photos of the Southern Ute Youth Group posted throughout the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Saturday, March 25. Photos displayed at the event showed members of the group on their many travels taken throughout the 70's, 80's, and early 90's.



Neida Chackee reflects on her days as part of the Southern Ute Royalty traveling with the Southern Ute Youth Group and shares a story with the attendees of the reunion. The reunion brought together members of the group and their families to enjoy a meal and share memories.

Edward Box III and Bertha Box demonstrate the Tee Dance for attendees of the Youth Group Reunion. The group gathered to reminisce about their days traveling throughout North America showcasing their Ute style of dancing and performance skills.

HISTORY COLORADO

Exploring Black Identity in the Ute Borderlands

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado's latest public lecture explored the story of John Taylor, a freed black man who enlisted as a Buffalo Soldier following the Civil War and was sent west. Louis Gregory McAllister, professor of Ethnic Studies at Northern Arizona University, discussed the history of how Taylor settled in southwestern Colorado, where he claimed to be "the first white man in the Pine River Valley." Taylor eventually married Kitty Cloud (Ute) and had four children before passing away in 1934 at the age of ninety-four.

These lectures are part of the buildup to the opening of buffalo soldiers: reVision at Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center, Saturday, June 24. This new exhibit is being created in partnership with eight independent artists and unpacks themes of race, land, and the harm unleashed by westward expansion while providing an emotional testament to



courtesy History Colorado

History Colorado recently offered a free event that explored the story of John Taylor, a freed black man who enlisted as a Buffalo Soldier following the Civil War and was sent west.

the difficult choices the all-Black Buffalo Soldiers regiments faced.

Louis Gregory McAllister holds a M.A in History from the Northern Arizona University and is a professor of Ethnic Studies at Northern Arizona University. McAllister's specializations include: Race relations in the United State Southwest Borderlands; African American History; American Indian-Black relations in American History; Racial formation in American History; and Integrating film, art, music and literature into the fields of History and Ethnic Studies. These events are free and open to the public, but registration is required. The stories told in the Borderlands of Southern Colorado exhibitions are getting richer. Join authors, artists, scholars, and activists from around the country this fall for the Borderlands of Southern Colorado lecture series as they deepen discussions and complicate narratives on various Borderlands topics.

Join the Southern Ute Heritage Dance Troop



Photo Credit: McKayla Lee | SU DRUM

Interested in performing as a Heritage Dancer.....

CULTURAL PRESERVATION IS UPDATING THE DANCE LIST ROSTER

IF YOU'RE ALREADY ON THE LIST, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UPATED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL TO BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER.



PLEASE CONTACT EDWARD BOX III (970) 563-2988 OR EMAIL EBBOX@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV

Spring Blessing Celebration
Thursday May 25th, 2023
Starts at Sunrise
Bear Dance Camp Grounds

BREAKFAST FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED

In honor of our, Chiefs, Singers, and our Nuuchiu!

Blessings will be offered during this time.

A time to celebrate, renew and be thankful for new beginnings.

Alex Cloud: (970)442-1013

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

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

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

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER
Grand Entry: Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 1pm & 7pm
Registration:
Friday: 5pm-7pm
Saturday: 12pm-1pm

SOUTHERN UTE POW WOV COMMITTEE

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

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

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

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE
May 26 - 29, 2023 • Ignacio, CO
Bear Dance Grounds Blessing: May 26, 10 a.m. • Bear Dance Feast: May 29
Bear Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box

2972 A. END OF THE UTE BEAR DANCE.

Bear Dance Rules: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing. Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes. The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft. The Pine River is RESTRICTED. "Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate, or jealousy to the sacred grounds."

Bear Dance info contact: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038. Vending information contact: 970-563-2983.

REMINDER
101st ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR

THEME & ARTWORK CONTEST

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MAY 1, 2023

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

HEALTHY RECIPES

Easy weeknight bison chili

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

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



courtesy Seanna's Kitchen

Bison Chili

Ingredients:

- 1# ground buffalo (bison)
- 2 tablespoons oil (olive, canola, etc)
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 4oz can chopped green chili
- 1 28oz can diced tomatoes (do not drain)
- 1 15oz can black beans, rinse and drain
- 1 15oz can dark red kidney beans, rinse and drain
- 1-3 cups water or low sodium broth (as needed for desired consistency)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add buffalo and cook about 5 minutes. Stir often to break up chunks. Push meat to the sides of pan.
2. Reducing heat to medium, add remaining oil, onions, peppers, and garlic and continue to cook for an

- additional 3-5 minutes. Stir as needed to brown and then combine with meat.
3. Add chili powder, cumin, green chilis, diced tomatoes and beans, stir to combine.
4. Add water/broth and bring to a boil.
5. Reduce heat and let simmer for 30-45 minutes adding additional water/broth as desired.
6. Salt and pepper to taste.
7. Garnish with shredded cheddar, fresh cilantro, green onions, sliced fresh jalapenos as desired.

Instant Pot

On sauté setting, brown buffalo, onions, and peppers for about 5 minutes. Turn off sauté. Add remaining ingredients with only one cup water or broth, stir, and cook on High Pressure for 10 minutes. Quick release. If chili is too thick, add water/broth to reach the desired consistency. Stir and serve with toppings of choice.

Crock Pot

In a large frying pan, heat oil and brown buffalo, onions, and peppers. Add meat to crock pot and then add remaining ingredients, stir to combine, and set on high for 4-5 hours.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: April is Celebrate Diversity Month!

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

April is Celebrate Diversity Month

Diversity – the condition of having or being composed of differing elements (Diversity definition & meaning 2023). Internationally, people celebrate diversity in different locations and in multiple ways, including language and mannerisms. According to the National Today website, this month is “to recognize and honor the diversity of the world around us. It is a time to recognize and understand our differences, be it gender, race, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, and other factors, while honoring the common essence of humanity.” Looking at history, even back to the Mesozoic Era, “the dinosaur era,” you can see that diversity existed even then. There were different species that all lived together. Plants, animals, dinosaurs, insects, and much more differed in many ways. Fast forward to today, the world is way more diverse than in the Mesozoic Era.

A diverse today for a better tomorrow

Recognizing, creating, and sharing space and celebrating diversity today could mean we are creating a better tomorrow for all, not just humankind. When we acknowledge the diversity of ourselves and humanity, we can also create space for other existing “things,” such as plants, animals, and even rocks! “The root of all the world’s problems is the refusal to appreciate others. It is natural for humans to fear what they don’t know. Thus, Celebrate Diversity Month pushes us to seek this knowledge so that we can build a tolerant world that welcomes everyone, regardless of who they are or where they come from.” (Celebrate diversity month 2022)

How can you celebrate Diversity Month with the rest of us?

The nationaltoday.com/celebrate-diversity-month

has some great suggestions:

- Be considerate to everyone. The point of celebrating diversity is to respect and appreciate everyone, no matter where they come from or the color of their skin. Treating people with an equal amount of respect and consideration is what makes it work and doing so creates a better world for all.
- Listen to people from other cultures. Some of the world’s most urgent problems stem from the fact that minorities tend to not feel as represented or as listened to as the majority. If you have colleagues or coworkers who feel like their concerns are not being heard, listen to what they have to say, and help them get their points across to those who have trouble listening. If we can foster more inclusive work and social environments, then we are one step closer to achieving global harmony.
- Learn more about different cultures and lifestyles. It helps to learn about different cultures for you to understand them further. Many of the problems in the world come from a lack of understanding and empathy for different cultures. Interacting with other cultures or those living different lifestyles than yours can help eradicate those misunderstandings.

You are, by nature, diverse

As individuals, we are diverse, even if we are part of a community, family, or group. We all don’t look or sound alike, we don’t walk the same, we don’t think the same, and we all see and experience things differently. This is diversity at a fundamental level. This month, we challenge you to go bigger, think bigger, and learn and listen to others who don’t sound, look, or believe as you do. Find the small things to celebrate. When

we can see the little positive and healthy nuggets in a world of judgment and even discrimination, we can find the beauty diversity creates. We can find the beauty of growth and creativity within ourselves when we think and look outside the box. So, we invite you to welcome the season of spring, rebirth, and change into your lives by looking at the world with curious eyes. I’d like to know what you’ll find and see.

It’s okay not to feel okay

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out. Please contact us if you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Don’t hesitate to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970.563.5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist. Or you can call the NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8 #988Lifeline

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

Resources:

Celebrate diversity month. National Today. (2022, October 21). Retrieved April 3, 2023, from https://nationaltoday.com/celebrate-diversity-month/
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REVISITING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH • FROM PAGE 1

addressing it – so it takes a whole community,” Collins said. “That’s been our motto – ‘let’s work together,’ when we work with multiple programs and individuals, especially here with the Tribe, we’re not only able to support one another and bring out really awesome community events, but we’re also able to spread awareness and the educational piece of the program.”

NCP Therapist Cedra Etesam shared that one of the NCP accomplishments she takes pride in is the programs presence within the educational entities throughout the Ignacio community and Tribe. “I think that making a presence within the schools has been one of the greatest accomplishments thus far with being part of this Native Connections Program,” Etesam said. “It’s very enjoyable, I really enjoy advocating for the kid-

dos in the schools, [NCP] will definitely do whatever we need to do to help students have a voice and develop the space they need within their little community then we will hold their hand through that process.”

Southern Ute Behavioral Health Manager, Mary Young shares that she is most proud of the visibility the program has created for youth within the community over the last five years of operation. “If I had to put one word for what Native Connections has accomplished, it’s visibility,” Young said. “I think about the mural involving the youth, creating that mural of resiliency and I think about the stickers and the flyers – the messages are there, the visibility is there, I want to make sure we continue that.”

Despite the grant funded program ending this year, the group hopes to continue their campaigning efforts

and educational resources for all members of the Native community. Program resources will continue until the month of September and will continue to be available through the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division. Collins emphasized that those resources, such as the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, are continually available to all nationally.

“The substance use or the behavioral health team is out there, their resources are always going to be here,” Collins said. “The grant in the program itself is ending, but the efforts, treatment, and information is still very much a part of the Behavioral Health Division.”

For more information regarding the Native Connections Program please contact the Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-2365. Always remember that help is available 24/7 via the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.

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

April Recipe: Tofu Stir Fry

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

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

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFresh_April2023
Sign-up Deadline: Monday, April 24th
Pickup Date: Wednesday, April 26th

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

Breastfeeding & Parent Support Class

Safe Spring Cleaning Practices

Join us on April 13th for food, education, and good company

Free goodies! Nutritious Lunch! Raffle Giveaway

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

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

When: Thursday, April 13th

Time: 12-1pm

This is a monthly event that strives towards building community for women to feel safe and connected. If you are not currently breastfeeding we encourage you to come, and share what you do know, so that we can keep traditions and knowledge alive!

Contact: Shawmarie Tso (970)-563-2163



HOPE IN HEALING SUMMIT • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Councilwoman Marge Barry attended the morning session of the Hope in Healing Native Opioid Summit at the Sky Ute Casino Resort – where Baker was scheduled to give the welcome address, Monday, March 27.

mitment to social justice,” according to the OnPoint NYC website.

OnPoint NYC is a harm reduction organization that provides services to active drug users and sex workers in Northern Manhattan and The South Bronx, many of whom are low-income or homeless as well as of color and LGBTQ.

Heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications pose a risk to communities across America, and the Hope in Healing summit was created for providers to address the issues impacting Native communities in particular – providing knowledge and toolsets to combat the rise in substance use in underserved communities, while fostering an environment where ideas and resources can be shared and elevated.

Topics covered during



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Russel Box gave the opening prayer, while sharing a few words of wisdom during the Hope in Healing Native Opioid Summit.

the summit included, Drum Assisted Recovery Therapy for Native Americans by George Funmaker, State of the Opioid Epidemic Among American Indian/Alaska Natives by Carolyn Parshall and Kori VanDerGeest of the Albuquerque Area Southwest

Tribal Epidemiology Center, a presentation of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe MAT Program by William Finn of the Southern Ute Health Center and Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Project Overview by Cassandra Allen of Indian Health Services.

Cooking Matters with SUIMA



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Diabetes Patient Coordinator, Lisa Smith helps SUIMA students cut vegetables for their healthy mini pizzas as part of the Cooking Matters class taught on Monday, March 27 at the SunUte Community Center.



Students work hard to cut tomatoes, onions, zucchini, bell peppers, and shredded cheese for their pizza toppings. Shining Mountain Health & Wellness employees, Shaw Marie Tso and Lisa Smith led the students through the recipe and taught them about the importance of healthy eating.

Students personalized their mini pizzas with a variety of vegetables, cheese, and slices of pepperoni. Cooking Matters works with local partners nationally to help families with healthy and affordable meals, working to help lead healthier lives.

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.

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.

Tribal Colorectal Health Project in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Did you know that all American Indian men and women age 45-75 should have routine colorectal health screenings?

Colorectal cancer has now become the 2nd most common type of cancer among American Indian men and women. By getting regular screening, colorectal cancer can be completely prevented or found early when treatment works best.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently participating in a project with the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC) and the University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center to encourage all community members age 45-75 to be screened.

Southern Ute Health Center patients age 45-75 will receive a survey and a colorectal health screening kit in the mail. It is completely voluntary to participate, but we hope you will consider this important step to good health and wellness. Help protect yourself, your family and our community from colorectal cancer by getting your regular screenings done!

If you have any questions about this new project in our community, please contact Will Finn at 970-563-5711.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: CLOSURE!!

THE SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED.

THURSDAY APRIL 13th FROM 12:00PM-2:30PM.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SO. UTE HEALTH CENTER FOR ANY QUESTIONS @ 970-563-4581

"COLOR US WITH LOVE"



DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2023 CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

COLOR RUN

"Come Run with Auntie" SPECIAL GUEST: TONIA JO HALL, "AUNTIE BEACHRESS"

APRIL 21, 2023

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courtesy SUIMA

O'hozhoni Larry and Destiny Valdez listen intently to stories being told in one of the classrooms at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center.

SUIMA

Pe'ekwatə "Eagle's Nest"

Continuing to grow the Ute language

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Using the approved Ute Dictionary, I have provided a brief reference for some of the consonants that are encountered in the Southern Ute language.

The last edition of the Pe'ekwatə I had included the vowels and special symbols. I hope you find these useful as we continue to grow the language.

This edition:

- g** – as in nūgani – sounds like g in get – means tipi
- k** – as in kiipə – sounds like k in kitty – means elbow
- m** – as in mamachi – sounds like m in mat – means woman
- n** – as in na'awaapuuni – sounds like n in not – means beautiful
- p** – as in paa – sounds like p in pat – means water
- q** – as in qoqho – sound like k, but further back in the throat - means bullsnake
- r** – as in nūruachi – sounds like t in the word butter – means baby

Last edition:

- a** – as in taa' – sounds like a in father – means shirt, clothes
- e** – as in 'ivetə – sounds like e in met – means 'on here'
- i** – as in 'ivetə – sounds like i in Wii - means 'on here'
- o** – as in 'aghochi – sounds like o in note – means 'dish'
- ə** – as in 'əqarə – sounds like er in her – means yellow
- u** – as in 'uwarə - sounds like o in who – means 'rain'
- ʉ** – as in ʉ – sounds like oo while frowning – means 'yes'

Montessori Tidbits

There are hundreds of Montessori schools in our country, and thousands throughout the world. The



courtesy SUIMA

Lower elementary students, Lawrence Santisteven Jr., Leandro Litz, Jr. Tenetke Wesley, Jayceon Richards, and Destiny Valdez thank Ute elder Hanley Frost for telling them stories about the Bear Dance.

age ranges of these schools can include infants through high school.

To become a Montessori teacher, there are intense, college level classes that the individual must attend. The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy serves infants through sixth grade.

Focusing on the toddler and pre-K ages, Dr. Montessori saw that young children are in a "sensitive pe-

riod" for absorbing language, both written and spoken. When you enter one of these age level classrooms, you will find students deep in conversations, listening to stories, or singing songs.

Introduction of the Montessori sandpaper letters helps the students to associate each spoken word with its symbol (letters) which supports the development of writing and reading.

Upcoming events

- **Every Friday:** Fancy Fridays & Early Release!
- **April 18:** PAG meeting via Zoom
- **April 21:** No school for students – Professional Development Day for staff

Fundraising for Santa Fe



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Upper Elementary student Osias Goodtracks helps to assemble toppings for Indian Tacos during the SUIMA fundraising event. Students sold Indian Tacos during the lunch hour on Thursday, March 30.



Fabian Martinez shows off his Indian Taco, purchased at the SUIMA Indian Taco Sale. Tribal employees, community members, and families continue to show their support to the students in their fundraising endeavors.

This school year is nearing its end at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, and Upper Elementary students continue fundraising in anticipation of their end of school year trip to Santa Fe, N.M. this summer.

Book Fair fun!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Scholastic Book Fair returned this week at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, student Joe Howell takes a glance at a book on Wednesday, April 5. The book fair was held Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7.

Saniyya Valdez shares a smile while observing books at the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Dining Hall of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The book fair hosts a variety of reading material for children of all ages.



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Students of the season



Anilah Hight
Elementary School

Anilah Hight

My name is Anilah Hight, I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am a second grader. My parents are Marcus and Carli. At school, I like math, art, and seeing my friends – my favorite subjects include music and reading. My family is my most positive role model, I love them, and they teach me a lot. When I grow up, I would like to be a makeup artist.

Anilah Hight is nominated by Southern Ute Education Teacher, Denise Krispin: “Anilah is a kind-hearted student who I am happy to nominate for Southern Ute Student of the Season. This is her second year joining me in our after-school tutoring program. Anilah is a good student who stays on task and has a positive attitude about her academics. She is patient, kind, and thoughtful of her classmates and teachers. Anilah is a great teacher helper at tutoring, she enjoys a challenge. Anilah’s warm beautiful smile and her easy-going nature brings happiness to our classroom.”

Ignacio Elementary Teacher, Kalea Lee comments: “Anilah has been an absolute joy to have in my classroom! She is very sweet, hardworking, and puts 100% effort into everything she does. Anilah is a great role model and an amazing friend to all. She makes sure everyone is taken care of and included. She is a great help to me in the classroom! Anilah is constantly showing our six-pillar characteristics. I’m very excited to see all that she accomplishes!” — Ms. Lee.

Her family comments: “Anilah is such an amazing person; her positive energy and kindness are simply beautiful. She truly lives up to being a “six pillar Bobcat”, we are all so proud of Anilah, her dedication to school, and all that she has and will accomplish. Keep up the awesome work sweet girl! We love you!” — Mom & Dad.



Aydin Baker-Valdez
Elementary School

Aydin Baker-Valdez

My name is Aydin Baker-Valdez, I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am a fifth grader. My parents are Omar Valdez and Amber Baker-Valdez. While at school I most enjoy math and recess. My favorite subject in school is math. My most positive role models are my parents, because they help to raise me into a good person. I’m not sure what I would like to do when I grow up, maybe a police officer or a veterinarian.

Aydin Baker-Valdez is nominated by Southern Ute Education Teacher Kelly Fiddler: “Aydin is very kind, caring, and funny. This year Aydin has really been working to improve his reading and staying on task at school. Aydin enjoys helping others and would do anything to help his peers out.”

His teachers Mrs. Kelly Fiddler and Mrs. Kathleen Wyatt comment: “Aydin strikes me as a young man with an amazing amount of potential to do great things in life. He is easy going, kind, funny, and extremely hard working. One thing that makes him stand out is his kindness and acceptance of others. This kindness, his openness, and willingness to accept all people is an attribute that is extremely honorable and makes him unique. Another characteristic that makes him special is how hard he works. He is incredibly dedicated to achieving his goals and as a result he has made great progress in school this year. Congratulations Aydin!” — Kelly Fiddler.

“Aydin is a hardworking, persevering student. He jokes around but always knows when to be respectful. Aydin learns math quickly and applies skills he has remembered from lower grades. He also wins the prize for manners. He always asks how my day is going and says please and thank you,” — Kathleen Wyatt.

His family comments: We are excited to see Aydin push out of his comfort zone to ask more questions so he can get a better understanding of his work. We are always proud of him, we hope he is proud of himself as well.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Sunnier days, warmer weather, and state testing

By Cori Stevens,
Curriculum Director
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT



Cori Stevens
Curriculum Director
Ignacio School District

Dear Families and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well. Spring has finally arrived, which means sunnier days, warmer weather, and state testing! As required by the State of Colorado, Ignacio School District tests students in grades 3-11 annually in English Language Arts and Math. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 are also required to take the Science assessment. State tests are a great indicator for how your student is performing academically compared to other students across the state. School Districts use state assessments to gauge how well they are doing in teaching students the standards and preparing them for college and careers. Teachers and administrators closely look at the results to determine areas in which instruction can be improved and to identify students that need more support. The State testing window is from April 10-28. Teachers and principals will

be sharing a building testing schedule with families. Collaboration between school districts and families is necessary in ensuring that students perform to the best of their abilities. Attendance is crucial. Students need to show up to school daily ready to learn. Teachers and families can work together to help students prepare: Practice tests can be found on <https://coassessments.com/>

Talk to your students about the test and let them know what to expect. Discuss good test taking strategies, such as reading ques-

tions twice, including all multiple-choice answers, and crossing out answers that don’t make sense. Help students to relax and remain positive: We want them to do their best! There are no grades or penalties for performance on state tests! If parents still have questions, they should reach out to their students’ teacher for support.

Teachers have been working hard to ensure students are comfortable and ready for State testing. In elementary school, students will have CMAS buddies. Upper grade students will be assigned to lower grade students to give out snacks and words of encouragement on testing days. Campaigns such as BEAT the CMAS help to build enthusiasm and confidence around testing. Student academic performance is a community-wide effort, and I am grateful to work in a district that has strong community connections. This sentiment is expressed in the Ignacio School District’s mission statement, “Together we will engage, empower, and prepare all of our learners for the future.”

Transition luncheon



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a transition luncheon for the kids who are moving on from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to Ignacio, Bayfield, and Durango public schools next school year 2023-2024. Meonahan “Joe” Howell introduced himself along with his classmates in the Upper Elementary classroom on Tuesday, March 28, at the SunUte Community conference room.

During the transition luncheon Mae Yazzie-Pino, SUIMA’s Upper Elementary teacher, expressed her joy in how far the kids have come, she also expressed her sadness in seeing them go.



Scholarships are available for the 2023-2024 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 3rd 2023
- Part-time scholarships are also available– applications are due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Certificate Scholarships-applications are due two weeks before classes start
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up at the Education Center



Southern Ute Education Department
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information: Michael Kirsch
Academic Advisor
970-563-2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

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 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.



Attention Tribal Membership!

Proposed new Truancy Code Public Meetings

APRIL 12, 2023

WHERE: SunUte Community Center,
Capote Room

TIME: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

APRIL 26, 2023

WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building

TIME: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Parents, Guardians, and K-12 students are encouraged to attend either or both meetings.

A link to the proposed Code can be found on the Education Department’s website - <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/>

Please contact Leslie Barnhart if you need a hard copy of the proposed new Truancy Code at (970) 563-2144 or lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov

GRANT FUNDING

La Plata Electric approves \$27,840 in grants to local non-profits

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board approved 11 grants totaling \$27,840 to local non-profit organizations at its meetings in January, February, and March of 2023.

The Durango Arts Center, Durango Trails, KUTE, Inc., Southwest Rural Philanthropy Days, and Riverview Christian Fellowship were awarded Round Up grants totaling \$12,500. The Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County, Dancing Spirit Inc., Durango High School Parent Teacher Organization, Locals First Foundation, San Juan BOCES, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue were awarded educational grants totaling \$15,340.

“As today’s youth spend more and more time on screens and in other digital media, the Boys & Girls Club continues to focus on ensuring kids spend time being physically active,” said Vaughn Morris, Boys & Girls Club CEO. “Thanks to

the LPEA Round Up Foundation Educational Grant, we can help hundreds of kids meet their weekly requirement of physical activity in a fun, safe and supportive environment.”

Round Up grants are made possible by the generosity of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) members, who choose to round up their monthly electric bill to the next highest dollar. Approximately 16,973 LPEA members donated \$29,817 to the Round Up Foundation during the first quarter of 2023. An additional \$60,000 in Unclaimed Capital Credits is also allocated annually by the LPEA Board of Directors to support educational grants.

A percentage of Round Up Foundation funds is also distributed to community assistance programs each year. The Round Up Foundation has allocated \$7,417 to the Community Emergency Assistance Coalition and \$2,476 to the Pagosa Outreach Connection to provide families and individuals with

emergency assistance funds thus far in 2023.

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms are available at lpea.coop/grant-programs.

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on SmartHub or at lpea.coop/round-foundation. The average LPEA member contribution is just \$6.00 annually. Members can also elect to donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits automatically.

Established in 1997, the La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation is a non-profit, community-support fund for organizations and individuals in LPEA’s service territory. A local, eleven-member volunteer board reviews applications and allocates funds. 100% of the tax-deductible donations stay in the communities LPEA serves.

SOUTHWEST COLORADO

Donations through the Community Foundation approached \$4 Million

Staff report
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 2022, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado infused \$3,961,543 million into Southwest Colorado’s non-profit community.

Last year marked a year of growth for the Community Foundation, including hiring new staff and facilitating new grant sources, such as the La Plata and Archuleta County funds. Strong community impact is demonstrated through the Foundation’s grants-to-operations ratio: \$7.42 in grants for every dollar the Foundation spent in operations in 2022.

“Having spearheaded community donations at the Foundation for more than ten years, I am often in awe of the generosity of Southwest Colorado,” says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community

Foundation. “We are strategically funding responsive programming for many community needs, such as youth mental health support.”

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado manages over \$13 million in investments and is home to more than 80 donor advised funds, organizational funds, designated funds, scholarship funds, fiscal sponsorship funds and field of interest funds – serving Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties.

Those grants are broken down as follows:

- \$2,901,920 was facilitated through Community Foundation projects and programmatic granting.
- \$1,059,623 was granted from Community Foundation donor-advised funds, or DAFs.

Grants were disbursed across various nonprofit sectors in Southwest Colorado and beyond. The top three sectors in which the Foundation facilitated funding were education, human services, and arts and culture organizations. Here is a breakdown by sector:

- \$221,937 infused into the animal protection sector
- \$423,008 infused into the arts and culture sector
- \$91,000 infused into our County/Impact sector
- \$1,712,255 infused into the education sector
- \$98,858 infused into the environment sector
- \$1,206,653 infused into the human services sector
- \$88,638 infused into the youth services sector
- \$119,194 – infused into other sectors

Southern Ute Tribal Member Career Fair

The Permanent Fund Human Resources Department will be hosting a Southern Ute Tribal Member Only Career Fair. The Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino are also invited.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Sky Ute Casino Event Center
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2023-2024 On-Reservation Hunting Season Dates, Rules and Regulations

2023-2024 HUNTING SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION		
	Permit Pick-up	Season Dates
Deer, Elk, Fall Turkey	Aug. 14	
Early Archery		Aug. 26 – Sept. 3
General		Sept. 4 – Dec. 31
First Descendant	Nov. 13	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31
Upland Game Birds	Aug. 14	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Mountain Lion	Sept. 18	Nov. 1, 2023–Aug. 4, 2024
Spring Turkey	March 13	March 25 – May 28
Small Game	Anytime	Calendar Year
Waterfowl and Migratory Game birds	Aug. 14	See CPW season dates

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2023-2024

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has recently been detected in mule deer in the San Juan Basin. CWD is degenerative brain disease of deer and elk that takes time to progress but is always fatal to the infected animal. CWD is most prevalent in adult male mule deer greater than two years old. The prevalence of CWD in our mule deer herd is currently very low (less than 1%), however the Wildlife Division (Division) recommends having harvested adult male mule deer tested for CWD. There is no evidence that CWD can spread between infected animals and humans, however the Division recommends not consuming meat of tested animals until tests results are obtained and not consuming meat from CWD positive animals. Testing is voluntary and will be free of charge for tribal members wishing to have their animals sampled. The Division will test any deer or elk that tribal members wish to have sampled.

Spring Turkey Permits

Continued for 2023, tribal member hunters may pick up permits for and harvest up to 2 spring gobblers. To receive a second spring turkey permit you must have the first bird validated by SU Wildlife Division or Wildlife Enforcement staff.

First Descendant Hunting Opportunity

A limited number of first descendants of the Southern Ute Tribe may receive a permit to harvest one antlerless elk from tribal land December 1 – 31, 2023. See details below under the list of hunts.

REMINDERS FOR 2023-2024

Continued Mandatory Validation on bucks and bulls

All bucks and bulls harvested on the Southern Ute reservation or within the Brunot Treaty Area are subject to a mandatory validation by the Wildlife Division. Bucks and bulls must be validated within 5 business days of harvest. Hunters can call the Wildlife Division or simply stop by our offices for a validation. Division staff are flexible on when and where we perform validations. Please be prepared to answer some basic questions on where and when the animal was harvested.

OHV Approved Roads

In 2018, the Tribal Traffic Code was updated. This update included specifying approved roads for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. OHVs include 4-wheelers, Side-by-sides, snowmobiles, motorcycles, jeeps and trucks. Not all remote reservation roads, two-tracks etc. are approved for OHV use. Maps can be obtained from SU Wildlife.

HUNTING PERMITS

Southern Ute Tribal Members

The following conditions must be met to obtain Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting permits:

1. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older and be able to present an enrollment card at the time permits are picked up.
2. Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
3. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.
4. Mail-out permits will be provided to non-resident Tribal Members only after receiving a letter including the Tribal Member's name, date of birth, copies of their enrollment card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of permits desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

First Descendants

The following conditions must be met to obtain a First Descendant hunting permit:

1. Must present paperwork from Tribal Information Services certifying that they are a first descendant of an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member

2. Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
3. Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.
4. If COVID19 restrictions are still in place applicants must reside within the "safe zone" as defined by the IMT and Tribal Council.

Duplicate Permits

Lost or destroyed hunting permits will be replaced by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management for a cost of **\$5 per permit**.

New Address / Telephone Number / Driver's License Information

If you held a previous year's hunting permit and your home address, telephone number, or driver's license information has changed, you are required to provide the new information to the Wildlife Resource Management.

Legal Weapons

Legal weapons for mule deer, elk and mountain lion shall include:

- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug.
- Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8" with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface.
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14" from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16" long, having a broadhead a minimum of 7/8" wide and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface. Unless specifically approved by the Management Division, crossbows are illegal during the early archery season.
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk.
- .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets.
- Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for turkey shall include:

- Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns except .410 gauge; bow and arrow, crossbow; rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only; and muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

Legal weapons for waterfowl shall include:

- Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets;

Legal weapons for small game (including upland birds) shall include:

- Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, any bow and arrow or crossbow.

HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Hunter Safety Requirements

All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must present their hunter safety education card to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management when acquiring permits and must carry the card with them while hunting. The DWRM offers hunter education classes twice per year. Please contact the office for more information.

Hunters Under Age 18

Hunters under 18 years of age may only hunt regulated species when accompanied by an adult.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS (Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members Only, unless specified)

MULE DEER AND ELK	
Season Dates	
Archery:	August 26 – September 3, 2023
General:	September 4 – December 31, 2023
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 14, 2023
Bag Limits:	3 Mule Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does**) 3 Elk (1 Bull and 2 Cows**)

**Tribal Members must have their first doe or cow validated to receive their second doe or cow tag.

FIRST DESCENDANT ANTLERLESS ELK

Season Dates:	December 1 – December 31, 2023
Weapon Type:	Any Legal Weapon
Application:	Apply through the Wildlife Division
Permits Issued:	Beginning November 13, 2023
Bag Limits:	1 Antlerless Elk

Ten permits available by limited draw only. Successful first descendant hunters must have their elk validated

Application Fee: \$25 + Permit Fee: \$75 = Total Fees: \$100

Applications must be submitted by October 27, 2023. If more than 10 first descendants apply, then a random draw will be performed to identify those that will receive a permit. If less than 10 first descendants apply, then all the applicants will receive a permit to hunt. First descendant eligibility in future antlerless elk hunts may be based on draw success in the previous year.

SPRING TURKEY

Season Dates:	March 25 – May 28, 2023
Permits Issued:	Beginning March 13, 2023
Bag Limit:	2 bearded turkeys. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.
Validation:	1st bird must be validated prior to picking up 2nd permit

FALL TURKEY

Season Dates:	Early Archery: August 26 – September 3, 2023
General:	September 4th – December 31st, 2023
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 14, 2023
Bag Limit:	1 Turkey (either sex)

MOUNTAIN LION

Season Dates:	November 1, 2023 – August 4, 2024, or until the harvest quota is filled
Permits Issued:	Beginning September 18, 2023
Bag Limit:	1 mountain lion (either sex)

Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of mountain lions will be allowed.

Restrictions: It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.

Harvest Quotas: 7 mountain lions total or 4 female mountain lions

It is the hunter's responsibility to call the harvest quota information line to check the status of harvest quotas and hunt area closures prior to hunting. Call 970-563-0130 any time for quota status. ***The mountain lion hunting season will remain open until the season ending date or until the harvest quota is filled, whichever comes first.

Crossing Permits and Guiding and Outfitting for Mountain Lions:

Non-members accompanying Tribal Member lion hunters must possess a Hunter Accompany Crossing Permit, which can be purchased from the Wildlife Division. The Crossing Permit is specifically to accompany a permitted hunter while hunting on Tribal land. The permittee is expressly prohibited from carrying a firearm, or providing hunter assistance in the form of equipment, specially trained dogs, pack animals, or other similar types of hunting aids commonly provided by professional guides and outfitters.

BLACK BEAR**

Season Dates: There is no open season for black bear.

****The Tribe designates the black bear as a protected, culturally sensitive species that shall not be subject to harvest by Tribal Member hunters either on-reservation or within the Brunot Treaty area under a Southern Ute Tribal-issued permit.**

UPLAND GAME BIRDS INCLUDING DUSKY GROUSE AND QUAIL

Season Dates:	September 1 – December 31, 2023
Permits Issued:	Beginning August 14, 2023
Bag Limit:	Dusky Grouse: 3 birds per day; Quail: 8 birds per day

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS INCLUDING DOVES, PIGEONS, RAILS AND SNIPE

Permits Issued: Beginning August 14, 2023

Migratory game bird season dates and bag limits will coincide with the State of Colorado migratory bird hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2023 Small Game Hunting Brochure for more information regarding migratory game birds.

WATERFOWL INCLUDING DUCKS, GEESE AND COOTS

Permits Issued: Beginning August 14, 2023

Waterfowl season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2023 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure for more information. Waterfowl hunters are required to obtain a federal duck stamp before hunting waterfowl (available at the Post Office).

SMALL GAME (INCLUDING FURBEARERS)

Season:	Season runs year-round
Permits:	May be picked up at any time during the calendar year.

Small game shall include beaver, badger, bobcat, coyote, fox species, muskrat, prairie dogs, rabbits and hares, raccoon, ringtail, squirrel species, and weasel species. While no bag limits apply to small game species, certain rules and regulations do apply to trapping:

Important Regulations for Trapping:

1. Permission from assignee to trap. No person shall trap furbearers on private, assigned and allotted lands without the permission of the landowner, assignee or person in charge of the property.
2. Interference with traps. It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap, snare or other device lawfully set by a trapper, or remove any furbearer from said devices.
3. Unattended traps. It is the duty of a trapper to endeavor to prevent undue suffering by wildlife captured or trapped. It is unlawful for any person to set a trap and leave it unattended in excess of twenty-four (24) hours unless chemical or mechanical methods are provided to prevent suffering of trapped animals.
4. Traps in the field must have identification of the trapper attached and available for Enforcement to see upon checking the trap. Identification must include the trapper's name and phone number. Identification methods can include engraving into a trap or attaching an identification tag (metal preferred). Other methods can be acceptable as long as the tag is visible for inspection.

SHED ANTLER COLLECTION SEASON

Season Dates:	Season runs year-round
Permits:	No Permit Required

Shed antler collection on Tribal Lands is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members only. There is no permit required or restrictions on Tribal Members pertaining to shed antler hunting/collecting. Non-members, including spouses, immediate family or others, may not pick up and possess shed antlers while on tribal lands.



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DESIGNATED HUNTING

Designating Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members over the age of 12 may designate another enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who meets the hunting permit eligibility requirements to hunt for them during the regular hunting season. Southern Ute Tribal Members who wish to designate another Southern Ute Tribal Member must pick up and sign their own permits, and the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will place the name of the designated hunter on permits at that time. Designated hunters will only be allowed to harvest **female deer and elk, or turkey of either sex** during the general fall hunting season. Designated hunters will not be allowed for any other form of hunting.

Designating Division of Wildlife Resource Management

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management will provide designated hunting services to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member elders (55 years of age or older), single women, or physically disabled individuals. Requests must be made to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management, and all animals will be harvested during the regular Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season.

TAGGING AND VALIDATION

Tagging Requirements

All big game must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the **MONTH** and **DAY** of harvest on the tag, and sign the permit in **INK** immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then remove the tag from its backing and affix to the carcass. All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass left in camp or in a vehicle. There is an additional "Antler Tag" attached to the carcass tag. This was developed for Tribal Members to be able to have proof of legal harvest on both a set of antlers (or horns) and on a carcass if the two are separated. The antler tag should be affixed to antlers kept at a residence or brought to a taxidermist.

Validation is the inspection of a harvested animal and may or may not be required depending on the species or hunt type. Part of the validation process may also require the hunter obtaining a validation tag as proof of inspection prior to the hunter leaving the reservation with the harvested animal. For further information regarding validations and validation tags, please contact the DWRM.

Validation Requirements

Depending on the season and species hunted, validation of harvested animals may be required. Guidelines vary and are given in detail by species and hunting season below.

- **Early Archery mule deer, elk, and turkey: Mandatory Validation**
- **Buck Deer and Bull Elk: Mandatory Validation**
Tribal member hunters are required to have mule deer bucks and bull elk validated within 5 business days of harvest. Please call the DWRM to make arrangements.
- **First descendant Antlerless Elk: Mandatory Validation**

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- **Spring Turkey:** No validation required EXCEPT to pick up a second turkey permit
- **Fall Turkey: No Validation Required**
- **Doe mule deer and Cow elk: Mandatory Validation Exception**
Hunters planning to pick up a second doe tag or a second or third cow elk tag must have their doe or cow validated prior to picking up additional tags.
- **Mountain Lion: Mandatory Validation**
Validation must take place **within 24 hours** of the kill. Contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management or Southern Ute Tribal Rangers during regular business hours or contact Southern Ute Dispatch outside of regular business hours to arrange validation.
- **Upland game birds, waterfowl and small game: No Validation Required**

EVIDENCE OF SEX REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of the sex of harvested mule deer, elk, wild turkeys, and mountain lions must remain *naturally attached* to carcasses while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if necessary). Evidence of sex for mule deer and elk include the head and/or the testicles or udder. Evidence of sex for wild turkeys is the beard (for males). For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both males and females must be left attached for sex identification purposes.

GUIDING AND OUTFITTING

Guides and outfitters must be permitted by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management before operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To obtain a guiding and outfitting permit or to acquire a list of permitted guides and outfitters, contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management. Illegal guiding and outfitting on the reservation is a serious offense with consequences for both the hunter and the person providing the guiding or outfitting services. Please contact the Wildlife Division immediately if you suspect illegal guiding and outfitting is taking place on the reservation.

ACCOMPANY CROSSING PERMITS

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management issues crossing permits to non-Southern Ute Tribal Members to accompany permitted hunters while hunting. Persons holding crossing permits may not hunt or carry a firearm of any type while accompanying a permitted hunter. **Persons holding a crossing permit may not provide specialized guiding and outfitting-type assistance to permitted hunters.** Contact the DWRM for more details on crossing permits or to have crossing permits issued. Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are not in the immediate family of a Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter must acquire a crossing permit so that they may accompany the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member while hunting. **Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are in the immediate family of a permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter may accompany the hunter without obtaining a crossing permit.** For the purposes of accompany crossing permits, immediate family is considered a spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent,

grandchild, son in-law, daughter in-law or legal guardian of the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter. Note that a maximum of two permittees at a time are allowed per Southern Ute hunter and the crossing permit will be valid for 30 days or until the end of the hunt season, whichever comes first. Cost for crossing permits will be \$20 per permittee, and each permit is valid for accompanying a single specified Tribal member hunter.

Schedule of Civil Penalties Connected to Poaching Convictions on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation	
Big Game: Mule Deer	
Trophy Buck (24" or greater inside spread)	\$10,000 + 15 Points
Buck	\$5,000 + 15 Points
Doe	\$1,000 + 15 Points
Big Game: Elk	
Trophy Bull (6 + points on one antler)	\$10,000 + 15 Points
Bull	\$5,000 + 15 Points
Cow	\$1,000 + 15 Points
Mountain Lion	\$5,000 + 15 Points
Shed Antlers	\$2,500 + 15 Points
Additional penalties associated with poaching convictions often include point accrual and revocation of hunting and fishing privileges on the Southern Ute Indian reservation for 2 - 5 years	

OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS FOR HUNTING ON THE RESERVATION

Open Areas

Open areas for huntable species shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.

Closed Areas

Closed areas shall include all grounds immediately surrounding the Lake Capote Recreation Area including the campground. For precise boundaries contact the Wildlife Division.

ADDITIONAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

A complete listing of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Southern Ute Indian reservation is contained in Title 13: Wildlife Conservation Code. Contact the DWRM for a current copy of Title 13 or visit our website: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wrmweb/>. Additionally the Division has a limited number of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wildlife Laws Handbook 2008 available to Tribal hunters. Please ask about them in the Wildlife office.

Failure to wear Daylight or Fluorescent Orange or Pink Garments

During the big game hunting season, it is unlawful to hunt mule deer and/or elk with a firearm unless the person hunting is wearing a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight

fluorescent orange or pink color, totaling five hundred (500) square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50.00 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation. Persons specifically hunting for fall turkey, or specifically hunting for mountain lions when big game seasons are running concurrently are not required to wear blaze orange but are encouraged to do so for their own safety in the field.

Failing to Tag Wildlife Properly

It is unlawful for any person to fail to tag wildlife properly. In its simplest form, tagging means to sign and punch the dates on your tag and affix it to the animal's carcass. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 10 points towards permit revocation.

Shooting from a Motor Vehicle

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Wastage of Game Meat / Abandoning a Carcass

It is unlawful to abandon any edible portion of wildlife or permit it to go to waste. Penalties for big game include a \$1,000 fine and 15 points. Other wildlife includes a \$250 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation. Additionally, it is unlawful to take any wildlife and abandon the carcass or take wildlife only for the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns, tusks, or organs with the intent to abandon the carcass or to mutilate any living wildlife. Penalties include fines ranging from \$25 - \$20,000 and 25 points towards permit revocation.

Closure of Lake Capote Recreation Area

The Lake Capote Recreation Area will be closed to all hunting. Hwy 160 borders the closure area on the north and Hwy 151 on the west. The range fence directly south of the lake (running east/west) defines the southern boundary and the east boundary will follow the eastern bank of Stollsteimer Creek running north.

Closure of Indian Mesa

India Mesa (La Boca area) was closed by Resolution (2000-215) in December of 2000 and prohibits any activity which might jeopardize the cultural sensitivity of the area. Prohibited activities include firewood cutting, hunting, camping, leasing and grazing. The map on page 16 shows the restricted area. Contact the Wildlife or Lands Divisions with questions.

Off-road Travel on Tribal Lands

It is unlawful to travel off of established roads and two-tracks with any vehicle while on Tribal lands. This includes ATVs. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

AUTHORITY

These hunting regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101, Subsections (1) through (5); Article 2, Section 13-2-104; Article 2, Section 13-2-105, Subsections (1) through (3); of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolution No's. 89-34, 01-69, and 02-215.

2023-2024 Brunot Area Hunting and Fishing Seasons

2023-2024 BRUNOT AREA HUNTING AND FISHING		
Season Type	Permit Start Date	Season Dates
Spring Turkey	March 13	March 25 - May 28
Mule Deer Rocky Mtn. Elk Fall Turkey	Aug. 14	Aug. 26 - Nov. 26
Bighorn Sheep* Mountain Goat* Moose*	Aug. 14	Aug. 26 - Oct. 31 (Sheep) Sept. 2 - Oct. 31 (Goat) Sept. 2 - Oct. 31 (Moose)
Mountain Lion	Sept. 18	Nov. 1, 2023 - April 21, 2024
Upland Game Birds	Aug. 14	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 (Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant and Chukar)
Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds	Aug. 14	Waterfowl season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific and Central flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons.
Small Game	Anytime	Calendar Year
Fishing	Anytime	Calendar Year

*Permitting for these rare game species takes place through a special application and drawing process each spring. For more information, see Rare Game Permitting.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2023/2024 HUNTING AND FISHING

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was detected in a mule deer buck in the San Juan Basin in 2020. CWD is degener-

ative brain disease of deer and elk that takes time to progress but is always fatal to the infected animal. CWD is most prevalent in male mule deer greater than two years old. The prevalence of CWD in our mule deer herd is currently very low (less than 1%), however the Wildlife

Division (Division) recommends having harvested adult male mule deer tested for CWD. There is no evidence that CWD can spread between infected animals and humans, however the Division does not recommend consuming meat of tested animals until tests results are obtained. Also, the Division does not recommend consuming meat from CWD positive animals. Testing is voluntary and will be free of charge for tribal members wishing to have their animals sampled. The Division will test any deer or elk that tribal members wish to have sampled.

Ute Hunting Access to Lone Mesa State Park

Lone Mesa State Park (LMSP), located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is a closed-access park specially managed by the State of Colorado for limited deer and elk hunting. Negotiations between the Tribe and Colorado Parks & Wildlife led to a hunting opportunity for tribal members within the state park. The Tribe will permit interested enrolled Tribal Members on a limited-draw basis for deer and elk hunting in LMSP for 2023. Applications for limited park access permits will be accepted at the Wildlife office during the month of May. Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division

for more information or visit the Park website at <https://cpw.state.co.us/places-togo/parks/LoneMesa>.

Rare Game Application and Draw Schedule

Applications for rare game (Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Mountain Goat) will be accepted at the Wildlife office during the month of May. The draw and subsequent notification of winners for rare game permits will take place in June. Contact the Wildlife office for applications and any questions about this process.

Continued Buck and Bull Mandatory Validation

In order to better support harvest management and protection of deer and elk resources, the mandatory buck and bull validation continues. Buck deer and bull elk taken from the Brunot Area must be validated by Wildlife Division or Wildlife Enforcement staff within five (5) business days of harvest.

SEASON FRAMEWORK

Hunting and fishing seasons are established annually by the Tribe for all game spe-



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cies found within the Brunot Area. The table found on the inside cover of this proclamation specifies the current seasons (i.e., the start and end dates for legal harvest), as well as the permitting start dates. Most seasons will be the same or very similar from year to year, however, dates of several seasons may vary slightly.

Those animal species not identified as having designated seasons, and those not protected by the Tribe from harvest for cultural or conservation reasons (see Protected Fish & Wildlife), may be harvested without a Tribe-issued hunting or fishing permit.

Cultural and Ceremonial Hunting

Those Tribal hunters wishing to hunt for cultural or ceremonial purposes within the Brunot Area and outside of the regular, Tribal-approved seasons must contact the SUIT Division of Wildlife prior to hunting. Special authorization is required for any hunting outside of the established seasons, and at least two weeks advance notice of a cultural/ceremonial hunting need should be provided.

PERMITTING

All Tribal Members hunting or fishing within the Brunot Area must carry with them the appropriate permit(s) issued by either the Tribe or State of Colorado. Tribal Members who obtain *Tribal* permits are subject to the Tribal seasons and regulations set forth in this Proclamation, to be enforced by the Tribe. Those who obtain *State* hunting or fishing permits must hunt or fish in accordance with State seasons and regulations (see the Colorado Parks and Wildlife), which will be enforced by the State. It is unnecessary, but allowable, for a hunter or angler to be permitted by both entities.

On-Reservation hunting and fishing permits (i.e., within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation) and off-Reservation hunting and fishing permits for the Brunot Area are separate and non-interchangeable. It is the responsibility of each hunter and angler to be properly permitted for the area hunted or fished, and to follow any and all applicable regulations for that area.

Permitting for Brunot Area hunting and fishing is managed entirely through the Tribe's Division of Wildlife office, located in the Annex Building on the tribal government campus near Ignacio, Colorado. Permits may be obtained in-person at this office or by mail for those Tribal Members living outside the Reservation area. Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits are issued free-of-charge for the first issuance. A \$5 fee applies for replacement of lost or damaged permits.

Permitting Start Dates

Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits are available to pick up at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office (or mail out) beginning on the start dates specified on the inside cover of this Proclamation through the end of the established season. Note: Except for Fishing and Small Game, the permitting start dates do not correspond to the actual season start dates.

For Rare Game (i.e., bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat), successful applicants in a lottery process will be notified of their permit availability through the Division of Wildlife following permit drawings held each June.

Permit Eligibility

Only Southern Ute Tribal Members may obtain Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits from the Tribe and the following criteria must be met in order to obtain a valid permit:

- All applicants must present a Southern Ute Tribal identification card at the time of permit pick-up.
- For hunting, but not fishing, only applicants 12 years old or older may obtain a permit, and those under the age of 21 must present a hunter safety card.
- The applicant's hunting and fishing privileges must not be currently suspended or revoked through the Tribe's wildlife penalty-point system.
- Issued permits are not valid unless signed by the applicant.

Permit Transferability

The transfer of Brunot Area hunting and fishing permits is *strictly prohibited*, even to other Southern Ute Tribal Members or other Native Americans. Only the individual named on the Brunot Area permit is authorized to hunt or fish, per the terms of the permit. "Designated hunting" – the transfer of certain permit types between Tribal Members – is an option only for on-Reservation hunting (i.e., hunting within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation) and is not allowed within the Brunot Area.

Mail-Out Permits

Mail-out permit(s) will be provided at no-cost by the SUIT Division of Wildlife only to a non-local Tribal Member and only up-

on receipt of a signed letter of request from the Tribal Member. The letter must include the hunter's name, mailing address, date of birth, copies of the Southern Ute Tribal identification card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of the permit(s) desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

Permit Replacement

Lost or damaged Brunot Area permits may be obtained at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office for a \$5 per permit fee, regardless of permit type. Lost or damaged permits will be immediately voided, and notification of voided permits will be sent to tribal law enforcement.

Rare Game Permitting

Unlike other Brunot Area permitting, permitting for Rare Game (i.e., Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goat) is handled through a permit application and drawing process. Availability of applications will be announced through local media in the Ignacio area, and applications will only be accepted during the month of May. Random drawings from among the applicants will then determine the recipients of a very limited number of hunting permits. Notification of these individuals will occur during the month of June. Those who repeatedly apply but do not receive a permit will accrue bonus points, which will improve future chances of selection.

For detailed information on the rules governing the Tribal Council-approved lottery process and bonus point system, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife office.

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the 2023/24 Tribal Council-approved regulations pertaining to the harvest of Brunot Area **Big Game, Rare Game, Small Game, Upland Gamebirds, and Waterfowl**.

Legal Weapons

Legal weapons for harvesting **mule deer, elk, mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose** shall include:

- Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8 inch with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface;
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14 inches from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16 inches long, having a minimum broadhead width of 7/8 inch, and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface;
- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug;
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk;
- .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets;
- Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for turkey shall include:

- Shotguns except .410 gauge; bows and crossbows (i.e., as specified above for deer, elk, etc.); rifles and handguns, center-fired

cartridges only; and muzzleloading rifles and handguns;

Legal weapons for waterfowl shall include:

- Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets.

Legal weapons for small game and upland gamebirds shall include:

- Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, and any bow and arrow or crossbow.

Evidence of Sex

Evidence of sex for harvested mule deer, elk, mountain lion, turkey, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose must remain naturally attached to the carcass while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if required). Evidence of sex will include the head and/or testicles or udder. For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both male and female must be left attached for identification purposes. For wild turkey the beard must remain attached.

Carcass Tagging

The carcass of a harvested large game animal (i.e., mule deer, elk, mountain lion, turkey, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose) must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the Month and Day of harvest indicated on the permit and sign the permit in ink immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then remove the permit face (i.e., the "tag") from its backing and affix it to the carcass.

All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass that is first brought to camp or to a vehicle.

For antlered animals (i.e., buck deer, bull elk, bull moose) and horned animals (i.e., bighorn sheep and mountain goat), an optional antler/horn tag is also provided as a tear-off portion of the permit. The antler/horn tag should be used if the head and carcass are to be separated (e.g., if the head is going to a taxidermist and the carcass is going to a meat processor).

Deer and Elk Harvest Reporting

For 2023, hunters are still required to have buck deer and bull elk validated. Hunters should be prepared to describe generally where and when an animal was harvested. Validation must occur within five business days of harvest. The Division will work with hunters to arrange a time and place to meet to validate their animals. Doe deer and cow elk harvests still must be called into the Division; however, a full validation isn't required. Failure to report the successful harvest of any mule deer or elk from the Brunot Area could subject the hunter to penalties under the Tribe's Wildlife Conservation Code.

Rare Game and Mountain Lion Harvest Validation

Hunters are required to have validated any **mountain lion, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose** harvested from the Brunot Area. Validation is the physical inspection of the animal by staff of the Tribal Division of Wildlife staff are not available for week-end validations; therefore, animals must be validated during regular business hours (Mon. – Fri.: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1 – 5 p.m.). For **mountain lions**, the carcass must be inspected within 48 hours of the harvest. The hunter must present the carcass with skin attached.

For **bighorn sheep, mountain goat** and **moose** the carcass must be inspected within five business days of the harvest. The hunter must present the carcass as well as the

head with horns or antlers and skull intact. The carcass may be quartered in the field. If the harvested animal is a ram bighorn sheep, the Tribal Wildlife Division will affix a permanent mark (plug) to the horn as proof of legal harvest.

Mountain Lion Hunting

Mountain lion hunting in the Brunot Area is divided into four separate units, and each unit has an associated harvest quota. The mountain lion season is open either until the season end-date or until the unit quota is filled, whichever occurs first. If the quota for a unit is filled, the season will immediately close for that unit. A Brunot Area lion permit is valid for hunting in all units that have not reached the designated harvest quota. Please refer to the mountain lion unit map in this Proclamation for the location of each unit.

Lion Harvest Quotas By Unit	
Lion Unit	Harvest Quota
L1	7 lions or 4 females
L2	1 lion either sex
L3	2 lions either sex
L4	2 lions either sex

Lion hunters should be aware that Lion Unit 1 (L1) encompasses both the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and a portion of the Brunot Area. Even though L1 is a combination of Reservation and Brunot lands, lion hunting on the Reservation portion requires a reservation permit, while lion hunting in the Brunot portion requires a Brunot permit. The lion permits for both areas are not interchangeable.

Important Mountain Lion Hunting Information

A mountain lion telephone information line is available for hunters to call to check on the status of the quotas in each unit. It is the hunter's responsibility to call the harvest quota information line IMMEDIATELY BEFORE hunting to check the status of harvest quotas and unit closures. Call 970-563-0130 at any time for quota status.

It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.

Trained hunting dogs may be used to hunt mountain lions.

Upland Gamebird Hunting

Hunting for Upland gamebirds is allowed within the Brunot Area. Upland Gamebirds includes *dusky (blue) grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, and chukar partridge*. Columbian Sharp-tailed grouse and Gunnison Sage Grouse may occur within the Brunot Area also; however, populations of these species is not allowed.

Trained hunting dogs may be used to hunt upland game birds.

Waterfowl and Migratory Gamebird Hunting

Hunting for Waterfowl and other migratory gamebirds is allowed within the Brunot Area. Waterfowl includes various species of *ducks, mergansers, coots, dark and light geese, snipe, and rails (Virginia and Sora)*. Migratory gamebirds include doves (mourning, white winged and collared) and band-tailed pigeons. Because waterfowl and migratory gamebird seasons and bag limits are set by the federal government, the Tribe does not currently have the ability to set its own season dates and bag limits for these species. Therefore, Tribal Member hunters pursuing these species must abide by season dates and bag limits set by the State of Colorado.

The Brunot Area encompasses parts of both the Central and Pacific Flyways. Most of the Brunot Area is within the Pacific Flyway, while the Central Flyway portion is a much smaller area located east of the Continental Divide.

Please note that, under Federal law, all waterfowl hunters are required to purchase and possess a Federal Duck Stamp. A Duck Stamp can be purchased at a local Post Office.

Trapping of Small Game

Trapping of small game is a special harvest methodology that is highly regulated at the State level and is similarly regulated by the Tribe within the Brunot Area. The purpose of the regulations is to minimize the potential impacts of trapping on non-target wildlife, especially rare, threatened, or endangered species. For the Brunot Area, the species of concern with trapping are the Canada lynx and river otter, both of which are the subject of major re-introduction efforts

SEASON BAG LIMITS FOR BIG GAME, RARE GAME, AND SMALL GAME	
Hunt Type	Bag Limit (per hunter)
Mule Deer	2 (1 buck and 1 doe)
Rocky Mountain Elk	2 (1 bull and 1 cow)
Mountain Lion	1 (either sex)
Fall Turkey	1 (either sex)
Spring Turkey	1 (bearded gobbler)
Bighorn Sheep (Three permits available for 2023)	1 (either sex)
Mountain Goat (Two permits available for 2023)	1 (either sex)
Moose (Two permits available for 2023)	1 (either sex)
Small Game ¹	Unlimited
¹ Small Game includes: bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrels.	
Upland Gamebirds	Daily Bag Limits
Dusky Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant, Chukar	3 of each per day
Waterfowl and Migratory Gamebirds	
Waterfowl and migratory game bird season dates and bag limits will coincide with the Pacific and Central flyway season framework and the State of Colorado waterfowl hunting seasons. Please obtain and read the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2023 Waterfowl Hunting Brochure for more information. Waterfowl hunters are required to obtain a federal duck stamp before hunting waterfowl (available at any Post Office).	



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and are protected from take throughout the San Juan Mountains region.

Trapping is allowed year-round, per the established Small Game season, and a trapper must obtain a Small Game permit to engage in any trapping of wildlife in the Brunot Area. Wildlife that may be trapped are those species covered under the Brunot Area Small Game permit, including bobcat, coyote, fox, all weasels (except river otter), ringtail, raccoon, prairie dog, beaver, muskrat, rabbit/hare, marmot, and tree squirrel. All trappers must comply with the following tribal trapping regulations:

- **Trapper Notification & Reporting.** A trapper must provide at least two weeks advance notice to the Tribal Division of Wildlife of any planned Brunot Area trapping effort. The notice must include approximate location of traps, number and type(s) of traps to be used, and approximate timeframe for operating the traps. Within two weeks of completing the trapping, the trapper must have traps completely removed from the field and report to the Division the trapping results (i.e., identify all target and non-target species captured, animals retained or harvested, and all non-target mortalities).
- **Trap Attendance.** Any individual operating a trap within the Brunot Area is required to physically inspect the trap at least once every 24 hours. Note that this is not a “once daily” requirement; a trapper cannot inspect a trap on one morning and return in the afternoon the next day, as this would be in excess of 24 hours.
- **Trap Types Allowed.** Only live traps may be used for trapping in the Brunot Area, which includes any non-lethal cage, box, or Sneed-design colony traps. All other methods of trapping are prohibited, including, but not limited to, all types of leg-holds, snares, and instant kill traps.
- **Bait Restrictions.** Visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil, and anise oil lures meant to attract felids are not permitted due to the risk of injury or mortality for Canada lynx.
- **Target and Non-Target Captures.** All captured target species must be killed on-site when the trap is checked. All captured non-target species that are un-injured must be released. Accidental mortality of non-target animals must be reported to the Wildlife Division, per the trapper reporting requirement. Canada lynx and river otter that are captured but un-injured must be immediately released. Accidental capture of these species must be reported within 12 hours of discovery to the Tribal Wildlife Division.
- **Interference with Traps.** It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap lawfully set by a trapper, or for a non-operator of a trap to remove any animal from said trap.

OTHER HUNTING REQUIREMENTS

- **Hunter Safety Requirements.** All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must be able to present their hunter safety education card when acquiring permits and must carry the card with them while hunting. Both the Tribe and Colorado Parks and Wildlife offer hunter education classes and should be contacted for more information.
- **Hunters Under Age 18.** Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
- **Daylight Fluorescent Orange or Pink.** For non-archery hunters hunting mule deer, elk, or moose within the Brunot Area, it is required that the hunter wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange or pink color, totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.
- **Loaded Firearm in Vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person, except those authorized by law, or by the Tribe’s Department of Justice and Regulatory, Enforcement Division, or Wildlife Management Division, to carry or possess any firearm other than a pistol or revolver in or on any motor vehicle, unless such firearm is unloaded. For purposes of this section, a rifle or shotgun shall be considered unloaded if it is unloaded in the chamber; a muzzle-loader shall be considered unloaded if it is not primed, and, for such purpose “primed” means having a percussion cap on the nipple, a primer in the breech, or flint in the striker and powder in the flash pan; and a bow shall be considered unloaded if an arrow is not nocked on the string. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.
- **Shooting from Road.** It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm

from or across or onto any maintained public road. “Road” shall mean the area extending 50 feet on either side of the center line of the roadway. Penalties include a \$250 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

- **Shooting from a motor vehicle.** It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and penalty points toward suspension of hunting/fishing privileges.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Presented in this section are the Tribal-approved seasons and regulations pertaining to fishing within the Brunot Area for 2023. The fishing season is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. Except as noted under Special Management Fisheries, standard angling methods and daily bag limits apply to all Brunot Area fishing by Tribal anglers. **Important Note:** Numerous creeks and rivers with sport fisheries cross over the Brunot Area boundary. It is important for anglers to remember that, upon leaving the Brunot Area, Brunot fishing permits are **no longer valid**; State permit requirements and regulations apply outside of the Brunot Area. When entering the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, reservation requirements apply.

Standard Angling Methods

Game fish may be taken by hook and line, as well as by bowfishing (see Bowfishing). Fishermen are allowed up to two fishing rods at a time per angler. For bait fishing, one line may be used with up to two single baited hooks attached. For lure fishing, one line may be used with one artificial lure attached. Artificial lures may have up to two hooks (single, double, or treble) attached. For fly-fishing, one line may be used with up to two flies attached.

General Fishing Restrictions

- **Legal Fishing Hours/Duration.** Fishing may occur 24-hours a day, unless the daily bag or possession limit is met. Once the daily bag or possession limit is met, the angler must discontinue fishing.
- **Illegal Fishing Gear/Methods.** Use of the following gear or methods to catch fish is prohibited on all Brunot Area waters: all net types (excluding hand-held landing nets), trotlines, traps, explosives, poisons, guns, or any other gear or method not specified in the Standard Angling Methods section.
- **Chumming.** Chumming, or placing in the water any type of fish attractant for the purpose of catching fish, is prohibited in all Brunot waters. Chumming does not include the use of bait, lures, and flies as specified in the Standard Angling Methods section.
- **Bait.** Permitted baits are worms, insects, crayfish, vegetable matter, artificial salmon eggs, PowerBait, fish (dead only) and amphibians (live or dead), provided that fish and amphibian species used for bait must be non-native to the Brunot Area. Check with the Wildlife Division on native species prohibited from use as bait. Bait restrictions still apply in certain Special Management Fisheries identified herein.
- **Planting Fish.** It is unlawful to release or move into any Brunot Area waters any fish from aquaria, ponds, bait buckets, or any other external fish source.
- **Fishing Pole Attendance.** Anglers must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.
- **Minnows.** It is unlawful to take, possess, transport, or sell live minnows anywhere within the Brunot Area.

Bowfishing

Bowfishing is allowed for northern pike and carp at all times in all Brunot Area waters. Bowfishing is also allowed for kokanee salmon concurrent with times and locations designated for salmon snagging. See Salmon Snagging for specific locations and timing. Legal equipment for bow fishing shall include recurve, compound or longbows with reels and arrows attached with fishing line. Arrows must have barbed heads and be equipped with a safety slide keeping the line in front of the bow at all times.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits

The Daily Bag Limit is the maximum number of game fish you can take in one day. The Possession Limit is the number of fish you may have in your possession at any one time, including in your creel, ice chest, vehicle, camp, or home. The possession limit for all game fish is no more than one daily bag limit (single species or in aggregate), as indicated in the Daily Bag and Possession Limits table. Bag and Possession Limits do not apply to those species where “Unlimited” take is indicated.

Special Management Fisheries

Special Management Fisheries are specific streams and lakes within the Brunot Area where closures and/or special harvest and tackle restrictions are in place to protect or

FISHING DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS		
Game Fish	Limit (All Water Types)	
Trout* (Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Splake, Golden, Lake, Brook over 8")	4	
Brook Trout (under 8")	10	
Kokanee Salmon	10	
Northern Pike	Unlimited	
Common Carp	Unlimited	
Yellow Perch	Unlimited	
Bullhead	Unlimited	
White Sucker	Unlimited	
Game Fish	Limit	
	Lakes/Reservoirs	Rivers/Creeks
Channel Catfish	10	Unlimited
Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted)*	10	Unlimited
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green, Redear, Pumpkinseed)*	20	Unlimited
Crappie (White and Black)*	20	Unlimited
Walleye and Saugeye*	5	Unlimited
Tiger Muskie	1 fish, 36" or larger	Unlimited

* The Daily Bag and Possession Limits for trout, bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye and saugeye are IN AGGREGATE, meaning that the limits for each group of fish consist of one species or a mix of the different species indicated.

enhance the local fish population. These locations include: Trophy Trout Waters, Cutthroat Conservation Waters, Trophy Bass Waters, Spawning Waters, and Salmon Snagging Waters. All anglers must comply with the special regulations in place for these designated waters.

- **A. Trophy Trout Waters.** For the waters listed below, anglers may use artificial flies and lures only, with no bait fishing allowed. Unless otherwise noted, only two trout 16 inches in length or longer may be kept, per day.
- **Animas River.** From Lightner Creek to the south Brunot Area boundary located at Rivera Crossing Bridge.
- **Bear Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Dolores River.
- **Dolores River.** From McPhee Dam downstream to the west Brunot Area boundary, near Lone Dome State Wildlife Area.
- **Emerald Lakes (Big & Little).** Located 10 mi northeast of Vallecito Res.
- **Lake Fork (of Gunnison River).** From High Bridge Gulch downstream to the north Brunot Area boundary.
- **Los Piños River.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.
- **Piedra River. CATCH & RELEASE ONLY** from USFS Road 631 bridge downstream to the lower boundary of the Tres Piedra Ranch (1.5 miles above US160). All trout must be returned to the water immediately.
- **Rio Grande River.** From the lower boundary of River Hill Campground (near Rio Grande Reservoir) to the east Brunot Area boundary, just west of Creede, Colorado.
- **Vallecito Creek.** From headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary.

B. Cutthroat Conservation Waters are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are managed to conserve pure-strain Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Anglers may fish these waters with artificial flies and lures only, but all fish must be returned to the water immediately. Cutthroat Conservation Waters include:

- **Big Bend Creek** (8 mi southwest of Durango Mtn. Resort)
- **Clear Creek** (6 mi northwest of Hermosa)
- **Cooper Lake** (10 mi southwest of Lake City)
- **Deep Creek** (6 mi west of Telluride)
- **Disappointment Creek** (4 mi north of Groundhog Res.)
- **Elk Creek** (10 mi west of Telluride)
- **Hermosa Creek, East Fork** (at Durango Mtn. Resort)
- **Hermosa Creek** (headwaters to confluence with East Hermosa Cr.)
- **Piedra River, East Fork** (15 mi northwest of Pagosa Springs)
- **Priest Gulch** (10 mi southwest of Rico)
- **Rio Lado** (10 mi southwest of Rico)
- **Slate Creek** (6 mi northeast of Rico)
- **Sloan Lake** (10 mi northeast of Silverton)
- **Spring Creek** (8 mi west of Rico)
- **Wildcat Creek** (5 mi south of Rico)

C. Trophy Bass Waters include two reservoirs where harvest is restricted to a smaller number of fish and/or specific size ranges in order to promote healthy reproductive bass populations.

- **McPhee Reservoir.** All bass (either smallmouth or largemouth) between the sizes of 10" and 15" must be immediately returned to the water. The Daily Bag and Possession Limit for bass from McPhee Reservoir is 5 fish.
- **Totten Reservoir.** Located near Cortez, anglers may only keep smallmouth and largemouth bass that are 15 inches in length or longer. Anglers must also refrain

from fishing along the north shore of the reservoir from March 1 through May 31 in order to protect nesting waterfowl.

D. Spawning Waters are streams and lakes within the Brunot Area that are inhabited by spawning populations of kokanee salmon and/or wild trout. In order to conserve these important fisheries and ensure successful reproductive cycles, special seasonal fishing closures are necessary. The Brunot Area Spawning Waters and corresponding closures are listed below.

- **Big Emerald Lake Inlet Creek (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Lake Creek inlet for ½ mile above Big Emerald Lake from April 15 thru July 15.
- **Grimes Creek (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Grimes Creek from September 1 thru November 14.
- **Groundhog Reservoir Inlet Creeks (CLOSURE).** All fishing is prohibited in Nash Creek and Groundhog Creek inlets for ½ mile above Groundhog Reservoir from April 15 through July 15.

E. Salmon Snagging or using hooked devices to snag salmon in parts of their bodies other than the mouth, is only allowed for kokanee salmon in designated waters during certain times of the year. Standard daily bag/possession limits for kokanee and gear restrictions for lure fishing apply to snagging.

- **Florida River (above Lemon Reservoir).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Lemon Reservoir from September 1 thru December 31.
- **Grimes Creek (upstream of Vallecito Res. water line).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from November 15 through December 31. All kokanee salmon caught before November 15 must be returned to the water immediately.
- **Vallecito Creek (CR501 upstream to Weminuche W).** Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted above Vallecito Reservoir from November 15 through December 31. All kokanee salmon caught before November 15 must be returned to the water immediately.

PROTECTED FISH & WILDLIFE

In order to ensure the long-term conservation of many rare and protected species that occur within the Brunot Area, the Tribe does not allow harvest of certain fish and wildlife by Brunot Area hunters and anglers. These include all species protected from take under the various Federal wildlife laws (e.g., Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act); those species protected under State of Colorado Title 33, and designated wildlife populations that are the subject of special research or re-introduction efforts.

For the Brunot Area, the protected wildlife species most likely to be encountered by hunters include **Canada lynx, river otter, Gunnison sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, all raptors (eagles, hawks, falcons, owls), and all songbirds.** The protected fish species most likely to be encountered by anglers include **Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout** (designated pure populations), **roundtail chub, flannelmouth sucker, and bluehead sucker.** *None of these protected fish and wildlife species may be harvested by Tribal Brunot Area hunters or anglers.* For a complete list of protected species, please contact the Tribal Division of Wildlife.

In addition to the protected species identified above, the Tribe has also designated



Measuring success



Southern Ute tribal member, Rhiannon Velasquez and her son Easton stand next to her bull moose that scored 150 6/8, which will be going in next year's Boone and Crockett Club records book.

Photos by Krista Richards
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division staff and the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory board hosted a Membership Outreach & Scoring Night on Wednesday, March 22 at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Official Boone and Crockett scorers from the Jicarilla Apache Game and Fish were on site to score tribal member animals.



Tribal members brought in their trophies during the scoring night at the Sky Ute Event Center. The trophies included bull moose, mule deer bucks, bighorn sheep, pronghorn and bull elk.



Jerone Baker (left) watches the scorer from Jicarilla Apache Game and Fish and Danielle Austin, Southern Ute Wildlife Technician score on his mule buck.

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black bear as a protected, culturally sensitive species that shall not be subject to harvest by Brunot Area hunters under a Southern Ute Tribal-issued permit. Tribal hunters, however, retain the option of obtaining a State permit for harvesting black bear.

OPEN AND CLOSED AREAS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND INDIAN LAND

Open Areas for hunting and fishing shall generally include all public lands within the Brunot Area boundary, which consist of most Federal government and State of Colorado-owned lands (e.g., National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, State Wildlife Areas, State Parks, State school sections). Certain exceptions apply on some Federal and State-owned properties, or portions thereof; see Closed Areas below.

Closed Areas are those lands within the Brunot Area where hunting and/or fishing is not allowed by the Tribe for (1) public safety reasons, or (2) sensitive resource protection reasons. These areas include:

- all properties within the limits of any Brunot Area town or municipality;
- all properties or areas closed by local government (i.e., city or county) for public safety reasons;
- any place in close proximity to campgrounds, boat ramps, marinas, trailheads, occupied buildings, private residences, and any other facilities where hunting presents an undue risk to users, residents, and/or the facilities;
- any areas closed by Federal or State agencies to protect archaeological, wildlife, or other sensitive natural resource sites;

Note: Additional fishing-related closures are also specifically identified in the Spawning Waters section of the Brunot Area Fishing Regulations.

Private Property represents a substantial portion, approximately 25%, of the entire Brunot Area. Although permitted Brunot Area hunters and anglers are authorized to take game species on private property, the hunter or angler must always obtain access permission from the landowner prior to entering private land. It is always the hunter's or angler's responsibility to know where private land occurs, even if land boundaries are not clearly marked in the field. Hunters and anglers should carefully review maps provided by the Tribe, as well as those published by State and Federal lands agencies. Always seek knowledgeable help if in doubt about land status.

Indian Land within the Brunot Area is a small portion of the Ute Mountain Ute (UMU) reservation extending to south of Cortez, Colorado and west of Mesa Verde National Park. For purposes of Brunot Area hunting by Southern Ute Tribal Members, UMU land should be considered private property and not huntable without the expressed permission of the UMU Tribe.

LAND USE REGULATIONS

Virtually all of the public lands within the Brunot Area – whether federal, state, or

locally controlled – are subject to a wide range of land use regulations, some of which are not exclusively directed to fish and game matters. Common examples include, but are not limited to, restrictions on open fires, recreational shooting, overnight camping, wood cutting/collecting, boating, livestock use, and especially off-road vehicle use (e.g., 4x4 trucks, ATV's, motorcycles, mountain bikes, snowmobiles). One of the more significant land use regulations affecting hunters is a vehicle ban in certain areas. Within State Wildlife Areas, federal wilderness and research areas, and specially designated portions of National Forest, vehicle access is commonly banned either seasonally or year-round. The purpose of those regulations includes public safety and the protection of natural resources from public over-use and abuse.

The Tribal Council recognizes that requiring compliance with nondiscriminatory federal, state, and local land use regulations in the Brunot Area as a matter of Tribal law may limit or interfere somewhat with the exercise of the Tribe's Brunot Agreement rights by tribal members, but the Tribal Council finds that requiring compliance with such regulations as a matter of Tribal law is an advisable exercise of Tribal sovereignty in the interest of comity and to:

- Avoid the applicability of such regulations to Brunot Area hunting and fishing from being determined in federal or state court;
- Avoid potential litigation with an uncertain result;
- Avoid potential intergovernmental conflicts. Such regulations, therefore, shall apply to Tribal Member Brunot Area hunting and fishing as a matter of Tribal law. The Tribal Council reserves the right to create exceptions to the general applicability of such regulations to Tribal Member Brunot Area hunting and fishing.

It is the responsibility of Tribal Member Brunot Area hunters and anglers to know and understand the various land use regulations that are in place and enforced within the Brunot Area. Violations of the regulations are not only violations of Tribal law, but also may constitute violations of state and/or federal law, and, therefore may be prosecuted in Tribal, state, or federal court. In a state or federal prosecution for violation of such regulations, therefore, it may be an ineffective defense to assert that the Tribal Member was exercising Brunot Agreement rights, since those regulations are applicable as a matter of Tribal law. Hunters and anglers should contact the Tribe's Wildlife Management Division or other appropriate management agencies for more information on applicable land use regulations (e.g., U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Parks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, etc.).

GUIDING & OUTFITTING

A "guide" or "outfitter" is a person who accepts compensation for (1) guiding, leading, packing, protecting, supervising, instructing, or training persons in the take or attempted take of wildlife; or (2) providing facilities (e.g., tents, cabins, camp gear, food, or similar supplies, equipment, or ac-

commodations), equipment or services for hunting activities, including but not limited to the transportation of individuals, equipment, supplies, or wildlife by means of vehicle, vessel, or pack animal.

The guiding and outfitting of a Tribal Member Brunot Area hunter requires special authorization of the guide/outfitter from either the Tribe OR State and Federal authorities, depending on (1) the SUIT member status of the guide, or (2) whether the hunter is hunting under authority of a Tribal or State hunting permit.

If a hunter with a Tribal Brunot hunting permit wants to utilize the service of a Tribal Member guide/outfitter, this guide/outfitter must first be permitted by the Tribe, per Tribal permitting requirements, and the guide/outfitter must comply with the Tribe's established guiding and outfitting rules and regulations. More information on these requirements and regulations is available through the Tribe's Division of Wildlife office.

If the hunter wants to utilize the service of a non-SUIT member guide/outfitter, OR if the hunter is hunting under the authority of a State hunting permit, the guide/outfitter must comply with all applicable State and Federal permitting requirements and regulations pertaining to guiding and outfitting. The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and/or the U.S. Forest Service should be contacted for more information. The terms "hunting" and "fishing", as they relate to guiding and outfitting, are used interchangeably.

Things to ask to be sure your guide/outfitter is legal:

- Do you have the appropriate Tribal/State/Federal Permits?
- What are your permit and/or registration numbers?
- Will we be hunting on public lands at any time?
- Do you have a Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service Permit?

Indications of an illegal outfitter:

- The outfitter does not provide you with a written contract
- The outfitter counsels you not to talk to state or federal officers or asks you to say you're just friends or family hunting together.

Verify an outfitter as legal:

- Contact the SU Wildlife Division for information on Tribal guides and outfitters
- Contact the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies to verify a non-Southern Ute Tribal Member guide or outfitter
- www.dors.state.co.us/outfitters
- Contact the Colorado Outfitters Association www.coloradooutfitters.org

If you suspect illegal guiding and outfitting contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division immediately for assistance. Illegal guiding and outfitting are serious offenses and can have severe consequences for you and the guide/outfitter involved in the activity. The above information is provided to keep you safe and legal while hunting on and off the reservation.

INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS BY REFERENCE

The following sections of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Wildlife Conservation Code, as amended and published as of the date of adoption of this Proclamation, are adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and incorporated by reference into this Brunot Area Hunting and Fishing Proclamation. The purpose of the incorporation is to provide for the applicability of the incorporated sections to Tribal Member Brunot Area hunting and fishing notwithstanding any on-Reservation applicability limitation that may be expressed or implied in those sections. All Tribal Members who wish to hunt or fish in the Brunot Area must comply with the requirements set forth in the incorporated sections. The regulations contained in this Proclamation shall govern in the event of any conflict with the requirements contained in the incorporated sections.

- **Article 1 (except for §13-1-106):** Definitions, Organization, Regulations
- **Section 13-2-105:** Denial, Suspension and Revocation of Permit Privileges
- **Section 13-2-106:** Administrative Appeal
- **Section 13-2-107:** Judicial Review
- **Article 3:** Offenses
- **Article 4:** Penalties and Procedures
- **Article 5:** Evidence and Additional Penalties

JURISDICTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Tribe and State of Colorado have a shared responsibility for establishing appropriate hunting and fishing regulations for the hunters and fishermen under their respective authorities in the Brunot Area, as well as for enforcing those regulations. It is the Tribe's intent to provide a law enforcement presence in the Brunot Area utilizing Southern Ute Tribal Rangers.

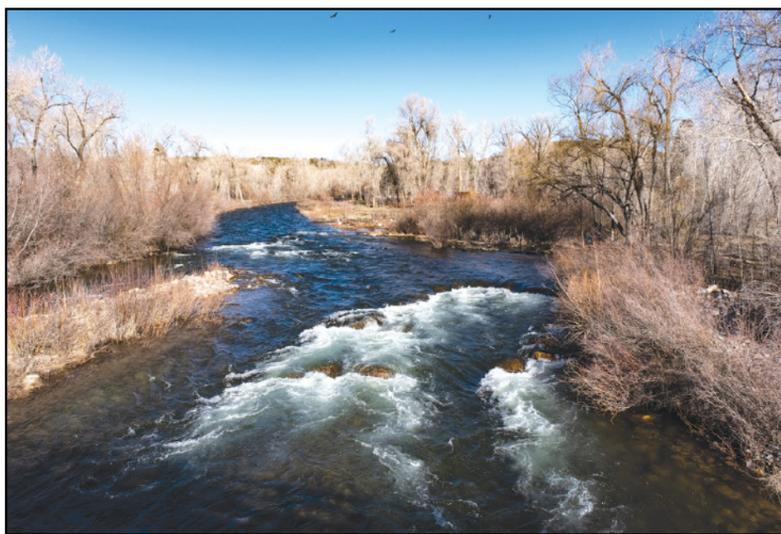
Tribal hunters and anglers are likely to encounter both Tribal and State law enforcement officers while in the Brunot Area and should be prepared to show appropriate identification and permits, if requested by any law enforcement officer. In general, if a violation of a Tribal wildlife regulation has been committed by a Tribal-permitted hunter or angler, that hunter or angler shall be subject to Tribal citation and prosecution in Tribal Court. Tribal hunters and anglers are required to carry with them their Tribal identification cards as proof of Tribal-enrolled status.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (CORSAR) card is a means to voluntarily participate in funding the cost of missions, training, and equipment for search and rescue efforts in Colorado. If a card holder is lost or injured in the back country, the county Sheriff can be reimbursed for the costs of a search and rescue mission for that person. The CORSAR card costs \$3.00 for one year, or \$12.00 for five years. Two-thirds of the revenue go to the CORSAR fund, while one-third is retained by card vendors. The CORSAR card can be purchased from local outdoors and sporting goods stores.



Changing of the seasons



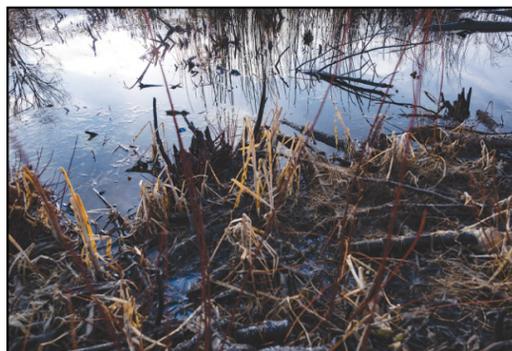
Snowmelt turns to spring runoff, which in turn flows down the Pine River through Bayfield making its way into Southern Ute lands to the south.



Mist gives way to the morning sun as the previous night's storm clears out of the Pine River Valley, northeast of Ignacio.



A lone songbird greets the morning light along the Pine River, wildlife abounds in the river corridor ... red willow and other vegetation springs forth in areas burned by last year's Bear Dance Fire.



The wetlands reflect the morning sky, as spring runoff fills the low laying areas around Scott's Pond with snowmelt.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

Rain and snow saturate the fields and forests along the Pine River on the Southern Ute Reservation in the early weeks of March. Songbirds greet the still morning; spring is in the air. Steady flows of water wash downstream from the Weminuche Wilderness, as winter's snowpack begins to recede with the onset of longer days and warmer weather. The abundant water will be a welcome respite this spring, helping to offset years of drought here in Southwest Colorado.

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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
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NOTICE

Firewood Distribution

FIREWOOD SEASON Through April 30, 2023

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



57th annual Hozhoni Days at FLC



Ute Nations Color Guard lead in the first Grand Entry of the 57th Annual Hozhoni Days Powwow, Friday, March 31. Followed by visiting royalty, ambassadors, and dancers — the gym floor fills with participants.



Tiny Tot dancers take to the floor on Saturday afternoon, each child won a small monetary prize as well as a variety of gifts for their participation.



Southern Ute elder and veteran fancy dancer, Marty Pinnecoose dances into Grand Entry on Friday night.



Nearing the end of Saturday's Gourd Dance session, dancers gathered around the host southern drum, Southern Slam.

Wanbli Ota, a student organization at Fort Lewis College, welcomed spectators and participants to the 57th Annual Hozhoni Days Powwow, Friday, March 31 – Saturday, April 1 inside the Whalen Gymnasium. Bleachers filled with spectators as dancers and singers take to the floor for this student led event featuring a handful of specials, drum contest, and 27 competing dance categories. Themed "Path to Healing While Restoring our Reziliancy" The event proved to be a success with visitors attending from across the Four Corners and Indian Country.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Women's Jingle dress dancers line up for judging following their contest on Saturday night. Youth contestants competed on Friday evening and the adults followed the next evening session.



United States Army Veteran, Bruce LeClaire dances into the arena during Grand Entry on Saturday, April 1.



Champion singers, Southern Style compete in the drum contest sponsored by the Wanbli Ota powwow committee, singing a song for a round of intertribal dancing Saturday evening.



Easter hops back into Ignacio



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Community youth 9-14 age group took off to gather as many eggs as they could during the Ignacio Community Easter Egg hunt.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Luca Rodriguez is getting help from her big sister, Kieleley White Thunder, during the 0-4 age group Easter egg hunt.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The three egg-migos, Ethan Rohde-O'Leary, Jayceon Richards, and Charles Alston filled their baskets, bags and pockets with eggs in the 5-8 age group.

The annual Community Easter Egg Hunt hopped its way back into Ignacio, Saturday, April 1 at the SunUte Park. Organized by Community Resource Officer, Don Folsom of the Southern Ute Police Department and the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, with a multitude of Tribal departments and individuals who helped bring the annual Easter egg hunt back after the COVID-19 pandemic halted the frenzied run and grab of the eggs strewn across the SunUte fields. Various ages groups were split into three fields, vying for special eggs which contained prize slips redeemable at the BGC booth. Local youth participating in the hunt were given a wristband which gave them an opportunity to win grand prizes in each of their respective age groups.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty — Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz; Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel; Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder; Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel; and Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales — take a moment after the easter egg hunt to pose with the Easter Bunny.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Easter Bunny tries to hi-five Matteo Figueroa and his dad Gabriel on Sunday, April 1 at SunUte Park.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Easter Bunny hitches a ride to SunUte Park with the Los Pinos Fire Dept., and waves to attendees prior to introductions and "welcomes" from Southern Ute Royalty and Southern Ute Council members.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Deirryck Begaye, Acting Chief of Police for the Southern Ute Police Department, lends a hand to BGC staff as they hand out prizes to those who were lucky enough to find a prize slip in their Easter eggs.



Father Cesar Arras of St. Ignatius Parish walks with Melanie and Shane Seibel as they turn south along Rainbow Road (HWY 516/517).

St. Ignatius Penitential Walk



The pilgrimage had close to 60 participants; the weight of the wooden cross was shared by the younger participants – including Cyrus Cosio – along the nine-mile trek which began at Saint Bartholomew Church in Bayfield and ended at Saint Ignatius Parish in Ignacio.

The 2nd annual Saint Ignatius Parish Penitential Walk took place, Saturday, April 1 from Bayfield to Ignacio along Rainbow Road. The nine-mile pilgrimage began at Saint Bartholomew Church in Bayfield and ended at Saint Ignatius Parish in Ignacio. The pilgrimage was led by Father Cesar Arras of the St. Ignatius Parish – drawing close to 60 participants of all ages from the community. A formal mass was held at the conclusion of the walk, in recognition of Holy Week.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Father Cesar Arras gathered parishioners at Saint Bartholomew Church in Bayfield in the early morning hours ahead of the Saint Ignatius Parish Penitential Walk, bringing together Ignacio community members of all ages for the 2nd annual pilgrimage.



Participants of the 2nd annual Saint Ignatius Parish Penitential Walk stand together for a group portrait at Saint Bartholomew Church in Bayfield, Colo. ahead of the pilgrimage.

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Vietnam combat veteran, Rod Grove and Southern Ute Veterans Association member, Gordon Hammond (U.S. Marines) place the wreath on the Vietnam Memorial in recognition of Vietnam Veterans Day — Wednesday, March 29.

ing Native soil in the same manner as those who came before them.

“Sometimes it’s kind of hard for a Vietnam veteran to open up, to speak about the past,” Richards said. “That was 54 years ago —

that was a long time ago, but it feels like yesterday. Those memories will never go away.” Richards served in the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam, from Jan. 1 — Aug. 16 of 1969.

“Seventeen Southern

Ute tribal members went to Vietnam — they all came back home,” Richards said. “We only have six left.”

“The VA (Veterans Affairs) and the federal government failed to live up to its promise,” Richards said



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Association paid tribute to one of their past members, Vietnam combat veteran, Ross Denny. Denny’s son, Damon White Thunder (far left) and daughter, Heather White Thunder (center) were also recognized during the Vietnam Veterans Day program.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association members (right to left) Rod Grove, Gordon Hammond, Bruce Valdez and Bruce LeClaire following the placement of the wreath on the Vietnam Memorial in recognition of Vietnam Veterans Day — Wednesday, March 29.

— expressing his frustration and sorrow at the loss of so many veterans following the conflict in Vietnam. He saw many his fellow tribal members, those who served alongside him in Vietnam, survive the war itself, only to lose their lives back home — on native soil as they buried their grief and trauma in drugs and alcohol. Others succumbed to injuries sustained during those years, such as Agent Orange. Richards himself described his ongoing health struggles as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange during his time overseas.

Agent Orange, which contained the deadly chemical dioxin, was used by the U.S. military to wipe out vegetation and crops during the Vietnam War. The chemical was later proven to cause serious and prolonged health issues for both U.S. soldiers and the Vietnamese people, including the families of those who were exposed.

The Association paid



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. and Vietnam combat veteran, Ronnie Baker catch up ahead of the recognition ceremony at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio.

tribute to one of their past members, Vietnam combat veteran Ross Denny. Denny’s son, Damon White Thunder and daughter, Heather White Thunder were also recognized.

Heather carried the military burial flag presented to the family on their father’s passing, folded 13 times into a perfect triangle. Denny worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and soon after joined the ranks of the Southern Ute Veterans Association. Richards thanked attendees for taking the time to recognize the Vietnam veterans, the program opened with a Flag Song sung by Ute Mountain Ute Vietnam Veteran, Terry Knight and closed with a presentation of the “Taps” by Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Ronnie C. Baker.

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Through the Ignacio Community Library

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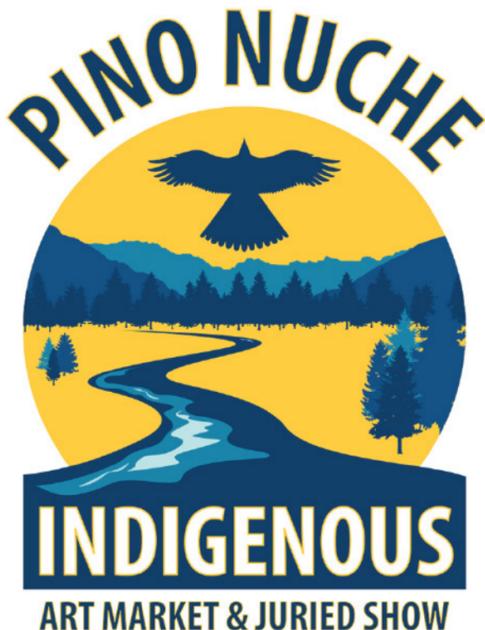


Elder Services Program April Activities Nana-pu-chiu, Kani

- April 11th - Casino Trip (Farmington) 10:00 a.m. departure
- April 13th - Shopping Trip (Farmington) 10:00 a.m. departure
- April 18th - Shopping Trip (Pagosa) 10:00 a.m. departure
- April 20th - Casino Trip (Towaoc) 10:00 a.m. departure
- April 21st - Tribal Elders invited to Color Run
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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Leandra Litz

Máykx.
Hello, my name is Leandra Litz. I am the current 2022 - 2023 Jr. Miss Southern Ute.
I am the daughter of Alyssa Nez and Leandro Litz. I have three little brothers, Dwight, Leandro Jr., and Tavach. My maternal grandparents are Fannie Yazzie and Darrell Nez. My paternal grandparents are Nicole Lansing and Randall Litz. My great grandmas are Judy Burch and Alethea Gunn. My late great grandpas are Dwight Lansing and Gilbert Litz. Here are the events I have attended for this quarter.



Leandra Litz
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2022 - 2023

MARCH

Multi-Purpose Community Powwow

I was honored to be head lady for this event. I helped serve food, I introduced myself and shook hands. I also helped clean up after the pow wow. It was a new and great experience to be head lady, I learned a lot.

47th Annual Denver March Powwow

I attended the powwow Friday and Saturday. I danced all the Grand Entries for both days. I also passed out Bear Dance Powwow flyers to the drum groups, vendors and MC. During a special held for royalties I danced alongside 81 royalties from other tribes. I also got to speak with other royalties and share about my tribe. I also took pictures with Miss Indian World and Miss Denver March Powwow Princess. It was a great experience.

Southern Ute Youth Group Reunion (70's, 80's, & 90's)

I attended this event at the Southern Ute Museum. I introduced myself to everyone and greeted them as they came through the door. I had the privilege of hearing all the wonderful stories about the youth group and how it was a positive influence on people's lives. I heard stories about old dances and how they were performed. The pictures that were shared were awesome to see, it was like a time capsule. It was good to see everyone so happy and smiling to share their stories and reconnect with one another.

It is an honor to serve as an ambassador to our Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I will continue to attend events with respect and to teach people that we Utes are still here. I also would like to thank everyone who has invited me to attend these events and thank everyone for their support.

Tog'oiak'
Leandra Litz
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2022-2023

DECEMBER

Fort Lewis Basketball game

I attended the game with fellow royalty members. We cheered and supported the Fort Lewis basketball team.

Singing in the New Year Nuuchiu style

I introduced myself and went around to greet our visitors. I helped serve food to our elders and guests. We enjoyed the delicious food and beautiful songs. Lots of smiles and laughs.

JANUARY

New Year's Walk

I brought in the New Year with the Buckskin family and friends. Everyone walked about five miles in the rain and snow. We walked with good thoughts in our mind and hearts to help us start the New Year in a positive way. It was an honor to walk a long side everyone and to carry on a tradition with the family.

FEBRUARY

Round Dance 2023

At the round dance I introduced myself and greeted everyone. I also helped serve delicious food. I enjoyed seeing everyone's beautiful ribbons skirts swaying to the beat of the drum. I danced alongside our community.

Valentine's Day Powwow

I attended the powwow

at the Multi-Purpose Facility. I introduced myself to everyone, shook hands and helped serve food. I also danced during intertribal, Grand Entry and participated in the cake walk.

Sip, Chat & Chew

I attended this event at the Multi-Purpose Facility. My fellow royalty friends and I made Valentine cards to hand out to all the elders that attended. I introduced myself and shook hands with everyone. I also helped serve food. Our eldest tribal member Ms. Vida Peabody was honored, and we sang happy birthday to her. The students from Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy also sang a song in Ute, which I sang along side with them. I still remembered the song from the academy. It was a beautiful event, to see our tribal members come together for a special occasion.

Ute Storytelling

Royalty held a Ute storytelling event and all were welcome, we also had an open mic to share stories. Each royalty read a story that was shared with them from their family. My stories were about my 2 maternal grandparents growing up on the Navajo reservation with no water/electricity during the winter. My other stories were from my uncle about his life growing up in Towaoc. Our guest speakers were Colleen Cuthair and Larry Cesspooch. We also served food to all our guests and had a good time sharing stories.

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UIT Recreation Department
For more information contact:
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or cell 435-823-2924

Handgame Tournament
For information contact:
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GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING

Perez wins New Mexico Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion title

Advances to regional Golden Gloves tournament

Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Diego Perez recently won the 2023 New Mexico Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion title. Perez is a 28-year-old Southern Ute tribal member, whose father is Brandon Baker, and whose mother is Yolanda Perez. He's married to Gabriela Perez, together they have three children.

"Perez competed this past weekend, March 24-26. He fought twice, winning against both opponents, Carl Cuthair of Shiprock, N.M. and Elijah Yazza of Las Cruces, N.M., becoming the 2023 New Mexico Golden Gloves Heavyweight Champion," Boxing coach Roland Nez said. Nez also serves as a TERO Compliance Officer for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

"He will advance to the 2023 Regional Golden Gloves tournament in Albuquerque, N.M. March 30 - April 1, with the potential to advance to the 2023 National Golden Gloves Tournament in Philadelphia, Pa., May 8-13," Nez said ahead of the scheduled bout.

"I'm a boxing coach out of Bloomfield, N.M., I've been training Diego Perez, an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member," Nez said. "Being a part of our team, Diego was allowed to compete in the 2023 New Mexico Golden Gloves instead of Colorado."

"I've been training him off and on for three plus years," Nez said. "Although having the responsibility of a family, with discipline and hard work he has accomplished great success in amateur boxing and at the late age of 28 years old with less experience than most boxers at the 2023 State and Regional Golden Gloves. He's been training with us in Bloomfield, N.M. most of the time ... and when available, during my lunch, I



courtesy Roland Nez

Perez was awarded the State Championship Belt after winning the open male 203+lbs open division Sunday, March 26 in Roswell, N.M.

will train him at the Sun-Ute Fitness Center."

Golden Gloves is an open tournament for experienced boxers, ages 18 to 40-years-old in their respective weight division.

"Diego is not a natural super heavyweight at 203+lbs, but in the past fought at middleweight, but that didn't stop him from joining the tournament with the bigger and harder hitting super heavyweights, due to his weight," Nez said. "Since Perez lives near the New Mexican border and trained with our team in Bloomfield, the New Mexico Amateur Local Boxing Commission agreed Diego can compete in the New Mexico State Golden Gloves tournament with the approval of the Colorado Amateur Local Boxing Commission, representing New Mexico at the Regional Tournament, which will determine who

will represent our region at the 2023 National Golden Gloves Tournament in Philadelphia, Pa."

THE AFTERMATH

Perez (5'8") went up against his opponent Alonzo Neal (6'6") in a tough fight at the 2023 Open Golden Gloves Regional Tournament in Albuquerque, N.M., Thursday, March 30. Alonzo Neal of Colorado was awarded the winning decision, Thursday, March 30, and ultimately will represent the region at the 2023 Golden Gloves National Tournament.

"Mr. Perez did fall short of representing our region at the national level, but we are proud of him after his state accomplishment and competitive fight at regionals. He will soon transition in becoming a professional boxer," Nez said. "Diego Perez is a true 'Southern Ute Tribal Warrior.'"

BOBCATS BASKETBALL

'Ballers earn All-IML recognition

Lady 'Cat duo adds statewide honors



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) drives to the paint against Del Norte during action inside IHS Gymnasium early in the 2022-23 basketball season. Reynolds was recently named First Team All-Intermountain League, and also received Honorable Mention All-3A distinction from CHSAA.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) puts up a close-range shot, away from a Peyton defender during the Bobcats' Class 3A-Region VII semifinal upset of the tourney-hosting Panthers. Cox was recently named Honorable Mention All-Intermountain League for the 2022-23 basketball season.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to help Ignacio reach the Region VII championship out in Peyton, senior guard Eppie Quintana and junior center/forward Gabe Cox both received Honorable Mention All-Intermountain League distinction following the conclusion of the 2022-23 basketball season, which ended with the Bobcats going 8-16 overall, 1-9 IML in the program's return to Class 3A hoops.

Bumped up with Pagosa Springs to 4A this season due to CHSAA's creation of a Class 6A tier, Alamosa junior Brant Jackson was named First Team All-IML as well as Boys' Player-of-the-Year. Head coach Myles Baker was chosen Coach-of-the-Year after guiding

the Mean Moose to a 9-1 mark in regular-season Intermountain action, and ultimately a 21-4 overall record after a 65-56 overtime loss to Parker Lutheran in the 4A State Tournament's Great Eight phase.

On the girls' side, senior guard Laci Brunson and senior forward/center Harmony Reynolds were both named First Team All-League - and just this past week, Honorable Mention All-3A by CHSAA - after helping IHS advance to the Region VI semis up in Kersey. Returning to 3A, the Lady Bobcats ended up finishing 11-11 overall and 4-6 in league.

A First Team All-League selection, Centauri senior guard Abbey Smith was named Girls' Player-of-the-Year and Troy Reynolds Coach-of-the-Year after the

Lady Falcons, who went 10-0 in IML play, ended up 21-3 overall following a 56-39 loss to Colorado Springs St. Mary's in the Class 3A State Tournament's Great Eight.

With the Final Four being a double-elimination round, SMHS (final record of 21-6) managed to recover from a 33-29 loss against perennial nemesis Colorado Springs Christian by beating Ellicott 47-38 in the third-place game. By a 57-41 margin, CSCS (25-2) defeated Springs-based The Vanguard School (21-6) in the State Championship.

In the 3A Boys' grand finale, Arvada Faith Christian (25-1 overall) downed Salida (25-2) 54 to 45; Ault Highland (23-4) bettered classification upstart Windsor Charter Academy (21-5) in the third-place game, 79-68.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Laci Brunson (2) maneuvers in the offensive end during action at Montezuma-Cortez late in the 2022-23 basketball season. Brunson was recently named First Team All-Intermountain League, and also received Honorable Mention All-3A distinction from CHSAA.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (20) leaps to shoot between two defenders from Federal Heights-based The Pinnacle during the Bobcats' appearance in the Peyton-hosted Class 3A-Region VII championship. Quintana was recently named Honorable Mention All-Intermountain League.

Employee Spotlight

Jalisa Paul
Instructor since 2019

Favorite Hobbies: Sewing

Dream Vacation: Bora Bora

Guilty Pleasures: Netflix binging by myself on the couch with a cozy blanket, popcorn and pretzels.

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Concert: [Image of a band]

What do you love most about teaching fitness classes?
The thing that I love most about teaching is being able to welcome participants into a judgement free zone. No matter how fit you are, no matter how old you are, or how experienced you are, there's a place for everyone. Feeling the energy of everyone in the same room working hard and pushing their limits together is so rewarding.

How do you keep yourself motivated and inspired as an instructor?
I feel like group fitness was my secret calling. Nothing is more motivating than receiving compliments and kind words from participants and peers. Having members be so excited to attend my class definitely makes me want to improve and better my skills. I truly am so thankful for everyone who has supported me through this journey. It also helps that we get new releases from LESMILLS every three months to keep us on our toes and keep classes interesting.

Which 3 words best describe you?
Easygoing, Understanding, Tough

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Employee Spotlight

Cindy Valdez
Instructor since 2012

Favorite Hobby: Gardening

Dream Vacation: Warm Beach

Happy Place: Home

Favorite Food: Watermelon

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

What do you love most about teaching fitness classes?
I love the connection I have with my participants and I love to inspire them to find their best self. I love encouraging and helping anyone who reaches out or has questions about fitness and health.

What fuels your fire as an instructor?
I feel like I was given a 2nd chance in life when I had my heart surgery after my stroke at 40yrs old. So, fuel to my fire is never taking my health for granted. I want everyone to know, your health is everything. I want to continue to be a role model for my family, our youth, women and anyone over the age of 50.

Which 3 words describe you?
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Alamosa - Luke Christensen, Kade Jones; Centauri - Chaz Holman, Leighton Curtis; Pagosa Springs - Gunner Dozier, Colt Lewis, Kayson Shahan; Montezuma-Cortez - Austin Wood; Bayfield - Jackson Queen; Ignacio - none.

More Honorable Mention All-IML Boys
AHS - Kasey Jones, Jayr Almeida; CHS - Kolten Johnson, Mason Sowards; PSHS - Blake Laner; M-CHS - Tay Wheat; BHS - Lance Mazur.

More First Team All-IML Girls
Centauri - Amaya Garcia, Kailyn Polzin; Alamosa - Sydney Jackson, Charley Higham, Brooke Gonzales; Pagosa Springs - Chantelle Caldwell, Annie O'Donnell; Montezuma-Cortez - none; Bayfield - none.

More Honorable Mention All-IML Girls
CHS - Hannah Curtis, Braelyn Tucker; AHS - Mary Masias; PSHS - Karsyn Shahan; M-CHS - Savannah Haselroth, Markylla Jones; BHS - Alaysia Kremer, Genesis Barrera.

BOBCAT TRACK & FIELD

IHS Track pushes at Pine River Invite

Rima contends for meet's discus title

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Ramping up their intensity prior to hosting the 2023 Abel Velasquez Invitational, Ignacio Track & Field resumed competition, post-Spring Break, on Saturday, April 1, at the Pine River Invitational in Bayfield.

With three top-five individual results, plus one top-five relay, Ignacio's girls totaled 30 points and placed eighth. Durango racked up a winning 191, with Pagosa Springs (159.5) finishing second and the hosting Lady Wolverines (69) third.

Junior Maci Barnes took third in the 400-meter dash, recording a time of 1:07.42, and placed fifth in the long jump with a best leap of 14 feet, 2 inches. By comparison, PSHS sophomore Sienna Rose won the 400 in 1:05.12; recording the only mark beyond 16 feet, Bayfield senior Nykole Meshew won the long jump with a 16'9.5" best.

Junior Kacey Brown winged the discus a fifth-place 70 feet, 5 inches – trailing Alamosa senior Brooke Gonzales' winning 97'2" maximum – and the quartet of freshman Juliann Avila, junior Lauren

deKay, freshman Samantha Riddell and Barnes clocked a third-place 2:10.32 (Pagosa Springs was first in 2:03.18) in the 800m sprint medley relay.

Additionally, Brown posted a sixth-place time of 3:02.75 in the 800m run, and Avila a sixth-place, 4'6" high jump. Barnes finished seventh in the 200, clocking 29.88 seconds, Brown was seventh in the 1,600 with her 7:01.60, and deKay came in ninth in the 800 with her 3:09.84.

Riddell earned the Lady Bobcats' other top-ten by taking tenth in the high jump with a 4'0" best, while deKay missed another as she clocked an 11th-place 7:17.70 in the 1,600, and Avila still another via her 13'1.5" best in the long jump.

On the boys' side, IHS totaled 48.5 points and earned seventh place. Durango blew away Alamosa in the first-place chase, 200 to 102, with Montezuma-Cortez (82.5) settling for third.

Leading the Bobcats was junior Kyle Rima, whose best discus throw flew 106 feet, 11.5 inches and ended up ranking behind on Bayfield senior Deegan Barnes' 121'10" winner. BHS junior Gabe Archule-

ta placed third at 103'10", AHS sophomore Zane Zook (102'5.5") followed in fourth, and IHS freshman Trace Crane (91'8") fifth.

Sophomore Kendrick Nossaman came in third in the 400m, recording a time of 56.43 seconds, and freshman Lincoln deKay logged a fourth-place 20.10 in the 110-meter hurdles. Rima also scored fourth-place team points via his 34'5" max in the shot put, the 4x400 relay (3:58.23) also placed fourth, and freshman James Martin was fifth in the 1,600 with a time of 5:30.69.

Crane took sixth in the 800, clocking 2:33.66, the 4x2 relay (2:00.10) also placed sixth, and freshman Dillon Brann placed seventh in the 110 hurdles with his 21.01. Martin ended up top-ten in the 800 (10th, 2:36.62) and deKay ditto in the 300m hurdles (50.41). Junior Corey Gomez earned 11th in the 1,600 (5:43.78) and senior John Riepel was 11th in the long jump (16'11").

The aforementioned Abel Velasquez Invite is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8. IHS is also scheduled to compete at the previous day's Blue Jay Invitational in Mancos.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Bobcats lose tight pair in Del Norte

IHS Baseball back in town for Monte

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Coming out of Spring Break the second highest 'Others Receiving Votes' team in the CHSAA Now. Class 2A baseball poll, the Ignacio Bobcats resumed their 2023 season Saturday, April 1, out in Rio Grande County at Del Norte.

Unfortunately, the Tigers were just as eager to defend their home diamond, winning 2-1 and 11-8.

In the pins-and-needles opener, DNHS pushed across the go-ahead, and ultimately a winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning, answering the Bobcats' equalizer scored in the top half of the same frame.

Junior Phillip Quintana and freshman Stoney White Thunder each went 2-for-3, with the former

both belting a triple and scoring IHS' only run, with the RBI credited to junior Rylan Maez, who went 0-2

with a sacrifice fly. Senior Eppie Quintana – who took a complete-game loss on the mound, walking one Tiger and plunking another but striking out four – went 1-3 with a double, but DNHS junior Nickolas Atencio fanned a dozen 'Cats while walking none in his complete-game effort.

Ignacio, however, buckled down and began the second game with a four-run first inning against Tiger senior Ben Parra. Del Norte, however, responded with a three-run second, and after each team scored in the third, the fourth inning commenced with the contest tied at 5-5. IHS surged ahead with three more runs, but after being unable to answer in the home half, DNHS not only 'saw' the visitors' raise, but re-raised doubly in the bottom of the fifth.

Now leading 11-8, the Tigers were able to deny the 'Cats the rest of the way en route to improving to 4-0 overall. Should IHS indeed be considered part of the 2A Southern Peaks League, the Tigers would have also improved to 4-0 in SPL play – while dropping the 'Cats, still associated with the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League (and off to a 2-0 start against SJBLeers Dove Creek and Nucla, both Class 1A squads), to 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the SoPeaks.

According to reported statistics, Maez went 3-for-4 with two doubles, one run and three batted in during Game 2. Eppie Quintana went 2-4 with two runs and one batted in, and Phillip Quintana 1-3 with a walk, triple, two runs and one RBI.

Looking ahead, Ignacio is to next host Monte Vista on Saturday, April 8, at IHS Field. First pitch of the doubleheader against the Pirates – standing 3-4 overall after winning one of three at a March 31-April 1 event in Buena Vista – is set for 11 a.m.

BOCATS SOCCER

Lady 'Cats swamped by league powerhouse Crested Butte

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Surrendering nine goals during the first half Saturday, April 1, Ignacio Girls' Soccer resumed competition, post-Spring Break, falling 10-nil to league powerhouse Crested Butte Community School.

With a once-scheduled 3/28 tune-up at IHS Field versus 3A Pagosa Springs scrubbed, and the clash with the Lady Titans relocated from Gunnison County to neutral, less-wintery Del Norte, the Lady Bob-

cats couldn't keep pace with last season's Class 2A State Runner-up – which entered the match ranked No. 7 in the week-starting CHSAA Now. Class 2A poll, one spot ahead of Intermountain-South League rival Telluride.

Senior India Nornes led CBCS with three goals, and freshman Brie Polster scored two and assisted on another. Junior Leigh Harpel, senior Morgan Fel-

tus, junior Nicola Roberts, senior Dahlila Hickey and freshman Molly Miller each netted one goal as Crested Butte, defeated 1-0 on the 28th at 3A Salida, improved to 2-0 in league and 4-4 overall. Ignacio slipped to 0-2 in league, 0-3 overall.

Looking ahead at the schedule, IHS will travel to 3A Bayfield on Tuesday, April 11, for a 4 p.m. kickoff. Results from the Lady Bobcats' scheduled 4/4 match at 3A Montezuma-Cortez – a fixture once set for March 16, then postponed to the 20th before again being re-listed – were unavailable at press time.

IGNACIO BOBCATS SPORTS

For complete coverage, scores, standings and Bobcats sports updates visit the Southern Ute Drum's website www.sudrum.com

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Domestic preparedness training



On Saturday, March 11, I flew to Anniston, Ala. to attend the 8th Annual Center for Domestic Preparedness Tribal Nations Training Week. I applied for this all-expense paid training to participate in Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Operations and Planning for All Hazard Events training track.

My training included topics such as EOC exercise, Intermediate Social Media Tools, Active Shooter/Assailant and Special Needs Populations. I joined over 200 other students from around Indian Country to participate in several different training tracks. In addition, an optional evening lecture series was offered as well as local outings to the Freedom Riders National Monument/Museum.

It was both a pleasure and an honor to attend as an employee from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Being amongst other emergency management professionals



from around Indian Country was an experience like no other. They say networking and building relationships is one of the biggest benefits and in this case that proved to be true. It is so valuable to sit in class with others who represent their tribal nations and learn from each other's experience. Thank you, SUIT, for this opportunity and for letting me share.

*Teresa Bagdol
SUIT Permanent Fund Risk Specialist*

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

CONSIDERING A RUN FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL?

Maykh, Piinu nuuchiu!
Despite occasional winter weather, spring 2023 is quickly moving forward. There are regular calendar events for everyone to think about. And one of those events is in seven months - our Tribe's General Election. "Thereafter there shall be annual elections on the first Friday in November to fill three (3) year terms, the two (2) vacancies occurring each year so as to continue the system of staggered terms of office. Every third year there shall also be elected a tribal council chairman for a three (3) year term" (Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe). 2023 is the year for three sets to be voted upon Friday, Nov. 3.

Seven short months of time will go by quickly for those whose Tribal Council seats are to be voted upon. The march of time holds true for anyone considering running for a Tribal Council seat. Topics ranging from private education and graduation rates to health and social services, plus investments, stocks and bonds, housing, casino and state compact, justice and regulatory, and even recreation become lessons in acronyms, lingo, resolutions, and doc-

uments. All of this and more are topics of discussion and decision-making, as it applies, to our Tribe's three entities: Permanent Fund, Growth Fund (which includes SUSS) and Sky Ute Casino Resort.

A suggestion to anyone contemplating running for Tribal Council is to learn what each entity does. A good place to start is with the Annual Report of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The current report will be available in May. Tribal Information Service (TIS) will be the point of contact for getting an annual report.

The Organizational Chart in the 2021 Annual report had 15 departments under the Executive Office, five (5) listings under the Chairman and one entity under the Treasurer. The Annual Report is specific to the Permanent Fund and shares missions, programs, services, and tribal organization entity information. (2021 Annual report of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, inside cover). In closing, the Annual Report is a great way to begin an educational journey into the current endeavors of our Tribe. What our Tribe offers to the citizens of our Tribe is always important, whether you are a client or a decision maker.

Linda K. Baker

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Joseph Rael Jr.

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A huge shout out to all these people who came together as a team to make it all happen: Southern Ute Dispatch, Southern Ute Victims Services, Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club, Southern Ute Community Resource Office, Southern Ute Police Department, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Southern Ute Tribal Rangers, Southern Ute

Department of Gaming, Eddie and Betty Box, SunUte Community Center, Southern Ute Tribal Information Services, Southern Ute Growth Fund, Chairman Melvin Baker, Councilwoman Linda Baker, Southern Ute Department of Social Services, Councilwoman Marge Barry, Executive Officer Mike Olguin, Natelle Thompson, Southern Ute Permanent Fund Human Resources, Southern Ute Growth Fund, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, and Southern Ute Royalty.

*Don Folsom
Community Resource Officer
Southern Ute Police Department*

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Thank you SUPD Dispatch!



Celebration of Life Announcement

The family of Donna May Young invites you to celebrate her life at a memorial service. Donna, a life-long resident of Ignacio, passed away on December 19, 2022. The service will be held on April 22, 2023 at 1 pm at Ignacio Community Church, 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO and will be followed by light hors d'oeuvres at the church.

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Apr. 21

Deadline:
Apr. 17

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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

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2023-0021-CV-NC
Betsy Leah Marshall, Civil Subject
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 LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2023-0022-CV-NC
Mara-Jade Nimat Marshall, Civil Subject
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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, April 26, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, Minor Source Program Update, Reservation Air Code Revisions, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information on the meeting, how to attend virtually, or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Mr. Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager at (970) 563-2202 or visit the Commission website at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/.../air.../env-commission/>

REQUEST FOR BID

Terminal Food & Beverage Concession Agreement at the Durango La Plata County Airport

Separate sealed proposals for the Terminal Food & Beverage Concession Agreement at the Durango La Plata County Airport project will be received by the City of Durango until 3:00 PM (Local Time) on May 4, 2023. The City of Durango invites interested, qualified parties to submit proposals for the services outlined in this advertisement, to administer its airport terminal food, beverage, and vending concession program. Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: April 5, 2023 Time: 12:00 p.m. (Local Time). Airport Conference Room, 1000 Airport Road, Durango, CO 81303 Virtual option available: Click here to join the meeting. Bid proposals must be submitted via Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to see that the proposal is received before the submission deadline. Late proposals will not be considered. Bid documents and/or supporting information may be downloaded, at no charge, from the following web site: www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado Click on "Vendor Registration" or "Vendor Login", as applicable. Or at the City of Durango's website: www.DurangoGov.org. No addendums or plans will be available on the City's website. The City of Durango reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the City, to be in the best interest of the City of Durango. This project is being bid in accordance with the City of Durango Purchasing Policy.



REQUEST FOR BID

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Aerial Fiber Optic Construction

Southern Ute Shared Services, a division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe), requests a written response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to be the aerial fiber optic construction contractor for the Highway 151 segment of the Tribe's Broadband Modernization project. Complete details can be found on the Tribe's broadband project website (<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/>). Proposals will be received through April 28, 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 Tribe.

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.*

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

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***** ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP*****

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*(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.



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Tribal Wills Clinic

May 22-26, 2023

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Complex Building
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For an appointment call 505-716-6788 before May 20, 2023

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills.

Why Wills?

- Federal law includes provisions that say how Indian Trust Lands pass after a Tribal Member passes on.
- Over time, parcels may have been split into hundreds of small shares as Indian Trust Land passed from generation to generation. This process is called "fractionation."
- A federal law, A.I.P.R.A., is now attempting to decrease fractionation by providing that most Indian Trust Land will go only to the one oldest descendant – unless the owner writes a will.
- To make sure that your Trust Land, and other important items of property go to the people you want to have that property, you should write a will.

Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

What does it cost?

- Our services are entirely free.
- At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take about two weeks.

How long does the process take?

- About two hours on two different days.
- On the first day you will talk with a law student about what you would like to have included in your documents. You will have plenty of time to ask questions.
- That night the law student will write up all of the documents, and have them checked by a licensed attorney.
- On a second day, when the documents are ready, you will come back for the signing ceremony, which will take at least an hour, as the law student goes over everything to be sure that it is right.

Things to think about for a Will

- **Names of Friends and Family who will be Included in the Will** – To save time at the interview, write down the names of the friends and family you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cellphone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.
- **Special Gifts** – What is important for specific family members to have?
- **Personal Representative** – Who should take charge to make sure your wishes are carried out after you pass on?
- **Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common** – If you want to give a piece of land to be owned by several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as Joint Tenants or as Tenants in Common.
- **Joint Tenants** means that the last person surviving will own all of the land. **Tenants in Common** means that as each person passes on, that person's share goes into his or her estate. The law student will explain more about this.



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 970-563-2272.** If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

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

Areas of Operation

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

2023 Southern Ute Calendars available for purchase

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD
 Closes 5/26/23 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, May 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3); Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee. IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Election Board, P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE
 Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

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

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 website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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. 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.

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.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.
 Attention: We prefer all applications by email GRLopez@utemountain.org or ceyetoo@utemountain.org or TWare@utemountain.org • Fax 970-564-5528.

- Justice, Paralegal – Closes 4/12/23
- Grants & Contracts, Administrative Assistant – Closes 4/13/23
- Tribal Parks, Part-time Maintenance Worker – Closes 4/13/23

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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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

Aquatics Manager

Closes 4/11/23 – Under the supervision of the Fitness Director, management, and supervision of aquatics facility, to include day-to-day operations of facility, in-service training, pool maintenance, supervision of lifeguards, performing lifeguard duties, and set high expectations of safety. Pay grade E10; Pay range starts at \$38,095.13/year.

Behavioral Health Therapist

Closes 4/7/23 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade E15; Pay range starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Cashier

Closes 4/7/23 – Provides general clerical support to the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable and Payroll offices and serves as cashier. Pay grade N6; Pay range starts at \$13.47/hour.

Health Center Clerk

Closes 4/13/23 – First line of communication for the Southern Ute Health Center. Interfaces with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provides clerical/administrative support. Greets patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a wide variety of complex scheduling activities. Pay grade N7; Pay range starts at \$14.48/hour.

Peer Recovery Coach

Closes 4/17/23 – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N6; Pay range starts at \$13.47/hour.

Police Lieutenant

Closes 4/12/23 – Under general supervision of the Chief of Police coordinates the efforts of the radio communications division, community resource division, and the victim services program to achieve the objectives of the police department. Serves as acting Police Chief in the absence of the Police Chief. Pay grade E17; Pay range starts at \$75,321.13/yearly.

Sun Ute Receptionist – (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 4/13/23 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N5; Pay range starts at \$12.54/hour.

After School Program Attendant

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

Air Quality Planner

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay range 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 range starts at \$14.48/hour.

Assistant Environmental Program Manager

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. The summer program runs from May 30 – August 11, 2023. Pay grade N4; Pay range starts at \$12.32/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 range 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 range starts at \$86,609.29/year.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and ne-

glect 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 range 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 range 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 range 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 range 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 range 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. 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). An employee in this position 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 range 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 range starts at \$26.21/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

Forestry Fuels Crew Member – (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Incumbent is 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 range 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 range starts at \$41,456.65/annually.

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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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; Pay range begins at \$49,517.56/year.

Internal Auditor

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

Investment Associate – (Southern Ute members only)

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

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, 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. This position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; Pay range starts at \$14.48/hour.

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

Open Until Filled – 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 range starts at \$19.93/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 range 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 range starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. 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 range starts at \$18.32/hour.

Public Education Tutor (Temp/Part-time)

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

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

Open Until Filled – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing

information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Pay range starts at \$12.54/hour.

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – Full-time temporary Registered Nurse position responsible for providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay range 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. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay range starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Social Worker

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

TEAM Worker – (Southern Ute members only)

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

TERO Compliance Officer (Temporary/Part-time)

Open Until Filled – TERO Compliance Officer has the general authority to enforce compliance with the TERO Ordinance of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A point of contact for all development activities occurring on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and surrounding service areas. Works closely with contractor(s), other tribal departments, and non-tribal organizations to meet the mandates of TERO. Maintains a database of potential Indian Owned Businesses and Contractors. Pay grade N11; Pay range 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program – (Southern Ute members only)

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

Tribal Attorney

Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in 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 range starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Umpire/Referee

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

Water Quality Specialist: Animas River Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. 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 range starts at \$49,517.63/year.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Human Resources Admin. Assistant – Growth Fund Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/21/23 – Provides general office and administrative support to the Growth Fund Human Resources office, including benefits administration, and training and development, maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment. Minute taking, meeting arrangements, and special events; interacts with Growth Fund employees, Southern Ute Indian Tribal employees, applicants, Tribal members and the public in an efficient, courteous and helpful manner.

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.

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

Closes 4/18/23 – Performing work related to maintenance and repair of plant compression facilities, including amine processing plant equipment, pumps, plant compression facilities, dehydration units, and electric power generators.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

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.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- Elementary Teacher
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
- High School Head Volleyball Coach
- High School Math Teacher
- High School PE Teacher
- High School Social Studies Teacher
- Middle School/High School Music Teacher
- Middle School Head Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Transportation Director

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at 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.

Bingo Coordinator

Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Department. Oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining employees, addressing complaints and resolving problems/concerns; and to ensure high quality customer service. Ensure compliance with the Casino's policies & procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintain a high standard of guest service within the Bingo Department and actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided. Reports to the Casino General Manager.

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

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

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

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

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

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

***Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)**

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.

***Count Team Staff**

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

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

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.

***Fine Dining Server**

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

***Fine Dining Bartender**

Provide an exceptional fine dining/lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Possess an extensive knowledge of mixed drinks and wine. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely, and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests.

Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guest's

luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

***Lead Facilities 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.

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

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

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

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

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. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift.

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

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

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

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

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

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

***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.

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

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

Willows Server (Full-time)

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

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.

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- Email Kimberlee.Ackles@pueblocc.edu
- Call 970.564.6234
- Call the PCC Southwest Go!Zone at 970.564.6201



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SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

- Addiction Counselor
- Assistant Transit Division Director
- Bus Cleaner / Drivers
- Finance Administrator
- Substitute Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

FLY FISHING

Staying safe and dry

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I've written about staying dry and safe in past columns. However, with the record snowpack we'll have this year I feel the need to nag and remind those that fly fish of some ways to help you stay dry and safe. Unlike how you ignored your parents when they nagged, I want you to pay attention and follow my advice.

I want to start at ground level, your wading boots. A good pair of properly fitted boots will help keep you upright. Along with a good fit, soles and studs that aren't worn out will go a long way in helping you have an enjoyable day. A good fit means you haven't bought a pair of boots at a garage sale that are two sizes too small or large. Your feet will either be cold, or you will step out of them when you least expect it. If you have boots that fit, check the soles and cleats. Both felt and Vibram soles will wear out and get slick with age. I always wear wading boots that have cleats. The cleats give me extra traction. I realize there is some controversy about felt soles and cleats. But those are what make me feel the safest. The type of boots you use is an individual choice, don't let someone steer you in a direction you aren't comfortable with.

Once you feel safe and



SWMBO in your life has made it clear you will not fly fish alone, merely ask your partner for help. On the other hand, if you find yourself in the high country on a steam that no one else is on, you could have a major problem. I follow two rules when SWMBO isn't aware that I've sneaked off by myself. I always have my cell phone with me (on the chance it has coverage), and I wear an Apple watch that has an automatic app to check on me, should I fall. Should I not be able to respond to the inquiry if I'm alright, the app gives a dispatcher my location and help will be on the way.

Another piece of advice, if you are going to fly fish alone, file a fishing plan. Similar to a flight plan, let someone know where you'll be and when to expect you home. When you get home call and cancel your fishing plan. If you don't call, expect someone to come searching for you.

The last item you should have is a small first aid kit. You can buy kits already made up or build your own. A few Band-Aids and a little antiseptic can make a day looking bad turn into a great day. I realize nagging and finding myself sounding just like your mother is a scary thought. However, sometimes that little voice in the back of your mind can help you have a great and safe day on the water.

confident with your boots, check your waders. If they leak, you'll be cold. If you're cold, it can be hard to pay attention where you step as your shiver to death. After checking for holes, check the wading belt. For those of you that are new to the sport of fly fishing I want you to remember this statement. There are two types of fly fishers, "those that have fallen, and those that will fall." A secure and well-fitted belt will keep water from filling your waders when you fall.

To help prevent a fall or make it harder to step into a deep hole, a wading staff is needed. This is one piece of equipment that I will nag everyone who fly fishes to obtain. I don't care how young and agile you are, falls happen, a wading staff will help keep you upright and able to fish another day.

Now, pretend you've adhered to my nagging, done the above, and still take a really bad fall. If like me, the

FOOD SECURITY

Pine River Shares hosts food drives

Available for Pine River Valley residents

Staff report
PINE RIVER SHARES

Help feed our "souper" community!

Donations of soup can be dropped off during the month of April 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 the ELHI Community Center located at 115 Ute Street in

Ignacio.

Types of soup donations being accepted include shelf-stable items such as canned soups, dry soup mixes, noodle cups, etc.

During April, donations of soup will be collected in Bayfield and Ignacio. For more information contact Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040. More information about Pine River Shares programs can be found at www.pineriver-shares.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. When everyone shares, no one goes without.

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

When: April 12, 2023
Where: Multi-Purpose Facility **Tribal Members please join us for lunch and door prizes!**
Time: 10am-2pm

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: 970-563-2257 **See you there - April 12th, 10am-2pm**

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Sunup to Sundown

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Did you know?!

Dust on snow events can make snow absorb more heat from the sun and melt up to six weeks earlier than it would if there was no dust on the snow.

Source: Colorado Dust-On-Snow Program, National Geographic, Steamboat Magazine Photo: Trey Mullen

Please contact the Environmental Programs Manager, Mandy Eskelson, at 970-563-2256 or meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions or comments.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 Cave dwellers</p> <p>5 April in the Auvergne</p> <p>10 "And others," briefly</p> <p>11 Meteor shower celebrated by the Pawnee</p> <p>13 --- Hill, a Late Archaic culture in Missouri</p> <p>14 Small South Carolina tribe</p> <p>15 Lake Superior port</p> <p>17 In --- (as found)</p> <p>18 Least expensive 1960s Buick model</p> <p>20 With a bag, it's an Oklahoma nation, now</p> <p>21 Naturalists may be in it</p> <p>23 "Dead man's hand" card</p> <p>25 Go backwards</p> <p>28 James ---, Payómkawichum artist</p> <p>30 Shred roughly</p> <p>31 Rings, in botany and mathematics</p> <p>33 Overlay with plaster overhead</p> <p>34 Black grape variety</p> <p>35 Naysayer</p> <p>36 It's made at closing time</p> <p>37 "Do not change," to an editor</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1 Decompression sickness</p> <p>2 Cleaned the plate</p> <p>3 Olympic sport with the smallest ball</p> <p>4 Laggard</p> <p>5 Work on library cards</p> <p>6 "Devil or Angel" singer Bobby</p> <p>7 Small, agile deer</p> <p>8 Uncaring</p> <p>9 Stop, nautically</p> <p>12 Pas de ---, at the ballet</p> <p>16 Layer of a wedding cake</p> <p>19 Olympic sled</p> <p>22 Disturbance</p> <p>23 "---, poor Yorick!" (Shakespeare)</p> <p>24 Tristan da ---</p> <p>26 Furniture ensemble</p> <p>27 Divided Croatian city, by the sound of it</p> <p>29 Migraine characteristic</p> <p>32 Lakeland Linder Airport, FLA</p> |
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Answers for this crossword will appear in April 21 issue of the Drum.

Answers for March 24, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Tuba, 5 To that, 11 Egis, 12 Aurora, 13 Mags, 14 Step up, 15 On me, 16 Elkins, 17 Ad Astra, 19 Kansa, 20 Wrist, 25 LaSalle, 27 Ampler, 31 Clan, 32 Loring, 33 Kive, 34 Blotto, 35 Unit, 36 Oldest, 37 Pics.

Down: 1 Te-Moak, 2 Uganda, 3 Big man, 4 Assess, 5 Taser, 6 Outlaws, 7 Trek, 8 Hopi, 9 A run, 10 Taps, 18 Talents, 21 Rack up, 22 Illini, 23 Slavic, 24 Tenets, 26 Argot, 27 Albo, 28 Moll, 29 Prod, 30 Lite.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, April 7

Sunny 61°F

Saturday, April 8

Mostly sunny 63°F

Sunday, April 9

Sunny 67°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

March 21

March 27

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