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Lopez earns SUPD badge in Artesia

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Golden shovels in hand, representatives from the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Southern Ute Shared Services, Bonfire and the Town of Ignacio stand together for a groundbreaking ceremony, Monday, Dec. 4., signaling the construction of a state-of-the-art fiber internet network in the Town of Ignacio.

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Bonfire, Tribe break ground on expanded broadband infrastructure project

Fiber internet construction underway in Town of Ignacio

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe broke ground on a major broadband project with Bonfire, Monday Dec. 4 – signaling the construction of a state-of-the-art fiber internet network in the Town of Ignacio, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This milestone follows the successful clearance of the last permitting hurdle, marking a significant step towards addressing digital connectivity disparities in the region.



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Southern Ute Shared Services Broadband & Digital Equity Manager, Delbert Cuthair shares a laugh with representatives from Bonfire following the groundbreaking ceremony,

announce the commencement of construction for the fi-

ber internet network in the Town of Ignacio,” Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker said. “This project is a testament to our dedication to the well-being and prosperity of our community. The enhanced connectivity will open up new opportunities for education, business, and communication, making a positive impact on the lives of our tribal members and other town residents.”

The initiative, driven by the Tribe’s commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its members and for other Reservation residents, aims to provide high-speed, reliable internet access to the underserved community of Ignacio. This project is part of the Tribe’s broader strategy to bridge the digital divide, em-

Key Features of the Fiber Internet Project:

- **High-Speed Connectivity:** The fiber internet infrastructure will deliver high-speed internet access to homes, businesses, and community facilities in the Town of Ignacio, fostering economic development and innovation.
- **Reliability and Stability:** Residents can expect a reliable and stable internet connection, enabling seamless communication, online learning, telecommuting, and access to essential services.
- **Community Empowerment:** The project reflects the Tribe’s commitment to empowering its community by providing essential digital infrastructure. This investment aligns with the Tribe’s dedication to fostering economic growth and improving overall quality of life.
- **Collaboration with Stakeholders:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has worked collaboratively with local, state, and federal agencies to navigate the permitting process successfully. This collaborative effort demonstrates the commitment to creating positive partnerships that benefit the entire community.

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JUSTICE & REGULATORY

Southern Ute Police Department welcomes Chief Barrow



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Councilwoman Marge Barry pins a police badge on the new Southern Ute Police Chief Michael Barrow as part of his swearing in ceremony held on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Casias Newton Justice Center. Barry alongside her brother, Tyson Thompson shared stories of their father William S. Thompson who served as Chief of Police for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in the 1960s.

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

The Department of Justice and Regulatory proudly announces the appointment of Michael Barrow as the new Chief of Police. The official swearing-in ceremony took place Monday, Dec. 4, at the Casias Newton Justice Center,

marking a significant moment for the community.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police for the Southern Ute Police Department. It is an honor to follow the trail blazed by my predecessors,” Barrow said.

Barrow brings a wealth of experience and knowl-

edge to the Southern Ute Police Department, having served 28 years with the Houston Police Department. Barrow is a proud graduate of Brigham Young University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government

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WATER RESOURCES

Animas-La Plata Project provides update to Tribal Council

By **George Gavrielides**,
 Water Resources Specialist
 SU WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Wednesday, November 29, at a Tribal Council Work Session, Animas-La Plata Project (ALP) Association General Manager, Russ Howard, and Accounting Clerk, Tom Clarke, provided an update to Tribal Council on ALP. Tribal Council members present included: Chairman Melvin Baker, Vice Chair Lorelei Cloud, Marge Barry, Linda Baker, Dr. Stacey Oberly, and Treasurer, Marvin Pinnecoose. The Tribe’s Water Resources Specialist, George Gavrielides, and

Water Resources Division Head, Pete Nylander, were also present.

This work session allowed for Tribal Council to get an update and ask specific questions on ALP. Russ Howard provided a background of the ALP Project and the ALP Association and how they both operate. Howard explained that he manages the ALP Project Works as well as the ALP Association. The ALP Project is a Bureau of Reclamation project authorized by Congress through the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956, the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968, the 1986 Color-

ado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, the 1988 Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, and the Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 2000.

One of the main purposes of the ALP Project is to resolve the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe’s federally reserved water rights claims to the Animas and La Plata Rivers and their tributaries. The ALP Association was created in 2009 when Lake Nighthorse first started filling. The association was

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Gallegos takes Oath of Office



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Newly elected Councilman Andrew Gallegos completes his Oath of Office on Tuesday, Dec. 5 during his inauguration ceremony in the Tribal Council Chambers. Overseen by Chief Judge Scott Moore, Gallegos completed his oath in front of a large audience, filled with friends, family members, and coworkers. Following the official inauguration ceremony attendees gathered in the Hall of Warriors to enjoy light refreshments.

See additional inauguration photos on page 10.

Celebrating end of terms



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Acting Chairman Lorelei Cloud and Councilwoman Vanessa Torres wrap Dr. Stacey Oberly in a Pendleton blanket on Friday, Dec. 1 during the Tribal Council End of Term Celebration. Friends, family, dignitaries, and tribal employees gathered in the Tribal Council Chambers to share well wishes with three members of council who completed their individual terms – Councilmembers Dr. Stacey Oberly, Linda K. Baker and Chairman Melvin J. Baker were recognized for their service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

See additional going away celebration photos on page 2.

A fond farewell



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council members, Conrad Jacket and Secretary Lyndreth Wall gave Pendletons to Oberly, Baker, and Chairman Baker as gifts for their service to the Tribe as well as their collaboration with the sister tribe throughout their duration of their individual terms.

Chairman Melvin J. Baker gives his thanks to all who attended the celebration and gave well wishes to his colleagues wrapping up the Tribal Council End of Term Celebration on Friday, Dec. 1



Many Moons Ago



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Braving the freezing weather to break ground on the new Growth Fund office building on Friday, Dec. 6 were (left to right) Gary Whalen, senior vice president of the Growth Fund's Real Estate Group Regional Division; Elizabeth Santistevan, Growth Fund Management Committee tribal member at large; Bruce Valdez, executive director of the Growth Fund; Jimmy R. Newton Jr., Southern Ute chairman; Alex S. Cloud, Tribal Council member; Mike Foutz, representative of Tierra-FCI; and Howard D. Richards Sr., Tribal Council member.

This photo was first published in the Dec. 13, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

BONFIRE, TRIBE CUT RIBBON • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Bonfire Fiber President, Justin Roller (center) and Southern Ute Shared Services Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman (far right) discuss final details as fiber works commences in the Town of Ignacio, Monday, Dec. 4., following the groundbreaking ceremony.

power local businesses, and improve educational opportunities for residents.

"The federal approval of all permitting for the Ignacio and Florida Mesa areas is a major milestone for the Tribe's Broadband Project," Southern Ute Shared Services Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman said. "This next phase of our project marks a major expansion of the Tribe's fiber optic deployment that will start connecting homes and businesses within the Reservation to our new tribal backbone network from Ignacio to Durango that we recently completed.

"The success of this project is due to the Tribal Council's support and leadership,"

Engman said. "The time and effort required from many tribal employees and entities, the partnership we have established with the Bonfire Infrastructure Group, and the funding that has been made available by the Tribe, the State of Colorado, and the federal government – all with the end goal of closing the digital divide that exists within the Reservation."

Construction is set to begin immediately, with certain segments of the project expected to be completed as early as next summer, weather permitting. The overall project is scheduled until December of 2025, with the first

three areas – Ignacio, the Sky Ute Casino, and Florida Mesa West – to be completed for 2024. The Tribe encourages Ignacio town residents, and other Reservation residents to stay updated on the project's progress through official tribal communications channels.

"Since 2005, when I graduated from Fort Lewis College, I dreamt of and spoke with the late Jimmy Newton Jr. about the day when faster more reliable internet service would come to our area," Southern Ute Shared Services Broadband & Digital Equity Manager, Delbert Cuthair said. "That day has finally come, and the dream is becoming a reality."



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Academy student Chris Harrison (left) shows off the trophy he won at the Dec. 5 chess tournament at Park Elementary School in Durango. The award to Chris was for "Chess Master", representing fourth place finish in his age group. Fellow Academy students Angel Burch and Jesse Vigil pause during their chess match for the photograph, while Nicholas Santistevan observes in the background.

This photo was published in the Dec. 12, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

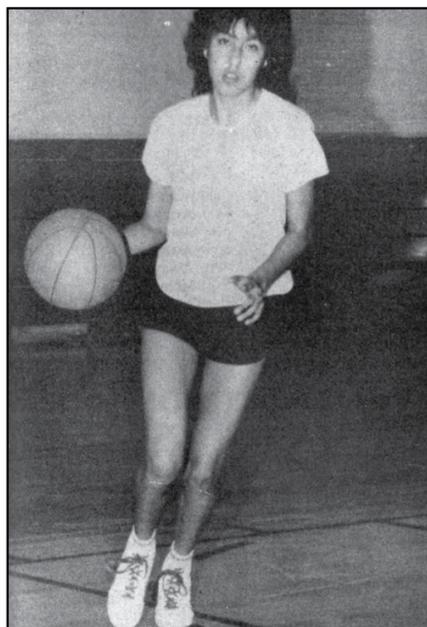


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Randy Baker goes up for two against Shiprock Cheiftain in season opener on December 4, 1993, in Ignacio.

This photo was published in the Dec. 10, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Kelly Herrera – One of the mainstays of coach Whiteman's Lady Cats.

This photo was published in the Dec. 2, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Save the Date
2023
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Inauguration Ceremony

Chairman &
Tribal Council

Monday, December 18, 2023
10:30 AM
Bingo Hall
Sky Ute Casino Resort

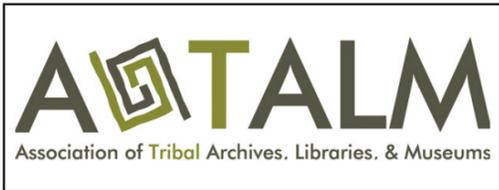


CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Henry Luce Foundation supports return of cultural objects to Native communities

Staff report

ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS



The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) received a grant of \$200,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation to support the “Going Home Fund: Returning Material Culture to Indigenous Communities” program.

The Going Home Fund was founded in 2022 for the purpose of creating a sustainable program that includes raising public awareness about the importance of returning culturally significant items to Indigenous communities, building relationships between tribal museums and non-Native collections institutions and individual collectors, and building the capacity of tribal museums to seek loans and gifts of culturally significant items. It also provides financial support to cover the actual cost of returns, including packing, shipping, insurance, and other expenses necessary to ensure the restoration of material culture to descendant communities.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Henry Luce Foundation for its generous support,” said Rick West, Chairman of the Going Home Fund. “This grant will enable us to expand our scope to include

international returns and support the generous spirit of giving demonstrated by collecting institutions and individuals seeking to do the right thing.”

“The Henry Luce Foundation is proud to support ATALM’s efforts to raise public awareness about the importance of repatriation and to accelerate the return of Indigenous cultural property,” said Ray Foxworth, Program Director for the Indigenous Knowledge Initiative at the Henry Luce Foundation.

Additional support for the fund is provided by the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, as well as many individual donors.

To seek support, return an item, or learn more about the Going Home Fund, visit <https://www.atalm.org/node/571>

Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) is an international associa-

tion dedicated to preserving and advancing the language, history, culture, and lifeways of Indigenous peoples. Founded in 2010, ATALM maintains a network of support for Indigenous cultural programs, provides professional development training, enables collaboration among tribal and non-tribal cultural institutions, and advocates for programs and funding to sustain the cultural sovereignty of Native Nations. To learn more, visit www.atalm.org

Henry Luce Foundation

The Henry Luce Foundation seeks to deepen knowledge and understanding in pursuit of a more democratic and just world. Established in 1936 by Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time, Inc., the Luce Foundation advances its mission by nurturing knowledge communities and institutions, fostering dialogue across divides, enriching public discourse, amplifying diverse voices, and investing in leadership development.



courtesy History Colorado

HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado and NPS open Sand Creek Massacre exhibition

Partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Staff report

HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado is partnering with the National Park Service (NPS) to open a satellite version of the national award-winning The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever exhibition at the Sand Creek Massacre NHS Visitor and Education Center in Eads, Colo. Opening on Dec. 8, 2023, this exhibition recounts the deadliest day in Colorado history – Nov. 29, 1864 – when U.S. troops brutally attacked a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho people who were promised military protection. More than 230 women, children and elders were murdered that day.

In addition to recounting the events of Nov. 29, 1864, The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever spotlights the living culture of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, two separate tribes with distinct histories that were bound together forever after the tragedy at Sand Creek. Forced to leave Colorado after the massacre, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people exist today as three sovereign tribal nations in Montana, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.

The satellite version of The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed

Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever opening in Eads presents a condensed view of the larger display at the History Colorado Center in Denver, and builds onto the National Park Service’s existing interpretation both at the Massacre site and at its downtown Eads’ Visitor and Education Center that focus on the causes and consequences of the massacre.

“This exhibit is one more important step in our efforts to provide meaningful education about the atrocities of the Sand Creek Massacre,” said Janet Frederick, Site Manager of the Sand Creek Massacre NHS. “The NPS would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Sand Creek Massacre Foundation and the National Park Foundation whose generosity funded this satellite exhibition as well as History Colorado for their time, talent and assistance in creating this exhibit. We’d also like to acknowledge the assistance of our longtime partners, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. This exhibit would not exist without their valuable input.”

The result of a ten-year partnership process that began in 2012 between History Colorado, National Park Service, and the three Tribal nations, this exhibition

is a rare opportunity to explore the events of the Sand Creek Massacre based on tribal accounts and oral histories from the descendants of those who survived the Sand Creek Massacre.

“The Sand Creek Massacre exhibition demonstrates that people can work humbly together to remember and begin to heal from atrocities and betrayals such as this,” said Shannon Voirol, Director of Affiliates for History Colorado. “It has been a pleasure to work in partnership with the Tribes as well as the NPS through the consultations that led to this exhibition, as well as on continued efforts to elevate this challenging part of our shared history.”

The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever opens Dec. 8, 2023, at the Sand Creek Massacre NHS Visitor and Education Center located at 1301 Maine St., Eads, Colo. The Visitor and Education Center is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and is free to the public.

The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever was made possible by substantial grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Round dancing the night away



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Invited and visiting singers gather at Durango High School for the 2nd Annual Native American Art Market and Round Dance on Saturday, Dec. 2. The event hosted by the Durango Native American Education Program brought together locals to dance and sing together in the benefit of the program.

Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage and Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder join hands to dance during the 2nd Annual Native American Art Market and Round Dance.



New Year's Eve Celebration

Come start your New Year's off in a good way
Join us with a Potluck dinner followed by
Singing and Blessing into the New Year

Multipurpose Facility
December 31st 6PM-1AM
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Contact : Alex Cloud (970)-442-1013



CRADLEBOARD WORKSHOP

Join the Cultural Preservation Department in learning how to make a doll-sized cradleboard with Jennifer GoodTracks!
The class is limited to 10 participants and sign-up is required to ensure enough materials are available.
Dinner will be provided.

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December 29th, 2023

Every Thursday in January
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HEALTHY RECIPES

Curried pumpkin soup

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC
Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

What to do with those fresh pumpkins or extra cans of pumpkin puree? Make a super delicious soup!

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



courtesy Healthy Recipes

Curried Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried ginger (or 1 tablespoon freshly grated)
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 3 cups vegetable broth or chicken broth
- 2 cans pumpkin puree (4 cups fresh pumpkin)
- 1 can coconut milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium heat.
2. Add onions and cook until translucent, about 3-4 minutes.
3. Add garlic, ginger, curry, cumin and stir to combine with onion.
4. *Add broth, pumpkin and coconut milk, stir to combine.

5. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low and simmer covered, for 20-30 minutes until heated through and flavors meld, stirring occasionally.

6. Remove from heat and let it rest for 5 minutes*.

7. Add salt and pepper to taste.

8. Optional toppings; fresh chopped cilantro, green onion, toasted pepitas, etc.

Tips:

If you have an immersion blender, you can smooth out your soup after taking off the stove.

If you want a thicker soup, only pour in 2 cups of broth and add more as needed for consistency, or you can let it simmer longer to reduce the liquid and thicken soup.

Serves 8

Nutrition per serving: 416 Calories, 32g Fat, 34g Carbohydrates, 9g Fiber, 8g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Celebrating milestones in recovery

By Marlene Schafer
SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Transition is difficult and change is hard, especially when you have been engaging in negative behaviors, such as using substances to cope and/or to get through the challenges of life.

Perhaps the intent of using substances was for recreation, or for acceptance, or to cope with the stressors of life. Whatever the case may be, you may have found yourself addicted to substances. You may have found that your life has been consumed with the use of substances and the impact of your use has disrupted your peace, your sanity, and your life.

You may have lost family, friends, and hope because of your addiction. Maybe you thought that help was not possible. However, you came to realize that there was another path – a path of recovery that would offer you freedom from the addiction – and a hope that your life could be restored.

Upon entering this path, you may have been met with doubt and uncertainty. You may have felt scared, but nevertheless, you were willing to take the first step – and so you did! You embarked on a journey of recovery despite your apprehensions. You overcame the cravings, the psychological dependencies, the withdrawal symptoms, and both internal and external triggers. You were courageous!

Along the way you may have encountered rocky terrain that you had to walk through, and you may have faced some steep hills that you had to climb, nevertheless, you remained committed to abstinence and persevered on the path of recovery. You were courageous!

In addition, you overcame the pressures to stay sober. You know, those anxious feelings that made you feel overwhelmed and made you feel like you wanted to give up. You endured through those times and stayed on the path of recovery. You were courageous!

Whether you have been in recovery for a few hours, a few days, a few weeks, a few months, or a few years, it is important to celebrate any milestones you have made. But first, let's have a chat about milestones.

Milestones are opportunities to reflect on progress

made and highlight areas where there have been positive changes. Milestones serve as markers of how long someone has made it without using alcohol or drugs, therefore, it is important to celebrate how far you have come in your recovery. Why? Because you have worked hard to get where you currently are in your recovery. Each day is an accomplishment and that should be acknowledged and celebrated, in a healthy way, of course.

Rewarding yourself for a sober milestone in your recovery journey is important. Any amount of time you have remained sober is a good reason to feel proud, so treat yourself for your accomplishment. You earned it!

But if I may, this concept of celebrating your milestones in recovery may seem strange at first. You may not think that what you have accomplished is a big deal – but it is! Every moment of every day that you worked hard to maintain your sobriety is a big deal! So, celebrate your milestones!

Let us look at some ways that you can celebrate.

- Reflect on your journey – this will give you an opportunity to see how far you have come in your recovery and the work it took to get to this place.
- Go to a movie – relax and enjoy some treats.
- Go to a meeting – connect with others who understand the challenges and victories you have made and celebrate with them. Your testimony will also be an inspiration to others who are struggling or who are in an earlier stage of recovery.
- Share your success with others – Plan for a small gathering with family and friends and allow

them to share in your accomplishments.

- Give back – Giving back not only reinforces your commitment to sobriety but also provides a sense of fulfillment and purpose.

These are just a few examples of ways you can celebrate, there are many others. Regardless of what you choose, please remember – celebrating your sober milestones is a vital part of your recovery journey. It serves as a reminder of your courage, your strength, your progress, and the transformative power of your efforts.

Today, we are celebrating you and all your success in your recovery!

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay.

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

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

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.

Southern Ute Health Center Construction Update

Southern Ute Construction and Project Management would like to inform staff of the upcoming and ongoing construction starting this week through March 2024 on the Southern Ute Health Center site. Due to construction, the use of the site is changing. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Yumi Johnson at 970-563-2224. Staff parking on the northeast side of the building is shown in blue below, just west of the Head Start building. All spaces west of these will be reserved for the contractor as the site will also be disturbed here during the course of the work.



Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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for mental health emergencies.

Text INDIGENOUS to 741741
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Foster Love, Foster Life

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
is recruiting families who
have a stable home,
energy and LOVE to
share.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT.

For more information call Southern Ute Social Services: 970-563-2337 – Kellie



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

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

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

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –

Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in January 2024

January 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Love languages for December

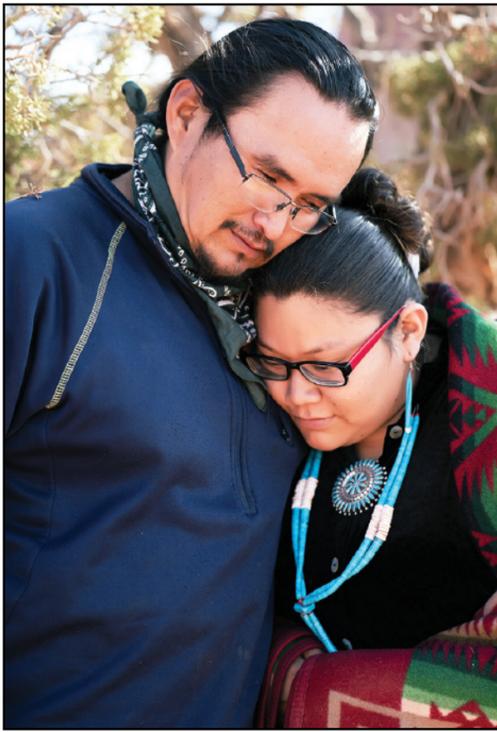
Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE
HELPLINE

The holiday vibe is buzzing, the shopping carts bumping and with each day of December, the pressure of the holidays is mounting. This year, instead of stressing out about the holidays and gift giving, think about the many ways you can speak the love language of your partner- that for the most part comes free of charge.

Thank him later, because Gary Chapman, the author of "The 5 Love Languages. The Secret to Love that Lasts," narrowed love languages down to just five so it shouldn't be too hard to figure out which one speaks volumes to your partner.

In no particular order, the five languages include: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Acts of Service, Physical Touch and Receiving Gifts. Instead of breaking the bank, fill up the love tank to please your partner.

- **Words of Affirmation:** Ask yourself, "how many birthday cards, bouquets of flowers or any sort of gift that comes with a message telling your partner that you love them?" If he or she saves anything with "words of affirmation" or expressed appreciation, filling up a partner's love tank might start with a compliment. Don't hesitate to pick up the pen, buy a card or handwrite a message straight from the heart.
- **Quality Time:** Does your partner complain that you work too much? Do you travel for work and leave your partner to take care of the daily chores, driving the kids to school or to participate in sports? This could mean that filling up their love tank would mean spending quality time with your partner. Mark your calendar so that no matter what, it's date night with your partner. Or bring home pizza for dinner so you can spend more time talking about how your day went.
- **Acts of Service:** Do something - anything! - that helps your partner at home. You may think a stay-at-home mom or dad is an easy job, but you would be surprised at the relentless demands of everyday life. Do the dishes, take out the trash, make the bed, wash the



courtesy StrongHearts Native Helpline

Love languages are mutual and reciprocal, but more often than not - love languages are different between couples. Love is a choice.

car or go grocery shopping. There are so many things that can be done to fill up your partner's love tank when you speak their love language.

- **Physical Touch:** Would you describe your partner as having a personality that is clingy or distant and is their vibe warm or cold? When your partner's love language is physical touch, let the love begin with a nice hug - a long hug. He or she may have been waiting for a long time.
- **Gift Giving:** Don't wait for a birthday or a holiday to give your partner a gift. Gifts don't have to be expensive. Often, when your partner's love language is gift giving - a single rose or a small bouquet of flowers from the grocery store can be really cheap - especially in the spring when the tulips and daffodils are abundant. If you want to buy them something more expensive - the sky's the limit (just don't buy a gym membership).

These love languages may seem insignificant - but the author has counseled marriages long enough to see a pattern and successfully prescribe a love language used to fill

up the love tank between intimate partners.

Love languages are mutual and reciprocal, but more often than not - love languages are different between couples. Love is a choice. It does not involve manipulation or coercion, control or abuse. It takes work to maintain a healthy relationship and learning to speak your partner's love language can help.

If you are in an abusive relationship, or know someone in an abusive relationship, help is available.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives. For support and advocacy, crisis intervention and safety planning, referrals to Native-centered service providers and resources, call or text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùmuguavi
"Good Brain, Strong Heart"

Positive childhood experiences

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

This is the fourth in a series of four articles this year about how childhood experiences can impact people throughout their lives.

In January, we discussed the strong link between negative childhood experiences and adult health and well-being. In April, we focused on the incredible protective impact of positive childhood experiences. In September, we reviewed the positive childhood experiences studied.

The message I want to stick with you from these four articles is that there is hope.

Early childhood is a sensitive period for the brain and body. What a child experiences can be deeply imprinted and impact them for their entire lives. We can, and should, work to prevent negative childhood experiences for all children, but some will still occur. Having had these experiences does not mean that a child is destined for poor health. Children have an incredible capacity to heal and a foundational phrase for those who work in this area is



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

that history is not destiny.

There are many ways to offset the impacts of negative childhood experiences through positive childhood experiences. All of us can contribute to these positive experiences for kids because they include participating in family and cultural traditions, strong relationships with parents who respond to a child's needs and offer warm reactions, other adults who take a genuine interest in a child and support their growth and development, a stable school environment where children feel valued and receive high-quality education, and kids joining a music, art, or sports group.

Through our jobs, vol-

unteer positions, advocacy, and even just our supportive presence, we can make the lives of the kids in our family, our neighborhood, and our community healthier and better.

There is hope. For more information about negative and positive childhood experiences check out: <https://centerforyouthwellness.org/>, <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/index.html>, or <https://positiveexperience.org/>.

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

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Unlimited training offered for Southern Ute tribal members, elders

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

SunUte Community Center offers a variety of amenities to their members, while catering to people of all ages. The most popular amenities include the free personal training and the group exercise courses included in the membership. SunUte's mission is to serve the tribal membership and surrounding communities with a safe and welcoming environment by offering quality customer service and knowledgeable staff. They continue to encourage tribal members to utilize the facility and wish to remind them of the additional benefits that tribal members receive.

"Ute Elders and their Friends" is a course recently added to the numerous group exercise classes offered; held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, elders can expect well-structured programming that will work on the entire body in a peaceful setting that will leave them feeling better than when they came in. Offering different exercises and weights, the elders can make the class perfect for their individual fitness levels. The elder class is a wonderful opportunity for elders to meet with a group and socialize while training with one of the trainers to gain strength, balance, and work on gaining back independence from any previous injuries that may limit them. Fitness trainers, Jakob Box and Elijah Lucero are passionate about fitness and encourage all members to begin their fitness journeys. "My role as a SunUte trainer is to offer quality program design for either one on one clients or a group class that will meet goals and expectations for overall better health and wellness." Trainer Jakob Box said in a recent interview.

"As a trainer at SunUte, my biggest role is to em-



Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

Trainer Elijah Lucero demonstrating the next exercise to the local elders during Ute Elders and Their Friends group exercise at SunUte Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 14. Ute Elders and Their Friends are held on Tuesday and Thursdays each week offering different exercises and weights, the elders can make the class perfect for their individual fitness levels.

power my clients in health and wellness. Helping to create a safe space on the fitness floor or in elder classes," Lucero said. "Preventing and maintaining chronic illnesses is one of my biggest passions, as this is a huge epidemic within our Indigenous communities."

SunUte Community Center has personal professional trainers available on site during regular business hours ready to aid everyone in achieving their fitness goals. The trainers work to develop personalized workout plans, maintain clean and orderly equipment, and most importantly prioritize safety within the gym. SunUte recently announced that tribal members now receive unlimited training sessions with their SunUte membership.

Box and Lucero share a piece of advice to those who are ready to begin their fit-

ness journey. "My advice would be to simply just start making today the day, it can be a big or small step for some, but the first step is to make that decision to start today to learn and grow," Box said. "We all start at different parts in our journey to help our bodies function to our best abilities and we as trainers are here every step of the way, so you never have to do it alone."

"As they say, day one or one day. Like Jakob says, either a small or big step, as long as you start. It can be one mile a day or starting a strength training program," Lucero said. "We are here to support and empower all tribal members, youth and elders!"

For full group exercise scheduling or to schedule your personal training appointment, contact SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214.

San Juan Basin Public Health is permanently closing December 31, 2023.

Find out more about the transition to Archuleta and La Plata County public health departments, opening January 1, 2024:

SAN JUAN BASIN public health
sjpublichealth.org/changes



SUIMA

Pawaaghani Pø'økwatü – Eagle's Nest

Ute language, the cornerstone of the Academy

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

With the annual Tribal Christmas dinner happening on Saturday, we hope the skit that will be performed will showcase the growth that has happened this year in terms of the Ute language.

As the Ute language is the cornerstone of our school, the SUIMA staff works diligently to keep the culture and traditions in the forefront of all that we do.

Every morning we begin with daily announcements and menu being said in the Southern Ute Language which are followed by the broadcast of the Flag Song over our PA System. Throughout the day, Ute Language lessons are taught formally and, more often, in random teachable moments. Walking into the upper elementary level, visitors and staff are greeted by the students using



courtesy SUIMA/SU Drum archive

Sheila Nanaeto sings for the early childhood students in the classroom on Culture Day.

their Ute language.

We've also had the opportunity to revive our Eagle Wing drum group with the help of the Fort Lewis College drum group as an energetic bunch of boys – young and old – meet every Wednesday evening.

Through all of this, we are committed to helping our students learn where they come from and help them become strong in their heritage.

Reminders

Eagle Wing Drum Group, with support from the Fort Lewis College Drum Group, meets on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Ute language class.

Parent Advisory Group

The next PAG meeting will be Dec. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. These meetings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month.

Family Nights

The December Family Night will be held on Dec. 20 in the dining hall. Plan on joining us for an evening of decorating Christmas stockings. Dinner will be served.

Upcoming events

- Early Release at 2 p.m. every Friday!
- Dec. 16: Tribal Christmas program
- Dec. 20: PAG viz Zoom
- Dec. 20: Family Night, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 5, 2024: Christmas break

SUIMA fundraiser kicks off



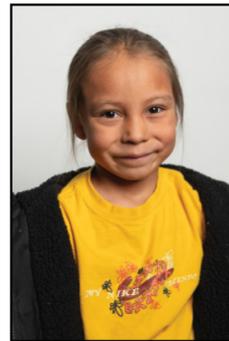
photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Upper Elementary students are cranking up their annual fundraisers for their end of the year field trip. Students served coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts at the infant/toddler's kitchen area on Thursday, Dec. 7, where Leandro Litz makes a hot chocolate for Lucas Rael.

The Upper Elementary students from SUIMA help serve donuts, coffee and hot chocolate to students, teachers and employees who stopped by Thursday, Dec. 7.



Students of the season



Stoney Bluestar
Elementary School

Stoney Bluestar

I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Fall 2023. My name is Stoney Bluestar. I attend Ignacio Elementary school, where I am a first grader. My parents/guardians are Daisy Bluestar. I like P.E. the best and Mrs. Herrera is my teacher. My favorite subject is math. My positive role model is my friend Lily. I would like to do a casino job when I grow up.

Mrs. Krispin – Southern Ute Education Teacher comments:

"Stoney is a first grader at Ignacio Elementary School, and this is his second year participating in our Southern Ute Education after-school tutoring program. Stoney is a joy to teach because he has such a positive attitude, and he gives his best effort on his schoolwork. He is also a good citizen who is kind, helpful, and trustworthy. In addition, Stoney is a thoughtful, understanding friend to his classmates and a wonderful example of a Six-Pillar Bobcat. Keep up the great work Stoney!"

Mrs. Herrera – Classroom teacher comments:

"Stoney is a kind and respectful student. He comes to school each day ready to learn. Stoney works hard and does his best in all he does. He brings happiness and calmness to our classroom and always encourages others to be kind and do the right thing. Stoney has a loving heart and brightens up our days. I am thankful to have such a great student in my classroom."

Family comments:

Stoney is the youngest of five children and is very energetic, loving, and responsible. Stoney holds everyone accountable around him and he makes sure to get anything he sets his mind to completed. We are very proud to be his family.

Ivan Joseph

Mrs. Wyatt – Fifth grade teacher comments:

"Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind."
-Dodinsky.

Ivan, you are such a kind, sweet young man. I am so proud of your hard work and accomplishments you have made. You are developing so much courage this year and I am so excited to see where your confidence will take you. Thank you for your kindness and empathy in our classroom. You bring such a light to our group.

Mrs. Fiddler – Southern Ute Education teacher:

Ivan Joseph is a wonderful human being. He is incredibly smart and his dedication and commitment to learning stands out and makes him a unique and shining role model for all. Not only is he very bright and successful in his academic studies, but he is also a very kindhearted and an extremely well-mannered young man. He has such a bright future ahead of him. Thank you, Ivan!

Family comments:

Ivan loves learning things, and his focus is on math. He was taught to have respect and mannerism from his mother, Deanna Frost. We carry and maintain that teaching for Ivan.



Ivan Joseph
Elementary School



Levi Lopez
Middle School

Levi Lopez

I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Fall 2023 because I'm a good kid and because I have been trying to get better grades and do more chores at home. My name is Levi Lopez. I attend Ignacio Middle School, where I am a sixth grader. My parents/ guardians are Megan Watts and Davidson Lopez. I like math, art, and I like to hang out with my friends. I got invited to go to the lock-in and it was fun! My favorite subject is art because I am creative. My positive role model is my dad because he can fix a lot of stuff. I would like to play professional basketball and be a mechanic when I grow up.

Mrs. Stone – Southern Ute Education teacher comments:

Levi has made great progress with his efforts in school. He has been working hard and is appreciated for his sense of humor and willingness to try new things.

Mr. Q. – Classroom teacher comments:

Levi values community and culture, a great characteristic to have as a young man. He has taken part in community service at the Senior Center and the Humane Society. He was also featured in our Native American Heritage Month assembly as one of the dancers.



ISD Students, Parents & Staff

If Ignacio School District decides to call a snow day, there will be a mass notification sent around 5:30 a.m. The message will be sent via simultaneous phone call, text message and email to staff and students' primary contacts.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS CORRECT!

Please go into Infinite Campus and confirm your information so you will receive these important alerts.

Notice will also be sent out on social media and the local television and radio stations.

Southern Ute Shared Services | 14929 HWY 172 | Ignacio, CO, 81137

The Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season.

SUDEP would like to remind Southern Ute Tribal Members that we have Dell Laptops available.

If you have not received your **"Free" laptop (18+) or Chromebook (under 18)** we still have some available.

We will ship to those members who live out of the local area.

Visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP once the questionnaire is completed and submitted SUDEP will process your laptop request in the order its received.

If shipping is required for your laptop a member of the SUDEP team will reach out to you for shipping confirmation and tracking information.

For questions or technical support please reach out to the SUDEP team at 970-563-5555 or sudepservice@southernute.com

Sincerely,

Southern Ute Shared Services Team





HIGHER EDUCATION

CoBank partners with the American Indian College Fund to support Native college students

\$300,000 in scholarships distributed over three years

Staff report
CoBank

CoBank is partnering with the American Indian College Fund (College Fund) to provide American Indian and Alaska Native students with scholarships. CoBank has granted \$300,000 over the next three years, providing \$100,000 per year for 20 student scholarships in the amount of \$4,500. All Native students are eligible to apply for consideration, however preference will be given to those studying banking, finance, and agriculture. Scholarship recipients who continue to meet program requirements can reapply for funding each year.

“CoBank is honored to partner with the College Fund to provide scholarships to deserving students. Higher education plays a vital role in securing a prosperous future for individuals, families, and communities throughout the country – especially in rural America. We are excited about this new relationship and the opportunity to support underserved Native American students,” said Tom Halverson, CoBank’s president and CEO.

College Fund President and CEO, Cheryl Crazy Bull said, “On behalf of the College Fund, I want to thank CoBank for this wonderful partnership that will help students obtain degrees that are so important to the financial well-being of our communities and the im-



portant relationship that we have with the land and its resources.”

CoBank

CoBank is a cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water, and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 76,000 farmers, ranchers, and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country. CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure, and rural communities. Headquartered outside Denver, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.

American Indian College Fund

The American Indian College Fund has been the nation’s largest charity supporting Native higher education for 34 years. The College Fund believes “Education is the answer” and provided \$17.4 million in scholarships and other direct student support to American Indian students in 2022-23. Since its founding in 1989 the College Fund has provided more than \$319 million in scholarships, programs, community, and tribal college support. The College Fund also supports a variety of academic and support programs at the nation’s 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators and is one of the nation’s top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance. For information about the American Indian College Fund, visit www.collegefund.org.



courtesy Ignacio Early Learning Program

The children from Preschool are participating in Dinosaur School, which is aimed at promoting social and emotional competencies in children.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio Early Learning Program

Fabulous TIMES!

By Melanie Brunson
IGNACIO EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM



Melanie Brunson
Division Director
Ignacio Early Learning

What a great beginning we have had. Already moving into December and the classroom activities and schedules are well under way. Children are happy and have adjusted nicely to the routine of school. Looks of “I CAN’T do it” are turning into looks of “I DID it!” It is rewarding for us teachers to witness this transition!

Our classrooms and hallways are currently being transformed into a Christmas wonderland. Through all the fun children are still learning a tremendous number of skills that they will continue to build on throughout this school year.

Please enjoy the pictures of the fun and learning that takes place daily!

We have many busy days ahead of us and I look forward to sharing them with you and your children.



courtesy Ignacio Early Learning Program

Students exploring with art materials, creating gingerbread men in class.



courtesy Ignacio Early Learning Program

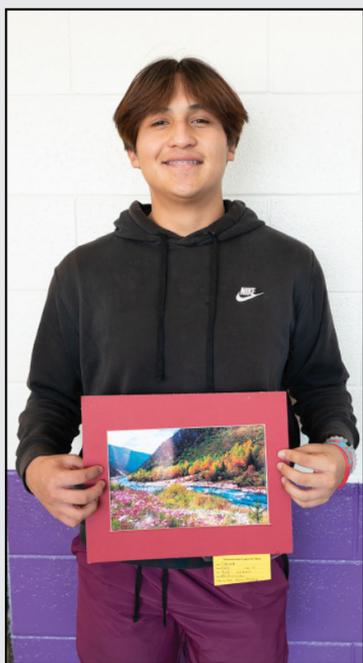
Students exploring the dramatic play area – interacting while using their doctor skills.

BHS, Native American Heritage



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Zuriah Baker holds her pottery and painting she submitted for the Native American Heritage Month art display on Thursday, Nov. 30 inside Bayfield High School. The school gave recognition to the Native American artists who shared their heritage with their individual art pieces.



Southern Ute tribal member Auq-uwey O’John proudly stands with his printed photograph submitted for the Native American Heritage Month art display at Bayfield High School. O’John is a sophomore at BHS and is passionate about photography.

Southern Ute tribal member Tavian Box shows off his photography included in the Native American Heritage Month art display at Bayfield High School. Native American students currently in Ms. Kathleen Neal’s Art Class created handmade pottery, paintings, drawings, and photos that were displayed in the main entrance of the school.

Upcoming Events

- The staff at Ignacio Early Learning Program will be joining IES for Literacy Night on Dec. 6. Free spaghetti dinner at 5:30 p.m.
- Santa will be visiting the children in our program in December.
- Santa’s elves are busy making stockings for all the children.
- Christmas Break: Dec. 25 through Jan. 5.

The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings

Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT performs surface treatment on CO 151

Motorists should plan for delays through December

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Beginning Dec. 7, Colorado Department of Transportation maintenance crews will repair potholes along Colorado Highway 151, Mile Points 10 – 33. Motorists traveling between Ignacio and Chimney Rock National Monument should plan for full stops and up to 15-minute delays, Monday through Friday for the remainder of the month.

CDOT crews will work as swiftly as possible to complete the surface treatment by the end of the month, however resurfacing operations are weather dependent.

Traffic Impacts

- Daytime work hours



- range from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Expect one-lane alternating traffic and 15-minute delays.
- Traffic will be guided by cones, signs and flagging personnel.
- Motorists will encounter 40 mph speed reductions.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT performs US 160 crack sealing operations east of Mancos

Slow down, use caution driving through work zones

Staff report

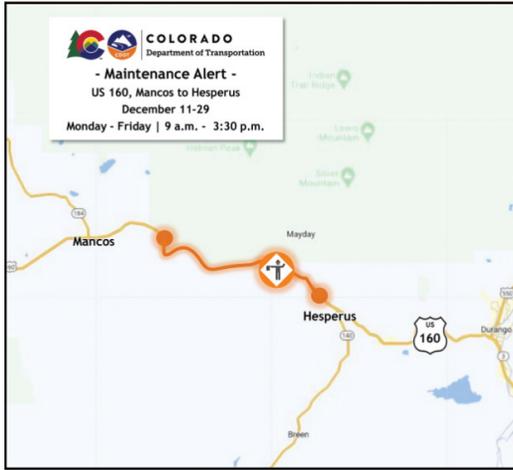
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation performs month-long surface treatment repairs on a ten-mile section of US Highway 160, beginning Monday, Dec. 11. Operations will take place approximately four miles east of Mancos, Mile Points 61-71. Daytime work hours will range from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Surface treatment operations help treat road damage caused by harsh winter conditions creating a smoother and safer road surface for motorists. Work is weather permitting.

Traffic Impacts

- Operations will take



- place Dec. 11-29, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Expect lane shifts guided by signs, cones and flagging personnel.
- A speed reduction of 40 mph will be enforced through the work zones.
- Plan for brief delays during peak travel times.

Celebrating years of service



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Director of Food & Beverage, Mark Heaney hugs Sylvia Sanchez during her recognition for 30 years of service to the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Casino hosted the Years of Service Awards on Thursday, Dec. 7 to formally recognize employees with five, 10, 15, and 30 years of service completed.



Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer, Marvin Pinecoose took time to share kind remarks for longtime employee Sara Thompson during the Years of Service Awards on Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Thompson has been serving the Casino and its guests for 10 years now at the Rolling Thunder Grill, providing excellent customer service.

Farewell from Grounds



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Property & Facilities Management Director, Tyson Thompson wishes Grounds Maintenance Division Head, Andrew Gallegos the best in his future endeavors, while also presenting him with a hunting knife as a thank you for his dedication to Property & Facilities – Friday, Dec. 1.



Property & Facilities staff presented Gallegos with the customary cake, celebrating his five years of service as the Grounds Maintenance Division Head. Gallegos was recently elected to the Southern Ute Tribal Council and served his last day with Grounds Maintenance on Friday, Dec. 1.

Multi-Purpose Facility Christmas Sip, Chat & Chew

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



**Friday December 22, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes, and their families, all ages are invited.
Join the Reindeer Games - Sponsored by Connie Baker
Cake Dance - Sponsored by MPF Volunteers
Door Prize donations are welcome and appreciated



Tribal Information Services (TIS) and Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) support staff will be onsite to provide customer support for anyone experiencing issues signing into the Southern Ute Tribal Portal where you may.

- Request a laptop via the (SUDEP) Southern Ute Digital Equity Program.
- Request an user account.
- Answers your questions related to Vital Statistics.
- Fulfill tribal ID requests.
- Provide updates to Tribal Member census files upon request.



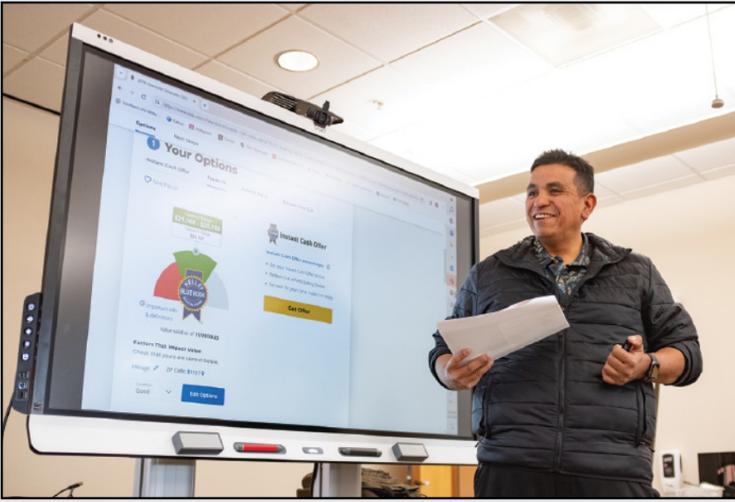
Contact Information:
Tribal Member Portal (SUDEP) support team (970) 563-5555.
Tribal Information Services (TIS) Vital Statistics (970) 563-2248/2250.



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Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Used car buying, the smart way



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Money Talks financial workshop titled, "Used Car Buying, the Smart Way" was presented by Southern Ute Tribal Treasurer, Marvin Pinnecoose, Tuesday, Nov. 21, in the Buckskin Charley room. The hour-long workshop was open to tribal members and tribal employees and covered all the basic of assessing your car's trade in value, current interests' rates (APR) and the market value of the car you are looking to buy – emphasizing that knowledge is key in negotiating the purchase of any used vehicle.

SUPD: Lopez earns shield



photos Gary Maestas/SU Police Dept.

Southern Ute tribal member, Philman Lopez was hired in June of 2023, as a trainee with the Southern Ute Police Department. On Monday, Dec. 11, he completed the required training and graduated from the Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Lopez was pinned with the SUPD Badge by his daughter Mia Lopez. The academy spanned 20 weeks and included a wide variety of law enforcement training in Criminal and Children's Code, driving, firearms, arrest control, active threat, building searches, and police procedures. Lopez will begin his training with SUPD in early January 2024 after completing the Colorado POST Exam.

ANIMAS-LA PLATA PROJECT • FROM PAGE 1

contracted by the Bureau of Reclamation to manage and operate the project, and the association is comprised of member entities that are allocated ALP Project water, one of which is the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The ALP Association is governed by the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which cannot be modified without unanimous approval from all association members. Howard stated to Tribal Council that there is a complex history to the ALP Project, and he recognizes that ALP would not have been completed without the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe which are majority water holders of the ALP Project.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a total project water allocation of up to 44,662 acre-feet (AF) of diversions per year, of which 38,108.5 AF can be stored in Lake Nighthorse. The Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 2000 limits uses of the ALP Project to municipal and industrial uses only, including recreation, stock watering, fish and wildlife, and flood control.

The costs to operate the ALP Project are allocated on a pro rata basis, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is responsible for 35.5% of the Fixed O&M costs based on the Tribe's proportion of allocation. However, the U.S. government currently pays the Tribe's 35.5% of O&M costs until the Tribe begins to use their water. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has not used any of its ALP Project water yet, so the U.S. government is still paying the Tribe's ALP O&M's.

The ALP Association controls releases from Lake Nighthorse and does the ac-

counting for Project water, so whenever the Tribe decides to use their water, a request to Howard and his ALP Association staff and a notification to the Bureau of Reclamation is all that's required. Howard and the Association will only release or account for water for the Tribe if the Tribe requests it, meaning no other entity can determine releases of the Tribe's water.

The IGA states that Lake Nighthorse can be operated as a "joint pool" which means an Association member can temporarily use water stored in Lake Nighthorse, but not otherwise being used by other Association members to satisfy their needs. However, the Association and its members decided this can only occur for certain, temporary cases to prevent a reliance on the "joint pool" and therefore another entity's ALP Project water.

The Tribal Council brought up recreation at Lake Nighthorse, and Howard explained that recreation is not the primary purpose of the ALP Project, but the Bureau of Reclamation requires recreation at all Reclamation Projects of which the ALP Project is one. The Bureau of Reclamation identifies an entity to manage recreation, and they identified the City of Durango as the recreation management entity at Lake Nighthorse. The ALP Association does not manage recreation at Lake Nighthorse because there's no profit, it typically costs more to manage than the revenue generated. In fact, if the Bureau of Reclamation wasn't paying for 50% of the losses that the City of Durango incurs to manage recreation, the City would most likely not be managing recreation. Although the ALP Association does not manage recreation, they do make sure recreation does not affect water quality, cultural resources, or interfere with the Association member's ability to use their water.

The ALP Association's main job is to operate and maintain the ALP Project. The Association performs routine preventative maintenance on the ALP Proj-

ect Works and facilities, and they are currently replacing check valves on the pumps, upgrading fire detection equipment, and they just finished rebuilding pump number five.

Tribal Council asked important questions throughout Russ Howard's update, and they were very appreciative of Howard visiting and providing information on ALP. The main points from the informative Work Session included:

Russ Howard manages the ALP Project and the ALP Association which is composed of member entities that are allocated project water.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's ALP Project water allocation is up to 44,662 AF of diversions per year, of which 38,108.5 AF can be stored in Lake Nighthorse.

ALP Project is limited to municipal and industrial uses only, including recreation, stock watering, fish and wildlife, and flood control.

The ALP Association will only release or account for the use of the Tribe's water if requested by the Tribe; no other entity can determine what is done with the Tribe's water.

Recreation is not the primary purpose of Lake Nighthorse, and the ALP Association does not manage recreation.

The City of Durango manages recreation at Lake Nighthorse because the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) requires recreation at all BOR Projects of which the ALP Project is one.

The ALP Association ensures that recreation at Lake Nighthorse does not impact water quality, operations of water deliveries to association members, and ensures cultural resources are protected.

In early 2024, Russ Howard and the Tribe's Water Resources Division plan on providing the newly elected Tribal Council another background update on the ALP Project and the Tribe's overall water resources and water rights.

If anyone has questions about the ALP Project or the Tribe's water rights, feel free to contact the Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482.

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Saturday December 16, 2023

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Artists—Artisans—Crafters—Bakers—Candy Makers

SUPD WELCOMES BARROW • FROM PAGE 1

in addition to a Master of Arts in Security Management for Executives from the University of Houston.

During the swearing-in ceremony, Chairman Melvin J. Baker expressed confidence in Chief Barrow's ability to lead the police force with integrity and with a focus on community engagement and cultural awareness.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chief Michael Barrow to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. With his demonstrated leadership and experience, I am confident he will continue to uphold the highest standards of safety, service, and professionalism for our people and community," Chairman Baker said.

Surrounded by Tribal Council, Court staff, law enforcement, and family, Chief Barrow was presented his service badge by Tribal Council member Marge Barry and her brother, Tyson Thompson, in honor of their late father



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Police Chief Barrow raises his right hand and repeats after Chief Judge Scott Moore during his Oath of Office on Monday, Dec. 4. Barrow served 28 years with the Houston Police Department and looks forward to serving the Southern Ute community in his new role.

and former Chief of Police, William S. Thompson.

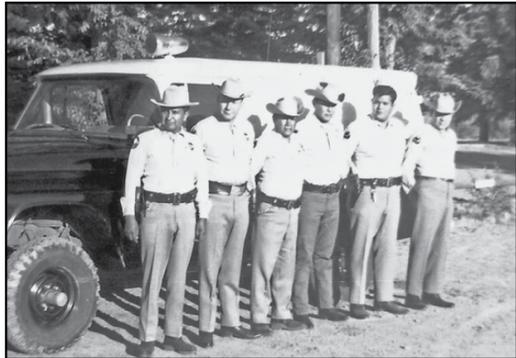
William S. Thompson, aka Bill Thompson was born in La Boca, Colo. Following active military service in Japan during WWII, Thompson began working for the Southern Ute Police Department and in 1960 he became Chief of Police.

"He diligently worked to provide a safe environment

for our people, while at the same time providing law and order," Barry said in an email. "Bill believed that public service was a key element in law enforcement, and he strived to maintain that guiding principle. His ability to get along with his colleagues and tribal members was vital to the success of his department. His dedication to his people and his culture, combined with his deep spiritual beliefs, earned him the respect of his people."

Barrow wants to follow in those footsteps. "I was impressed by the passion you have for your people and culture," Barrow said. "I'll always remember that from our first interview. I want to learn as much as possible about Ute culture – Thank you for this opportunity."

For additional information, please contact Chris Mimmack, Department of Justice and Regulatory Director, at 970-563-0292.



SU Drum archives

Southern Ute Tribal Police Dept. circa 1960's – pictured left to right: Frank Pena, Denver Bland, William S. Thompson, Alden Naranjo Jr., Irving Red, and Arthur Weaver. Denver Bland was the chief replaced by William S. Thompson. Arthur Weaver became Chief of Police later on.

Gallegos joins Tribal Council



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Standing alongside Chief Judge Scott Moore, Councilman Gallegos signs his oath to the Southern Ute Tribal Council following his swearing in. Overseen by Judge Moore, Gallegos completed his oath in front of a large audience, filled with friends, family members, and coworkers. Following the official inauguration ceremony attendees gathered in the Hall of Warriors to enjoy light refreshments.

Visiting dignitaries from the Jicarilla Apache Nation took time to give their well wishes to newly elected Councilman Andrew Gallegos, sharing words of encouragement as the inauguration marks the beginning of Gallegos' term with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.



Upcoming Tribal Holiday Office Closures

- Monday, Dec. 25 - Christmas
- Monday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
- Monday, Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Happy Holidays
from the staff of The Southern Ute Drum

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Ignacio's Taste of Christmas

Taste of Christmas returned this year on Friday, Dec. 1, lighting up the town of Ignacio. The annual event featured a holiday market and a light parade, culminating with a visit from Santa Claus. Attendees enjoyed holiday gift shopping prior to the light parade, where many purchased handmade gifts for their loved ones. As the sun sets the streets filled with spectators patiently waiting to see Santa Claus and the other holiday floats in the light parade.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Santa Claus makes an appearance, parading down Goddard Ave. on Friday, Dec. 1 as part of the Taste of Christmas event. Despite the changing weather conditions, families lined the street to meet Santa and view all the other floats that participated in the parade.



Despite the weather, vendors sold handmade crafts and baked goods. The Herrera family braves cold temperatures to fundraise for volleyball expenses during the Holiday Market on Friday, Dec. 1 at the ELHI Community Center.



Neida Chackee sits at the Native Love booth selling jewelry during the annual Ignacio Taste of Christmas-Holiday Market event held in the ELHI Community Center. As part of the Taste of Christmas activities included Holiday Market, Christmas Tree Auction, and parade.

Multi-Purpose Facility December Food Sale

Friday December 29, 2023
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Proceeds support the MPF Community Events - 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute

Autumn Sage

My name is Autumn Rain Sage and I am the 2023-2024 Miss Southern Ute.

My Ute name is Pachuk-wi (River Otter), I am 19 years old, and I graduated this year from Ignacio High School.

I am honored to be crowned Miss Southern Ute for 2023-2024 and representing the Southern Ute Tribe.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8-10

Crowned and began my reign as Miss Southern Ute at our 101 Southern Ute Tribal Fair held at the Sky Ute Fair Grounds.

Sept. 15-16

Attended the Southern Ute Tribal Fair: Rodeo

Sept. 29

Attended the N7 Fort Lewis Soccer game and participated in a Bear Dance presentation.

Sept. 30

Participated in the Durango Cowboy Parade. Attended the 18th annual Totah Drums of Fall Powwow in Aztec, N.M.

OCTOBER

Oct. 9

Attended the Indigenous Day Gourd Dance located in Towaoc, Colo.

Oct. 10

I took part in a Round Dance presentation demonstrated to the trib-



Autumn Sage Miss Southern Ute 2023-2024

al children at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy.

Attended the Wanbli Ota Social Dance located at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

Oct. 20

Attended the doe field dressing held at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy.

Oct. 21-22

Attended the Red Canyon Powwow located in Moab, Utah.

Oct. 31

Participated in the Community Halloween Carnival at the Sky Ute Event Center.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2

Attended the Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner hosted by Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

Nov. 3

Attended the Fort Lewis meet and greet with the FLC men's and women's basketball teams.

Nov. 4

Attended the FLC vs Haskell Native American Heritage Game at the Sun Ute Community Center.

Nov. 11

Attended the Veteran's Day Powwow and helped serve food at the dinner.

Nov. 15

Attended the "Rock Your

Mocs" event located in the Hall of Warriors in the LCB building.

Participated in a Native American Heritage Dance performance at the Ignacio Middle School.

Participated in Powwow Dance lessons at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy.

Nov. 16

Attended and participated in a Native American Heritage Dance performance at the Bayfield Prary School.

Nov. 17

Attended James M. Olguin's last day reception.

Participated in a Native American Heritage Presentation at Sunnyside Elementary.

Nov. 18

Attended the Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner.

Nov. 21

Participated in a Native American Heritage Month dance performance at Ignacio Middle School.

Nov. 23-24

Attended the Thanksgiving Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Nov. 29

Showcase a dance presentation at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy for the Eagle Wing/FLC drum group.

This concludes my quarterly report this far into my reign. I enjoyed meeting and socializing with the community during these events.

I would like to thank my family, friends, and the tribal membership for supporting me. I look forward to upcoming and future events and powwows.

Tog'oiak' Autumn Sage Miss Southern Ute 2023 - 2024

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Little Miss Southern Ute

Shayne White Thunder

Mique Nuchu, My name is Shayne Morning Star White Thunder. My Ute name is Temesi'iru "Winter Rose."

My grandmother Mikki gave me that name because I was born in winter and the rose signifies our people. My Cheyenne name is Azem'heh "Rearing Woman."

I am named after my Nishgit (grandma) Bobbie. My mother is Heather White Thunder, and my father is Seth Roubideaux. My paternal grandmother is Mikki Naranjo, and my great-grandparents are the late Eugene Naranjo and the late Dixie Naranjo.

I come from the Moache-Capote bands and I'm a descendant of Buckskin Charlie. I am also Cheyenne and Arapaho from my mother's side.

I am the current 2023-2024 Little Miss Southern Ute. I am nine and a half years old, and I attend school at Florida Mesa Elementary in Durango, Colo. in the fourth grade.

I like to read, play video games, draw/paint, ride my bike, and I am learning how to bead and sew. I enjoy representing the Southern Ute Tribe and I continue to learn every day.

The following are events that I have attended and participated in this quarter:



Shayne Whitethunder Little Miss Southern Ute 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER

Attended the Southern Tribal Fair. I also rode my friendly horse in the parade. 9/8, 9/9/, & 9/10.

Attended the Tribal Fair Rodeo 9/15 & 9/16.

Participated in the Cowboy Parade in Durango 9/30.

Attended the Totah Drums Powwow in Farmington, N.M. 9/30.

OCTOBER

Attended the SUIMA Round Dance 10/10.

Attended the Fort Lewis College Social Dance for Indigenous Day 10/10.

Participated in the Red Canyon Powwow in Moab, Utah 10/21 & 10/22.

Royalty set up a booth at the Halloween Carnival for the community and I helped take pictures at our booth 10/31.

NOVEMBER

I participated in the Meet and Greet event for Fort Lewis College and Haskell Indian Nations University basketball players at Sun-Ute and went to the basketball game 11/3 & 11/4.

Participated, danced, and helped serve food at the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow 11/11.

Attended and participated in the "Rock your Mocs" event, sponsored by the Culture Department 11/15.

Greeted people at the Durango School District NAPAC event at Fort Lewis College 11/15.

Participated and danced at the Bayfield Primary school 11/16.

Participated/danced at the Sunnyside School 11/17.

Greeted and helped serve elders at the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner 11/18.

Participated and danced at the Ignacio Middle School 11/21.

Traveled and participated at the Fort Duchesne Thanksgiving Powwow 11/23, 11/24, & 11/25.

I have enjoyed attending different events and traveling to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and meeting new people. I am excited to attend upcoming events.

Tog'oiak' Shayne Morning Star White Thunder Little Miss Southern Ute 2023 - 2024

Spring 2024 BGC Registration. Starting Monday, December 18th and Tuesday, December 19th. Includes registration fees and dates.

Coloring Book Sneak Peak. Nami-chi-n Kwiyagha-tay Taway. Ute Animal Coloring Book. Includes images of a bear and a fish.

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Southern Ute Brave

Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk II

Myhke Nuuchiu,
Greetings to the tribal membership and all of Indian Country!

Hello, my Name is Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk II. I am the Southern Ute Brave for 2023-2024. I'm 15 years old and I am a sophomore at Ignacio High School. My Ute name is Supurnay. Whiteskunk.

My parents are Henry Whiteskunk and Daisy House Eagle. My younger sister is Cyana Whiteskunk. My paternal grandparents are Willette Thompson and the late Edward Whiteskunk. My maternal grandparents are Linda Eagle and Bradley Hight. My great paternal grandparents are the late Doris Red and William Thompson. My great maternal grandparents are the late Clifford and Annabell Eagle.

I was selected on Friday, Sept. 8 for the Southern Ute Brave title 2023-2024 at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 16: I traveled to Colorado Springs for the 13th annual Rock Ledge Ranch Powwow.
- Sept. 30: Along with my fellow royalty members we walked in the Cowboy parade in Durango, Colo.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 17: I was honored to be selected to participate in a skate/dance performance at the Denver Art Museum.
- Oct. 6-8: My family and I traveled to Rapid City, S.D. for the Black Hills



Henry Whiteskunk II
Southern Ute Brave
2023-2024

Powwow.

- Oct. 10: I performed at Fort Lewis the Wanbli Ota social dance with my fellow royalty members.
- Oct. 20: I attended the field dressing at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA).
- Oct. 24: Me and my father went to SUIMA to do a demonstration on bustles. Tying them, breaking them down, and how they are made.
- Oct. 31: Royalty had a photo booth at the Halloween carnival. We won first place. I also volunteered at the Multi-Purpose Halloween Haunted House.

NOVEMBER

- The month of November I started participating in hand game classes every Tuesday at the museum.
- Nov. 3: I was in attendance for the meet and greet with the basketball teams from Fort Lewis.
- Nov. 4: I attended the N7 game hosted at SunUte between Haskell and Fort Lewis basketball teams

— men's and women's.

- Nov. 11: I attended the Veterans Powwow hosted by the MPF at Ignacio High School.
- Nov. 15: I attended the Roc your Mocs event at the LCB. Later that day I attended the Reflection of Honor, the new exhibit at the museum.
- Nov. 16: I performed at Bayfield Primary School along with my fellow royalty. That evening I attended the adoption day hosted by Southern Ute Social Services. I was asked to make the opening prayer.
- Nov. 15: I attended the drum practice held at SUIMA.
- Nov. 17: I attend Mr. Olguin's last day reception. I also drop off our goods for the thanksgiving basket for BGC.
- Nov. 18: I attend the Tribal Thanksgivings dinner at the Sky Ute Casino event center.
- Nov. 21: I performed at Bayfield primary school along with my fellow royalty.
- Nov. 23-25: I attended the Thanksgiving Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah. I placed 2nd in my category.
- Nov. 29: I attended drum practice at SUIMA where I also did a fancy dance performance.

I look forward to the December Christmas dinner. I hope everyone has a blessed and safe Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone!

Henry Whiteskunk II
Southern Ute Brave
2023 - 2024

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Southern Ute Brave Alternate

Theoden Greany

My Name is Theoden Greany.

I am the 2023-2024 Southern Ute Brave Alternate. I am five years old; I proudly attend the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. My mother is Dominika Joy, my father is Bryan Greany. My siblings are Starlitt Greany and Mykel-Zain Greany.

My maternal Grandmother is Ella-Marie Ramos. My paternal Grandfather is the late Clifton "Butch" Greany Jr. My maternal Great Grandparents are the late great Anna L. Weaver, and Hardy Joy. My Paternal Great Grandparents are Clifton Greany Sr. and Hazel Greany.

My father's lineage comes from the Southern Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes from El Reno, Okla.

Some of my hobbies include Round Dancing with my grandma, working out, fishing, riding my scooter/skateboard, going to the movie theater, and traveling.

Here is a list of all the events and performances I have had the privilege to be a part of thus far:

SEPTEMBER

- Participated in the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow and Parade
- Garden of the Gods Powwow (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- Yellow Nose: Ute Dog Soldier
- Durango Cowboy Parade

OCTOBER

- 110th Northern Navajo fair/powwow (Shiprock, N.M.)



Theoden Greany
Southern Ute Brave Alt.
2023-2024

- White Mesa uranium walk (White Mesa, Utah)
- Fort Lewis College Solidarity Walk
- SUIMA Round dance
- Fort Lewis College Culture Night - Fancy Dance Performance
- SUIMA Doe harvest
- Red Canyon Powwow (Moab, Utah)
- SUMA bustle presentation with Southern Ute Brave-Henry Whiteskunk II
- Halloween carnival booth (Assisted in decorating and running the Royalty booth)
- October Sip, Chat, Chew at the Multi-Purpose Facility

NOVEMBER

- Fort Lewis College basketball player meet and greet
- Fort Lewis vs Haskell basketball game (men's and women's)
- November Sip, Chat, and Chew at the Multi-Purpose Facility
- SUIMA Fort Lewis drum practice

- Veterans Day Powwow (Ignacio, Colo.)
- Rock your Mocs event hosted by the Cultural Preservation Department
- Reflections of Honor Exhibit at SUCCM
- Fancy Dance Presentation at Bayfield Primary School
- Adoption Day Celebration
- End of term reception for Mike Olguin
- SUIMA Thanksgiving dinner
- Durango Sunnyside Elementary Fancy Dance presentation
- Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner
- Ignacio middle school Fancy Dance presentation
- Fort Duchesne Thanksgiving Powwow
- SUIMA drum practice and Fancy Dance presentation
- End of term celebration for Dr. Stacy Oberly, Linda Baker and Melvin Baker
- 3rd Annual Out Run Diabetes Walk

DECEMBER

- Sky Ute Casino 1st annual Christmas tree lighting
- 2nd Annual Native American Arts Market and round dance
- Councilman Andrew Gallegos Inauguration
- Department of Youth Powwow (Dulce, N.M.)

Happy Holidays to all of my Nuchu people!
Tog'oiak'

Theoden Greany
Southern Ute Brave Alternate
2023 - 2024

2023-24 SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY Process for requesting attendance

To our tribal elders, tribal membership, and to our surrounding communities. We would like to introduce the new incoming Southern Ute Tribal Royalty for 2023-2024. We were crowned at our 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow on the first night of the powwow. We were all honored to hold our respective titles and began our duties as ambassadors for the Southern Ute Tribe.

The 2023-24 incoming Tribal Royalty Court consists of:

- Miss Southern Ute - Autumn Sage
- Jr. Miss Southern Ute - Maleina Carel
- Little Miss Southern Ute - Shayne White Thunder
- Southern Ute Brave - Henry WhiteSkunk II
- Southern Ute Brave Alternate - Theoden Greany

As the newly crowned Tribal Royalty, we are willing, happy, and honored to attend different events within the tribal and non-tribal communities. To request Tribal Royalty attendance, a Southern Ute Royalty request form can be picked up at the Cultural Preservation Department, located on the second floor of the Southern Ute Museum or by contacting the Cultural Preservation Director, Crystal Rizzo at 970-563-9583 crizzo@southernute-nsn.gov.

We look forward to meeting everyone at all tribal events, holiday gatherings, and community requests.

Tog'oiak'
Southern Ute Royalty
2023-2024

Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Holiday Program

Sky Ute Casino Event Center
14324 HWY 172 N.
Ignacio, CO 81137
Saturday, December 16, 2023
11:30am-3:00pm

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Attention Tribal Membership:

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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 16, 2023
TRIBAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
Sky Ute Casino Event Center
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

December 19, 2023
SHOPPING TRIP (DURANGO)
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

December 25, 2023
Merry Christmas

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

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats avenge home-opening loss

IHS girls down Del Norte away, 37-31

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Losing their first game this winter inside IHS Gymnasium? The Lady Bobcats didn't dwell on it, nor did they take it lightly.

More than ready to make amends, Ignacio's girls followed up a 52-44 loss Friday evening, Dec. 8, to visiting 2A Sanford with a 37-31 win at 2A Del Norte the next afternoon. Full statistics had not been tabulated and reported as of press time, but the defeated Lady Tigers had been the third-highest 'Others Receiving Votes' in the CHSAA Now.com Class 2A Coaches' Preseason Poll, and had held Ellicott – the preseason No. 10 in Class 3A – to just eight points in a 30-point blowout on the 2nd before losing by eight at Buena Vista (3A's third-highest ORV team) five days later.

Not a bad way at all to bounce back.

DNHS fell to 1-3 overall; IHS improved to 2-3 prior to hosting 2A Mancos on December 14th, then traveling east to face 2A Sargent the next afternoon. Still yet to begin 2A/1A San Juan Basin play, MHS – which started the season going 3-0 at Meeker's White River Electric Association Cowboy Shootout – stood 4-1 overall (after a 1-1 showing in Fairplay at South Park's 12/8-9 Burro Classic) as of press time.

Sargent, meanwhile, started the season going 2-1 at Sangre de Cristo's Thunder-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Solymar Cosio (44) powers through Sanford's Sadie Caldon (13) and Shasta Bond for a try near the basket during the Lady Bobcats' 52-44 loss Friday evening, Dec. 8, inside Ignacio High School Gymnasium.

bird Shoot-Out, losing only to the hosting rival. The Lady Farmers then hosted Sangre on the 9th but again lost, the 55-39 margin mirroring their 43-28 tourney defeat.

Against Sanford (2-0, 0-0 SPL), Ignacio got 12 points each from seniors Solymar Cosio and Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, plus seven each from senior Maci Barnes and junior Marissa Olguin – who actually drained a buzzer-beating three-pointer from in front

of the Lady Bobcats' bench to end the game.

Sophomore Alyssa Atencio logged four points and junior DaLaney Wesner two in what was a come-from-behind effort almost since the Lady 'Cats lost an early 3-0 lead, having blanked SHS for the first 4:10 of the contest. The Lady Mustangs went into the second stanza leading 12-7, and widened the gap to 27-14 at half-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Devante Montoya (11) leads a fast break away from the Bobcats' defensive end of the court Friday night, Dec. 8, against Sanford. Nearly completing a comeback from an 18-0 deficit facing them after one quarter of play, the 'Cats came up just short in a 45-38 loss.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats get back over .500 in Del Norte

IHS boys atone for home loss to Sanford

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Pitched an improbable, if not unthinkable shutout during the first quarter of – and ultimately defeated in – their 2023-24 home opener Friday night, Dec. 8, the Ignacio Bobcats bounced back the next evening with a road win in which they fittingly held their opponent scoreless for a stanza.

Traveling east and over Wolf Creek Pass to 2A Del Norte, the 'Cats blanked the Tigers 7-0 during the second quarter and went into halftime up 14-6, en route to a 44-25 victory – effectively offsetting a 45-38 loss to 2A Sanford, which sprinted out to an 18-zip lead after the opening eight minutes, inside expectant IHS Gymnasium.

"It was a combination of things; them getting their big guy (senior Gabe Cox) in foul trouble, us getting some buckets," SHS head coach Brice Crowther said, looking to explain the inexplicable. "And they had some open looks but just couldn't capitalize. It wasn't anything we did; we were just on the good side of luck that quarter."

"Cox had three fouls in the front court – in the first half! – and he can't ... put his team in that situation," longtime IHS leader Chris Valdez said. "We had to pull him out the whole first quarter, and ... we don't re-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) hovers to shoot over Sanford's Roj Larson (00) during the Bobcats' 45-38 loss Friday night, Dec. 8, inside IHS Gymnasium. The 'Cats rallied back from an 18-0 deficit facing them after one quarter of play to as close as 38-35 with 5:44 left in the fourth.

ally have a(nother) 'big' guy. But we had some open shots, you know; I didn't think the pressure hurt us as bad as I thought it would."

"And even when Ambrose (Valdez) went out of the game with a couple fouls and the technical he got, we came back and closed the gap – without him and without Cox," Valdez said. "So that was en-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Aven Bourriague begins putting the final touches on a win over Montezuma-Cortez's Keaton Curleyhair during their bout at 113 pounds Thursday night, Dec. 7, inside Montezuma-Cortez High School Gymnasium. The Bobcats would defeat the triangular-hosting Panthers, after losing previously to Dove Creek.

BOBCATS WRESTLING

Bobcat boys 1-1 at M-CHS triangular

Larsen's 'Cats defeat hosting Panthers

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Starting from the bottom position with only 8.5 seconds left in the third and last two-minute regulation period Thursday night, Dec. 7, with the score in his bout against Montezuma-Cortez's Orion Martin-eau tied at 8-all, Ignacio's Dillon Brann not only had enough strength left to get to his feet, but goad the Panther into committing an illegal-hold violation to prevent a likely escape into neutral position just before the buzzer.

Not surprisingly, Brann was awarded one penalty point – which he'd have earned anyways with an escape – and a win setting in

motion the Bobcats' eventual 35-12 victory concluding the triangular inside M-CHS Gymnasium. IHS had got to the event underway facing San Juan Basin League rival Dove Creek, but bowed to the Bulldogs, 42-14, after DCHS won five of seven contested weights by pin and also claimed two others by forfeit.

"Came out a little flat that first dual," Ignacio head coach Jordan Larsen admitted. "I think some of us had stars in our eyes, but we had some good matches too from some of our more experienced kids. But yeah, we had a little talk then got a little warm-up in before the last dual, and it seemed like the kids really had more fire and came out fighting."

"There wasn't a lot of

give-up on our back; there was a lot of fighting," agreed sophomore Lincoln deKay. "When people would go to their backs, they weren't happy being there."

"Dillon was a brand-new wrestler last year, and he stuck through that first season – which is always tough as a freshman in high school, even if you're not new – and we got him to go to three summer camps," Larsen noted. "He chose to go to them and he's just been working his tail off. We're really proud of him."

Against DCHS, sophomore Aven Bourriague defeated Cael Beanland 4-0 at 120 pounds to put the 'Cats up 3-0 early, but after

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COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

The naughty list: CDOT's holiday mug shots warn against impaired driving

Holiday Parties DUI enforcement begins

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation launched a new campaign to draw attention to impaired driving during the holidays. Offering a lighthearted approach to a serious topic, the agency has created a series of mug shots featuring Santa, Rudolf and The Grinch, who each made the selfish decision to drive impaired. This campaign coincides with the start of the Holiday Parties DUI enforcement period, which begins tomorrow and continues through Dec. 20. CDOT will support Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 71 local law enforcement agencies during this time of heightened enforcement which will increase safety patrols across the state.

While Colorado has seen a 20 percent decrease in traffic fatalities involving an impaired driver this year, the holiday season can be a dangerous time on the roads. According to a survey conducted by Forbes Advisor, nearly 40% of people have seen holiday party-goers drive intoxicated after festivities.

To date, 208 people have been killed in crashes involving an impaired driver in Colorado this year, about one-third of all traffic deaths in the state. Last December, 48 people were killed on Colorado roads, 24 of those deaths involving an impaired driver.

"When you gather with your friends, family and co-workers this festive season, please make a plan for a sober ride," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Everybody deserves to get home to their loved ones. Don't forget all the reasons you should drive sober - this time of year and always."

CDOT is displaying the holiday mug shots at bars throughout Denver and Colorado Springs. The campaign aims to remind Coloradans that no one is above the law - not even Santa Claus.

Keep your holidays mer-



courtesy CDOT

ry and bright by incorporating a sober ride into your festivities this season. The consequences of a DUI will cost you more than your time. Penalties for first-time DUI offenders are determined by the court and may vary but could cost someone an average of \$13,530 and a minimum of 170 hours of their time dealing with the consequences. According to NoDUIColorado.org, offenders could rack up the costs below in addition to any criminal fines:

- Increased auto insurance: \$3,600
- Ignition interlock service: \$2,172
- Alcohol/drug treatment & education: \$1,000
- Defense attorney: \$3,650
- Arrest, court & legal fees: \$2,300
- Department of Revenue & DMV fees: \$773

"Last year's holiday enforcement period resulted in 470 DUI arrests. Driving impaired puts others in danger and greatly increases the risk of a fatal crash," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "If you plan to consume alcohol or cannabis at holiday gatherings, make the responsible choice and plan for a safe and sober ride home."

In addition, the CSP is conducting saturation patrols from Dec. 8 through the morning of Dec. 10. This enforcement will specifically target impaired drivers in Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin counties. Combined, these counties have seen

114 impaired-related fatalities and 695 crashes. This effort aims to raise awareness of impaired driving and promote finding a designated driver.

The recent Thanksgiving Week enforcement period concluded with 242 arrests across 83 participating agencies. The agencies with the highest arrests were Aurora Police Department (22), Lakewood Police Department (19) and Longmont Police Department (13). CSP reported 77 arrests. The next DUI enforcement period will be over New Year's Eve weekend from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3.

For yearly impaired-driving crash and fatality data in Colorado, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/data-analysis/fatal-crash-data>. For local law enforcement agency plans, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal>.

DUI Checkpoint B-Roll

CDOT is making available new DUI checkpoint footage, available free for media use, offering a compelling glimpse of what happens during a checkpoint. The footage captures real-life interactions between law enforcement officers and drivers at DUI checkpoints, highlighting the consequences of impaired driving. You can find more about these photos on the CDOT DUI Checkpoint B-Roll Google Drive Folder. Note: The people portrayed in the videos signed participation waivers to be included in filming.

Spreading Christmas cheer



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Michael Cruz with Grounds Maintenance wraps strings of lights around trees located on Tribal Campus, throughout the month Grounds Maintenance crews work to decorate campus in preparation for the upcoming holidays. On Wednesday, Dec. 6, Cruz is elevated above trees, adding the final touches to the large pines throughout the campus.

New Year's Spiritual Walk

The family of Saa-Swanis Hiswags (R. Buckskin) will be having our annual New Year's Day spiritual walk on January 1, 2024. It will start at 8 a.m. from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. Please dress warm.



Jenny Gummarsall/SU Drum archive

Participants of the Buckskin Family's annual "Spiritual Walk for Alcohol Free American Indian Communities" walk on County Road 321 on the morning of Jan. 1, 2000. Each year since 1990, a mile was added, making the walk a 20-mile trek on the Y2K New Year's morning.

Pagosa Junction Bridge Now Open

Good afternoon Tribal Members and community. This is to inform you that the Pagosa Junction Bridge along Cr500 is now open. Please see attached photos for clarification on the available route you can now take for travel or hunting. Tribal Planning thanks you for your patience while this project was underway. If you have any questions, please contact Tribal Planning at 970-563-2283.



TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of Christmas, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Happy Holidays!

Drum Deadline

Next issue: **Dec. 29**

Early Deadline: **Dec. 22**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov

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Quichas Apartment for Rent

3BR/2.5 BA. \$1,200/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at kmorris@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick up an application in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m., Dec. 28, 2023. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

Zia Pueblo Requesting Deer/Elk Hides

The Zia Pueblo Tribe is seeking donations for deer or elk hides for cultural purposes. If any Tribal Members would like to donate a hide, please call the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130 to arrange the donation.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals requested for the removal and replacement of the existing TRANE AIR COOLED CGAM CHILLER CH-1 AT THE CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING.

- The Scope of work is for the Removal and Replacement of the existing Cultural Center Trane Air Cooled CGAM Chiller CH-1, located at 503 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colorado.

Proposals requested for the removal, replacement and retrofit of the existing AIR COOLED RTAA ROTARY CHILLER CH-1 AT THE LEONARD C. BURCH BUILDING.

- The Scope of work is for Removal, Replacement & Retrofit of the existing LCB Air Cooled RTAA Rotary Chiller CH-1, located at 356 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colorado.

Specific details and scope of work are available by request from Southern Ute Building Maintenance and Building Maintenance will manage on site inspection and scheduling to accommodate proposal needs. (Please reach out to Building Maintenance and speak to Chuck Mallett for info and scheduling.)

Southern Ute Building Maintenance
970-563-0260, PO BOX 737 MS45, Ignacio, CO 81137
cmallett@southernute-nsn.gov

Projects to be completed before end of September 30, 2024.
Proposals due no later than January 12, 2024.

Notice Of Draft Title V Operating Permit and Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that a Title V renewal application have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Department's Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

Applicant: Public Service Company of Colo.
Facility: Tiffany Compressor Station
Location: Section 4, T32N R6W, 12 miles SE of Ignacio, Colorado
Permit Action: Renewal

The Air Quality Division (AQD) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQD's website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Department office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQD in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQD will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice.

Applicant: SIMCOE, LLC
Facility: Four Queens Central Delivery Point
Location: Section 26, T33N R11W, 30 miles WSW of Ignacio, Colorado
Permit Action: Renewal

Applicant: Northwest Pipeline
Facility: La Plata B Compressor Station
Location: Section 35, T34N R9W, 16 miles W of Ignacio, Colorado
Permit Action: Renewal

Applicant: Transwestern Pipeline Co., LLC
Facility: La Plata A Compressor Station
Location: Section 35, T34N R9W, 14 miles W of Ignacio, Colorado
Permit Action: Renewal

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

DECEMBER/JANUARY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB schedule

DEC 11 CLUB CLOSED FOR LBC DAY
DEC 25 CLUB CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
DEC 26-29 ALL DAY CLUB
JAN 1- CLUB CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS
JAN 2-5 ALL DAY CLUB
JAN 15 CLOSED FOR MLK JR DAY

We will have All Day Club every Friday except Jan 19

Multi-Purpose Facility Tamale Workshop



Wednesday December 20, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Space is limited - Please call to sign up
Tamales made will be evenly divided by all participants



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

Services Guide

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2023 Edition

The Southern Ute Services Guide 2023 Edition is now available for Southern Ute tribal members.

The Services Guide will be mailed to Southern Ute elders, and additional copies will be made available at the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services, at 398 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Please call 970-563-2208 to request a guide to be mailed or to stop by and pick up.

The Services Guide provides the tribal membership information on all the services offered to them by each Tribal Department.

Tribal Departments have listed all the services that can be utilized by the tribal membership. Please take your time to look through the guide to learn about what services are available to you along with contact information, tribal campus locations, and hours of operation.

The guide was designed with you in mind, so please utilize this guide to your benefit. If you have any more questions concerning services provided, please feel free to contact the individual departments at the numbers that are listed or contact Tribal Information Services at 970-563-2208 or 970-563-2250.

Please call the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services office if you would like a copy.



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Multi-Purpose Facility Yeast Bread Class With Lucy Olguin



Thursday December 21, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Space is limited. Call to sign-up - Thank you.



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Notice of Leasing and TERP Code Effective Dates

By Resolution No. 2023-005, the Tribal Council adopted the *Residential, Business, Agricultural, and Renewable Energy Resource Leasing Code (Leasing Code)* and *Tribal Environmental Review Policy Code (TERP Code)*. Resolution No. 2023-005 required Tribal Council to set effective dates for the Leasing and TERP Codes after approval by the Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, approved the TERP Code on February 28, 2023 and the Leasing Code on April 5, 2023. The Leasing Code was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 88, No. 63, on April 3, 2023. By Resolution No. 2023-172, the Tribal Council established **March 1, 2024** as the effective date for both the Leasing and TERP Codes. The Leasing and TERP Codes will be published online at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>
Printed hard copies of the codes may be obtained from the Tribal Information Services Dept. at:
• **Email:** TIS@southernute-nsn.gov
• **Mail:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137
• **Phone:** 970-563-2208
• **Website:** <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>
• For further information please contact: Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Department, abarry@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2250.

ANNOUNCEMENT REMINDER TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Prep your Home for Winter Weather

Construction Services Division would like to remind everyone with the weather getting colder to plug in your Heaters at your pump house and to heat tape your water lines to prevent any freeze-up on your home this winter and maintain your chimney.

Please contact us at 970-563-0260 if you need assistance.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has two (2) vacancies. The Committee shall include 5 members which shall be appointed by Tribal Council. Include employees of the Permanent Fund who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of Tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the Committee and to the objectives of the Program. A majority of the Committee shall be Tribal members. The Permanent Fund Apprenticeship Committee (Committee) shall be appointed to administer the Apprenticeship Program (Program) which provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible Tribal members employed in the Permanent Fund. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

ELECTION BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. 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 709, 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

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill 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. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

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

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 SEEKING SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER

Open Until Filled – The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal member to fill one of three Southern Ute seats on the board. The open seat can be filled by any enrolled Southern Ute tribal member, even if the member does not live in the KSUT broadcast signal area. For information, contact Tami Graham at 970-563-5780 or at tami@ksut.org

POWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Mâykh! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. This committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. This will also require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. This committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. So please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137, and at soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov.

SO. UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is seeking an individual to serve on the SUIHA Board of Directors. The Board adopts policies and enacts resolutions of the SUIHA. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit a letter of intent to SUIHA stating their qualifications and why they would like to serve on the Board. All letters of intent need to be submitted to SUIHA, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137, emailed to rtorres@suiha.org, or hand deliver to the SUIHA office located at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required.

TERO COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Tribal Member At-Large: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD: YOUTH ALTERNATE

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 11/13/23

UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- NOV. 23RD THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- NOV. 24TH & 25TH FRIDAY/SATURDAY — OPEN
- DEC. 11TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Call us to help you better understand.
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month: December 6th / January 3rd February 7th

Settle your payments before 10AM

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Utilities Lobby CLOSED for lunch every Friday, 12p—1p.
- Reminder: OFFICE CLOSED on Nov 23rd & 24th. Regular business hours resume on Monday, November 27, 2023.
- Transfer Station CLOSED on Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday. It REOPENS on Friday, November 24th for regular business hours.
- Republic Trash Services: The company apologizes for the delays of trash pick-up. They continue to experience mechanical problems on their trucks and are short-staffed. Tribal customers may use the Transfer Station if your trash is overflowing. Tribal Elders may call the Utilities Office for assistance. Thank you for your understanding while they work toward resolving these issues.

Happy Thanksgiving

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL THE UTILITIES OFFICE.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

• Distribution, Friday Dec. 29

NOON, Friday, Dec. 22, 2023

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

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

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

Air Quality Scientist II – Enforcement

Closes 12/15/23 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Division Head, the Air Quality Scientist II – Enforcement prepares, coordinates and tracks air quality enforcement order packages and provides subject matter expertise on technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Title V Operating Permit program and Tribal Minor New Source Review program. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 12/21/23 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, performs a variety of complex and specialized work to preserve and protect Southern Ute Tribal resources and materials to include, but not limited to, cultural sites/lands, artifacts, funerary and sacred objects, and human remains. Completes all work in accordance with the Southern Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Plan and all associated processes, procedures, and relevant codes and law. Pay grade E13 / \$56,494.00/annually.

Grounds Maintenance Division Head

Closes 12/20/23 – Under general supervision of the Director of the Property and Facilities Department provides daily oversight of the Grounds Maintenance Division and is responsible for the care and maintenance of all Permanent Fund landscaped areas including various landscape designs, varying irrigation and sprinkler systems, and winter snow removal as needed. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$86,943.00/year.

Group Exercise Instructor

Closes 12/15/23 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 12/15/23 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Motorpool Clerk

Closes 12/15/23 – Provides entry level administrative, clerical and Information System support to the Motor Pool Division. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

Police Sergeant

Closes 12/20/23 – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade N16; Pay starts at \$37.32/hour.

After School Program Leader

Open Until Filled – A regular full-time position that provides education and physical activities for the After-School program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 13 years. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

Assistant Facility Operations Manager

Open Until Filled – Assists Community Center Director with the operations and internal coordination of SunUte Community Center activities. Assists with the development of marketing, special events, special projects, and public relations. Oversees and supports staff, operational procedures, facility set-up/breakdown, scheduling of activities and inventory management. Will have managerial responsibilities guiding and scheduling employees. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Clinical Supervisor

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

Community Health Representative

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

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. This job is a grade N7; pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Dentist (Part-time with benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade X20; pay starts at \$69,431.68/annually.

Detention Center Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour. Up to \$5000 sign-on bonus.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. In coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. Acts as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Tribal Entities; accessing and gathering information as authorized by Tribal Council. Reports functionally to the Tribal Council and administratively to Tribal Council Affairs management. Pay grade X22; pay starts at \$181,629.63/annually.

Dispatcher

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

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal 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.

Education Department Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under the direction of the Executive Assistant, the Education Program Assistant will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students. Will provide the employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT Education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. Assist the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council "Youth Council" Coordinator and with summer enrichment programs. Pay grade N8; pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

Gaming Investigator I

Open Until Filled – An entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

Gaming Investigator II

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

Grants Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications, conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, and working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters for the Environmental Programs Department. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations including financial and budget reporting. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63.

Grants Financial Analyst

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

The Cultural Preservation Department

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Oral Ute Language
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Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N14; pay starts at \$26.21/hour.

Internal Auditor

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

Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

Medical Assistant (Part-time with benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing professional and clinical services. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade N10; pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

NAGPRA Coordinator Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Trainee will learn how to develop and administer procedures for determining the affiliation of Native American Remains, funerary objects, sacred objects of cultural patrimony, as well as the protection of archaeological and sacred sites. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, incumbent will assume the NAGPRA Coordinator position. Due to cultural significance, a female is needed to fill this position. Pay grade N12; pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Patrol Officer I

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

Public Health Nurse

Open Until Filled – A Registered Nurse, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; pay starts at \$29.02/hour.

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

Open Until Filled – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs

clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Remediation Scientist I – Brownfields Program

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Remediation Program Manager, develops and administers the Tribal Brownfields grant program and supports compliance activities throughout the Reservation. Requires knowledge of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §128(a) Brownfields Program. Pay grade E15; pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N4; pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

Special Needs Aide (Part-time with benefits)

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

Swimming Instructor

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

TERO Worker

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After 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 – Prosecutor

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for the effective, efficient, and fair prosecution of violations of the Tribal Code to include criminal, gaming, and wildlife cases. Will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, civil litigation, contract review, employment matters, and the consideration of social services cases. A strong command of Tribal jurisdiction, and understanding of tribal sovereignty, and an ability to provide accurate legal advice in a fast-paced environment is essential. Pay grade X19; salary starts at \$95,745.85/annually.

Tribal Health Department Director

Open Until Filled – Must have a MA/MS in Health Care Administration or related field and 7 years of experience in an administrative capacity in a health services/medical related field OR BA/BS in Health Care Administration or related field and 9 years of experience in an administrative capacity in a health services/medical related field.

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 starts at \$14.48/hour.



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.

*AV Tech Assistant (Full-time)

Engaging in the set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the Audio and Video Technician. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, daily.

*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.

*Buyer (Full-time)

Compiles information and records to prepare orders for the procurement of material, including all food and beverage products. Will research and evaluate products to be purchased for the Casino, making it cost efficient, and maintains and regulates cost for Casino operations. Verify Classification and specifications of all purchase order requests, search inventory records and/pr warehouse to determine if materials on hand are in sufficient quantify. Maintains vendor database in inventory management software and handles all incoming invoices.

*Café Cashier (Shinning Mountain Cashier) (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Café kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted.

*Bowling & Rec Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. The initial point of contact for customers, providing superior and friendly customer service at all times. Proactively builds customer relations through soliciting feedback and addressing and resolving customer complaints. Continuously improves operational execution through attention to detail. Reports to the Bowling and Recreation Manager.

*Bowling Mechanic I (Full-time)

An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician. Repairing automatic pin spotters and related bowling equipment.

*Director of Human Resources (Full-time)

Ensuring that all Human Resources functions for the Sky Ute Casino Resort are accomplished in a legal and professional manner. Functions include but may not be limited to the following: Compensation and Benefits, Employee Relations, Unemployment Insurance, Internal Investigations, Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Compliance, Performance Evaluations, Training and Development, Policies and Procedures and Employee Handbook Management, and Human Resource Strategy. Ensure compliance with the Casino's policies and procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Will maintain a high standard of guest service (both internal and external customers) within the HR department and actively promotes positive guest and employee relations by ensuring that excellent guest service is continually provided.

*Employee Relations Specialist (Full-time)

Performs Human Resources related duties at the professional level, including fostering a positive Employee Relations climate at Sky Ute Casino Resort under the supervision of the Human Resources Director. Will be managing Employee Relations matters by providing day-to-day leadership and guidance to all level of employees; developing cohesive, effective working relationships with management for mediation of resolution of employee issues and providing support, advocacy, and guidance as appropriate. Works with management and staff to provide job coaching with the goal of promoting and maintaining positive Employee Relations. Manages and resolves all employee issues, conflicts, manager/supervisor employee differences and customer complaints.

*Event Staff (On-call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork.

*Executive Director (Full-time)

Under the supervision and direction of the General Manager. Will be responsible for the overall day-to-day operations for the Food & Beverage Departments, Facilities Departments, Slot Operations, Sales Department, and Hotel Operations for the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Setting financial policy and direction for the Departments. Will develop and maintain internal controls to safeguard assets and ensure compliance with established laws, regulations, policies, and procedures. Assists the General Manager in directing and coordinating the business activities of the Sky Ute Casino Resort to maintain maximum operating efficiency, profitability and organizational growth opportunities and making recommendations as appropriate. Will collaborate

with the General Manager and analyze potential expansion of business and growth opportunities for financial viability.

*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 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.

*Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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 guests include but is not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Human Resources Generalist (Full-time)

Performs duties at the professional level in the following functional areas: recruitment, performance evaluations, employee discipline, policy interpretation, Worker's Compensation Administration, unemployment claims and reporting. Requires an extremely perceptive person who is capable of relating to individuals at all levels within the organization. Must be sensitive to business objectives and maintaining employee morale and goodwill.

*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 several capacities.

*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Laundry Attendant (Full-time)

Perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and acceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed. Operate flatwork ironers, laundry equipment, iron and fold linens by hand, and inform supervisor of any equipment malfunctions or problems with safety mechanisms of equipment.

*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 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 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. Pf the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

*Restaurant Manager (Full-time)

Under the direction of the Director and Food and Beverage, oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, ensuring high quality service and resolving guest issues. Ensures that the highest standards are maintained in all phases of guest service, as well as unexpected demands by other departments. Supervise and direct the activities of restaurant supervisors, hosts/hostesses, servers, baristas, bartenders, cocktail servers, and bussers. Hiring, schedules, disciplinary actions, coordinating terminations with Human Resources, conducts performance evaluations, and plans employee development.

*Rolling Thunder Grill 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 next group 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.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

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

Southern Ute 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.

Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 1/5/24 – Supports the Growth Fund Treasury Manager with day-to-day treasury functions, financial reporting, and analysis. Regularly communicates with external partners to procure and maintain contracts, bank documents, and other agreements. Supports internal departments with banking and investment procedures per policy. Performs banking, financing, and investment data analysis to support daily decision-making processes for effective cash and asset management. Assists with regular forecasting and budgeting processes.

Maintenance Worker – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 12/22/23 – Repair and maintenance of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds grounds and buildings while assisting with the daily operations of the RV park and horse stalls to include contracts and payments. Provides excellent customer service

while maintaining a safe and pleasurable environment for our customers and their animals.

Lead Royalty Auditor – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 12/22/23 – Independently performing audits, auditing tasks, and ensuring effective auditing practices of So. Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties.

Senior Associate – Kava Equity Partners (Denver, CO)

Closes 1/12/24 – Will actively participate in sourcing, underwriting, structuring, and closing lower middle market private equity investments. As part of a small investment team, this position will be expected to take a proactive approach and participate in every aspect of the investment process including acquisitions, portfolio management, and divestments. Will work closely with the Managing Director but is also expected to be able to work independently with a high degree of autonomy.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

- High School Custodian
- Long Term Secondary Language Arts Substitute
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher
- Secondary Math/Science Teacher
- Secondary Aide

CONSERVATION LEGACY Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps Individual Placement Program Manager

Starting Salary Range: \$55,300 - \$57,000.
Location: Any ALCC office location (Acoma, Albuquerque, Gallup, Hopi, Zuni). Partially Remote Eligible. Status: Full-Time, Exempt. Benefit Eligible: Full benefit eligible per Personnel Policies. Reports to ALCC Individual Placement Program Director

Program Summary: Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (ALCC) is a program of Conservation Legacy (CL). ALCC provides conservation service opportunities for Indigenous youth, young adults, and recent-era military veterans in Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona and works with other Native American communities and conservation corps across the country to provide similar opportunities. Our vision is to lead our Nations back to ecological and cultural well-being and we do this by empowering individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities, and the environment. ALCC's crews are supported from operational bases in Acoma Pueblo, Albuquerque, Zuni Pueblo, Gallup, Kykotsmovi (Hopi), and Isleta Pueblo, and operates an Individual Placement (IP) program placing participants across the country.

Position Summary: The ALCC Individual Placement Program Manager interacts primarily with ALCC Individual Placements (members), ALCC IP Program Coordinators, the ALCC Individual Placement Program Director, other ALCC staff, and partners. The Program Manager works with tribal, federal, state, local, and non-profit partners to develop impactful IP projects, ensures all assigned positions are successfully recruited and on-boarded before their term starts, and refines and implements efficient tracking systems. The Program Manager will help design and implement a programmatic recruitment strategy, regularly engaging in recruitment and outreach activities to local communities including Indigenous and other underrepresented groups. The Program Manager also supports general administration and systems management of the IP program and ensure that it is providing a positive impact to our participants, lands, partners, and communities.

Minimum Qualifications: Exhibits the ability to effectively work on diverse teams or with a variety of populations, including those un-

derrepresented at our organization and those of BIPOC communities. Minimum of 3 years of experience working with Indigenous communities. Minimum of 1 year of experience working in an administrative role. Experience with leading diverse groups of employees to achieve common goals. Flexibility, adaptability, and capacity to work in a fluid, changing work environment. The ability to communicate effectively, manage complexity cultivate innovation, drive and influence results of oneself and others. Familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and applications, or similar platforms. Valid Driver's License and Insurable Driving Record. Must be able to pass the organization's criminal history check requirements.

Preferred Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree or equivalent work experience required. Previous experience with a Corps or youth serving organization. One (1) year or more of experience in youth development or conservation corps fields.

Other Competencies Desired for this Position's Success: Manage Complexity, Resourceful, Effectively Communicate, Cultivate Innovation, Drive and/or Influence Results, Plans & Aligns.

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to hiring a breadth of diverse professionals and encourage members of diverse groups to apply. This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, political affiliation, marital or parental status, genetic information, and military service. Where a significant portion of the population eligible to be served needs services or information in a language other than English, the recipient shall take reasonable steps to provide written material of the type ordinarily available to the public in appropriate languages.

We also consider qualified applicants regardless of criminal histories, consistent with legal requirements. If you need assistance and/or a reasonable accommodation due to a disability during application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.

Sky Ute Casino Resort Job announcements, cont.

*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.

*Seven Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

*Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)

Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

*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. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns.

*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. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to "self-start" are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee, ensures guest relations through prompt, and assists guests with slot machine usage, educating them regarding play, wagers, and pay tables.

*Slot Technician II (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. To ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor. Performs preventative maintenance, cleaning, and testing on all gaming devices. Assists with the installation, removal, break-down, relocation, set-up of relocated slot machines and trouble shoot defective equipment.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

*Surveillance Video Tech (Full-time)

Installs, repairs, and performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards.

BOBCAT BOYS 1-1 AT M-CHS • FROM PAGE 14



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Joshua Kerrigan holds his ground against Dove Creek's Teagan Larimore during their bout at 126 pounds Thursday night, Dec. 7, inside Montezuma-Cortez High School Gymnasium. The Bobcats would lose their dual with the Bulldogs but recovered to defeat the triangular-hosting Panthers.

126-pounder Joshua Kerrigan lost to Teagan Larimore by third-period pin, the 'Dogs didn't look back. Wade Conner pinned Judah Ashley 27 ticks into the second at 132, Chad Kline pinned Brann 27 ticks into the first at 138, and Cody Alexander stuck Zane Pontine 1:42 into the first at 150 for a 24-8 advantage trimmed only by deKay's 15-0 technical-fall win over Konner Spigner at 157 pounds, and heavyweight Kyle Rima's dual-ending forfeit win.

Dove Creek then defeated M-CHS 33-18 on the scoreboard (215-pounder Frankie Montoya was not immediately credited with a forfeit win – which would have increased the margin to 39-18) while the Bobcats regrouped, and after Brann got the team off on the right paw, Ignacio's lead on the Panthers grew to 17-0 via a forfeit to Pontine at 144, deKay's 12-7 win over David Vreeken at 157 and Kendrick Nossaman's second-period pin of Dalton Muzzy at 175.

M-CHS' Hunter Goodall received a forfeit win at 190 pounds, but a forfeit to Rima rebuilt IHS' lead to 23-6 – putting Montezuma-Cortez mathematically out of contention. Panther Teagun Samora won by

forfeit at 106, but it was all over when Bourriague took a 5-0 lead on Keaton Curleyhair through one period at 113, then pinned his opponent with 48.4 seconds left in the second. Kerrigan would have then won by forfeit at 120, but when Ashley eagerly leapfrogged him in the order, the six points awarded Kerrigan were taken off the scoreboard.

Ashley wasted little time earning a somewhat-apologetic win, pinning M-CHS' Zane Frazier in just 36 ticks at 126 and polishing off a dual which had also started with the 'Cats losing a team point (Brann had reported to the scorers' table still wearing some warm-up garb, and Ignacio incurred an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty – reducing the Bobcats' initial 3-0 lead to 2-0).

Though irked by the mental errors, effectively costing IHS seven points, Larsen wasn't exactly unsurprised.

"Looked like the start of the season, probably, as it does most everywhere," he said, "but the boys are hungry. And I'm proud of Judah; this was his first tri – he didn't wrestle last weekend (at Bayfield) because he had some sickness rolling around – but he's going to be tough. They're all going

to be tough, and we're really looking forward to the rest of the season."

"I feel like we've definitely improved from last year; we're taking more shots and being more aggressive than we were last year," said Bourriague. "We've kind of switched the whole mentality in the mat room."

"Everybody's got flaws in their game and we went back to the drawing board," he continued, alluding to Ignacio's showings against BHS and Pagosa Springs at the season-opening triangular inside BHS Gymnasium. "I'm not in the shape I would like to be, but I feel like I'm in better shape than I was at State last year. Really tried to put in that off-season work to get ready."

"We've been drilling on everything – top, bottom, neutral – to improve everything. If you want to work on your own thing, you can always grab a coach after practice ... and try to work, like, a specific move," said deKay. "Hopefully by regionals we'll be in a lot better shape than we are now; we were a little asleep in the first dual, but we definitely woke up in our second. Really, we're just trying to work hard and improve in every dual, every match, every day."

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three-pointers and tallied ten for 3A IHS (3-2 overall, 0-0 3A/4A Intermountain), and senior Devante Montoya contributed six points – as did senior Phillip Quintana, who'd fouled out with 20.5 ticks left in regulation (and without scoring) against Sanford and then ended up with four personals against the Tigers.

Montoya and junior Charley Pargin were each hit with three fouls, but Cox was whistled for just one.

Trailing 7-6 after the first quarter, Del Norte (1-3, 0-0 2A/3A Southern Peaks) ended up getting eight points from junior Tytus Atencio, all after halftime. Sinking the Tigers' only two treys and totaling eight points during the fourth quarter, sophomore Kelby Mondragon – injured during DNHS' season-ending football loss to, ironically, Ignacio – finished with a team-best nine points before fouling out (as did scoreless junior LaShawn Trujillo), and sophomore Noah Bailey booked five points in defeat.

"And they're good; they played against Lamar and lost by one point, then the next night Lamar beat Aldamosa by ten (41-30, actually)," Valdez noted. "They're nothing to overlook; they're going to be a good team, and they're going to come to play!"

Having not scored for the first 8:29 against Sanford (1-1, 0-0 SPL), the Bobcats clawed back to 23-16 by halftime with Cox exploding for a dozen second-quarter points. Ignacio's rally continued through the third quarter, with a running jumper by sophomore reserve Trace Crane bringing the 'Cats back to 31-26 before the Mustangs got four FTs in as many chances by junior Ben Sittler to go into the fourth quarter leading 38-27.

Treys by senior Trajan Garcia and Pargin – both assisted by Cox – pulled IHS back to 38-35 with 5:44 remaining inside the roaring house, and with about 3:30 to go Sanford was still vulnerable after a second Garcia three re-trimmed the deficit down to 42-38.

Crowther used a timeout with 1:39 left, following a bucket inside by sophomore Trason Gartrell, giving SHS a six-point lead. And though Ignacio was able to find open shooters at the other end, no more attempts dropped through the net. Slowed by fouls himself, SHS senior Cash Caldon then capped the victory with one FT in two tries after Quintana departed.

"We were coming back, (Caldon) was in trouble and on the bench, there's three-

and-a-half minutes to go ... and we can't get the ball into the post," said Valdez. "That's where we needed the ball to try and put pressure on them, and we threw up dumb shots. So, we've got to learn, man, but the kids – when they came back – did a great job."

Pargin ended up with seven points in the loss and Garcia six. Sophomore Sonny Flores came off the bench to chip in four points, Crane finished with his two, while Montoya and Webb each logged one. Ending up 6-of-6 from the charity stripe, Sittler totaled a Sanford-best 14 points and Gartrell finished with ten (though a credited scorer of one of the Mustangs' two-point baskets during the third quarter, resulting from a goaltending violation, was not announced).

Ignacio went just 5-of-15 from the charity stripe; Sanford shot an accurate 13-of-16.

"We knew we were going to have our hands full coming here," Crowther said. "It's a great environment ... and our guys did enough. We knew we'd get their best punches, so I was really proud of our boys for ... not backing down, just taking it one play at a time. I thought we did a really good job of that."

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The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Smash
- 6 Hillbilly negative
- 9 Travesty
- 10 Kills
- 13 Twist into deformity
- 14 Traditional Native American watercraft
- 15 --- Bella, an island in Lake Maggiore, Italy
- 17 Pull hard
- 18 Napoleonic battle in Russia
- 21 Inventing
- 23 It can't be helped
- 24 Governing group in Cape Town
- 25 Braided hair
- 28 Little fighter in "Lord of the Rings"
- 31 Loose hemp or jute fiber
- 33 Money in electronic form
- 34 Flexible willow twig
- 35 Some X-ray scans
- 36 Fixes

Down

- 1 Sophie's 24-foot-tall friend
- 2 Rajah's wife
- 3 Like Early and Late Basketmaker II
- 4 Gymnast
- 5 Will Keith ---, cereal maker
- 6 Advisory group initially formed by HST
- 7 In the style of
- 8 Wish to be part of this
- 11 Chief Walker's opponent
- 12 Sacred lily
- 16 Hilarious
- 19 Small type of apartment
- 20 Ailment
- 21 Bond type
- 22 Northeastern Woodlands First Nations people
- 23 White ---, a sacred herb
- 26 Body covering
- 27 Took to court
- 29 Waterborne tank carrier
- 30 Christogram
- 32 A number of men, or one woman, perhaps

Answers for this crossword will appear in December 29 issue of the Drum.

Answers for December 1, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Pits, 5 Macaw, 10 Rohe, 11 Elicit, 13 Ewer, 14 Recode, 15 Salamis, 17 Moa, 18 Snap at, 19 Hawk, 20 Shook up, 22 Nets, 24 Rebuff, 27 Cam, 28 Sincere, 29 Aristo, 31 Abel, 32 In lieu, 33 Plot, 34 Setts, 35 Sons.
Down: 1 Press, 2 Iowan, 3 The last mile, 4 Seraphs, 5 Meritorious, 6 Ales, 7 C-I-C, 8 Acoma Pueblo, 9 Widow, 12 Teak, 16 Mao, 19 Hub caps, 21 Ken, 22 NCAI, 23 Earns, 25 Freon, 26 Felts, 28 Stet, 30 Sit.

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time after freshman Claire Crowther sank two technical-foul free throws – in response to two awarded to, and made by Olguin at the other end – with 0:03.4 left on the scoreboard clock.

Cosio then picked up her fourth personal foul with 7:21 left in the third quarter, and the Lady Mustangs proceeded to swell their lead to 42-18 before Barnes cashed a three-pointer with 1:39 left. Still, Ignacio began the fourth quarter trailing 43-24, and when Barnes fouled out with 4:32 remaining in regulation, IHS was still well behind. Cosio converted a blue-collar three-point play with 2:26 to go, but with Sanford still up 48-35 the hill proved too steep to summit.

Crowther finished with a game-high 15 points, juniors Shasta Bond and Erica Miller



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Ignacio junior Marissa Olguin tries driving around Sanford's Claire Crowther during the Lady Bobcats' 52-44 loss Friday evening, Dec. 8, inside Ignacio High School Gymnasium.

each netted nine, and junior Brooklynn Reynolds – who recorded Sanford's very first basket – ended up with eight.

"You come to Ignacio, this place ... they've got great basketball history, they've got great coaches, great fans; it's hard to come here and win,"

said SHS head coach Keith Caldon. "We come out and try to let our defense do as much to keep us in all games. I felt like tonight it relaxed a little bit at times – and was good at times – but ... the girls are buying in. We've got a long way to go still."

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