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**Winner of 10 Colorado Press Association & five Indigenous Journalists Awards in 2023**

# The Drum presents: 2023 Year in Review



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute Council Member, Vanessa Torres and Vice-Chairman, Lorelei Cloud wrap tribal elder Vida B. Peabody in a Pendleton blanket given as a gift for her 93rd birthday. Peabody is currently the eldest member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

TOP: The Southern Ute Tribal Council stands with Colorado Governor, Jared Polis following the Tribe's one-on-one meeting in Denver. BOTTOM: Team Colorado athletes, coaches, and mission staff – joined by Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel and Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales – make their way through Halifax, Nova Scotia for the North American Indigenous Games.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

**L**ooking back, 2023 was a year full of community driven programming and important milestones for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ranging from cultural preservation and youth engagement to protection of natural resources. The Tribe made important steps towards language preservation and water resource management; tribal youth travelled to Halifax for NAIG, youth also experienced ice climbing and field dressing practices firsthand – where empowerment and inclusion were prioritized. Check out the highlights in the Southern Ute Drum's "Year in Review" pages, 12-13.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

## Chairman Baker welcomes Box as Executive Officer

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

In a strategic move to enhance leadership and organizational stewardship, Chairman Melvin J. Baker proudly announces the appointment of Ms. Lindsay J. Box as the Executive Officer of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund.

Box, with a proven track record of leadership, brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Having traversed key positions within the Tribe, she possesses invaluable insights and a versatile skill set crucial for the strategic management and growth of the Permanent Fund. Box's journey includes roles such as Tribal Council Communication Specialist, where she fostered crucial relationships and established robust communication channels to advance the Tribe's vision. Her expertise as an HR Compliance Specialist contributed to operational excellence at the Southern Ute Growth Fund, showcasing her adeptness in policy formulation and human resources management.

Box's connection to her Nuuchiu heritage fuels her dedication to ensuring traditions thrive alongside modern advancements. Serving on the Board of Directors for the National Tribal Energy Association and CommonSpirit's Mercy Hospital, she has demonstrated leadership in promoting sustainable resource management and advocating for community well-being. Her educational background, including a BA in Sociology Criminology and a BA in American Indian Studies, forms a strong foundation.



**Lindsay Box**  
Executive Officer, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

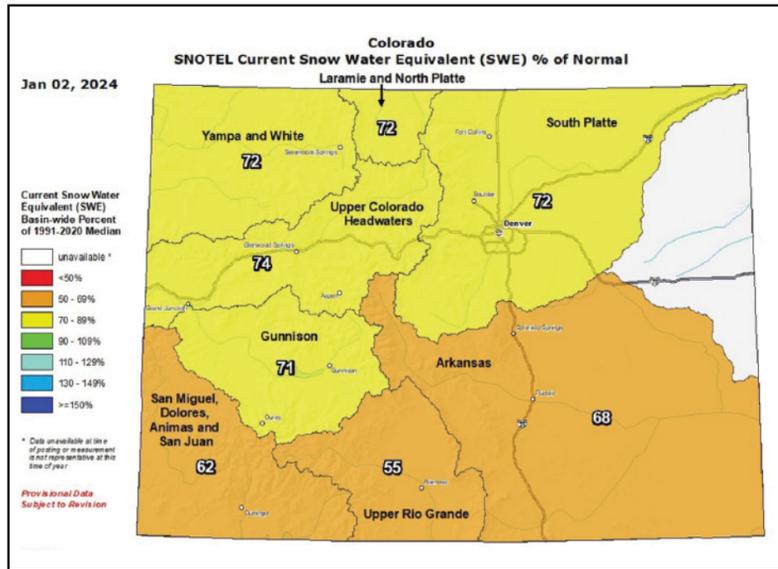
Pursuing an MA in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing Leadership from Boise State University and an MA in Communication Management from the University of Southern California, Box underscores her commitment to continuous growth.

Box will capitalize on her strengths in strategic planning and policy development to guide the Permanent Fund toward achieving the priorities and goals set forth by Tribal Council. Expressing her gratitude, Box stated, "As I step into the role of the Executive Officer, I am acutely aware of the profound responsibility it entails. I will remain committed to delivering the highest quality programs and services to our Tribal membership, upholding the preser-

vation and advocacy of our reservation's resources, and fostering an environment where Ute heritage and economic development walk hand in hand. Together, we will write the next chapter in our Tribe's storied legacy, striving always for a future that honors the past while embracing the innovations that pave the way forward."

As the daughter of Janis Smith and the late Orian L. Box, Lindsay is a proud mother living on the reservation with her partner, Arnelo, and her children, Tavian (15) and Kiko (5). Her commitment to heritage is evident in her beadwork and sewing, preserving and celebrating Ute culture with every stitch.

For more information, please contact the Executive Office at 970-563-2301.



courtesy USDA/NRCS

Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal for Colorado river basins.

**WATER RESOURCES**

## Tribe's Drought Task Force gives water projections for '24

By George Gavrielides, Water Resources Specialist  
SU WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Happy New Year to everyone. As part of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Drought Management Plan, the Water Resources Division (WRD) periodically sends updates to the Tribe's Drought Task Force. The last drought update was sent on March 6, 2023. However, 2023 was a good water year throughout the western United States and an even better year for Southwest Colorado, so there was not much to update on. Now that we're in a new year, the WRD decided to provide a quick update for everyone. The update will start with a summary of 2023 and then describe current snowpack, drought conditions, and forecasts entering 2024.

In the spring of 2023, many Colorado reservoirs, including Vallecito and Lemon, filled and even had to release water for flood

prevention prior to irrigation season. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe had a full supply of water on the Pine and Florida rivers allowing Tribal irrigators to have a full irrigation season. The entire State of Colorado was even 100% drought-free in July 2023.

Although drought conditions returned later in the year, the monsoons in late summer and fall supplemented the good runoff throughout 2023. Unfortunately, precipitation and snowpack were sparse throughout December 2023 leading to some drought conditions at the start of 2024. But there's still time.

**SNOWPACK**

As of January 2, 2024, snowpack across the western United States is currently below average ranging from 40-90% of Normal Snow Water Equivalent (SWE). Southwest Colorado river basins currently have 62% of Normal SWE

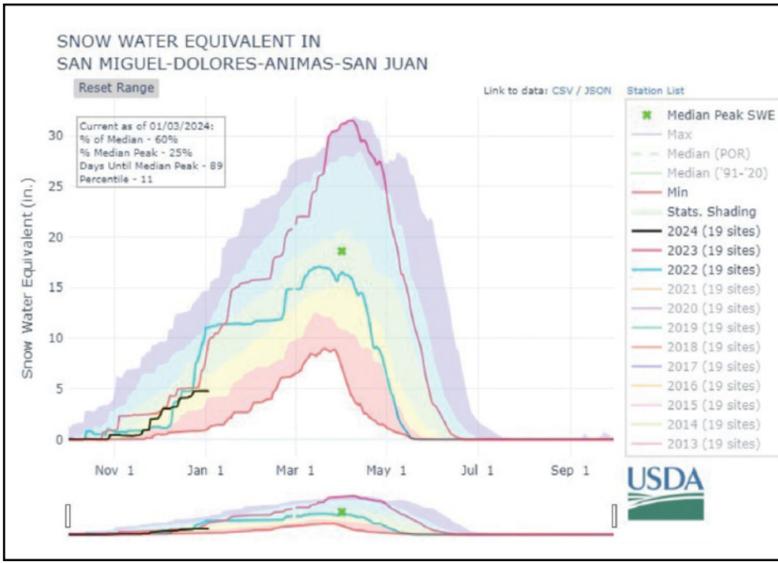
which is leading to some drought conditions.

Although it has snowed very little this winter, we are following a similar trend to water years 2022 and 2023. In the last two water years, it also snowed very little throughout December and it started to snow a lot right before New Years. We are expected to get some weather soon. In fact, the current seven-day forecast shows significant precipitation events for Southwest Colorado. So, hopefully snow is just delayed this year and a pattern change will create significant snowstorms very soon. This would help snowpack greatly, so we will see what happens and hope for a boost in snowpack with the upcoming series of storms.

**DROUGHT**

With the current lack of snowpack throughout the western United States, there

## TRIBE'S DROUGHT TASK FORCE • FROM PAGE 1



courtesy USDA/NRCS

Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal trends for southwest Colorado in the last 2 years. Note: Water Years are different than Calendar Years. Water Years run from November- October.

are regional drought conditions. The southwest United States has moderate to extreme drought conditions and the northwest United States has abnormal to severe drought conditions.

Southwest Colorado currently has moderate to extreme drought conditions. We are currently in worse drought conditions compared to this time last year, but hopefully the upcoming storms will change drought conditions soon.

Fortunately, the drought forecast ending March 31, 2024, shows Southwest Colorado drought conditions improving and likely being removed over the

next few months.

### FORECASTS

The current forecasts are promising. The one-month and three-month precipitation forecasts show Colorado, especially Southwest Colorado, receiving above average precipitation.

Furthermore, the one-month and three-month temperature forecasts show Colorado, especially Southwest Colorado, receiving below average temperatures. In other words, the forecasts show cold and wet months ahead and that typically means snow. No need to worry now, let's just hope the forecasts are correct and

it snows a lot soon.

The WRD will keep track of snowpack, drought conditions, and forecasts and update the Task Force when major changes occur. Updates on runoff and irrigation season forecasts will be released later in the spring. Things can change and the WRD nor the Task Force need to take further actions regarding drought at this time.

If you'd like more information on snowpack, drought, and forecasting resources, feel free to reach out to George Gavrielides, Water Resources Specialist, at 970-563-2932.

## Many Moons Ago



### 10 years ago



Dr. Jim Jefferson cuts material for his doll at the museum for a doll-making class.

This photo was first published in the Jan. 24, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

D.J. Vanes (Ottawa), a motivational speaker for education, addresses students at Ignacio School Intermediate on Jan. 8. Vanes, author of the book "The Little Warrior," told the students, "Education will help you get to where you want to be. It will open doors for you and light your path." Vanes also spoke earlier in the day at Ignacio Junior High and handed out a few copies of his book at both engagements.

This photo was published in the Jan. 23, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

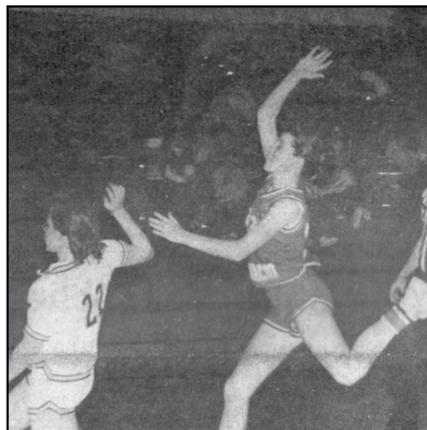


### 30 years ago

Ann Peck and children at the Southern Ute Head Start took advantage and romped in what little snow Mother Nature had left over the past few weeks here on the reservation.

This photo was published in the Jan. 7, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Robert Baker/SU Drum archive



### 40 years ago

Lady Cat doing some acrobatics against Pagosa Springs in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

This photo was published in the Jan. 13, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

SU Drum archive

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

Contact Information

Tribal members are welcome and encouraged to contact any Tribal Council Member regarding tribal information. Tribal Council Members are available for individual meetings, both in-person and virtually. To arrange a meeting, please contact Mrs. Sunshine Whyte at (970) 563-2319 or via email at [swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov)

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Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum



### Tribal Office Closure

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

### SUIT ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Southern Ute Shared Services developed cell phone text and email alerts for emergency notifications and inclement weather alerts.

We would like to remind tribal employees to sign up to receive the alerts and/or to update their contact information. Staff are encouraged to use their personal cell phones for text messaging alerts.

Alerts will be sent to an employee's work email.  
Please see below to sign up today!

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Go to the SUIT Portal	Under "Global Applications" Select "SMS Alerts Signup"	Enter your cell phone number & email address	Verify with text authentication	Confirm information is correct & exit application

If you need assistance, please contact the SUSS Help Desk at 970-563-5050



## Welcoming 2024!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Singers from near and far sit around two drums and share Sundance songs throughout the night until the midnight hour on Sunday, Dec. 31 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The annual event, hosted by Alex Cloud, serves to welcome the New Year with laughter and friendship.



Visitors circle around the drums to hear Sundance songs, many sing along during the New Year's Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 31 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage greets Southern Ute elder, Ramona Eagle and her family following an honoring for the family during the New Year's Celebration. Families and friends gathered at the Multi-Purpose Facility to sing alongside one another and ring in the New Year — "Nuuchiu style."

## Youth are "All In"



courtesy Precious Collins

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department and SunUte teamed up to take tribal youth to the All In Ice Festival in Ouray, Colo. The All In Ice Festival seeks to "Elevate and highlight marginalized communities— including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA2S+ communities, and Adaptive climbers." During opening night, the Cultural Preservation Department screened the Native Lens: Culture Within the Ice short film which featured Southern Ute tribal youth connecting with tribal elders as they challenge themselves through ice climbing. Acclaimed climbing photographer, Nikki Smith, led participants from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ignacio Out and Equal Alliance, in the basics of ice climbing.



Crystal Rizzo/SU Cultural Preservation Dept.



courtesy D'Lynn Jacobs

Participant, D'Lynn Jacobs (in blue), successfully made it to the top of the ice climbing wall. Tribal youth participant, Amos O'John, Jr. is all smiles after his first attempt climbing the ice wall.

## UTE STORY TELLING

Join us and listen to stories told by Ute Elders

Monday, January 22, 2024  
Monday, January 29, 2024  
Monday, February 5, 2024

Located in the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner will be provided

For more information contact  
Cultural Education Coordinator: Izabella Cloud  
(970) 563.2984  
or  
Education & Outreach Coordinator: Raelynn Frauenhoff  
(970) 563.2998



## SAVE THE DATE

2024  
TRIBAL EVENTS

BEAR DANCE  
MAY 24 - MAY 27

SUN DANCE  
JULY 19 - JULY 22



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SHERISA VALDEZ | 970-563-2988

## Multi-Purpose Facility Community Pow Wow Saturday January 13, 2024



Gourd Dance Sessions - 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM -  
-Dinner Break - Pot Luck 5:00 PM - Grand Entry - 7:00 PM

Host Drum: KCA Singers, Cache OK, Delvin Bennett, Lead Singer  
MC: Marty Pinnecoose, So. Ute, Jicarilla Apache—Ignacio CO  
Co. MC (Apprentice): Stais Harlan—So. Ute, Omaha, Dine  
Head Lady: Miss Kelsey Quintana—Jicarilla Apache, 2024 Miss Indian New Mexico—Dulce New Mexico  
Head Man Dancer: To Be Announced  
Arena Director: Henry Whiteskunk, So. Ute./ So. Cheyenne Ignacio CO  
Head Gourd Dancer: To Be Announced  
Color Guard—Southern Ute Veterans Association—  
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All Drums welcome and will receive Day Money

Special Events:  
Raffles, 50/50 pot & more.  
We are honored to host Kelsey Quintana—Jicarilla Apache, the current Miss Indian New Mexico represent us as our Head Lady Dancer.

Limited Vendor space available - Arts & Crafts Only- call Stais at 970-563-2640  
Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call for more information 970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640



HEALTHY RECIPES

One bowl baked oatmeal cups

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

Hurry! It's almost time to leave for school/work/appointment and there is no time to fix breakfast!

Oatmeal is slow digesting, and this recipe is quick and easy and will help fuel your morning.



courtesy Easy Real Food

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

Baked Oatmeal Cups

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups milk (dairy, almond, soy)
2 eggs
1/2 cup maple syrup (can substitute with honey)
1 mashed banana
3 cups old fashioned oats (not quick oats)
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)
1/2 cup nuts optional (chopped walnuts or pecans)

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a muffin pan with non-stick spray.
2. In a large bowl, add milk, eggs, maple syrup and mashed banana; whisk together.
3. Add oatmeal and stir to combine.
4. Add remaining ingredients except blueberries (and nuts if using), whisk together.
5. Fold in blueberries (and nuts).
6. Fill each cup with batter.
7. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until slightly browned around the edges.

Nutrition per muffin: 150 Calories, 2.5 g Fat, 29g Carbohydrates, 7.7g Fiber, 3.7g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Supporting total wellness with the sun!

By James Wilson
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Light from the sun is perhaps the single greatest gift for sustaining life on Earth. It is no coincidence that our bodies are incredibly sensitive and attuned to function in response to light exposure.

thesize usable vitamin D from sunlight, from Ultraviolet B (UVB) rays specifically. Five to thirty minutes of sunlight during the day is associated with sufficient Vitamin D levels.

Beyond the benefits of sunlight on our skin, exposure to light in our eyes is also a major contributor to our overall wellness, including our rest and mental health functioning.

Sunlight, early in the morning, triggers the release of cortisol, a neurochemical essential for focus and attention.

the time we would naturally be going to sleep.

Of course, it's important not to stare at the sun directly or to overly expose our skin to the sun which can lead to skin damage.

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.

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.

Multi-Purpose Facility Healthy Cooking With Lisa Smith Tuesday January 23, 2024 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Lisa will teach healthy soups and delicious dishes that you will enjoy with your family this winter.



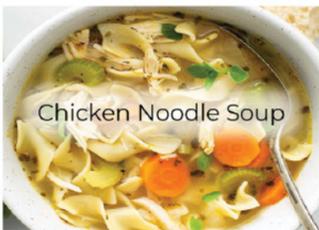
Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 970-563-2640 - email:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Important Notice for Tribal Members Receiving Medicare Reimbursements

This notice is to clarify the Medicare Premium Reimbursement program policy administered by the Tribal Health Department. The Social Security Administration (SSA) sends out a statement with the monthly premium amount due each calendar year.



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



Chicken Noodle Soup



Meal Kit Includes: Primary ingredients, Recipe / Prep Tips, Kitchen Hacks

Contact: Lisa B. Smith (970)-563-2344

Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshJan24 Sign-up Deadline: Monday, January 29, 2024 Pickup Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Hey Gorgeous, Let's have lunch together! Includes QR code, event details (When: Friday, January 19th; Where: LCB Building / Buckskin Charlie Room; What: Free Lunch), and contact info for Heather Sorensen (970)-563-2349.



# JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION ON STALKING AWARENESS AND SAFETY TIPS

OUR PANELISTS WILL INCLUDE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES ADVOCATES.

PLEASE JOIN US ON JANUARY 24TH @ 10 AM AT THE IGNACIO LIBRARY 470 GODDARD AVE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT RAVEN NYX AT RAVEN@DURANGOSASO.ORG OR (970)563-0695



## A tree of hope



courtesy SU Behavioral Health

Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division's 2nd annual Wellbriety Tree of Hope; this year we had 225 years of combined community sobriety!



### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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



Fatherhood is Sacred/Motherhood is Sacred was uniquely designed with culturally relevant material to teach parents how to be responsibly involved in their child's life and the vital impact it has on their family.

The goal of the program is to strengthen families through responsible parenting. NAFFA teaches parents to connect with their heritage as they become actively involved in the lives of their families.

Families are at the heart of all cultures. There is no work more important than fatherhood & motherhood.

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

Classes Start Jan 16 2023 and will be: 18, 22, 25, 29, Feb, 1, 5, 8, 19, 22, 26, 29 2-4 PM

This class is free of charge and consists of 6, 2 weekly sessions that will last up to two hours. We ask that you commit yourself to completing each session. You will need access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) and an area free from distraction. Download "Microsoft Teams" for access.



For more info:

Angelina Whitehorse 970-563-2335

awhitehorse@southernute-nsn.gov



Fatherhood/Motherhood Is Sacred TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES

# Human Trafficking Awareness

Monday, January 29, 2024 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

The Ute Mountain Victim Support Services will be providing a Human Trafficking Training. All Service Providers and community are welcome to attend.

This Training will be Presented by Heidi Chance, Retired 25+ years as a law enforcement. Nationally Recognized Keynote Speaker | SME Sex Trafficking Trainer | Retired Undercover Detective .

Transform Your Understanding about Sex Trafficking and Join the Fight! She will bring light to what human Trafficking is? And what can you can do to help.

### Course Description

Title: "Power of Awareness and Human Trafficking 101" (with case study included)

"Identifying the Unseen: Recognizing & Responding to Sex Trafficking Indicators"

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For More Info. And Sign up contact VSS

970-564-5470

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STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline

Call or Text:

1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)

Chat online at:

strongheartshelpline.org

24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy.

@strongheartsdv





## SUIMA

# Kwanachigani pø'økwatu Eagle's Nest

### Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy history

By Mari Jo Owens,  
Principal  
SO. UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI  
ACADEMY

Starting with this article, I've chosen to write some history of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy based on written records, oral information, and my knowledge of being with the school since the beginning. I will be as accurate in my articles as possible, or at least fairly close.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy opened its doors to students on Sept. 5, 2000. A lot of preparation had to take place before this could happen. The first thing had to be the idea of the Tribe creating their own school, and once that was approved, then the building site, the architects, the staff, the curriculum, and the name of the school had to be chosen. The first name of the school was 'The Family Center' but that changed as the school was being built.

The targeted age was early childhood, which encompasses birth to eight years old with an awareness that upper elementary levels would be added on as the years went by. As the design of the school became a reality, a groundbreaking ceremony took place on Oct. 25, 1999, with their sights set on five buildings.

As the Southern Ute language was to be the cornerstone of the school, those five buildings were named: Atukach (grasshopper-infants and toddler building); Tuk (mountain lion – administration building); Pawaa (bald eagle - primary building); Kuch (buffalo – elementary building); Paa'at (raven – dining hall).

When the school first opened, we used the Charney system for our Ute language writing and lessons,



courtesy SUIMA

As this pole shows, the names of the SUIMA buildings are represented by animals that have characteristics of the students and staff who work in those respective buildings.

we currently use the Tribal Council approved Ute Dictionary. Stay tuned for more tidbits of history about the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

#### Reminders

Send winter clothing for outside play: boots, snow-pants, coat, gloves, hats. The students go outside every day when the temperature allows.

#### Parent Advisory Group

The next PAG meeting will be Jan. 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. These meet-

ings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month. Please consider helping with upcoming fundraiser opportunities as we are looking to make improvements to our playgrounds.

#### Family Nights

The January Family Night will be held on Jan. 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the dining hall. Plan on joining us for an evening of fun. Dinner will be served. Watch for chances to help raise money through concession stands during the basketball season.

#### Upcoming events

- Early Release at 2 p.m. every Friday!
- Jan. 15 – No school in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King
- Jan. 16 – PAG meeting
- Jan. 24 – Family [Game] Night
- Jan. 26 – No School – staff training day

## Ignacio Middle School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
Leonardo Abaroa	3.5	Carmen Candelaria	3.5	Myla GoodTracks	3.5
Braydn Culbertson	3.5	Carley Martinez	3.5	Kieley White Thunder	3.5
Dwight Litz	3.5	Chadlyn Cundiff	3.7	Travis Bliss	3.6
Tristyn Price	3.5	Brekan Romero	3.7	Mirra Bourriague	3.6
Haven Jones	3.7	Ava Sage-Morgan	3.8	Leeland Huwig	3.8
Alexis Sandman	3.7	Brynlee Burcham	4.0	Amira Montoya	3.8
Harley Ferguson	4.0	Kirstyn Jameson	4.0	Joseph Atencio	4.0
Parker Isaacson	4.0	Paiten Tucson	4.0	Veronica Brown	4.0
Charley Melrose	4.0			Karalina Guffey	4.0
Liam Moore	4.0			Jade Howell	4.0



### 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 Infiniate 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](http://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](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com)

Sincerely,

Southern Ute Shared Services Team



### January's Character Counts color is Blue!

Blue stands for trustworthiness – True Blue and Resolutions (making and keeping them) In 2013 the district adopted Character Counts as a way to reinforce positive behavior, attitude, and growth in the school district. Since that time we have used the pillars of character to recognize multitudes of students, staff, and community members. The Multi-cultural committee represents all stakeholders who work with youth in the community helps guide the process. We ask staff to incorporate ideas as they see fit within their classroom. One of the staff's favorite activities is to dress in the color of the month recognizing each pillar. Those days are weekly on Wednesdays and/or one day a month pre-designated by each building principal

The Southern Ute Education Department,  
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NATURAL RESOURCES

# \$2.1 M for Colorado wildlife research and hunting heritage projects

**Staff Report**  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION

From research focused on the cause of declining juvenile elk numbers to projects aimed at enhancing wildlife habitat and supporting hunting heritage, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and its conservation partners supplied \$2,176,597 to Colorado. The grant funding benefits elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, black bears, mountain lions and many other wildlife species.

“The more verified, scientific information we can gather about elk and habitat usage, the better management decisions will be made for all wildlife going forward,” said Blake Henning, RMEF chief con-

servation officer. “This funding bolsters five research efforts, helps improve wildlife habitat and both defends and supports hunting.”

The 23 different projects received \$491,808 in RMEF funding that helped leverage \$1,684,789 in partner dollars.

“We recognize and thank our passionate volunteers for planning and hosting banquets and other events across the state that raised this funding,” said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO.

Colorado is home to nearly 15,000 RMEF members and 29 chapters. Dating back to 1987, RMEF and its partners completed 870 conservation and hunting heritage outreach projects in Colorado with

a combined value of more than \$206.4 million. These projects conserved and enhanced 507,384 acres of habitat and opened or improved public access to 119,612 acres.

**Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

Founded more than 39 years ago and fueled by hunters, RMEF maintains more than 225,000 members and has conserved more than 8.8 million acres for elk and other wildlife. RMEF also works to open and improve public access, fund and advocate for science-based resource management, and ensure the future of America’s hunting heritage. Discover why “Hunting Is Conservation™” at [rmef.org](http://rmef.org) or 800-CALL ELK.

PUBLIC HEALTH

# High levels of cancer-causing radon gas detected in 46.1% of Colorado homes

**Staff report**  
AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the “State of Lung Cancer” report reveals that it is detected at high levels in about 46.1% of homes in Colorado. During January for National Radon Action Month, the American Lung Association in Colorado is urging everyone to help save lives by testing their home for radon and mitigating if high levels are detected.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas emitted from the ground. Radon is odorless, tasteless and colorless, and can enter a home through cracks in floors, basement walls, foundations and other openings. Radon can be present at high levels inside homes, schools and other buildings.

It is responsible for an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year and is the leading cause of lung cancer in people who have never smoked.

Here in Colorado, about 46.1% of radon test results equal or exceed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action level of 4 pCi/L, according to the Lung Association’s “State of Lung Cancer” report.

“Radon in homes is more

common than you think. In fact, high levels of radioactive radon gas have been found in every state but most places in the country remain undertested, so this isn’t something that should be taken lightly. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States,” said Nick Torres, Advocacy Director for the Lung Association. “Testing for radon is the only way to know if the air in your home is safe. The good news is that it is easy to test. Do-it-yourself test kits are simple to use and inexpensive.”

In Colorado, a limited number of no-cost professional radon testings are available with the American Lung Association’s partner, Protect Environmental. Learn more and sign up at [Lung.org/Protect-Environmental](http://Lung.org/Protect-Environmental).

After high levels are detected, a radon professional should install a radon mitigation system, which is easy and relatively affordable. A typical radon mitigation system consists of a vent pipe, fan and properly sealing cracks and other openings. This system collects radon gas from underneath the foundation and vents it to the outside. Contact your state radon program for a list of certified

professionals in your state. Some state health departments offer financial assistance or low interest loans for radon mitigation.

Learn more about radon testing and mitigation at [Lung.org/radon](http://Lung.org/radon) and take the Lung Association’s free Radon Basics course at [Lung.org/Radon-Basics](http://Lung.org/Radon-Basics).

**About the American Lung Association**

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. The work of the American Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to champion clean air for all; to improve the quality of life for those with lung disease and their families; and to create a tobacco-free future. For more information about the American Lung Association, which has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and is a Platinum-Level GuideStar Member, call 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-586-4872) or visit: [Lung.org](http://Lung.org). To support the work of the American Lung Association, find a local event at [Lung.org/events](http://Lung.org/events).

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**KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!**

KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976. KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.

Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916). -photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed.

As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors.

The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in Ignacio. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business.

To apply, submit a letter of interest to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director  
Email: [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255

## MPF adds youth programming



photos courtesy SU Multi-Purpose Facility

A Youth Healthy Cooking class was held with Lisa Smith on Thursday, Dec. 28, there were 12 students, all came with a parent, grandparent, or guardian. They made turkey tacos, and salsa; many of the elders attended to help with the preparations and cooking. This was the first time the MPF held classes specifically for the youth, all the events were well received, and participants requested more classes.



As well as Cooking classes, the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility held a jerky making class for youth, Wednesday, Dec. 27. There were 12 youth and their parents or grandparents and elders; Councilwoman Marge Barry attended and shared a cultural story. It was good to see the elders, parents and grandparents working together on their projects.



Youth Crafting was held Thursday, Jan. 4 – there were 18 youths, grandparents, parents, and elders – about 40 people in total who attended. Participants made breastplate and started to learn the peyote stitch. MPF plans to hold youth events monthly; the events are open to all community members. Theoden Greany displays his bone breastplate.

## It takes a village



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jennifer Goodtracks carefully cuts strips of fabric to create squares for her quilting project during the Quilt Making Class held on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Attendees create various cuts of fabric to assemble their quilts, this week attendees work on a design called “Stars Over Santa Fe.”

Squares of different sized fabric are organized for a quilt project. On Wednesday, Jan. 10 attendees of the Quilt Making Class begin their individual quilting projects at the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Elise Redd irons fabric in preparation for sewing, during the Quilt Making Class. During the event held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, attendees began their individual quilt projects and enjoyed lunch together.

## Multi - Purpose Facility January 2024 Events

- Cooking With Chef Bill—Tuesday January 16, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM**
  - Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday January 19, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM**
  - Healthy Cooking with Lisa Smith—Tuesday January 23, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM**
  - Traditional Beading & Sewing—Wednesday –Thursday January 24 & 25**  
Day Session - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM Evening Session 5:30 PM—7:30 PM
  - Quilting with Cheryl—Saturday January 27, 10:00 AM—5PM**
  - Elder Craft Day—Monday January 29, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM**
- Special Events**
- Monthly MPF Food Sale—Friday January 26, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM**
  - Community Pow Wow—Saturday January 13, 2024**



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
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## 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.



## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY Cooking with Chef Bill & Carol Barbone



**Tuesday January 16, 2024**

**10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

*The is a popular class with a great Chef, it is hand-on and you get to taste what you create.*

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## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

### Sip, Chat & Chew

**Friday January 19, 2024**

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



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

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CULTURAL PRESERVATION

## Tribes respond to attempt to overturn Bears Ears boundaries

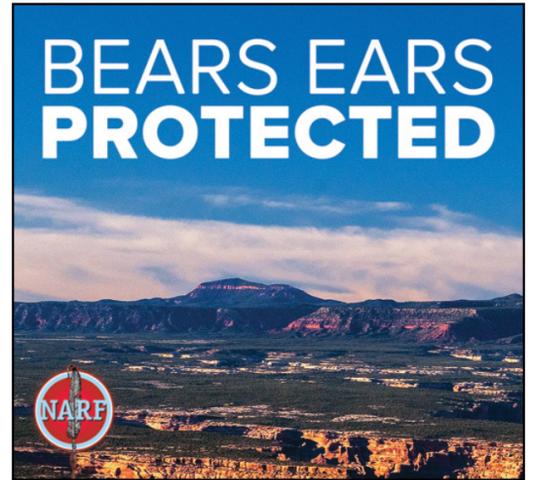
Staff report  
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe filed their response in Garfield County et al. v. Biden et al. in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The consolidated case was appealed to the court in October 2023 as part of an ongoing attempt to undermine the boundaries of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.

In 2021, President Biden reaffirmed the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument with a presidential proclamation. More than a year later, the state of Utah along with Garfield and Kane Counties, individual recreationalists, and mining interests filed two lawsuits to overturn the proclamation. The cases were consolidated. The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) represents the Hopi Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Pueblo of Zuni as they, along with the Navajo Nation, intervened in the consolidated case.

The U.S. District Court of the District of Utah dismissed the consolidated cases in August 2023 for lack of jurisdiction. The judge found (among other things) that the proclamation was not judicially reviewable because the Antiquities Act allows presidents to create national monuments at their discretion.

“Unfortunately, the state and counties are determined to use taxpayer money to pursue a case that is based on a list of grievances and political theater rather than on legal stand-



ing,” explained NARF Deputy Direct Matthew Campbell. “As we detailed in this brief, the plaintiffs lack standing to bring suit, and the courts have held for over a century that presidents can create national monuments. They may believe in their cause with vigor, but so do the Tribal Nations who have generations of connections to the region. And, the Tribes have the law on their side.”

Each of the five Tribal Nations has cultural, religious, and historic connections to the Bears Ears region. Whether those ties are to the sacred towering spires in the Valley of the Gods, the ancient migration routes throughout the region, the ceremonial sites that are still used to this day, or the many historic and cultural items that have been left behind by their ancestors, Bears Ears is a traditional and historic homeland for each of the Tribal Nations.

Read more about Bears Ears and the long fight by the region’s Tribal Nations to protect it from looting,

vandalism, and exploitation at <https://narf.org/cases/bears-ears/>.

### Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

NARF is a non-profit 501c(3) organization focused on applying existing laws and treaties to guarantee that federal and state governments live up to their legal obligations to Native Americans. Since 1970, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has provided specialized legal assistance to Native American Tribal Nations, organizations, and individuals nationwide to assert and defend the most important Native rights. In hundreds of major cases, NARF has achieved significant results in critical areas such as tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resource protection, voting rights, and Indian education. Like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn, and visit us at [narf.org](http://narf.org) to learn about the latest fights to promote justice and protect Native American rights.

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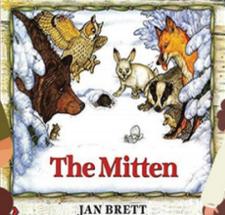
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# Family continues New Year's traditional walk



Sinaav, Oolcu, O'hozhoni and Sibrya make their way east along CR 516 towards Dry Creek. Sinaav carries the staff his grandfather Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs carried on many walks.



Sinaav, Oolcu, O'hozhoni, Sibrya and Mamakwa gather prior to beginning the walk from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

**The family of the late Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs (Robert Buckskin) continue a family tradition that has spanned many years, with generations of family and community members, bringing in the New Year with a spiritual walk. On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, Oolcu Buckskin, and her children, Sinaav, Sibrya and O'hozhoni Larry walked in honor of Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs as done for many years prior. Saa-sawnia began the walk in 1990, and continues in honor of "Buckskin," who passed away in 2005.**



Grandchildren of the late Saa-sawnia Hiswaqs (Robert Buckskin) gather for a photo as they finish the New Year's Day Walk at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Oolcu and her children walk towards the Ouary Cemetery along Bear Dance Road, nearing the completion of yet another New Year's Day Spiritual Walk.

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Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Many farmers will take a few years to install a pivot system. I chose to rip off the bandage and do it within one year.

**AGRICULTURE PRACTICES**

## That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

*2023 Learning Experiences*

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

**What doesn't break you makes you stronger**

Best practices are elements of doing the job over time and discovering ways to improve. Some people might say that this is the means of establishing experience. The more you go through, the more you learn.

Best practices are a little more in depth. It is an accumulated knowledge that can be passed along to children, helpers, or apprentices. It can also be learned, valued, and kept to oneself. The reason for this is that learned beneficial experience can be seen as a competitive advantage in doing business. People doing similar work are always looking for ways to differentiate themselves from their neighbors. Sometimes best practices lower the costs of doing business. A person can do more with less. All of this will either save money in the course of providing services and selling products, or it can reflect a selling price to be more competitive against people who offer similar services or products.

To bring this concept back to the farm, farmers can either keep their learned knowledge to themselves or share this to help others become stronger and not have to go through the pains to gain that wisdom.

*"There is no pain. There is no pain," — Apollo Creed*

The knowledge learned over the year is extremely valuable because it helps to steer the way things are done in the upcoming year. As I get older, the reality is that I may not be able to move around the farm the way I would hope. I don't want this to limit my ability to farm. This is why I found value in moving to build pivot irrigation systems on the property.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

My biggest lesson of this past year should have been to take my subcontractors words with a grain of salt. 'We can have it done by April' is a hope, not a promise. Keep flood ditches until the work is done.

Was it expensive to do? Absolutely, yes it was. Whether I would do it again ... that's a whole different article.

The point is that I want to avoid pitfalls before they show up right before me. Some can be planned. Others are discovered and dealt with when they show up. My point is that this year was not good for growing hay on the farm because most of the season was spent in construction while watching water pass by. My big learning opportunity is that I never should have plowed up my flood irrigation ditches until the pivot was installed and running.

That alone would have saved a whole year of production. I also learned that it is very motivating to keep my ditch lines clear and eradicate the willows, thistles, and unwanted weeds. The idea is to have nothing but harvestable vegetation in

the fields. It also helps keep critters and unwanted animals to a minimum. Being able to see the entire property helps to find problem areas and to identify quick fixes in the fields or along the fence lines.

My last learning opportunity was that I need to make sure that if I am going to do a fall seeding, to make sure to do it earlier in the fall. I was hesitant to do this, but I was curious to know and so I seeded beyond a reasonable germination time. Now I know.

**Experience is the point of life**

The purpose of life might be to build a life full of experiences, make mistakes, and break eggs. Each year that we survive, rewards us with wisdom and confidence. I would like to think that most of us will all be doing better next year and will heal from any wounds incurred during 2023. The things we cannot control are beyond our means and thus we should minimize the amount of stress that we apply toward that. Let us focus on the things that we can control.

Our attitude is a big one. I like to think that farming isn't as hard as people say. You simply move from one task to the next, while keeping an eye on the calendar. Find the time within a given day that allows you to be productive and choose to enjoy those challenges. Look forward to great results, but be prepared for issues with weather, water, and gauge whether or not you can have more this year than next. It's always nice to hope, but sometimes staying in the game is just as important.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

These buddies of mine sometimes come to visit while I am out in the field.





Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)

"Tribal Member Experience Portal Training and Laptop Signups"

Date: January 16, 2024, 10am - 2pm  
Date: January 17, 2024, 8am - 12pm

Location: Southern Ute Growth Fund  
14929 HWY 172  
Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

All Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members are welcome to attend. SUDEP staff will be answering all technical questions, helping tribal members sign into their tribal member experience accounts, password resets and helping sign up those individuals who have not received their free Dell laptop from SUDEP ([www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP)).

Contact:  
970-563-5555 for questions or technical support  
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# Updated Boys & Girls Club Fees

Beginning Spring 2024

Spring Registration

- Covers January-May
- \$5/Southern Ute Tribal Member & First Descendant
- \$10/ General Community
- Registration will begin mid-December

Summer Registration

- Covers Summer Program
- \$10/week Southern Ute Tribal Member & First Descendant
- \$30/week General Community, \$20/week second child, \$10/week each additional child
- Registration will begin mid-April

Fall Registration

- Covers Start of school-December
- \$5/Southern Ute Tribal Member & First Descendant
- \$10/ General Community
- Registration will begin early August



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# The Southern Ute Drum presents

## HONORING VIDA PEABODY



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy give introductions and birthday wishes to Southern Ute tribal elder, Vida B. Peabody. For many students who attended the event, this was the first time meeting the former Tribal Council member in person.

## HICKENLOOPER VISITS TRIBE



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute tribal member and youth employee, Zuriyah Baker shares the Ute "Creation Story" with Colorado Senator John Hickenlooper during his visit to Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's language classroom.

## UTE NATIONS DAY



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove brings in the Southern Ute Flag alongside association members, Gordan Hammond (Ute Mountain Ute Flag) and Commander Howard Richards Sr. (American Flag) during the Ute Nations Day opening ceremonies in the State Capitol building on Friday, April, 14.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Following a formal meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, and the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Senator Hickenlooper finished the morning with a tour of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

## UTE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Members of the first cohort of the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute Ute Language Certification class gather at Fort Lewis College. Tribal elders, Judy Lansing and Pearl Casias and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) Ute Language Guide, Shawna Steffler were honored for their help in the SILDI Mentor Circle. In total, 27 students from all three Ute tribes finished the program and were certified as teachers of the Ute language.

## COLOR US WITH LOVE



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Participants simultaneously throw their colored powder in the air at the end of the run – in celebration of the community event. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services hosted the 2023 Child Abuse Awareness Color Run. The annual event was held to help raise awareness on child abuse and spread the message "Color Us with Love." The Southern Ute Division of Social Services hosted the 2023 Child Abuse Awareness Color Run on Friday, April 21 at the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park.

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Royalty members gather with special guest, Tonia Jo Hall for a quick photo op.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

## WALKER'S HARDWARE CLOSSES



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Owners of Walker's Do it Best, Barbara and Glen Walker, with "Nikki" are closed their doors for good after 31 years in business. Walker's liquidated all items in the hardware store including furnishings.

## WATER CONSERVATION



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Lorelei Cloud, vice chair of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, on the banks of the Los Pinos River, also known as the Pine River on April 17, in the heart of the Southern Ute Reservation where water plays a critical role to the tribe. Strong winter snowpack results in higher-than-average water levels in the Pine River from Vallecito Reservoir to the north.



# 2023: A Year in Review

## FATHERHOOD ROCKS!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Billy Crawley II and the Good Ole' Boys, a country band from Kayenta, Ariz., brought a little of that country flavor to the Father's Day Concert in the Park at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

Southern Ute elder, Kean Richards, spoke about the memories of his father and lessons bestowed upon him as a youth. He was joined by his grandson Camron Heintz and great grandson James.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

## NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

Athlete Elijah Lee of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe dribbles the ball down the court weaving around Team British Columbia athletes in attempt to score on Tuesday, July 18 following opening ceremonies for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games. This marked the 10th edition of the North American Indigenous Games, where Native athletes from across Canada and the United States compete in a variety of sporting events and traditional Indigenous sports every four years.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Proudly carrying the Southern Ute tribal flag, Team Colorado athletes and coaches make their way through downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia where spectators lined the streets in anticipation of the 2023 North American Indigenous Games, Sunday, July 16.

## TRIBAL CREDIT



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

New homeowners Jerrna Weaver and Cody Mills stand alongside family members and project team members before the ribbon cutting and tour of their new home on Wednesday, Oct. 18. With the assistance of Tribal Housing and Tribal Credit, the pair became homeowners through the Cedar Point Housing Initiative.

## VETERANS POWWOW



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

The Southern Ute Veterans Association leads in Grand Entry during the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow on Saturday, Nov 11 at Ignacio High School. This community powwow welcomed veterans in the area—sponsors include – Volunteers to Honor our Veterans, Southern Ute Veterans Association, Ignacio School District, and the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Powwow Group.

## HERITAGE GAMES



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

The SunUte Community Center, in collaboration with Fort Lewis College, presented the Native American Heritage NCAA Games powered by NABI – the annual Native American Basketball Invitational. To her surprise, SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth is honored with a Pendleton blanket during the event on Saturday, Nov. 4 – the blanket was presented by the Southern Ute Tribal Council for her service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## SUPD WELCOMES BARROW



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

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.

## INTRODUCING TRIBAL COUNCIL



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Introducing the newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Council for 2023-24, pictured left to right: Andrew Gallegos, Marty Pinnecoose, Vice Chair Lorelei Cloud, Chairman Melvin J. Baker, Marge Barry, Treasurer Marvin Pinnecoose, and Vanessa Torres in the Hall of Warriors. The Southern Ute General Election was held Friday, Dec 3, followed by a run-off election on Friday, Dec. 15 for the Chairman and remaining council seat. The newly elected council members include Chairman Baker for a second term in office, Gallegos and Pinnecoose serving their first terms as members of the Tribal Council.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Kyle Rima begins breaking down Bloomfield, N.M., freshman Johnny Yates en route to a second-period pin Saturday, Jan. 6, at Pagosa Springs' 2024 Rocky Mountain Invitational. Rima would go on to place second in the event's heavyweight (a.k.a. 285-pound) division.

## BOBCATS BOYS WRESTLING

# 'Cats crack top-ten in Pagosa Springs

Rima, deKay runners-up for Ignacio

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If one has to lose a wrestling bout, one may as well do so against a competitor whose level one aspires to reach. That was the case Saturday, Jan. 6, for Ignacio's Aven Bourriague.

Dealt just his second defeat this winter at Pagosa Springs' 2024 Rocky Mountain Invitational, the sophomore 106-pounder lost only to Bloomfield, N.M., junior Gunner Samora – last season's New Mexico Activities Association Class 4A State Champion at 107 – in the semifinals, but lasted the full six minutes before dropping a 13-5 major decision.

Otherwise, Bourriague (18-2 overall) was title-caliber; three of his four wins at the meet came via pin, and he concluded the event beating Center freshman Michael Archuleta – ranked No. 2 at the weight in On The Mat's updated Class 2A rankings going in – by a 6-2 margin in the third-place clash.

And with senior Kyle Rima finishing second at heavyweight, and sophomore Lincoln deKay doing likewise at 150 pounds, head coach Jordan Larsen's gents amassed 99 points and placed ninth overall. Bringing the RMI



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Joshua Kerrigan (red headgear) catches Bloomfield, N.M., freshman Ayden Valverde in a cradle hold en route to a first-period pin Saturday, Jan. 6, at Pagosa Springs' 2024 Rocky Mountain Invitational. Kerrigan would go on to place seventh in the event's 120-pound division.

championship back to La Jara, 3A Centauri piled up a winning 203 points in defeating 3A PSHS (174) and third-place Center (162). Bloomfield finished one point behind Archuleta and the Vikings, and 2A Rocky Ford (154) placed fifth.

Also finishing ahead of IHS, 4A Durango and 1A Monticello, Utah, tied for seventh with 114 points each.

Rima (12-3) went 2-1 on the day, losing 2-1 in the finals to Pagosa Springs junior Antonio Quesada. Rima's semifinal win, however, over RFHS sophomore Omar Ocana was impressive; Rima pinned the Meloneer 1:22 in-

to the third and last two-minute period, and Ocana then fought back to save third place with back-to-back pins – improving his season record to 21-4 already.

deKay (17-1) went 3-1 with a pin, a major decision, and a conventional decision, but then lost – for the first time in the 2023-24 season – in the finals to 2A Monte Vista junior Kevin Cisneros, 5 to 1.

Ignacio sophomore Zane Pontine (15-5) placed fourth at 144 pounds, going 3-2 on the day. His only losses came against Center ju-

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## BOBCATS GIRLS WRESTLING

# IHS girls 10th at two-day Border Battle

Lady Bobcats resume wrestling in Junction

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The only Lady Bobcat to post a winning record (3-2) Saturday, Jan. 6, in Grand Junction, Ignacio senior Kacey Brown started the individual-style session of G.J. Central's 2024 Border Battle with a pin of Olathe's Taylor Armstead, and ended it with a second-period stick of Mead's Shiloh Smith – earning Brown fifth at 130 pounds and helping IHS earn top-ten status.

Forced to fight through the consolation side of the weight's bracket after losing by pin in the quarterfinals to Moffat County's Kayla Deaton, Brown also notched a pin against Central's Addison Fox as Ignacio managed to total 41 points and finish tenth out of 14 teams represented.

GJCHS won the event with a fierce score of 279, with Mead (181.5) a distant second and OHS (144) third.

Gunnison placed fourth with 118 points, and MCHS returned to Craig with a fifth-place score of 116.

Matching Brown's 15 accumulated team points, sophomore Marlene Martinez-Perez posted a 2-2 record at 135 pounds and ended up in fourth place after losing by pin against Central's Rya Burke. Also placing fourth was sophomore Larissa Espinosa, who went 2-3 at 235 with one win, unluckily, coming at teammate Soriah Perez's expense. Finishing 1-4 at the weight, the senior Perez ended up placing fifth via a medical-forfeit victory over Basalt's Saniyah Culcleasure.

Junior 125-pounder Audrey Roderick unluckily went two-and-out after losing by first-period pin to Moffat County teammates HayLee Staker and Miriam Jimenez.

During the previous day's dual-style action, IHS lost 48-6 to Olathe (Brown's pin of Azure Wallace the La-

dy Bobcats' only points), then 60-15 to Mead (Brown pinned Smith; Roderick edged Addyson Mooradian 5-4). At a disadvantage due to sheer personnel numbers, the Lady 'Cats then fell 78-0 to G.J. Central and 48-12 to Durango (Martinez-Perez earned a first-period pin against Quincy Ellis; Espinosa won by forfeit).

Ignacio then lost the seventh-place dual to Rifle, but by a more competitive 42-24 margin. Brown pinned Annika Liedke 1:13 inish to the second period, Roderick and Martinez-Perez each won by forfeit, and Espinosa was credited with a win over Perez – willing to stand in for the Lady Bears, if only to gain another bout – before RHS earned 30 forfeit points in the five lowest weights.

Aimee Larsen's Lady 'Cats will next see action Saturday, January 13, at Kirtland (N.M.) Central's Bronco Invite/Duals.

## BOBCATS BASKETBALL

# Pirates clip 'Cats in '24 restart, 52-44

IHS girls also single-digit victims away

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Reinforcements for the one-man army known as Gabe Cox showed up much later Saturday afternoon, January 6, than commanding general Chris Valdez would have preferred, but still almost in time for the Ignacio boys to swipe victory away from hosting Monte Vista in the crews' first game after the holiday break.

Despite having trailed the 2A Pirates ever since junior forward Kaden Madrid sank a corner three-pointer gaining MVHS a 7-4 lead early in the first quarter – it rapidly swelled to 13-4 after a trey by Alex Marquez and sophomore guard/forward Azariah Hurtado's subsequent two-and-one effort with 3:48 left – the 3A Bobcats found themselves only five points behind, 49-44, with less than a minute left in regulation after senior guard Trajan Garcia sank his second triple of the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) leaps for a close-range shot as Monte Vista's Azariah Hurtado (24) defends during the teams' mutual 2024 restart Saturday afternoon, Jan. 6, at MVHS. Cox scored a game-high 25 points, but Hurtado's 16 helped the Pirates defeat the Bobcats 52-44.

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## SunUte's Bucket Bash winners



photos courtesy SunUte

Congratulations to the 2nd Annual New Year's Bucket Bash Basketball Tournament champions and runners-up! It was an amazing day full of light-hearted fun and great sportsmanship. Pictured: Men's Champions - Uncle Rico's.

Men's Runner up – Playmakers.



Women's Champion - Cold Hearts.



Women's Runner Up - Ballin Betty's.



# OBITUARY



His contributions made a lasting impact on the Native history, policy and governance of the Gunnison-Uncompahgre, San Juan, Routt and White River national forests. His work resulted in three major accomplishments.

First, Kenny helped to organize the United Ute Powwow in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, bringing the three sovereign Ute Nations together for the first time in 118 years. This resulted in quarterly Tri-Ute meetings that still take place today with the Uintah-Ouray Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes of Colorado and Utah.

Second was the discovery, study and reburial of the Indigenous 8,000-year-old man in the White River National Forest, in which Kenny ensured the remains were handled appropriately and with ceremony, decorum and respect.

Third, Kenny was instrumental in helping the Southern Ute Tribe's contribution to USFS forest planning. Those contributions resulted in the first Native American interest section in the Land and Resource Management Plan for the White River National Forest.

Kenny was a devoted believer and steward of his Ute culture and respected other tribal beliefs. He encouraged his family to carry on their traditional ways. Kenny traveled to various states to help with consultation on Native American rights. His last trip was to Hawaii in summer 2023, to express his solidarity with the efforts to free Hawaii from the United States and its unlawful occupation of the islands. He was very eager to support those fighting for Indigenous rights and he loved seeing progress.

Kenny was very positive and encouraging. He carried his sense of humor with him wherever he went and shared it with everyone he talked to. Kenny stands tall among his ancestors.

His daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren were paramount in his life; there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. Kenny is survived by his only daughter Maretta Frost, his grandchildren Darien Neskahi, Seranden Frost, Jamm Lang, Katerie Lang, Tatum Lang and Riley Lang, great grandchildren Yizeth Frost, Zayden Frost and his favorite, Justin Bear Lang.

Kenny was preceded in death by his mother Kathleen Frost, grandmother Bertha Frost and great-grandparents George Norris Frost (Nanece Subchief, Medicine Man and War Chief of the Southern Ute Tribe) and Mary Norris.

**FROST** – Kenneth "Kenny" Frost made his journey to the spirit world on December 29, 2023, in Durango, Colorado. He was born November 12, 1954, in Ignacio, Colorado, to Kathleen Frost.

Kenny grew up on the Southern Ute Reservation and attended Ignacio High School, graduating at age 15. He was a star athlete in fastpitch softball, and in basketball he played center. He led both teams to numerous undefeated championships.

Kenny had a passion for his Ute culture. He participated as a catman for the Bear Dance. He became a Sundance Chief and traveled to many powwows.

After graduating high school, Kenny attended Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado. Later he became a dispatcher for the Southern Ute Police Department. He also worked as a director for the resource department. Kenny later attended the police academy in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He took the required written test and passed it on his first try, later conducting the class and teaching other students.

He became a police officer for the Southern Ute Tribe and for the Town of Ignacio. Kenny also served as an EMT and an ambulance driver alongside his mother, Kathleen Frost. He instructed CPR classes.

Kenny moved to Craig, Colorado with his daughter Maretta for a time. He loved the Denver Broncos, Denver Nuggets, Colorado Rockies and the Colorado Avalanche. He enjoyed attending games with his grandboys and traveling all over Colorado with them.

Kenny began consulting and working with all four of the United States Forest Service (USFS) supervisors' offices on Colorado's Western Slope in the 1990s.

## 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.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The 2023-24 Southern Ute Royalty consists of (left to right):

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

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

## 2024 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINE

DEADLINE	PUBLISH	FEDERAL & TRIBAL HOLIDAYS
Jan. 8	Jan. 12	
Jan. 22	Jan. 26	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15)
Feb. 5	Feb. 9	
Feb. 16*	Feb. 23	President's Day (Feb. 19)
Mar. 4	Mar. 8	
Mar. 18	Mar. 22	
Apr. 1	Apr. 5	
Apr. 15	Apr. 19	
Apr. 29	May 3	
May 13	May 17	
May 24*	May 31	Memorial Day (May 27)
Jun. 10	Jun. 14	Juneteenth (Jun. 19)
Jun. 24	Jun. 28	
Jul. 8	Jul. 12	Independence Day (July 4)
Jul. 22	Jul. 26	
Aug. 5	Aug. 9	
Aug. 19	Aug. 23	
Aug. 30*	Sept. 6	Labor Day (Sept. 2)
Sept. 16	Sept. 20	
Sept. 30	Oct. 4	
Oct. 11*	Oct. 18	Indigenous People's Day (Oct. 14)
Oct. 28	Nov. 1	
Nov. 8*	Nov. 15	Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
Nov. 22*	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving (Nov. 28)
Dec. 6*	Dec. 13	Leonard C. Burch Day (Dec. 10)
Dec. 20*	Dec. 27	Christmas (Dec. 25)

**\*Denotes Early Deadline**

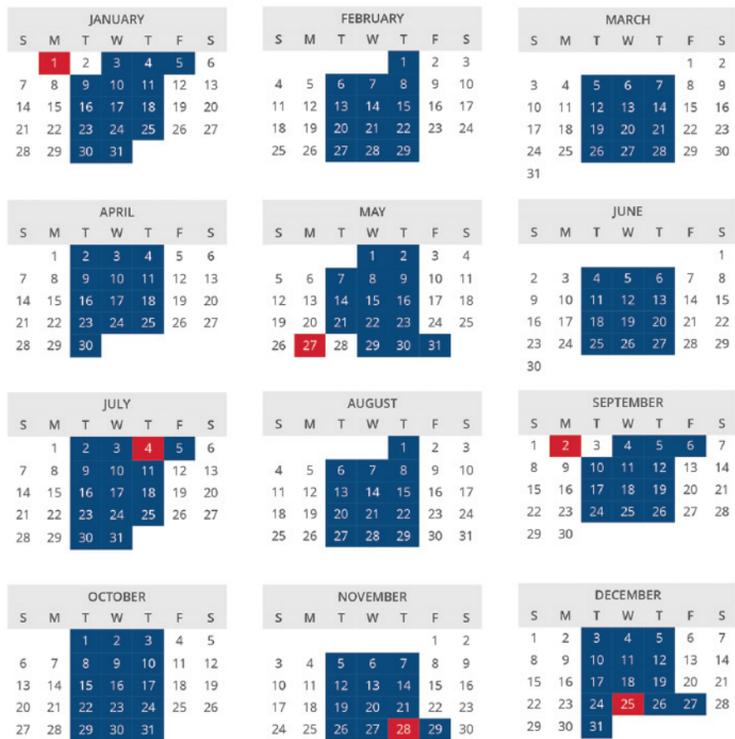
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## 2024 Southern Ute Trash Collection Calendar

■ Holidays ■ Trash



Please contact Republic Services in Southern Ute at 505.444.2410 or visit RepublicServices.com for more information.



## Upcoming Southern Ute Tribal Holiday Office Closures



Monday, Jan. 15  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 19  
President's Day



Be sure to check out the Drum's Events Calendar to stay up to date with community events, as well as the 2024 Advertising Packet found on the Drum's website, www.sudrum.org.

## Drum Deadline

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## Notice of Tribal Council Adoption of Title 32-Civil Truancy Code

By Resolution No. 2024-003, the Tribal Council adopted Title 32 – Civil Truancy Code. Title 32 is a new code that will be included in the SUIT Law and Order Code. The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the code on December 21, 2024. The Civil Truancy Code is effective as of January 2, 2024. The Civil Truancy Code can be found online at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>  
 Printed hard copies of the codes may be obtained from the Tribal Information Services Department 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](mailto:abarry@southernute-nsn.gov), 970-563-2250.

## Notice of Tribal Council Adoption of Revised Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes

By Resolution No. 2023-212, the Tribal Council adopted **revised Title 4 – Criminal Procedure Code and revised Title 5 – Criminal Code**. The revised codes will supersede and replace all previous versions of these codes on **March 1, 2024** when the revised codes become effective. The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved both codes on November 28, 2023. By Resolution No. 2023-212, the Tribal Council established **March 1, 2024** as the effective date for both the Criminal Procedure and Criminal Codes. The current and revised Criminal Procedure and Criminal Codes can be found online at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>  
 Printed hard copies of the codes may be obtained from the Tribal Information Services Department 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](mailto:abarry@southernute-nsn.gov), 970-563-2250.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Tribal Housing

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) Tribal Housing Department is requesting a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to provide regular landscape maintenance services for irrigated and unirrigated areas at the following properties:

- Townhome property located at 60 Shadow Spirit East, including its park and landscaping maintenance for a second park located at the intersection of Shadow Spirit East and Lodge Pole Way in Ignacio, Colorado. Including as-needed landscaping maintenance and/or weed mitigation at other locations within the Ignacio, Colorado, area as directed by Tribal Housing.
- Periodic weed mitigation in landscaped landscapes at residential housing located
  - Buckskin Charlie Drive, Ignacio, CO:
    - House numbers: 58, 68, 80, 96, 108.
  - Fry Bread Avenue:
    - House numbers: 38, 81, & 103
- Subdivision Park(s) located at:
  - Piwood, Ignacio, CO
  - Tamuche, Ignacio, CO
- Weed maintenance (mowing, trimming, and spraying) around residential home(s) located at:
  - 664 J Road, Ignacio, CO
  - 248 Dry Creek Rd, Ignacio, CO

Colorado Commercial Pesticide applicator licenses are preferred. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Tribal Housing Department:

**Mail Delivery:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Housing Department Attn: Mandy Brown, PO Box 737-24, Ignacio, CO 81137 [mbrown@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mbrown@southernute-nsn.gov)  
**Hand Delivery:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Housing Department 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137

**Proposals will be received through January 18, 2024.**

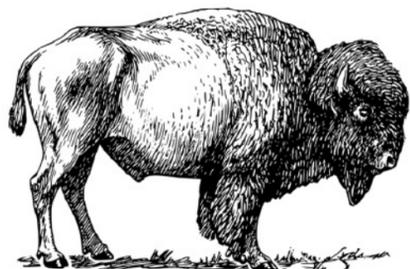
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117.



## THE WILDLIFE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION WILL BE COLLECTING SEALED BIDS BY TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY FOR (5) LIVE BISON.

**FIVE FEMALE BISON (3-9 YRS. OLD) 100% GRASS FED**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE WILDLIFE DIVISION AT (970) 563-0130**

## FOR RENT: SOUTHERN UTE MEMBERSHIP ONLY 60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, CO, 81137

The Tribal Housing Department has a unit available for rent: (1) Single-Story 3-Bedroom, 2-bathroom unit for \$1,000/mo. Security Deposit \$1,000. No Pets allowed. For more information and an application, visit our website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes). Feel free to call or stop by our office at 970-563-4710, 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO. Applications can be emailed to: [tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov) or hand-delivered to our drop box at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO. **PLACEMENT SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECK AND RENTAL HISTORY VERIFICATION.** Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on January 16, 2024.

## 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](mailto:cmallett@southernute-nsn.gov)

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

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Audit Services

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for providing audit services. Interested parties must submit written proposals to the SUIHA. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2023. Proposals received after this time will be considered non-responsive and returned to the sender. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

**BACKGROUND:** The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for the Southern Ute Tribe. Our primary sources of income are rental income and Federal financial assistance received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Indian Housing Block Grant program.

SUIHA currently uses Aliba and HDS software. SUIHA has 115 Low Rental Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.4 million.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The audit services to be provided will be for the twelve-month period ending September 2024. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House by December 27th, 2024. With onsite visit being done week of October 28, 2024. We expect an exit conference at the end of the audit fieldwork to discuss any findings, questionable costs, reportable conditions and adjusting journal entries. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements described in the Single Audit Act and the audit must be in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200.

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**CONTENT OF THE PROPOSALS:** In selecting the firm or individual who will best serve the needs of SUIHA we will be reviewing the experience of the respondent(s) along with reviewing the expertise and qualifications of the individual(s) who will be providing the services. To meet these objectives, the proposal must contain a resume of all individuals who would be performing the services, with special attention to the experience related to Indian Housing Authorities or similar organizations. Four (4) copies of the proposal shall be submitted.

**EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:** Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based on a 100 point system with the proposal receiving the most points being determined the most responsive. The cost of conducting the audit will be the main criteria used in evaluating the proposals. The SUIHA Board of Directors will make the final selection and the successful firm or individual will be notified shortly thereafter so that the audit process can begin as soon as possible. SUIHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if it is in the best interest of the SUIHA.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:**  
 The criteria for evaluating the proposals will include points given in the following areas:  
 Qualifications of firm or individual to conduct Federal audits in accordance with 2 CFR 200 (0-10 points); Ability of firm to conduct the audit in a timely manner (0-30 points); Experience and knowledge of Indian Housing Authorities (0-15 points); Cost (0-45 points); Indian Preference (0 or 10 points if proposal includes proof showing that the firm is at least 51% Indian owned).

Responses shall be addressed to  
 Eric Spady, Executive Director,  
 P.O. Box 447, Ignacio CO 81137  
 E-Mail: [espady@suiha.org](mailto:espady@suiha.org)

## 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

**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

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](mailto: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.



## Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 01/09/24

UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. — CLOSED
- FEB. 19<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT'S DAY — CLOSED
- MAY. 27<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
- JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED
- NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

Happy New Year!

### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM  
Lobby closed 12p-1p on Fridays

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

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month:  
February 7th/ March 6th  
April 3rd  
Settle your payments before 10AM

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

### JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEW 2024 Trash Permits are available! Pick up from the Utilities Office. Limit 2 per household.
- Freezing Weather has arrived! Take steps to prevent frozen pipes! For tips, see [DIY Tips for Winterizing Your Home - State Farm](#)
- Inclement weather may cause Water Haul delays. Call Utilities Office for updates.

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL THE UTILITIES OFFICE.**

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

## 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](http://www.bgsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed. As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with de-

cision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors. KSUT Tribal Radio, [www.tribalradio.org](http://www.tribalradio.org), is an affiliate of NativeVoice1, and can be heard in Southwest Colorado at 91.3 FM (Ignacio) and 100.9 FM (Towaoc), and in Northwest New Mexico at 89.7 FM. KSUT Four Corners Public Radio, [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org), serves 14 communities in the Four Corners, including Durango at 90.1 FM, Cortez 106.3 FM, Farmington and northern New Mexico at 88.1 FM, Pagosa Springs at 88.1 FM and Silverton at 91.1 FM. Both KSUT stations air news, eclectic music, entertainment, storytelling, and documentary programming, and are an affiliate of NPR, the BBC, American Public Media, and Public Radio International. The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 P.M. at KSUT, 15150 Colo. Highway 172 in Ignacio. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business. If you are a Southern Ute tribal member and are interested in serving on the KSUT Board of Directors, submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled. More information on the KSUT Board of Directors, including a current board list and recent board minutes can be found at: <https://www.ksut.org/ksut-board-of-director>

### POWWOW 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.

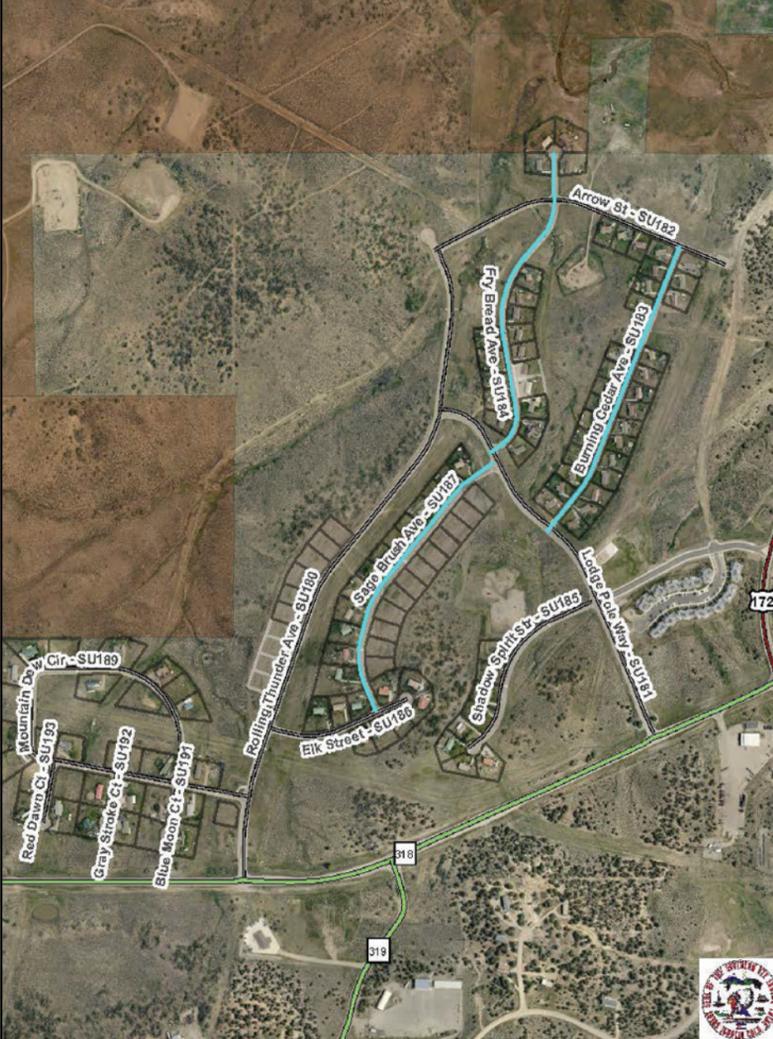
## Tribal Planning Snow Removal Newsletter.

### Snow has returned!!

Tribal Planning is preparing for future snowstorms and would like to inform Cedar Point East & West, in particular Burning Cedar Ave, Fry Bread Ave, & Sage Brush Ave residences to remove your vehicles off the street to allow snow removal.

With this, Tribal Planning's Heavy Equipment Operator can perform the snow removal with ease and without damaging your vehicle. After the Motor Grader has passed, you may return your vehicle.

Thank you,  
Tribal Planning



**Mary Evening Star Eagle**  
Acting Tribal Planner  
(970) 563-2270  
[meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov)

**Matthew Box**  
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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

**Deputy Court Clerk Part-time w/benefits**  
Closes 1/17/24 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

**Police Sergeant**  
Closes 1/28/24 – 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 \$16.09/hour.

**Air Quality Scientist II – Enforcement**  
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Division Head, 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 \$77,627.00/year.

**Air Quality Scientist II – Permitting**  
Open Until Filled – Under general Supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager. Permitting coordinates, supervises, and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Division. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627.00/year.

**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 N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

**Clinical Supervisor**  
Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and 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 E17; Pay starts at \$86,943.00/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 N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/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. Pay grade N10; pay starts at \$21.89/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 E22; pay starts at \$189,817/annually.

**Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Southern Ute tribal member only)**  
Open Until Filled – 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 process, procedures, and relevant codes and law. Pay grade E13; 59,494/annually.

**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 N12; Pay starts at \$26/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 E23; pay starts at \$235,373/annually.

**Dispatcher**  
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides ra-

dio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

**Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal member 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 N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

**Elementary Teacher**  
Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/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 N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/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 Dept. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations including financial and budget reporting. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155.

**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 E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/annually.

**Group Exercise Instructor**  
Open Until Filled – 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 N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

**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 establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

**Heavy Equipment Operator**  
Open Until Filled – 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 N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

**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 N15; pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

**Medical Assistant – Part-time w/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 \$21.89/hour.

**NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal member only)**  
Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical

## Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

### Employment Announcements as of Jan. 9, 2024

- Housing Division, Inspector/Collections Officer – Closing 1/26/24
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, Houseparent – Closing 1/26/24
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Closing 1/26/24
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Closing 1/26/24
- Brunot Wildlife, Animal Control Officer – Open Until Filled
- Brunot Wildlife, Wildlife Officer – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes WM,CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Energy, Director – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Career Readiness Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Elementary Teacher (1) – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Security Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM- IPA Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT Paramedic/ Fire Fighter I & II – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT-B IV/ Fire Fighter – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Works PT, Relief Propane Delivery Driver – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Tribal Parks PT, Maintenance Worker – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- Water Resource, Water Resource Assistant – Open Until Filled
- WM- Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

## 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.

The Cultural Preservation Department

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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

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 \$21.89/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 N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

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Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/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 N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

**Scorekeeper – Part-time**  
Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

**Special Needs Aide – Part-time w/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 \$16.09/hour.

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

**Tribal Attorney – 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. In addition, the attorney 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 E19; Salary starts at \$114,968/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 courts and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.



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 Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
 TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

**Bingo Staff (Part-time)**

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

**\*Bowling & 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.

**\*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 – Shining Mountain Cashier (Full-time)**

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe 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.

**\*Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)**

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

**\*Event Staff**

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. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork.

**\*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.

**\*Grounder Supervisor (Full-time)**

Daily ground's maintenance of all areas at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Maintaining all roads, grounds, landscaping, plan, assign, and review work activities of assigned grounds personnel as directed by the Facilities Manager.

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

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

**\*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)**

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.

**\*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 Technician HVAC (Full-time)**

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to 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. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

**Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)**

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

**\*Restaurants Manager (Full-time)**

Under the direction of the Director and Food and Beverage, the Restaurant Manager is responsible for the 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.

**\*Room Attendant (Full-time)**

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift.

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

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

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

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

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

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. 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. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Ro 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.

**\*Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)**

Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural in-

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 Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
 Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

**Custodial Technician – Growth Fund Facilities (Ignacio, CO)**

Closing 1/18/24 – Provide housekeeping service and support as directed by the Facilities Manager, to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office Building, Fairgrounds Office area, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for setup and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory.

**Gas Volume Analyst I – Red willow Production Co (Ignacio, CO)**

Closing 1/26/24 – Monitoring natural gas production volumes; nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; main-

tains customer relations in scheduling process; reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/statements; enters daily gas sales and production data; maintains gathering and transportation contracts; controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances; provides the Marketer natural gas volumes available for sale.

**Communications Manager – Growth Fund Admin. (Ignacio, CO)**

Closing 1/26/24 – Creating, implementing, and oversight of the external communications strategy including, public relations, information output, and media requests for the Southern Ute Growth Fund (Growth Fund) and its companies and departments. Creating high-quality content, planning and executing social media campaigns to inform tribal membership, engage customers, and build brand recognition of the Growth Fund.

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 Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

- High School Custodian
- High School Baseball Head Coach
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**Sky Ute Casino Resort Job announcements, cont.**

egrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Is trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

**\*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.

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## PIRATES CLIP 'CATS • FROM PAGE 14

fourth and final frame. Having struck from straight away, Garcia's next try from that location was unsuccessful, and junior Ismael Medina clutched the rebound – somehow beyond Cox's wingspan – then passed ahead to Hurtado. Fouled with 13.8 ticks left on the clock, Hurtado hit one of two free throws, solidifying MVHS' two-score advantage.

Refusing to concede, Ignacio then managed to inbound and whip the ball forward to Garcia in the near corner. Spinning away from a defender and directly into a shooting stance, Garcia's three-pointer was good ... but waved off due to a traveling violation as he attempted to maintain balance while pivoting.

Monte Vista then inbounded to Marquez, and immediately fouled the junior guard with 0:06.8 still remaining. Having made his previous two FTs, rebuilding the Pirates' lead to 49-41 with 45.8 left, Marquez made sure to seal up a 52-44 win with two more makes – leaving him 4-of-8 from the charity stripe and increasing his point total to a team-high 18.

Doing his best work when driving to the basket and drawing contact, Hurtado went 10-of-15 from the foul line and ended up with 16 points. Madrid finished with six points, all during the first half (which ended with MVHS up 31-20), and sophomore reserve Alex Gonzales logged five points, including a key three-ball during the second quarter keeping the 'Cats – who'd closed the aforementioned early gap to 13-10 by the end of the first – at bay, 20-12.

Senior guard Phillip Quintana, who'd foul out with 2:52 left in the game, concluded the first half with a steal and end-to-end take for a buzzer-beating layup, giving Ignacio (4-4 overall, 0-0 3A/4A Intermountain) momentum which carried into the third quarter and helped cut – via a three by senior guard Devante Montoya, assisted by Cox – MVHS' lead down to 31-25.

The Pirates (5-3, 0-0 2A/3A Southern Peaks)



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Devante Montoya (11) and Ambrose Valdez (22) try trapping Monte Vista's Azariah Hurtado (24) far from the basket during the teams' mutual 2024 restart Saturday afternoon, Jan. 6, at MVHS. The Pirates defeated the Bobcats 52-44.

managed to again generate enough offense to rebuild their lead to 37-28 going into the fourth quarter, but the 'Cats kept clawing and crept back to 42-37 after Quintana, catching junior Coty Webb's deflected cross-court pass, drained a trey from the left wing and freshman Cayson Burcham made one of two FTs.

Making seven of IHS' nine shots from the field while scoring all ten of IHS' first-quarter points and 16 of the Bobcats' first-half 20, Cox (3-7 FT) racked up a game-high 25 points in defeat, while collecting (unofficially) 15 rebounds. Garcia ended up booking six points, Quintana five and Montoya three. Sophomore Trace Crane and Webb chipped in two points apiece.

Ignacio will next begin IML work, welcoming 4A Alamosa on Friday night, January 12, then 4A Pagosa Springs on the 13th. AHS (7-2 overall, 0-0 league) will enter IHS Gymnasium first on a five-game win streak, including a 32-31 home win over 2A Sanford on the 5th and a 78-76 triumph on the 6th at non-league Delta (2-6, 0-0 4A Western Slope).

### LADY 'CATS STOPPED SHORT

Despite getting support offensively in the paint from junior forward DaLaney Wesner, senior center/forward Solymer Cosio managed to net only two of her game-high nine points after halftime as Ignacio lost a close 37-31 contest to Mon-

te Vista in the teams' first 2024 outing.

Having led 5-4 after one quarter, the visiting Lady Bobcats (4-4, 0-0 3A/4A Intermountain) went back into their locker room dead-even with the Lady Pirates (6-1, 0-0 2A/3A Southern Peaks) at 15-15. Consistency ultimately paid off for MVHS, however; after scoring 11 points during the second quarter, Monte Vista then posted 11 in the third and 11 in the fourth – winning the second half 22-16.

Juniors Allesah Archuleta and Sasha Dupont each scored seven points for the Lady Pirates, and each sank one of the Lady Pirates' two three-pointers. Particularly well-timed, Dupont's make came during the fourth quarter and helped the home team maintain just enough separation on the scoreboard. Sophomore Haysenny Beltran scored six points, while seniors Zariah Archuleta and Stephanie Lopez each contributed five.

Wesner managed eight points in defeat, and senior Maci Barnes scored six. "Junior Marissa Olguin was held to just three points and senior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga three while making only one of her five free throws (IHS went 8-of-18 overall; MVHS finished 7-of-14)."

IHS will next host 4A Alamosa Friday evening, January 12, with 4A Pagosa Springs coming to town on the 13th. AHS stood 6-3 overall (0-0 IML) prior to hosting 5A Pueblo County (5-3 overall) on the 9th, but results were unavailable at press time.

## 'CATS CRACK TOP-TEN • FROM PAGE 14

nior Aaron Valadez (by a 7-3 decision) in the semis, then to Viking junior Andre Meraz (by an 11-2 margin) in the third-place bout – after Pontine had stayed alive in the consolation round with a third-period pin of Bloomfield junior Eli Snell-Martinez.

165-pounder Kendrick Nossaman (12-9) went 3-2 and placed seventh by pinning PSHS senior Derek Carter 49 ticks into the second period. It was the junior's third stick of the tournament, alternating with a 7-0 loss to MVHS junior Jacob Pacheco and a first-period pin loss to 2A Nucla junior David Quigley.

Sophomore Joshua Ker-

rigan also went 3-2 and saved seventh place, his own see-saw tournament at 120 pounds also fortunately ending on the up – in the form of a 7-4 win over Dolores' Kenji Edwards. At 126, freshman Judah Ashley went 0-2 while sophomore Dillon Brann did likewise at 132 and freshman Brandon Blevins at 157.

Up next, IHS will travel to Kirtland, N.M., on Saturday, January 13, for Kirtland Central's 2024 Bronco Invite/Duals.

### GREAT WAY TO GET UNDERWAY

Competing in Dolores Friday evening, Jan. 5,

the Bobcat boys resumed post-holiday action at a quadrangular hosted by the 2A San Juan Basin League rival Bears and went 2-1 at the dual style gathering.

Ignacio lost 24-20 to Monticello but then defeated 3A Montezuma-Cortez 19-15 and DHS 24-6, according to information supplied by Ben Bradley of The Cortez Journal.

Rima and Pontine each notched pins against MHS, and Bourriague did so against M-CHS. He then recorded another against Dolores, as did Kerrigan. Pontine and Blevins. Sophomore Nathan Hill's pin at 132 earned the Bears their only points.

## 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.

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

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- "I approve the motion!"
- "Either that wallpaper goes --- do"
- (Oscar Wilde's supposed dying words)
- "--- Flanders" (Defoe novel)
- Journalist
- Alaskan people from Cordova
- "Serpico" actor Al
- Producer of salad fruits
- They come between sols and tis
- Deface
- Hohe
- Special attention, briefly
- Component of solder
- Became more resistant to life's hard knocks
- Chowder servers
- A bit
- Make certain
- Heavy cart without sides
- Super --- Golf, Lee Trevino brand
- "Feels so good!"

### Down

- Cellist --- Ma
- "Rio Lobo" actor Jack ---
- It turns litmus blue
- Male to female, or vice versa
- "As ye sow, so shall ye ---"
- At no extra charge, in ads
- "Ill --- by moonlight, proud Titania" (Shakespeare, "A Midsummer Night's Dream")
- A Great Lakes tribe which once had a chief called Kee-mon-saw
- Former UN Secretary General Kofi ---
- Ours on the Oise
- Mid brown
- He claimed the San Luis and Conejos valleys in the 1850s
- Memorial --- Kettering Cancer Center
- Goes with the gale
- Garbage container
- The People of the Upright Stone
- Down in the dumps
- Not anywhere else
- Dumb ---, a stupid woman
- Anasazi home
- Fork over

Answers for the Jan 12. will appear in the Jan. 26 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for December 15 & 29, 2023 Crossword Puzzles

**Across:** 1 Break, 6 Naw, 9 Farce, 10 Slays, 13 Gnarl, 14 Canoe, 15 Isola, 17 Tug, 18 Borodino, 21 Imagining, 23 So it goes, 24 ANC, 25 Tress, 28 Gimli, 31 Oakum, 33 E-cash, 34 Osier, 35 CTs, 36 Mends.

**Down:** 1 BFG, 2 Rani, 3 Eras, 4 Acrobat, 5 Kellogg, 6 NSC, 7 A la, 8 Want in, 11 Young, 12 Segó, 16 A riot, 19 One-room, 20 Disease, 21 Ionic, 22 Micmac, 23 Sage, 26 Skin, 27 Sued, 29 LST, 30 IHS, 32 Mrs.

## Did you know?!

El Niño and La Niña are the warm and cool phases of a recurring climate pattern across the tropical Pacific—the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, or "ENSO" for short. The pattern shifts back and forth irregularly every two to seven years, bringing predictable shifts in ocean surface temperature and disrupting the wind and rainfall patterns across the tropics. These changes have a cascade of global side effects.

We are currently in an El Niño pattern, which could bring wetter than average winter weather to the four corners area.

Source: <https://www.climate.gov/enso>  
Image: NOAA CLIMAS

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135 with any questions or comments.

**El Niño**

Warm  
Dry

Persistent extended Pacific Jet Stream and amplified storm track

**La Niña**

Cold  
Wet

Polar Jet Stream blocking high pressure

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Jan. 12



Mostly sunny 25°F  
Morning winds

Saturday, Jan. 13



Partly sunny 32°F  
30% chance of snow

Sunday, Jan. 14



Partly sunny 33°F  
Chance of snow

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

