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TRIBAL HEALTH

New addition to the Southern Ute Health Center takes shape



rendering courtesy of Construction & Project Management

The Southern Ute Health Center has been under construction for the last few months, construction is moving to complete a state-of-the-art laboratory expanding the footprint of the existing facility. When completed, the laboratory will span 2,000 sq. ft., featuring three collection areas for samples, an exam room, and more.

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) has been under construction for the last few months, with workers moving to complete a brand-new laboratory expanding the footprint of the existing facility. This expansion will replace the existing laboratory within the health center. The project is made possible through a grant the Tribe applied for back in 2020 in response to COVID-19 global pandemic, with this funding the Southern Ute Health Center will soon have a state-of-the-art laboratory.

The COVID-19 Pandemic was declared on March 11, 2020, by the World Health Organization. In response to the pandemic the Southern Ute Indian Tribe applied for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant. These federal grants helped tribal entities throughout the United States increase their capacity for COVID-19 testing

specifically, the grant received by the Tribal Health Department is managed by the State of Colorado and in this project the Tribe is working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Construction & Project Management is working in conjunction with and managing this project on behalf of the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department, which is made possible with the assistance and support of the Contract and Grants Division as well as the Property & Facilities Department.

When the project reaches completion the SUHC will have roughly 2,000 sq. ft. of laboratory space—looking ahead to the soon-to-be lab it will feature three collection areas for samples, an exam room, ADA accessible restroom, waiting area and the lab itself will be 600 sq. ft. with brand new equipment. It is noted that Tribal Council has also approved additional funding to update existing

equipment the SUHC utilizes, this will ensure that the staff will be able to provide more services in the future which will benefit the Tribe.

In a recent interview with Construction Project Manager, Yumi Johnson and Interim Tribal Health Director, Charles “Lee” Williamson the pair discussed details for the current project funds awarded by the grant and what to look forward to. “We have been able to utilize these funds to replace the existing laboratory in the Health Center,” Johnson said. “Its intended use is for COVID purposes, but also everything else that the existing Health Center is currently running... at the end of the project we should have a state-of-the-art laboratory.”

“Currently we do point of care testing, COVID testing and the like, but any of the blood work that we do currently and most of the urinalysis tests that we do have

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kyle Rima is presented as the winner of the 2024 San Juan Basin League Championships' lone heavyweight bout Thursday, Feb. 1, in Dove Creek. Rima pinned Nuclea's Jacob Davis, left, in only 32 seconds to place first in the division.

BOBCATS WRESTLING

Bobcats place third at league meet

Rima, deKay rule at DC-hosted event

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As long as Kyle Rima had been forced to wait (nearly two-and-a-half hours) before stepping onto a mat Thursday, Feb. 1, at the San Juan Basin League Championships, it seemed he didn't want his vacated seat to cool.

And less than a minute after checking in at the scorer's table, the Ignacio senior was headed back to the bleachers.

Victorious of course; in the heavyweight division's



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lincoln deKay, right, controls Dolores' Zach Taylor during the 2024 San Juan Basin League Championships' sole 150-pound bout Thursday, February 1, in Dove Creek. deKay pinned Taylor early in the second two-minute period, to place first at the weight.

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

In collaboration with Southern Ute Shared Services, the Southern Ute Drum is proud to announce the launch of their newly redesigned website. The Southern Ute Drum newsroom is comprised of, pictured left to right: Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz; Media Archivist, Rosaleigh Concepcion. Editor & Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley; Administrative Assistant, Krista Richards; and Reporter & Photographer, Divine Windy Boy.

TRIBAL MEDIA

The Southern Ute Drum unveils new website design

Platform introduces modern aesthetic, navigation

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum is proud to announce that the newspaper's previous website gave way to a new modern design – boasting a clean, sophisticated interface and improved smart phone navigation.

The Southern Ute Drum staff collaborated closely with Southern Ute Shared Services over several months to update the Drum's website, working hand in hand to bring key aspects and the visual components to fruition.

The switch took place on Monday morning, Jan. 29, which seamlessly carried over the new website theme and layout.

“The main goal of the new Drum website design was to enhance the aesthetics to make it more user friendly and legible and a vehicle for the high quality of journalism and photography that the Drum staff produces,” said Trevor Ehlers, Cloud Developer II with Southern Ute Shared Services. “We focused on modernizing the layout to allow for more space for dynamic photographs and article text

for mobile, tablet and desktop computers. Inspiration was drawn from various other newspaper websites around the country as well as classic print versions.”

New website features include improvements to smartphone and tablet interface, a clean modern aesthetic, ease of navigation, a dedicated community notices section, redesigned visuals with an emphasis on photography, social media sharing icons across all platforms, and improved custom search features.

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Winter traditions



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Cassandra Atencio shares stories to a large audience during the second night of the Ute Storytelling night held on Monday, Jan. 29. Held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, guests enjoyed listening to a handful of stories along with a free meal.

Sarah Chackee, David Tallbird, and Jennifer Goodtracks take their turn hiding bones and singing hand game songs during the Hand Game Class event held on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Attendees gathered at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum to learn the basics of playing hand games.





SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project underway in Ignacio

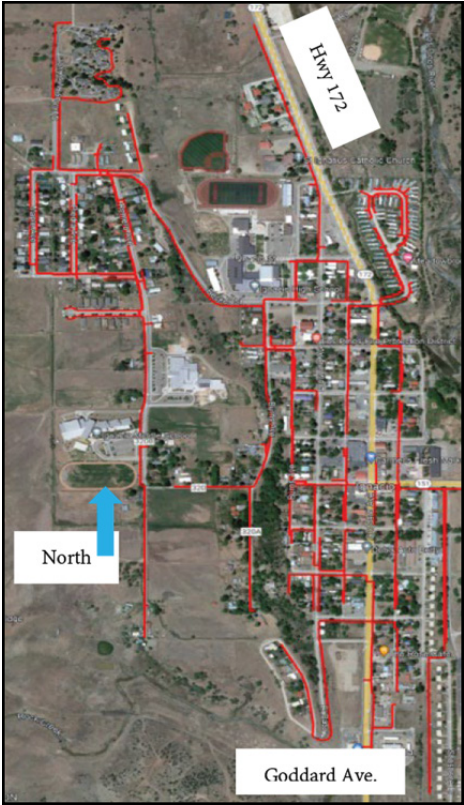
Phase II construction update and traffic impacts

By Summer Begay, Communication Specialist
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Phase II is underway, and construction has begun to connect fiber to homes! Crews will be working within the Ignacio town limits, CR517, near the Sky Ute Casino Resort and Ute Road. Construction will take place along the edge of the roadways/alleyways. Please see maps below with construction zones indicated in red.

The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder. Construction is ongoing. The hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Travel impacts will include – parking lanes, sidewalks and alleyways may be temporarily closed during operations. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the road. Please

remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions, and drive with extra caution. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway. In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401. For more information about the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, please visit www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/.



Tribal Office Closure

In observance of President’s Day, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.



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

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Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Howard Richards Sr. gives his personal thanks upon receiving the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation at the History Colorado Museum on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in downtown Denver. The award was given on behalf of the Colorado Wickiup Project.

This photo was first published in the Jan. 24, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Work it to the Inside! Carol Lee Jefferson (With the ball) looks to pass to Kyra Bartley (44,) who scored 16 points against Pagosa Springs, Jan. 29 at Ignacio High School. The Ignacio Ladycats will face their archrival, the Bayfield Wolverines, tonight, at home. Tipoff at 5 p.m.

This photo was published in the Feb. 6, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Leila Baker had a blast riding the Tribe’s float in Durango’s Snowdown Parade. Cold temperatures and lack of snow sidetracked some of the events.

This photo was published in the Feb. 4, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Trish Valdez and Lynn Stone with their birthday cake presented by the staff members.

This photo was published in the Feb. 10, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Heartwarming chicken noodle soup

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

It's that time of year ... it's cold or you may have a cold.
Grandma was right when she said have some chicken noodle soup. Its warmth and steam can bring relief to congestion.
The soup's contents have vitamins and minerals as well as protein to support your immune system. It can be made in a variety of ways (stove top, crock pot or instant pot) and feel free to add additional vegetables such as parsnips, kale or turnips.
Enjoy a cup today!



courtesy Inspired Taste

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

Chicken Noodle Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery ribs, diced (keep celery leaves on!)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups low sodium chicken broth (32oz)
- 2 cups water
- 1 pound chicken breast
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6oz egg noodles (if you find whole wheat egg noodles, go for it!)
- Garnish with fresh chopped parsley

Directions:

1. Wash all produce.
2. In a large pot on the stove, place all ingredients except noodles and parsley.
3. Bring to a boil, then reduce to simmer for 1 hour.
4. After the hour of cooking, remove chicken breast to a cutting board and shred.
5. Add the noodles to the pot and turn heat up to boil the noodles until they are tender, about 7 minutes. Remove bay leaf.
6. Return shredded chicken to the pot, stir to combine. Heat on low for an additional few minutes if needed.
7. Serve garnished with fresh parsley!

Using an Instant Pot?

Place all ingredients except noodles and parsley. Set on high pressure for 10 minutes. Quick release, remove chicken and bay leaf. Shred chicken. Turn on sauté mode, then place noodles into pot and allow to simmer 6-8 minutes. Stir shredded chicken back in, then serve garnished with fresh parsley!

Using a Crock Pot?

Place all ingredients except noodles and parsley. Set on high for 3-4 hours or low for 6-8 hours then turn down to low. Discard bay leaf. Remove chicken and shred, then return to crock pot. Cook egg noodles on stove according to directions then add to crock pot and let it continue to cook on low for 5 minutes. (If you'd like to cook the noodles in the crockpot, stir in at the end, cover and cook on low for 10 minutes or until desired tenderness) Serve garnished with fresh parsley!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Anxiety and behavioral health

By Rebecca Gale
SU BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

I have worked in the field of behavioral health with a specialization in trauma for almost two decades. As a trauma therapist, my clients have presented with many different issues over the years, but one thing holds true for a majority of not only my clients, but society in general; anxiety is a crippling phenomenon that affects almost everyone at some stage in his or her life.

This holds true for people of all ages and demographics; from children to the elderly, all socioeconomic backgrounds, and ethnicities. To understand this phenomenon, we need to know the things that can exacerbate or even trigger anxiety. The following is a very brief analysis of potential sources of anxiety and ways in which we can help minimize the symptoms of this potentially debilitating phenomenon.

Anxiety may have several sources. Some of these are listed below:

- Physical Health
- Poor Diet
- Poor Hydration
- Irregular Sleep Patterns
- Breathing Patterns

Let's take a quick look at how these situations can exacerbate or trigger an anxious episode.

Physical Health: There are a handful of physical conditions that exacerbate anxious symptoms. Some of these include irregular heart rhythms, diabetes, or thyroid problems. It is important to have a good physi-

cal exam in order to rule out any of these underlying conditions if you are experiencing anxiety.

Poor Diet: It is important to know that low blood sugar can precipitate or mimic anxiety. Eating whole foods and cutting out the caffeine and sugar helps the body to maintain proper blood sugar levels throughout the day. A well-balanced diet with fruits, vegetables, lean meats and healthy fats can help to reduce the symptoms of anxiety. Try to reduce the amount of processed sugars in your diet. A "sugar rush" can mimic a panic attack!

Poor Hydration: There is a clear link between dehydration and an increase in anxiety. Dizziness and brain fog can lead to agitation which heightens anxiety. Make sure to drink half your body weight in ounces of water every day. Cut out the caffeinated, sugary drinks and replace them with wonderful water!

Sleep: A sleep deprived person is more at risk of a panic attack. Improve your sleep hygiene by establishing a bedtime routine. Make your bedroom a cozy comfortable place to be. Get regular exercise in order to help your body be prepared for rest. If racing thoughts are keeping you awake it is helpful to find a therapist who will help you process through what you cannot control. As I always say, "Worry does not change anything except your brain chemistry!"

Breath: And last but certainly not least, pay attention to your breath! It sounds so simple, but nothing can in-

crease anxiety more than holding your breath or breathing from your chest instead of your abdomen. When holding your breath or taking short shallow breaths from your chest, you trigger your body's flight or fight response. Your body is wired to take action to protect you. Your heart rate increases, your breath becomes even more shallow, your body is flooded with cortisol and norepinephrine and the fight/flight/freeze/panic response is full steam ahead.

It is my personal opinion in almost 15 years of being a trauma therapist that people who experience anxiety should never engage in "square" breathing. In other words, never hold your breath at the top or bottom of a breath. Instead, slow your breathing to a rate that feels manageable to you, breathe in and out through your nose and from your abdomen. You will find that after five to six breaths of breathing in this way, your energy will naturally calm. The more you practice this type of breathing, the more grounded you will feel and the more it will take to get you to an escalated state where anxiety or panic ensue.

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay. If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

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



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Important Notice for Tribal Members Receiving Medicare Reimbursements

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Healing Community Project moves into predesign process

Tribe to build substance use treatment campus

By Gavin S. Martinez,
Director
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HOUSING

In spring of 2023, Tribal Council approved Resolution 2023-071 presented by Tribal Health and Tribal Services to initiate a pre-design process for the Healing Community, a substance use treatment campus. The Construction & Project Management Division (C&PM) is starting this process which will determine the location and layout of the campus. The project will be developed on property owned by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Reservation. The site is anticipated to be 10-12 acres in size for Phase I and up to 20-24 acres when complete. The pre-design process is estimated to be complete in the summer of 2024 and upon approval, will then move into the design phase of the project. Following the design phase, completion of Phase I is anticipated by the end of 2026 with the caveat, C&PM does not encounter any delays due to construction, availability of materials, etc.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recognizes that substance use is an epidemic that impacts the health and well-being of tribal members, children, and families in our community. When it comes to accessing treat-

ment, tribal members and the Four Corners community are at a noted disadvantage. Not only are there very few residential-treatment centers and recovery facilities in Colorado, but those that do exist often lack culturally relevant programming, hindering the effectiveness of the rehabilitation process.

Patients with substance use disorders must travel great distances to receive treatment, and when they return home there is a critical need for appropriate housing and continued care that is set in a supportive environment to maintain their recovery.

The Tribe is considering incorporating peer modeling and support to improve the success rates for recovery. The goal is to have a central space on the Reservation for designated personnel to conduct cultural sessions along with spaces for community gathering, temporary living, and programs that support wellness. There are several facilities that will make up the main Healing Community campus for Phase I.

Included among the amenities is an inpatient facility, childcare with early childhood education programming, space for counseling and behavioral health administrative offices, and a housing component. After

successfully completing in-patient treatment, patients can transition into one of three recovery houses that will be separated by gender and family housing. Both men and women's recovery homes will house residents as well as a House Manager in each with dedicated living quarters. Recovery homes will have shared living, kitchen, and activity spaces. Other supportive spaces in the Healing Community campus will include walking trails, equine therapy, outdoor spaces, and a playground for families with additional amenities to be evaluated and added in future phases.

Starting this month, the project team will be working to incorporate community feedback and would welcome input from tribal members and their families. Additional information regarding this project and avenues for feedback and participation will be forthcoming. If you have any specific questions or comments about the project, please email the Construction & Project Management Division (C&PM) at: tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions or comments specific to the substance treatment mentioned, please email them to Dr. William Finn at Tribal Health: wfinn@southernute-nsn.gov.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùmuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Human Papillomavirus Virus (HPV) vaccine

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

January was Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and even though cervical cancer typically occurs in US women around 50 years old, it's still at the forefront of my mind as a pediatrician because the prevention of cervical cancer begins during childhood in the form of the HPV vaccine.

HPV is Human Papilloma Virus. There are more than 200 different types of HPV, but 9 of them are linked to nearly all cases of cervical cancer, mouth and throat cancer, genital cancer in men and women, and genital warts. The HPV vaccine called Gardasil contains these 9 HPV types in an effort to prevent these cancers.

Because HPV is the most commonly transmitted sexually transmitted disease, getting the vaccine series completed before a person ever had sex is the key to protecting them against the HPV strains that can cause cancer. Once a person has



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

been infected with these HPV types, the vaccine is ineffective. Therefore, the HPV vaccine can be given starting at 9 years old. It is 2 doses if the first is given before 15 years old, and 3 doses if the first is given at 15 years or older.

The HPV vaccine is given to both males and females because it prevents cancer in both groups and because less transmission in everyone means less infection overall.

Large research studies have shown the vaccine to be safe with local injection site reactions being the biggest problem. Other research

has demonstrated that when all doses of the vaccine were given in females before they were ever exposed to HPV, it was 97% effective at preventing cervical cancer.

The HPV vaccine is safe, it works, and it prevents many different kinds of cancers in males and females.

For more information about the HPV vaccine, check out <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/>. You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Center to get their HPV vaccine or talk about anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

NEW ADDITION TO SUHC • FROM PAGE 1

to be sent out to the lab,” Williamson said. “Once we are up and running, and we become what they would call a moderate complexity lab, then we will be able to do a lot of those tests in house and have results quicker. This will definitely help direct the physicians and the other providers in having more expedient and better patient care.”

Williamson also announced that Lab technicians Angela Romero and Tanisha Figueroa will be completing their Lab Technician Certifications in the fall as part of the grant requirements.

Once completed the membership can expect a more modern facility to



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Construction is taking place behind the Southern Ute Health Center as part of the brand-new laboratory expansion to the existing facility. The project is made possible by federal funding, it is managed by the Construction & Project Management with additional support from Contract and Grants Division as well as the Property & Facilities Department.

have their lab work processed, while getting results sooner. The facility

will be available to all existing patients and new patients of the SUHC.



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2-4 PM

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courtesy Ignacio Midle School

Spelling Bee competitors: Faustino Joy, Haven Jones, Myla Goodtracks, Ava Sage-Morgan, Alex Yazzie, Harley Ferguson, Isaias Cuthair, Craig Hight, and Parker Isaacson.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Hello from Ignacio Middle School!

By Dayna M. Talamante-Montoya, MA, Ed. S. Principal

IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wow, it is so hard to believe that we are more than halfway through the 2023-2024 school year. The middle school has been very busy with academics and activities to support students.

We just held our school wide spelling bee on the last Wednesday of January. We had nine students competing from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades respectively. Our top three competitors were: first place, Ava Sage-Morgan, second place, Faustino Joy and in third place, Harley Ferguson. These students made it through three rounds to be in the top three! Honorable mentions for the other six competitors: Myla Goodtracks, Craig "Jr." Hight, Alex Yazzie, Isaias Cuthair, Parker Isaacson, and Haven Jones. The spelling bee is hosted by Ms. Talamante, seventh grade language arts teacher.

Ignacio Middle School will be participating in the Regional Science Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Fort Lewis College.

Students competed in the school wide Science Fair, Dec. 20. We will also have our schoolwide History Day competition on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

We will have the histo-



courtesy Ignacio Midle School

Wrestlers at the Ignacio Middle School tourney: Zach Loudenburg, Nakai Box, Stephen Romero, Phillip Velasquez and Levi Lopez.

ry day gallery open during the evening of Feb. 21 for parents and visitors to walk through and view student work. This Gallery Walk will be the same night as Parent/Teacher Conferences so that parents can speak to teachers and view projects that students have worked on.

Regional National History Day will be at Fort Lewis in March.

In terms of athletics, we are nearing the end of the girls' basketball season with our last two home games being Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Tuesday, Feb. 13. The league tournament will be on Saturday, Feb. 17 in Bayfield. The middle school hosted the MS wrestling tournament on Saturday. The season continues with the final league meet in Cortez on March 9. IMS will host a TRI on Feb. 29.

For parents that would like to learn a bit more about parenting classes through Love and Logic, Internet Safety, or Challenging Conversations with your kiddo, please go to unitedway-swco.org/workshops to register for the workshops. All of the three workshops will provide parents with dinner and childcare for the meeting, as well as prize drawings that include gift cards, activity passes, gas cards and more! Please make sure to register using the link provided.

If you would like to follow IMS on social media, we are on IG: @ignaciomidschool and FB: Ignacio Mid School. As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns or if you would like to volunteer to visit classrooms as a speaker.



courtesy SUIMA

Alessa Herrera, Jinora Mills, and Meskvlwv Wesley receive certificates from SUIMA School Board President Rhiannon Velasquez for their participation in the school's talent show.

SUIMA

Kwanachigani pə'əkwatu Eagle's Nest

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy history, pt. 3

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The history of the school continues with this third article. Prior to the school being built, the curriculum was chosen. After researching various teaching ideas, Tribal Council settled on the Montessori method as it aligned with their beliefs of how to educate and care for the children. In conjunction with the construction of the buildings, and to be prepared for when the doors opened, teachers had to be trained in this method.

While educators go to school to get their teaching degrees and certifications, the Montessori training is an additional one – two more years of training. Which often requires teachers to be away from their families for eight weeks in the summer.

The first set of teachers were fortunate to have trainers come to them. These teachers – 19 of them – were the staff at the Head Start. They worked diligently through the summer, learning all they could to prepare for when the school would be open. Fortunately, they were able to use the method while working at the Head Start.

Once the construction of the school was complete, many of the trained Montessorians came to SUIMA. Some of the teachers, also known as guides, worked in the atukach building and others in the pawaa building.

The teachers who worked with the elementary students (1st – 3rd grade) in the kuch building, had to get additional Montessori training for that age group. This method of teaching can seem unusual to some as each classroom houses three grade levels. This is by design, as Maria Montessori saw how older students can teach younger students and be role models for their younger peers.

At the time, The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy offered the most complete continuum of Montessori education in the area, from infants up to sixth grade.



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA School Board member Kristean Velasquez helps prompt Kairi Ruybal and Starlitt Greany as they sing a song during SUIMA's talent show.



courtesy SUIMA

Gia Velasquez looks beautiful in her flowing dress as she sings a song during the talent show.

SUIMA School Board
The School Board is currently updating policies and procedures. If you'd like to bring something to their attention, you can find a tab on our school's website (www.suima.org) to submit your concern. A board member will get in touch with you.

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

Parent Advisory Group
The next PAG meeting will be Feb. 20 from 6 – 7 p.m. via Zoom. These meetings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month.

Family Night group
Come join us on the Feb. 13 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. for a night of good music, good food, and lots of fun as we celebrate Valentines Day.

Upcoming events

- Early Release at 2 p.m. every Friday!
- Feb. 13: Family Night activity
- Feb. 14: School Board meeting at Noon
- Feb. 14: Drum Group Practice
- Feb. 16: No School – teacher workday
- Feb. 19: No school in honor of Presidents Day
- Feb. 20: PAG meeting
- Feb. 21 & 28: Drum Group Practice
- Feb. 26 – Mar. 1: Parent/family teacher/guide conferences

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66th Annual San Juan Regional

SCIENCE Fair

6th-12 graders welcome!

Date :February 20, 2024

Venue: Fort Lewis College: Student Union Ballroom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31ST

Join us for an exciting Science Fair where young minds explore the wonders of science through experiments, demonstrations, and interactive activities.

For more information and registration information please scan the qr code ----->

970 259 9234 x 107

www.powsci.org/science-fair

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.



HIRING ALERT!
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seeking
High School
Principal

Join our Bobcat team and inspire & support young minds.

Find & Submit your application at:
<https://www.ignacioschools.org/en-US/employment-cdac2310>

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College to host 63rd Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Staff report
FORT LEWIS COLLEGE ART GALLERY

The Fort Lewis College Art Gallery is excited to host its 63rd Annual Juried Exhibition. For the past 62 years, Fort Lewis College has provided the opportunity to highlight and celebrate student artwork for the community. This year, the FLC Art Gallery is honored to welcome Emily Grace King as our guest juror.

Emily Grace King is an accomplished artist and museum professional currently working at the Arvada Center as an Exhibition Manager and Associate Curator. She holds a BA in Visual Arts with an emphasis on painting from the University of Northern Colorado and is a certified Change Leader with Colorado Creative Industries. She founded Art Drop Ar-



courtesy Art Gallery/FLC
Gregg Deal art installation at the Fall 2022 Native American Artist in Residence at Fort Lewis College Art Gallery.

vada in 2016, an interactive art program that focuses on uplifting the interaction between the local community and artists. Emily also serves as Chair of the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission where she actively champions public art within the local community and civic investment in supporting local artists.

We are excited to show-

case the talented Art and Design students' creations. This exhibition will run from March 7 – April 3, with the Art Gallery open Monday – Thursday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Visiting the Art Gallery and all events are free and open to all ages. For more information on the exhibition contact kwaggner@fortlewis.edu and follow @flcartgallery on Instagram.

JOB FAIR

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

NOW HIRING

Tuesday, February 13 10AM-1PM

John S Williams & Vida Peabody Rooms

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

Line Cooks

Facilities

Front Desk Staff

Room Attendants

Housekeeping

Dishwashers

And many more!

We will be interviewing and hiring on-the-spot!

Apply on-line in advance at
www.skyutecasino.com/employment

You can also apply at the job fair, HR representatives will be there to assist you.

Benefits We Offer:

Medical, Dental and Vision, Life Insurance, LTD, Paid Leave, 401(k)

TERO-NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE; ALL APPLICANTS WELCOME.

WANTED

ART AND DESIGN STUDENTS

63RD ANNUAL JURIED

★ EXHIBITION ★

Juried by Emily Grace King

Exhibition Manager and Associate Curator, Arvada Center

Submission portal opens: February 5 via JotForm

Deadline for submissions: Midnight, February 20

Accepted entries notified: February 26 and 27

Artwork drop-off: February 29 and March 1

Exhibition Dates
March 7– April 3, 2024

Opening Reception
March 7, 4:30–6:00pm

Awards announced at 5:15pm

SCAN HERE TO SUBMIT

If you have any questions email: kwaggner@fortlewis.edu

The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings

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

February's Character Counts color is Red!
Red stands for Caring – like a heart

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 predesignated by each building principal.

Oceanside Exploration Trip

Want to take a trip to California?

THE SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING 10 RISING 8TH GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR A 5-DAY TRIP TO OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

JUNE 24TH-28TH, 2024

THE TRIP WILL ALLOW SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER YOUTH TO EXPLORE GROWTH FUND PROPERTIES AND DISCOVER FUTURE CAREER PATHS.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024 AT 4:00PM

EMAIL OR DROP OFF APPLICATIONS
AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SCAN FOR APPLICATION:

For Questions:
CHASITY BEAN
CBEAN@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV
JULIE STONE
JSTONE@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV

Southern Ute Education Department



courtesy KSUT/Native Lens

2023 Native Lens Fellows Isreal Duran (left), Laelah Kizzia (middle), Shannon Spencer (right) film an interview of Bird Red (background) for their film 'Culture Within the Ice.'

TRIBAL RADIO

KSUT announces 2024 Native Lens Media Fellowships

Student projects to be screened at Durango Arts Center

By Colten Ashley,
Coordinator
KSUT TRIBAL MEDIA CENTER

The KSUT Tribal Media Center announces 2024 Native Lens Media Fellowship alongside Rocky Mountain Public Media (RMPM), Vision Maker Media, and the Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media. Out of over 70 applicants the nine fellows are:

Sommer Lopez: An Onk Akimel O’odham representing the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. Movies, art, and storytelling are their passions, and a mission to help their community preserve their stories for generations to come.

Tyler Socé: A citizen of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Tyler resides in Whitewater, Ariz. Their interest in filmmaking since adolescence has led to this opportunity to collaborate with other Indigenous creatives in the process of filmmaking.

Sierra Buffalohead: Sierra Marie Buffalohead, and whose Ponca name is Hah Wah Teh (White Deer-skin Woman), is a first-year college student attending the University of NE at Omaha, Neb. studying Studio Arts with a K-12 certification and a minor in Native American Studies. Besides their studies they are a multimedia artist; painter, sculptor, creative writer,

er, slam poet, photographer, videographer, graphic designer, and regalia sewer.

Ellyse Fredericks: Ellyse Fredericks is from the Hopi Reservation in Arizona studying at Fort Lewis College, majoring in Journalism and Media Studies with a minor in Writing. She will be graduating in the fall of 2024 from Fort Lewis College.

Tonya Tolino: Tonya Tolino is from the Navajo Nation and a recent graduate from Dartmouth College whose interests include photography and painting. They hope their time in the fellowship can show the beauty and diversity that exist in Indigenous communities around the world.

Evan Smith: Evan Smith, who is originally from Missoula, Mont. and he has loved film since his childhood. Some of his favorite films are Paris, Texas, Ali: Fear Eats the Soul, Godzilla (1954), and American Splendor. He received his degree in digital filmmaking from IAIA in Santa Fe, N.M.

Nika Arce: Nika Arce grew up in Phoenix, Ariz. and is from the Hopi village of Shungopavi. They love the deeply chaotic nature of art, cinema, and writing. Movies are their favorite medium because of their combination of different art forms to tell a story.

Eva Bear: Eva is Mandan, Hidatsa, Oglala Lakota

and enrolled in the 3 Affiliated Tribes in North Dakota and lives in Durango, Colo. Her interest in the Native Lens Fellowship was piqued at the opportunity to learn camerawork, photography, and videography.

Jules Joe: Jules is an Anthropology student finishing their bachelor’s at Fort Lewis College. Their personal mission in life is to bring high quality education to the public that discuss accessibility and equity.

The Fellowship will take place from Feb. 25 through March 2, where the Fellows will create two Native non-fiction short films with the guidance of professional film and television workers.

The projects will be screened on Saturday, March 2 at 5 p.m. at the Durango Arts Center for a special showcase of Native film at the Durango Independent Film Festival. This free screening includes the premieres of the 2024 Native Lens Media Fellowship films, as well as the COFTM Film Exposure Program’s short documentary A Place to Explore.

Before the screening there will be a reception for the Native Lens Fellows at Sorrel Sky Gallery 858 Main Avenue in Durango will precede the screening at 3 p.m. Both the screening and reception are free and open to the public.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ICL welcomes vonTauffkirchen as new Assistant Director/Librarian

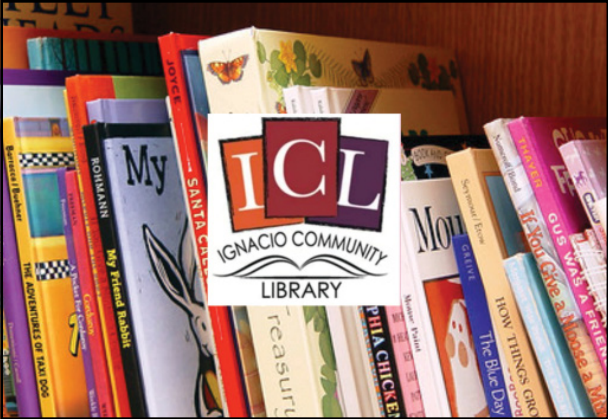
By Liz vonTauffkirchen
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

My name is Liz vonTauffkirchen and as of Jan. 2, I am the Assistant Director/Librarian at Ignacio Community Library. I am tasked with providing adult programming, some collection development (particularly eMaterials), Readers Advisory (this is the science of helping people find the right books for them), general library tasks such as circulation and shelving materials, and so much more.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly to Ignacio Community Library (ICL) and to Ignacio in general. My ICL colleagues have been so kind, gracious, and generous with their time showing me the ropes.

I had the opportunity during my first week in this position to attend the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Sky Ute Casino. The catering was delicious, and the attendees were so friendly; many folks came up and introduced themselves to me individually and the rest of the attendees welcomed me with smiles. The entire affair was so lovely and heartwarming.

In my second week, I visited the Senior Center and was warmly welcomed there. That week, I also attended a library board meeting, where the board took the time to individually introduce them-



selves to me and told me about themselves. I had a similar welcome the following week when I was able to attend a Friends of the Library meeting.

All this warmth and kindness had filled my emotional cup, but it didn’t end there: multiple patrons took the opportunity to welcome me over this first month in the job. Some of these patrons are known to me from my nearly two decades working at other local libraries, particularly Pine River Library in Bayfield; but many of the patrons who have taken the time and effort to introduce themselves to me are previously unknown to me. I very much appreciate all the kindness from this community!

I am still very new here and am gradually learning all this town’s charms; I can’t wait to explore more! I have yet to visit the (stunningly beautiful) Museum and Cultural Center, for one thing. I am also looking forward to trying all the yummy food places; so far, I’ve only tried Rise and Shine Coffee and it is

fantastic! I have my eye on Taqueria Cuevas and the Ranch Grill next and I look forward to trying every place in Ignacio over time. Please come and tell me your favorite dishes and restaurants, so I can give them a try!

If you haven’t met me yet, please come in and say hello! If you want an excuse to pop into the library (which you do not need, come anytime for any reason) we have a drop in Valentine’s Craft program on Friday, Feb. 9 and drop in Valentine’s Card Making on Monday, Feb. 12, both from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will also put the card making supplies out after school on Monday for kids who want to make a card and can’t come at lunchtime.

I am absolutely blown away and moved by the welcoming kindness this community has shown me in this new position. I did not previously realize how warm and friendly this community obviously is. Thank you so much; I look forward to serving you all!

The 2024 Tribal Water Media Fellowship Applications are open!

The Tribal Water Media Fellowship is a Walton Family Foundation funded collaboration between Fort Lewis College, KSUT, and Rocky Mountain PBS that gives students the opportunity to research, create, and present multimedia projects centering on water, water usage, and desert communities. Student applicants to the fellowship can be from a variety of academic backgrounds, including, but not limited to; journalism, media, science, and/or cultural studies.

The Fellowship includes:

- A multiday workshop intensive in May 2024 at Fort Lewis College that includes room and board on the campus
- During the intensive there will also be three-day river excursion on the San Juan River guided by FLOW (Fort Lewis on the Water)
- A \$1000 stipend split between the summer intensive and an ensuing media project
- And the opportunity to earn up to 4 upper division elective credits towards a Fort Lewis College Degree.

The priority application deadline is February 15, 2024. We will begin notifying selected participants on a rolling basis starting in March.

For more information on the Fellowship contact kimattos@fortlewis.edu, tribalmediacenter@ksut.org, or visit fourcornerswater.org/tribal-water-media

OLD FORT AT HESPERUS Farmer In Training

2024 PROGRAM INFO

May 14 - October 4

What is the Farmer In Training program?
Farmers-in-training (FITs) gain hands-on experience growing vegetables at high elevation. Through morning field work and afternoon classes and field trips, the FIT program provides a strong foundation for aspiring and beginning farmers. FITs work with program staff to tend about two acres of vegetables, learning new and traditional skills and techniques vital to farming at high elevation.

Program graduates will have completed:

- Six farming courses
- 240 hours of work in the fields
- At least eight field trips to regional farms

Work and class schedules require a 22-hour/week commitment:

- Field work T/W/Th 8 a.m. – noon
- Classes T/Th 1 – 3 p.m.
- Field Trips W 1 – 4 p.m.

Details
\$15hour
Approx. \$3,600 for the season
Living stipend of up to \$2,600 available for Native American farmers and farmers from other communities underrepresented in farming.

Course Fees
\$2,400
Full and partial scholarships available.

Apply
Email ewhittlesey@fortlewis.edu with questions or to apply.
Apply by January 31 and hear by February 15; Apply by February 28 to hear by March 15.

The schedule works for students:

- Earn the FIT Certificate
- Early summer break
- Late summer break

Courses include:

- Tools of the Trade
- Intro to Market Farming
- Seed to Seed: Plant Basics for Farmers
- Growing Specialty Crops at High Elevations
- Intro to Farm Business Planning
- Practices of Ecological Farming

Virtual Farm Planning Course

Meets via Zoom

\$25 for 10 weeks of classes

Spanish interpretation available

Sign Up Here!

Tuesdays from 1-3pm starting February 13

- Geared for vegetable farmers entering their second year and beyond
- Courses designed focus on business and crop planning
- Questions? ewhittlesey@fortlewis.edu



Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

Wednesday February 14, 2024
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM



Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

Elders - Adults Only Please

Please call to sign up
- space is limited -

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

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Multi-Purpose Facility

*Valentines Day
Old Fashioned Sock Hop*

Music from
the
60's & 70's



Family Fun!

Wednesday February 14, 2024
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Doors Open 6:00 PM \$7/person \$10/Couple

Concession Open for Dinner 5:00 PM



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Multi-Purpose Facility Valentine's Day Pow Wow

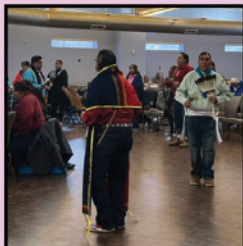


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Gourd Dance - 3:00 PM - Dinner Break - 5:00 PM - Grand Entry - 7:00 PM
Saturday February 10, 2024

So. Drum: Southern Defiance, Rae Steven Scott, Lead Singer, Navajo, Ft. Defiance AZ

No. Drum: Red Spirit Lead Singer AJ Kanip, Ute, Ft. Duchesne UT

Master of Ceremonies: Reffel Kanip, Ute, Ft. Duchesne UT

Apprentice MC: Stais Harlan, So. Ute / Omaha / Dine, Ignacio CO

Head Man: Austin Jacket, Ute Mtn. Ute, Towaoc CO

Head Lady: Miss Autumn Sage, Miss Southern Ute, So. Ute / Dine, Ignacio CO

Head Gourd Dancer—Hunter Frost, So. Ute / Pawnee / So. Cheyenne, Ignacio CO

Arena Director: Micco Wesley, Mvskoke / Seminole, Ignacio CO

Color Guard—So. Ute Veteran's Association

All Drums Welcome—Drum Day Money

Raffles—50 / 50

Two-Step / Owl Dance - Cake Dance - Potato Dance - Musical Chairs

Limited Vendor space available - Arts & Crafts Only- call Stais at 970-563-2640



Drug & Substance Free Event - Family Fun, Everyone Welcome

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640 - email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT examines marijuana-impaired driving behaviors of Gen Z

Study, 10 years after rec. marijuana became legal

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Generation Z is the first generation of Coloradans who have grown up in a state where recreational cannabis is legal. As this group transitions into adulthood, CDOT is examining how the attitudes and behaviors of Gen Z differ from those of previous generations when it comes to driving high.

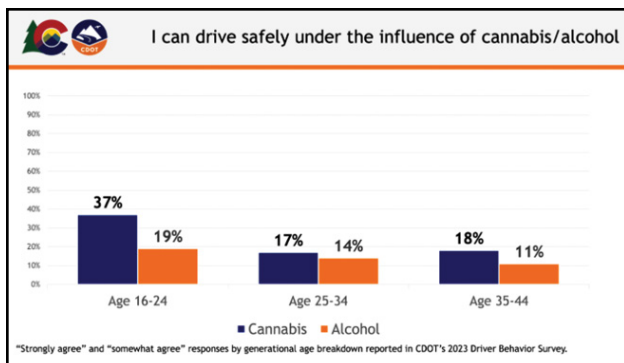
CDOT's 2023 survey of nearly 1,000 randomly selected Colorado drivers shows 18-24-year-olds consume cannabis more than twice as often as the average driver (seven times per month vs. three times per month).

Gen Z was also more than twice as likely to report driving high in the last 30 days. One out of five (20%) 18-24-year-old drivers said they had driven within two hours of using cannabis at least once within the last month compared to 7% of older Colorado drivers.

In partnership with Native Roots Cannabis Co., CDOT also conducted intercept interviews with customers at the Native Roots Speer Boulevard location. More interviews with cannabis consumers were coordinated through referrals from the agency's communication office. The effort aims to gather valuable insights and feedback to inform future initiatives and messaging strategies.

"Cannabis has been legal my whole adult life," said a 25-year-old young professional woman living in Denver who asked to remain anonymous for privacy considerations. "My friends and I prefer marijuana to alcohol — times have changed." She added she consumes cannabis daily and alcohol about once a week. She sees driving high as dangerous but believes that's not true for everyone her age.

CDOT continues to partner with the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and certified driving schools throughout the state to share the facts of cannabis-impaired driving with young drivers to educate them early. Campaign messaging focuses on how can-



nabis impairs critical driving abilities and can result in a DUI and other severe consequences.

However, changing perceptions around driving high still has a ways to go. When asked in the survey if they could drive safely under the influence of cannabis, 37% of Gen Z cannabis consumers said yes. For comparison, 17% of those ages 25-34 agreed with the statement.

"Our audience has broadened as Coloradans from new demographics explore legal cannabis consumption," said Darrell Lingk, CDOT's director of the Office of Transportation Safety & Risk Management. "And cultural norms are constantly changing as well. We have data, but we also need to understand the human component to increase safe driving behaviors and decrease cannabis-involved crashes and fatalities on our roadways."

While CDOT's survey shows Gen Z respondents report consuming cannabis more often, 2020 DUI case filing data from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice shows drivers screened for THC and other cannabinoids ages 16-23 had the highest rate of positivity at 62.5%. Drivers ages 24-38 tested positive for THC or other cannabinoids at a rate of 44%. However, traffic safety data spanning the last decade shows the youngest subset is always the most at-risk age group.

"Reaching our most at-risk Coloradans can be difficult," said Sam Cole, CDOT safety communications manager. "Young consumers are cord-cutters, they consume news and information differently than before — but they're not the only people we need to reach. There are many people across all demographic

ics, age groups, socioeconomic statuses, and locations that we still need to convince that driving high is dangerous and illegal." Cole said that CDOT is taking a no-opportunity-left-behind mentality when it comes to reaching those consumers.

Working alongside the cannabis industry, targeted advertising and engaging directly with cannabis consumers in a way that resonates is key, he said.

"Research has shown that the most effective way to change behavior is to show that those who do choose to drive high are in the minority. Positive social norming can be effective," said Cole.

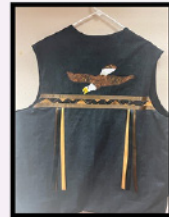
CDOT's multi-year initiative with the Colorado DMV includes materials for use by driving schools — in classrooms and online — as well as signage and materials featured at numerous DMV locations throughout Colorado.

"I definitely think it's dangerous to drive high because things happen so quickly on the road, and marijuana inhibits your reaction time behind the wheel," said Kimberly, a 23-year-old daily cannabis consumer interviewed at Native Roots. "A lot of my friends will tell me, 'Okay, let's wait. Don't go home yet.'" Kimberly consumes alcohol about once a month but consumes cannabis daily. She believes that her parent's generation views marijuana as a dangerous gateway drug, while cannabis consumption is less taboo among Gen Z.

For information and resources on cannabis-impaired driving, visit CDOT's DriveHighDUI.com website. Additionally, CDOT has partnered with Learn Brands, an online budtender education platform, to provide a free interactive cannabis-impaired driving safety course.

Multi-Purpose Facility February Beading & Traditional Sewing Class "Ribbon Shirts & Vests"

Tuesday & Thursday, February 27 & 29, 2024



Two Day Sessions: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Two Evening Sessions: Tuesday & Wednesday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The class will focus on Shirts and Vests, if you need help with an another beading or traditional sewing project, bring it with you.

Space is limited call to sign-up.



970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641

email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Tribal Office Closure

In observance of President's Day, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Snow clearing frequently asked questions

Please see the below list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as a quick reference sheet of common snow clearing questions and their answers:

- Q: When do crews go out?**

A: Driveway clearing crews will begin when snow accumulation is over 5". Dialysis/Disabled/Frail Tribal Member snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over 3"
- Q: Which SUIT team covers my home and how do I contact them?**

A: Reference the color-coded map or the detailed flyer published in the Drum, Tribal Member Experience, or on the Tribal Housing website. You may also call Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to request appropriate contact info.
- Q: It snowed, and my driveway has not been plowed, what do I do?**

A: There are 604 total structures served by this program, please be patient as our teams work to assist everyone in the program. If your driveway has not been plowed by 2 p.m. please notify the listed contact for your route. Please bear in mind, that as snow accumulation continues throughout the day, there may be instances where additional snow accumulation has occurred after crews have visited your home and may require multiple days to fully work through all routes and snow clearing through the duration of, and following completion of each storm event.
- Q: I saw crews working at my neighbor's home but did not stop at my home, why did they skip me?**

A: Dialysis and Frail elders are the first priority. Also, there are several different routes and crews for each, and their schedules may be different. Please allow your appropriate crew time to work their way through their respective routes.
- Q: Why don't they plow all of my driveway?**

A: The crew is to provide you with primary access in/out; for further snow clearing and/or removal around other buildings, we recommend contacting a contractor at your expense. Please also bear in mind location of parked vehicles, buildings, and other obstacles that affect driver's ability to maneuver and plow.
- Q: Why aren't they plowing to my propane tank/wood pile/cistern?**

A: Service is to provide primary access in/out; if you would like to request these additional services, submit a request with the SUIT team designated for your home so they can evaluate access and availability to assist.
- Q: What if I don't want the service all the time?**

A: Notify the SUIT team designated for your home. You can note that you will call when needed.
- Q: The plow truck ruined my driveway, who will pay for it?**

A: The service provided does its best to clear the snow without pushing up gravel or creating ruts; the homeowner must regularly maintain gravel or dirt driveways. You will not be reimbursed for damages incurred from normal snow clearing.
- Q: When will crews remove snow from my roof?**

A: The service is for the elderly and disabled and does not occur until snow accumulation is over 12" as a safety precaution to prevent damage to roof structures.

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!

1

Go to the SUIT Portal

2

Under "Global Applications" Select "SMS Alerts Signup"

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ANNOUNCEMENT

REMINDER TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Prep your Home for Winter Weather

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

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

General Information:

SNOW PLOWING – FOR SU TRIBAL MEMBERS – DRIVEWAY for HOME ACCESS – SU Campus – Live Stock: The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Those with disabilities or Frail Elders; and, 3rd) Tribal Member Elders. Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below. Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over five (5) inches. Dialysis/Those with disabilities/Frail Elders snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly.

Construction Services Route: (970) 563-0260 - Cedar Point East and West, Cedar Point Townhomes, Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak, HWY 172 South from County Rd 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River, South of Bayfield to La Boca Allison & Arboles area.

Motor Pool Route: 563-0280 - North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area, Airport & Weaselskin area.

BIA / Tribal Planning Route: (970) 563-9484 / (970) 563-2283 - BIA / Tribal Planning does not clear driveways: Roads include Ute Road, Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr, Sunset Circle Loop, Pow Wow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Avenue, Bear Dance Road, & North Ridge. *Please remove all vehicles off of the road to allow the Motor Grader to plow snow.*

Housing Authority Route: (970) 563-4575 - Snow clearing for those with disabilities, & elders driveways ONLY: Roadways include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, and Shoshone Avenue

Livestock Snow Clearing: (970) 563-0220 - Plowing snow for livestock feeding is done, *but is low priority.* There is a minimum charge of \$ 35.00/1st hour then \$ 30.00/hour; \$ 35.00 is due in advance. \$.35/mile one way travel will also be charged.

Forestry Fuels Crew: (970) 563-4780; Agriculture Division: (970) 563-4780 - WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only) Shovel walkways for: **1 – Dialysis Patients 2– Those with disabilities/Frail.** ROOFS: Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12" or more.

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Sky Ute CASINO RESORT

KSUT wins 3rd place in Snowdown Parade



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

KSUT Public Radio and KSUT Tribal Radio teamed up for an epic showing in downtown Durango during Friday's light parade. Pictured left to right — KSUT Board of Directors Vice President and Radio DJ, Kirsten Langmade; KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham; and KSUT volunteer, Armida Huerta.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Hot air balloons flare down main street, lighting up the night sky, while warming up spectators along the parade route.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Raymond Baker dons an afro, mustache, and medallion for his Friday night Snowdown outfit, Baker helped out with the Adaptive Sports Association float ahead of the light parade.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Long time KSUT Tribal Radio staffer, KSUT Board of Directors Ex-Officia member and Southern Ute elder, Eddie Box Jr., flashes a peace sign from behind his sound board. Box provided sound for the KSUT float, with wife, Betty – the two comprise Sandman/ Hummingbird Mobile Entertainment.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Harkening back to the classic period film, Easy Rider, this couple steals the spotlight atop a vintage chopper, representing Harley Davidson out of Durango.

The 45th annual Snowdown Light Parade had record attendance on Friday, Feb. 2, where locals line main street each year at dusk to vie for the top prize in decorated floats. This year's theme – "Peace, Love, & Snowdown" did not disappoint, as classic rock tunes provided the soundtrack for Friday night's parade, and retro outfits turned downtown Durango into a disco dance party. Snowdown took place from Friday, Jan. 26 through Sunday, Feb. 4 with a host of local events.

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Monday, February 12

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KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

Michael Franti & Spearhead return with a concert at Durango Mesa Park

Presented by KSUT and Fort Lewis College

Staff report
KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT Public Radio and the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College have partnered once again and are excited to announce Michael Franti & Spearhead will bring their Togetherness Tour on Sunday, May 26 to Durango Mesa Park located at 1161 Ewing Mesa Road in Durango, Colo. Gates open at 4:45 pm and the concert kicks off at 6:45 pm. Special guest Bombargo will open the show. Tickets go on sale, Monday, Feb. 12 at noon.

Michael Franti is a globally recognized musician, activist and award-winning filmmaker revered for his high-energy live shows, inspiring music, world-wide philanthropic efforts, and the power of optimism. Throughout his multi-decade career, Franti has earned three Billboard No. 1's with triumphantly hopeful hits "Sound of Sunshine," "Say Hey (I Love You)" and "I Got You," as well as six Top 30 Hot AC singles, 10 Top 25 AAA Singles and three Billboard Top 5 Rock Albums. Spearhead's Follow Your Heart was released in June 2022 and debuted at No. 2 on the iTunes Pop Chart behind Harry Styles. Praised by American Songwriter as "an energizing batch of songs that spotlight the common threads that connect us," Franti & Spearhead 13th studio album, Big Big Love is available everywhere now, featuring 17 tracks co-written by Franti, reflecting his tenacity, inclu-



siveness, and optimism.

The Bay-Area native resides in Bali when he is not on tour and owns Soulshine Bali, a 32-room top-rated boutique hotel located in Ubud, Bali that focuses on joy through wellness and music, offering unique retreat opportunities and accommodations, along with special events and celebrations. Franti continues to foster community both on and off stage with a wish granting non-profit, Do It For The Love, which brings those with life threatening illnesses, veterans, and children with severe challenges to concerts worldwide, fulfilling over 3,500 wishes and touching the lives of over 15,000 people to date.

KSUT Public Radio and the Community Concert Hall continue to collaborate to bring in touring artists from all over the world to the region. Michael Franti & Spearhead's last visit to Durango was in 2016 to celebrate KSUT's 40th Anniversary. In July of 2022, KSUT and the Community Concert Hall hosted Lyle Lovett with His Large Band to join Durango in celebration of July 4th.

Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, met Charles Leslie, Communi-

ty Concert Hall Director, in 2009 when he assumed his role at the Community Concert Hall. She was an independent concert producer with her company, Tami Graham Presents and she states they were found to be "kindred spirits when it comes to their taste in music and a performance experience."

Durango Mesa Park is located just south of Durango and overlooks downtown with commanding views of the La Plata Mountain range. Seating is general admission and a list of items allowed into the park will be available closer to the concert date. Parking will be at a premium and plans and options for both automobiles and bicycles are in the works. Travel and accommodations information can be found at Visit Durango online at www.durango.org.

Tickets are \$76 and go on sale to the public at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at www.durangoconcerts.com, or by phone, Monday – Friday, noon–5 p.m. at 970-247-7657. All sales final. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Do It for The Love non-profit organization.

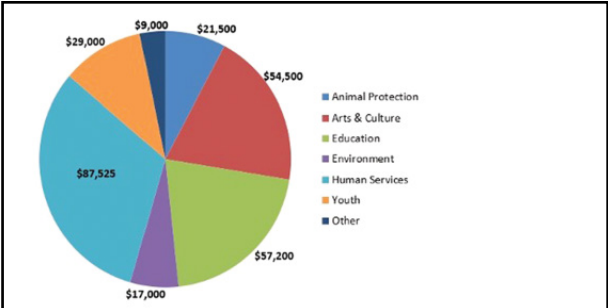
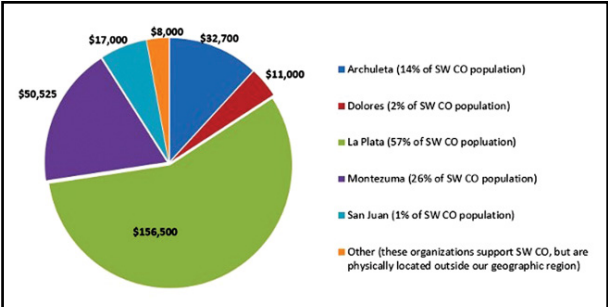


COMMUNITY FUNDING

Ballantine Family Fund granted \$275,000 to nonprofits in 2023

Staff report
BALLANTINE FAMILY FUND

In 2023, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded \$275,725 to 116 nonprofits in Southwest Colorado, which includes Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties. The average grant size was \$2,377. Trustees approve grants across a broad spectrum of sectors, including arts and culture, environment, animal protection, education, human services, and youth.



- Grants awarded by the Ballantine Family Fund in 2023 by sector Include:
- Animal Protection – \$21,500, representing 8% of giving totals
- Arts & Culture – \$54,500, representing 20% of giving totals
- Education – \$57,200, representing 21% of giving totals
- Environment – \$17,000, representing 6% of giving totals
- Human Services – \$87,525, representing 32% of giving totals
- Youth – \$29,000, representing 10% of giving totals
- Other – \$9,000, representing 3% of giving totals

Trustees approved grants across all five counties encompassing Southwest Colorado, as well as organizations that support the region and are located elsewhere.

- Grants awarded by the Ballantine Family Fund in 2023 by county include:
- Archuleta – \$32,700, representing 12% of giving totals
- Dolores – \$11,000, representing 4% of giving totals
- La Plata – \$156,500,

- representing 57% of giving totals
- Montezuma – \$50,525, representing 18% of giving totals
- San Juan – \$17,000, representing 6% of giving totals
- Other – \$8,000, representing 3% of giving totals

A full listing of Ballantine Family Fund grant recipients can be found on their website, www.BallantineFamilyFund.com. To apply for funding, nonprofits in Southwest Colorado may submit grant applications online at the same web address.

An additional \$50,000 in Core Value grants went to nonprofits focusing on literacy. These grants included support for the Durango Adult Education Center (\$15,000), as well as funding for local early childhood councils: Archuleta County (\$8,000), La Plata County (\$15,000), and Montelores (\$12,000).

In memory of two philanthropic friends who recently passed, the Trustees also granted \$40,000 to local nonprofits. In memory of Betsy Harrison, Mancos Common Press received a \$10,000 grant. In memory

of Mary Jane Clark, Music in the Mountains received a \$20,000 grant and Dig Deep Navajo Water Project received a \$10,000 grant.

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado acts as grant managers for the Ballantine Family Fund and helps by consulting in nonprofit and financial matters. The Ballantine Trustees make independent decisions in granting allocations and funding priorities.

"The Ballantine family has a rich history of supporting the region, which spans nearly seven decades," says Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and grants manager for the Ballantine Family Fund. "The Trustees recognize the diverse needs of the community, and they place their unwavering support behind regional nonprofits."

The Ballantine Family Fund was established in 1957 by Morley C. Ballantine and Arthur A. Ballantine Jr. for the purpose of providing financial assistance to nonprofit causes that benefit the human condition in Southwest Colorado. For more information, visit www.ballantine-familyfund.com.

POTTERY

WHEEL THROWING (beginner / intermediate) \$260/class

Learn how to make pottery with the use of a potters wheel and the various processes required to complete work. Projects will be based on level of experience. Open Studio is included for the duration of the class and extra practice is encouraged. For making pieces above and beyond the scope of the class, extra clay can be purchased separately. Materials and firing for class projects included in class cost. (class dates may be postponed due to low enrollment)

Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm (max 6 students/class)

Class #1: 5 weeks: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 14, 21, 28 (no class Feb. 7)

Class #2: 5 weeks: Mar. 6, 13, 27, Apr 3, 10 (no class Mar 20)

Class #3: 5 weeks: Apr 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22

INTRO TO CLAY AND HANDBUILDING \$140/class

Material and firing included. Learn the basics of making things with clay using the slab roller, tools and your hands. Take a completed project home at the end.

Saturday 1:30 am - 3:00 am

Class #1: Mug & Pieces Bowl 3 weeks: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3

Class #2: Planter and Garden Stakes 3 weeks: Feb. 17, 24, Mar 2

Class #3: Coil and Slab Vases 3 weeks: March 9, 16, 23

OPEN STUDIO / STUDIO MEMBERSHIP

\$50/2 punch pass \$200/10 punch pass \$75/monthly member with studio approval

Open Studio is for potters, hand-builders WITH prior experience to use the equipment in the studio independently. It is also time for students to practice what they have been learned in class and finish projects. Sign-off will be required for use of equipment. One punch per single day time slot, punch card may be used by more than one person. Clay purchased separately.

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Any questions please contact the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970.563.2254

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.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana (10) looks to pass while dashing past Bayfield's Lincoln Williams during Intermountain League action Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, inside BHS Gymnasium.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Wolverines deny 'Cats a season sweep

Buzzer-beaters not enough for IHS in rematch

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Despite a dominant performance by players coming off his bench Saturday afternoon, February 3, in Bayfield, Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez was again left wondering – for the second time in as many days – what might have been if not for another second-quarter lull.

Even one not as prolonged as in the previous night's 45-23 loss at Pagosa Springs, in which the Pirates erased an early 7-2 deficit to go up 8-7 after one quarter and extended their run in the second to a game-breaking 18 points unanswered before Bobcat senior center Gabe Cox sank two free throws with 3:03 left until halftime.

"Bayfield played well," he said in the wake of a 55-44 road loss, the Bobcats' fourth straight overall, "but I thought we dropped the ball defensively. Happens every time in the second quarter; we hold everybody down – even Pagosa last night – and then ... They're hitting shots and we're not remembering where people are."

Cox won the opening tip against Dominick Albo – inserted into BHS head coach Damon White Thunder's Senior Day lineup along with fellow JV



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Sonny Flores (1) leaps away from Pagosa Springs' Creede Dozier (right) to attempt a running scoop shot during Intermountain League play Friday night, Feb. 2, at PSHS.

'swinger' Sean Zimmerman, to join regular Cody Ross plus juniors Lincoln Williams and Cooper Roderick – and despite missing enough shots to permit Roderick and sophomore Kingston Martinez to each snare four rebounds during the first frame, the 'Cats got two baskets from

sophomore guard/forward Trace Crane.

Sophomore guard Ambrose Valdez and senior guard Trajan Garcia – who both entered as substitutes – also made one three-pointer each as Ignacio built up a promising

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga (0) maneuvers around Pagosa Springs' DaveyAnn Snarr (21) during Intermountain League play Friday evening, Feb. 2, at PSHS.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats crush Bayfield away, 52-13

IHS sweeps season pair against BHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio Girls' Basketball head coach Trae Seibel had just one concern going into IHS' game Saturday, Feb. 3, at Bayfield: That his Lady Bobcats would have a 'hangover' from the previous evening's thrilling 34-33 upset win at Pagosa Springs and come out not playing to their potential. They came ready.

Bayfield senior guard/forward Renae Foutz and senior forward/center Madison Mead fouled out seven seconds apart near the midway mark of the fourth quarter, and moments after the latter's disqualification, IHS sophomore guard Alyssa Atencio sank a three-pointer increasing the visitors' lead to 47-11 – enacting CHSAA's 35-point 'mercy' rules – en route to a 52-13 win.

Picking up where she left off against the potent Lady Pirates, IHS junior guard Marissa Olguin drilled two first-quarter threes, helping Ignacio (7-8 overall, 3-4 3A/4A Intermountain) pile up a 16-0 lead through the opening eight minutes.

The Lady 'Cats then went inside during the second quarter, with senior center Solymar Cosio equaling her two first-quarter baskets – plus making four of five free-throw attempts (IHS went 9-of-11 from the stripe during the second) as the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Maliyah Martinez (10) face-guardes Bayfield's Madison Mead (2) during Intermountain League action Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, inside BHS Gymnasium.

guests went into halftime up 33-6, having held the Lady Wolverines (3-11, 0-7 IML) scoreless for the first 11:32 of regulation.

Foutz, who picked up her fifth personal foul with 4:23 left in the contest, netted BHS' first two points – her only hoop in the game – with 4:28 remaining in the second quarter, snipping IHS' advantage down to 23-2. Senior guard/forward

Michelle Kirk nailed a trey before fouling out with 1:23 left until intermission, and Mead (who fouled out after Foutz) made one of two FTs for her only point against an IHS squad minus junior forward Danelan Wesner, senior Lauren deKay and freshman Lily Quintana.

Senior guard Genesis Bar-

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Pickle ballin'



photos courtesy Jakob Box

Jakob Box received the Silver Medal in the mixed doubles 3.0 division with tournament partner Carrie Foster. Box is on the far right with the black cap, Sunday, Jan. 28. The pickleball tournament took place at the San Juan College Health and Human Performance Center in Farmington, N.M.

SunUte staff members, William Hacker and Jakob Box celebrate victories in the San Juan 2024 Pickleball tournament this past weekend. Hacker received the Gold Medal in the men's doubles 4.0 division with his partner Dan Zalbowitz, Sunday, Jan. 28; Hacker is in the red shirt with the beard.



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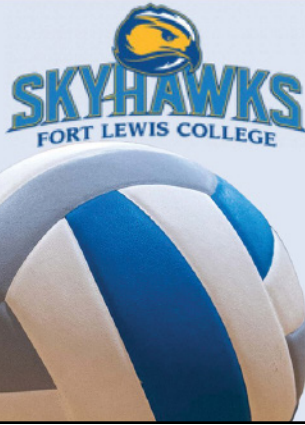
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- Date: Mar. 8th, 2024
- Location: SunUte Community Center
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only bout, Rima (25-7 overall) pinned Nucla freshman Jacob Davis in just 32 seconds to a) earn himself a SJBL title, and b) increase the Bobcats' point total to 43 – putting IHS one ahead of Norwood in the battle for third place in the event's final team standings.

Mancos – minus on-the-mend senior heavy Elliot Sam – accumulated a winning 99.5 points, and even without recovering senior 138-pounder JW Naslund, Nucla snagged second with 71. Meet-hosting Dove Creek totaled 36.5 and finished fifth, with Dolores (34) a close sixth after sophomore 132-pounder Nathan Hill concluded the night pinning IHS sophomore Dillon Brann.

Continuing his outstanding sophomore season, Ignacio's Lincoln deKay (34-1) also departed The DawgHouse a SJBL champ after sticking DHS senior Zach Taylor 16 ticks into the second two-minute period and clinching the tourney's lone 150-pound bout. An established talent at 113 pounds, sophomore 'Cat Aven Bourriague was present but did not compete while fighting off an infection and not wanting to aggravate it prior to the upcoming Class 2A-Region II Championships.

Sophomore Zane Pontine (30-9) finished second at 144 pounds after defeating DCHS senior Cody Alexander by 8-0 major decision, then pinning Norwood freshman Keegan Tackett in an elapsed 2:30 before losing the first-place bout to Mancos senior Levi Martin – claiming his 101st career



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Zane Pontine cradles Norwood's Keegan Tackett into position to be pinned during the Dove Creek-hosted 2024 San Juan Basin League Championships Thursday, Feb. 1. Pontine pinned Tackett 30 seconds into the second two-minute period, en route to placing second at 144 pounds.

victory – by 21-6 technical fall with 1:06 left in the third period.

IHS sophomore Joshua Kerrigan (14-21) also earned runner-up status; at 120 pounds he went 1-1 with a first-period pin of Nucla senior Nolan Cressler and a 3-1 loss to Dove Creek freshman Cael Beanland. Brann (10-27) ended up a sixth-place 0-5 within the most-contested division but lasted into the second period against Nucla senior Derrick Vandellen, the runner-up.

As previously mentioned,

the Bobcats will next see action at regionals, Feb. 9-10 in Cedaredge, with the top four individuals at each weight advancing to the 2024 CHSAA State Championships (2/15-17) inside Ball Arena in Denver.

The Lady 'Cats, meanwhile, will travel to Grand Junction Central H.S. for the Girls' Region III Championships – hosted by the Central-based District 51 Phoenix, the extended Grand Valley area's (one wrestler even hails from Rangely) collective crew.

2024 SJBL Championship Winners

106 – Jackson Dinsmore, Norwood; 113 – Jackson McCabe, Nucla; 120 – Cael Beanland, Dove Creek; 126 – Teagan Larimore (unopposed), Dove Creek; 132 – Quinton Martinez, Mancos; 138 – River Wickstrom (unopposed), Dolores; 144 – Levi Martin, Mancos; **150 – LINCOLN DEKAY, IGNACIO**; 157 – Brandon Vannest, Mancos; 165 – Jacob Martin, Mancos; 175 – Paxtin Caruso (unopposed), Nucla; 190 – Cole Dainty-Guilfoyle, Mancos; 215 – Colten Vannest, Mancos; **HWT – KYLE RIMA, IGNACIO.**

LADY 'CATS CRUSH BAYFIELD • FROM PAGE 13

rera matched Kirk's three points for the team high, while senior Anna Vagird and freshman guard Vivien Clance each recorded two points coming off the bench. Cosio finished with 15 points for Ignacio, Olguin totaled three treys – giving her seven for the weekend – and 11 points (she'd booked 14 at Pagosa Springs; PSHS senior center/forward Annie O'Donnell also netted 14), and senior guard Maci Barnes contributed eight points. Atencio totaled six, while senior guard Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga and freshman guard/forward Malayah Martinez each went 5-of-6 from the foul line for five points apiece.

The Lady 'Cats will resume IML work Friday evening, Feb. 9, at Montezuma-Cortez, then return to host Centauri the next afternoon. Results from IHS' non-league home game on the 6th versus 1A Dove Creek (11-2 overall) were unavailable at press time.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Solymar Cosio (44) looks to put up a shot in traffic during Intermountain League action Friday evening, Feb. 2, at Pagosa Springs.

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10-2 lead through eight minutes.

And the advantage grew to 15-5 before Ambrose Valdez was given a technical foul with 4:21 left until halftime. Roderick made one of two free throws, then soon hit two of three after drawing a foul while shooting from behind the arch. Roderick's next two makes from the foul line brought the Wolverines back to 18-14, and with junior reserve Austin Wilmer making three of four tries from the charity stripe, Bayfield (3-13 overall, 1-6 3A/4A Intermountain) rallied all the way back to 20-19.

"We were in that 2-3 (zone defense) and did really good, you know, for a while," said Chris Valdez. "We held them to two points in the first quarter – and then they started hitting and we weren't rotating into position."

The 'Cats (6-9, 2-5 IML), however, reminded all in attendance that in a backyard-rivalry contest, anything can happen.

Receiving a pass from senior guard Phillip Quintana out on the left wing, barely more than an arm's length away from BHS' student section, IHS junior guard/forward Coty Webb considered twisting left, but spun right and in the same motion let fly a buzzer-beating three-pointer off the window and down through the net.

Fearful sniper Roderick began the third quarter answering with a three, again cutting the deficit down to just a digit, and after the pace slowed somewhat, the Wolverines at last gained the lead when unexpected hero Brendan Heydinger, a junior reserve, drilled a surprise three putting Bayfield up 25-23 with 4:41 left. Ross then fed Roderick for a transition layup with 4:19 to go, and the Bobcats' boss knew it was time to burn a timeout.

But Bayfield – lacking injured interior presence Vin McCullough – wasn't rattled; Williams converted a steal into two more points and Roderick extended BHS' uninterrupted scoring run to 13-0 with another trey, increasing the locals' lead to 32-23. Ignacio junior forward Charley Pargin then swished a three, but again, the Wolverines weren't shaken; blanked during the first half, Martinez responded



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) receives a pass while being tightly guarded by Bayfield's Isaac Forsythe during Intermountain League action Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, inside BHS Gymnasium.

ed with a triple forcing the 'Cats to again try closing a nine-point (35-26) gap.

Energetic sophomore reserve guard Sonny Flores helped IHS take the first step towards doing so with a successful take through the paint, and a recomposed Ambrose Valdez sent the game into its fourth quarter by launching a two-handed, buzzer-beating three from ten feet behind the midcourt line – yet again proving neither team could be counted out.

Fueled by Roderick and Williams, BHS still held a 41-34 lead before Pargin sank a sneaky corner three with 6:14 left in regulation. Ross, however, soon responded with his only trey, rebuilding BHS' lead to 46-37, and Ignacio got no closer the rest of the way than 46-40 via a Quintana three.

"Hats off to them," said Chris Valdez. "We went into man-to-man, which we don't do much at all – we're not a good 'man' team – and we got beat for easy layups, wide-open threes. For them it was good because their shooters came to life at the right times and hit shots they needed to hit."

Ambrose Valdez finished with four threes and a team-leading 14 points in defeat. Flores totaled a vital seven, Pargin six and Garcia three as IHS' backups outscored Bayfield's 30 to 14.

Starters Crane and Quintana each finished with four points and Webb ended with three – as did Cox, who was held without a basket until the fourth quarter.

"We didn't have all negatives," Chris Valdez noted. "We aren't scoring out of the guard position much, and Ambrose hit a couple shots, 'Cowboy' (Pargin) hit a couple threes, Sonny attacked the basket and hit shots – those things were positive."

Finishing with three treys plus seven made free throws in nine tries, Roderick racked up a game-high 26 points for Bayfield. Williams scored ten points – all after halftime – while Martinez ended with six (via two of BHS' seven treys; IHS totaled ten), Ross and Heydinger five apiece and Wilmer three.

"I'm excited for Damon and those kids," said Valdez, now 1-1 against his former top assistant. "Disappointed in the loss, but I'm happy for Bayfield – you know? Now they've got one win in league, but luckily, we have two."

The 'Cats will seek another Friday evening, Feb. 9, at Montezuma-Cortez, then host Centauri the next afternoon. Results from Ignacio's non-league home game on the 6th versus 1A Dove Creek (6-9 overall) were unavailable at press time.

FEBRUARY SUNUTE UPDATES



SUNUTE HOURS

Mon – Fri 7am–7pm

Sat – Sun 10am–5pm

SUNUTE POOL HOURS

Pool closes 15 minutes prior to building closing.

Due to youth basketball season the gymnasium is unavailable at these specific times.

Mon – Fri 5pm – 8pm

Sat 7am – 3pm

Sundays the gymnasium is open and available 10am–5pm

UPCOMING SUNUTE EVENTS

2/19/24 SUNUTE will be open 10am–2pm due to Presidents Day. 24/7 access is available.

2/6/24 SUNUTE hosting Ignacio Middle School Basketball Tournament, Games will start @4pm .

2/26/24 SUNUTE floor resurfacing project starts. Building will remain open. Look for flyers or updates.

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Save The Date! Saturday, May 11th, 2024

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Save the Date!

Join Native Lens and the Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media on Saturday, March 2 at 5 p.m. at the Durango Arts Center for a special showcase of Native film at the Durango Independent Film Festival. This free screening includes the premieres of the 2024 Native Lens Media Fellowship films, as well as the COFTM Film Exposure Program's short documentary A Place to Explore. A reception at Sorrel Sky Gallery 858 Main Avenue in Durango will precede the screening at 3 p.m. The screening and reception are free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

Correction

In a photo published in the Jan. 26 issue of the Drum, Sunshine Dodge name was incorrect. In a photo published in the Jan. 26 issue of the Drum, Alessa Herrera was misidentified.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Happy birthday Anna and O Anna and O, may your days be filled with joy and everything that brings you both happiness. Here's to another year of growth, laughter, and making cherished memories.

Wishing you both the best today and always, BB, Momz, Serg

Birthday greetings to Geneva Gomez

Wishing the biggest happy birthday to the best mom in the world. May your birthday be filled with love, laughter, and joy. Happy Birthday Mommy!

We love you – Your daughters

Happy Birthday Wife!! Every year I think you couldn't possibly get any more beautiful, and every year you prove me wrong!

I love you so much – Hubby

I hope you have a wonderful birthday, and I know that hearing from your favorite child is a step in the right direction!

We love you – Your son and daughter in law

Happy Birthday Grandma!

We love you! – Your grandkids

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*St. Bartholomew Church *St. Peter St. Rosa Church

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

MASS TIMES

8:00 A.M. AT ST. IGNATIUS

6:00 P.M. AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW

ASH WEDNESDAY

You are invited to join us for Mass and Imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.

The 2024 Southern Ute Calendar, now available for purchase while supplies last!

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2024 Southern Ute Calendar

Come into the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services or The Southern Ute Drum offices to purchase the 2024 calendar, \$10 each, while supplies last! Contact TIS at 970-563-2208 or the Drum at 970-563-0118 for more information.

Drum Deadline

Next issue: Feb. 23

EARLY Deadline: Feb. 16

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

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Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)

“Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)”

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024

Time: 9am – 5pm

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Ignacio, CO, 81137

Call: 970-563-5555 to sign up. Seating is limited and open to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

*This one-day course will provide you with the fundamentals of AI, how AI learns from data on the web, AI Ethics, the impact AI has on humans and the environment around us. Training taught by San Juan College.

Southern Ute Shared Services

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Reminder: SUDEP has “Free” Dell Laptops (18+) & Chromebooks (under 18) for Southern Ute Tribal Members.

Visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP to receive a laptop. Once the questionnaire is completed and submitted - SUDEP will process your laptop request.

QUESTIONS OR TECHNICAL SUPPORT

970-563-5555

If shipping is required for your laptop a member of the SUDEP team will reach out to you. SUDEP requests that you pick up your laptop in a timely manner.

Multi - Purpose Facility

February 2024 Events

Youth Cookie & Candy Making Sunday February 11, 11:00 AM—2:30 PM

Cooking With Chef Bill—Tuesday February 13, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM

Elder Craft Class —Wednesday February 14, 10:00 AM—2:30 PM

Quilting Class—Tuesday & Thursday February 13 & 15, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Healthy Cooking with Lisa Smith—Tuesday February 22, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM

Traditional Beading & Sewing—Tuesday—Thursday

Day Session - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM Evening Session 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Special Events

MPF Valentine Day Old Fashioned “Sock Hop”

Wednesday February 14—7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Monthly MPF Food Sale—Friday February 23, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Notices

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February 9, 2024

Quichas Apartment for Rent

3 BR/2.5 BA. \$1,200/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at kmorris@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick up an application in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Feb. 22, 2024. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

2024 FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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| • Distribution: Friday, June 21 | Cut-off: NOON, Friday, June 14 |
| • Distribution: Wednesday, July 3 | Cut-off: NOON, Friday, June 28 |
| • Distribution: Wednesday, Nov. 20 | Cut-off: NOON, Friday, Nov. 15 |
| • Distribution: Friday, Dec. 20 | Cut-off: NOON, Friday, Dec. 13 |
| • Distribution: Friday, Dec. 27 | Cut-off: NOON, Friday, Dec. 20 |

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



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. The audit services to be provided will be for the twelve-month period ending September 2025. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House by December 26th, 2025. With onsite visit being done week of October 27, 2025. 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.

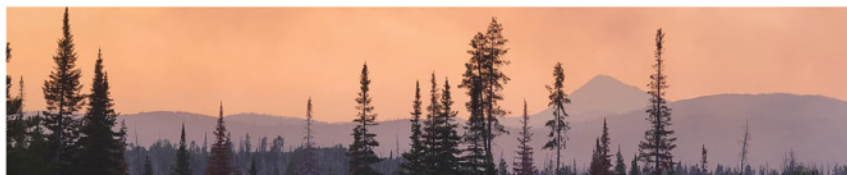
CONTENT OF THE PROPOSALS: In selecting the firm or individual who will best serve the needs of SUIHA we will be reviewing the experience of the respondent(s) along with reviewing the expertise and qualifications of the individual(s) who will be providing the services. To meet these objectives, the proposal 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



Four Corners Wildfire Academy

February 26th - March 7th, 2024

About the 4 Corners Wildfire Academy

The 4 Corners Wildfire Academy (4CWA) started in 2018 under the guidance of CO/NM fire departments assisted by a New Mexico State BLM grant. The 4CWA's intent is to provide low/no cost training to local agencies that may be unable to send people out of town or to academies that coincide with our fire season. Each year the 4CWA has grown in class offerings and attendance. Interagency cooperation starts with training. When we know our partners and train with them, we can be successful managing emerging incidents in an effective and safe manner. 4CWA utilizes instructors from local fire departments, national IMTs, federal, and state fire agencies.

2024 Academy Format: The 2024 4CWA will be expanded over 2 weeks and take place in Durango, Dolores, and Ignacio, CO. These classes are made possible with generous funding provided by Southwest BIA, Colorado BLM, and the Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control. Instructors are provided at no cost by various federal, state and local agencies.

Contact Scott Nielsen (scott.nielsen@durangofire.org) or John Gilbert (john.gilbert@sjcounty.net) with any questions.

Student Prioritization: Priority is placed on students local to the 4 Corners area. Out-of-area students can register but local registration will be prioritized until January 4, 2024, at which point all classes with additional spots will be given to out of area students based on earliest registration.

Waitlists for Full Classes: Some class registration may exceed capacity. Course coordinators will communicate with the student's supervisor to determine which students are to be prioritized for development and needed qualifications for current positions. Classes that have a waitlist will be offered again in 2025.



Register Here <https://forms.gle/Hja7vtj8SHYdd4fz9>

View Updated Course Catalog, Information & Waitlist Here:

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2024 Southern Ute Trash Collection Calendar

■ Holidays ■ Trash

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water, an energy bar, hygiene kit, first aid items, emergency blanket, tissue, face mask, natural disaster handbook & reference guide, flashlight & whistle. You can also add other personal items as necessary.

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Ignacio, Colorado 81137-0315

ATTENTION! Southern Ute Agency Firefighter/Support Staff Recruitment

For the 2024 Fire Season

Applications for the 2024 Fire Season for Southern Ute Agency are available. Visit the BIA Fire Management office at:

575 County Road 517,
Ignacio, CO or call (970) 563-4571

Drug Screening and valid driver's license required.

A physical exam followed by a fitness test (3-mile hike carrying 45 pounds within 46 minutes) will be administered once screened.

Please bring two (2) forms of identification.

Wildland Firefighting is a great career choice if hiking, camping, hunting, and outdoor activities are your interests. Hard core individuals should come check it out.

FIRE SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED!

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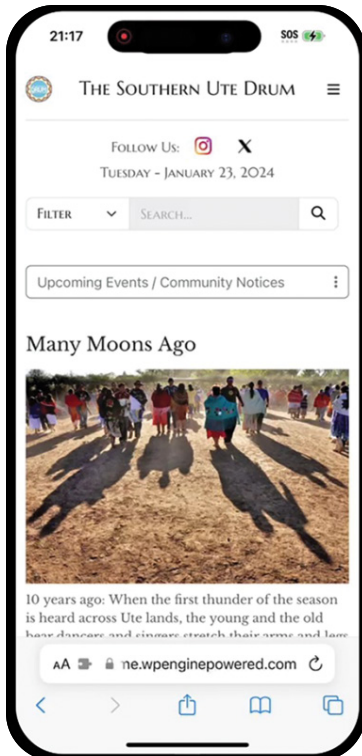


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New website features include:

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- Clean modern aesthetic and ease of navigation.
- Dedicated community notices section.
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Check out SUDRUM.com for latest news stories, photo essays and tribal events.



In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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ORDER OF SERVICE OF PUBLICATION

**Lillie Munoz, Authority, Plaintiff
v. Jose D. Lucero, Jr., Defendant
Case No.: 23-CV-124**

This matter came before the court for a hearing on February 5, 2024, in the above-captioned matter. The Court hereby finds and orders:

1. Plaintiff Lillie Munoz appeared in court February 5, 2024. Defendant Jose D. Lucero, Jr. did not appear. However, Mr. Lucero had not yet been served with service of process.
2. Based on the statements made by Plaintiff and Bailiff Jack Frost, Jr. that Defendant Lucero, Jr.'s whereabouts are unknown, and the attempts to serve made by the bailiff, the Court FINDS reasonable efforts have been made to serve Defendant Lucero, Jr., but personal service has not been possible.
3. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS Defendant Jose D. Lucero, Jr. shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUTC") 52-1103(2)(d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the complaint and exhibits, with notice of the next court hearing, to appear in the Southern Ute Drum, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) consecutive publications, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date.
4. This matter is set for hearing on **MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

Done and signed this 5th day of February, 2024.

By the Court, Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0005-CV-PR
Tooley Box, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **FEBRUARY 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 18th of January, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2024-0011-CV-NC
Shoshone Dove Glory Thompson, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Shoshone Dove Glory Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shoshone Dove Glory Rael. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **FEBRUARY 26, 2024 at 5 pm.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.
By the Court, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Raymond C. Frost Jr., Deceased
Case No.: 2024-0004-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **FEBRUARY 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 19th of January, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Christian Sheldon Thompson, Civil Subject
Case No. 2024-0010-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that Christian Sheldon Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christian Sheldon Yellowflower. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **MARCH 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2024.
By the Court, Elizabeth Benally, Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

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

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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. KSUT Tribal Radio, 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, 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 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>

TERO COMMISSION

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

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee ("Committee") is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a compensated Committee, and you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee Bylaws. The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs and make recommendations to Tribal Council. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund ("Declaration"); Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email to chudgens@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Christine Hudgens, CFO, at 970-563-2444.

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.

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)

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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 at the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. 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 via email: tami@ksut.org or by mail P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. Questions, call 970-563-0255.



The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Regular Board Members and two (2) Alternate Board Members

The Election Board is a paid committee that follows IRS guidelines, and eligibility for Southern Ute Employee benefits are based on hours. A criminal background check is required and as an appointed official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, you are subject to the Code of Ethics.

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
- Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding the appointment

Please submit your Letter of Intent to:

Human Resources, PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137
Physical Address: 356 Ouray Dr. Ignacio, CO 81137

Closing Date: Open until Filled

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email whyte@southernute-nsn.gov

To apply please submit a Letter of Intent with the following:

- Full Name
- Contact Information (i.e. address, phone number, email address)
- Date
- It is suggested and helpful to include one or more of the following details:
 - Description of why you are a good fit for the position
 - Explanation of your motivation to join the Committee
 - List relevant experience
 - Outline ideas of how you can improve this committee
 - Disclosure of any other Boards/Committees you currently serve on



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

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

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file.

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Air Quality Scientist I – Permitting

Closes 2/12/24 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Permitting & Regulatory, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$70,570/year.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 2/12/24 – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Lands Technician position.

Permits & ROW Specialist

Closes 2/13/24 – Negotiations/management of rights-of-way needed to construct ingress/egress, utilities, and surface leases for the Tribe with outside entities or persons and ensure compliance with laws, rules, regulations, and policies. Manages Crossing Permits and its database for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Receptionist

Closes 2/14/24 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Social Worker

Closes 2/16/24 – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

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, the Air Quality Scientist II – Enforcement prepares, coordinates and tracks air quality enforcement order packages and provides subject matter expertise on technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Title V Operating Permit program and Tribal Minor New Source Review program. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/year.

Air Quality Scientist II – Permitting

Open Until Filled – Under general Supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Permitting & Regulatory, the Air Quality Scientist II – 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/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.

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 w/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 Court Clerk (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay range at \$21.89/hour.

Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Southern Ute tribal members 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; Pay starts at \$9,494/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.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/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 radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.



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- Ute History and Traditions
- Dress Making (Shell, Elktooth, Buckskin)
- Jamming and Canning
- And More!

If you or someone you know is interested in teaching, please call: (970) 563-2984.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

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.

Lifeguard Part-time

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Medical Assistant (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing professional and clinical services. Grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Museum Director

Open Until Filled – Leading overall operations, and day-to-day management of the museum. Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all aspects of the museum's activities and operations, including public relations, marketing and promotional aspects. Following the Museum's statement, strategic planning, implementing policies, developing programs, budget management, and identifying new funding sources. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$99,984.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Project Manager – Construction

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate, manage, and complete all phases of construction related and other various projects. Will assist the Department in delivery of professional project management and support services to the Tribe. Pay grade E19; Pay starts at \$114,968/annually.

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 un-

der 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.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Tribal Attorney – Prosecutor

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for the effective, efficient, and fair prosecution of violations of the Tribal Code to include criminal, gaming, and wildlife cases. Will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, civil litigation, contract review, employment matters, and the consideration of social services cases. A strong command of Tribal jurisdiction, and understanding of tribal sovereignty, and an ability to provide accurate legal advice in a fast-paced environment is essential. Pay grade 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 rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

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.

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/or warehouse to determine if materials on hand are in sufficient quantify. Maintains vendor database in inventory management software and handles all incoming invoices.

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.

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.

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

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.

Entry level, reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift, supporting the operation of equipment, environmental condition, and appearance of the overall facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Perform 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.

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

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. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

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.

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.

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

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

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Closes 2/16/24 – Leads, manages, and independently completes projects and provides subsurface engineering support for operations consistent with Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) and Growth Fund priorities and concerns. Develops and supervises specific technical procedures for service rig work and well maintenance management. Reviews and works closely with the Operations team to optimize field performance and profitability. Oversees planning, budgeting, authorization, and post-appraisal of projects. Maintains accurate well files and reports. Manages the daily activities of the Wells team personnel and contractors.

Closes 2/16/24 – Performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations.

Closes 2/16/24 – Reviewing and recording transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and/or prepare the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations. Must have a working knowledge of the joint interest process and be able to apply analytical skills to complete complex accounting assignments.

Closes 2/16/24 – Obtaining and maintaining orderly and accurate land and division order records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Works independently, follows existing processes with minimum supervision and provides a wider scope of support to senior Land staff.

Closes 2/23/24 – Providing general office and administrative support to the Field Manager and Pipeline & Measurement Manager, to include preparation of correspondence and reports, maintaining filing systems, coordinating the flow, and processing of information and documents.

Closes 2/16/24 – Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, fixed asset entries, lease obligation entries, and general ledger adjustments and account reconcili-

Closes 2/23/24 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Field Compression facilities, including engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

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Closes 2/16/24 – Works collaboratively with Basin Teams and partners to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Utilizes appropriate risking techniques and economic analyses to optimize the quality of investments.

Closes 2/24/24 – Directing and participating in accounting and financial reporting functions to establish, implement and maintain accounting principles, practices, and procedures across all Growth Fund real estate businesses. Works closely with real estate operations and management team in strategic planning, the analysis of the portfolio performance and to advise them on financial and budgeting issues.

Closes 2/16/24 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department.

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Closes 2/23/24 – Supporting PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) developers and user groups, performing system requirements analysis, functional system design, developing identified projects, upgrades, development, and testing as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support.

Closes 2/23/24 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs cloud application development project work for Tribal entities; security, support, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

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Road Runner Transit:

- Transit Driver \$18.94/hr. – Open Until Filled
- ICB Operator \$22.76/hr. – Open Until Filled
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance \$18.94/hr. – Open Until Filled

- Community Based Therapy \$51,917 – \$56,950/yr. – Open Until Filled (MA degree or within one year of finishing master's degree in social work, counseling or other behavioral health related field required. Up to \$5,000 in relocation expenses available.)

Attention: We prefer all applications by email GRLopez@utemountain.org
or cevetoo@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Employment Announcements as of Feb. 5, 2024

- KCA, Ute Language and Culture Teacher (2) – Closes 2/9/24
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Closes 2/9/24
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Program Administrator – Closes 2/13/24
- Social Services, Caseworker – Closes 2/16/24
- WM Social Services, Domestic Violence Project Coordinator – Closes 2/16/24
- Water Resources, Water Resources Assistant – Closes 2/20/24
- 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
- Energy, Director – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – 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 – 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, (Part-time) Relief Propane Delivery Driver – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract, Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Tribal Parks, (Part-time) Maintenance Worker – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling – Director – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled



DRUM UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE • FROM PAGE 1

This idea for a full re-design has been in the works for some time. Conversations about the need for a stronger visual layout and more versatility on the website first gained momentum during the pandemic, which led to an initial design framework. That roadmap served to guide the development and design process once the project was approved to move forward last year.

Web Services Supervisor with Southern Ute Shared Services, Dana Kopf has been involved with the newspaper's website design since its inception over a decade ago.

"Since the initial launch of the Drum website over 10 years ago a lot of things have changed, from code to browsers," Kopf said. "Our

team redesigned the site with modern design principles in mind, while paying homage to traditional colors and fonts. The site was updated to the latest coding standards and features a photo rich, mobile friendly layout."

"It was a great pleasure working with the Drum staff to bring the new site to fruition," Kopf said. "I'd like to give special thanks to Trevor [Ehlers] for his tireless work on site design and development."

The Southern Ute Drum newsroom is comprised of Editor & Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley; Reporter & Photographer, Divine Windy Boy; Administrative Assistant, Krista Richards; Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz; and Media Archivist, Rosaleigh

Concepcion – who joined the team last year.

The Drum staff recognizes the value of diversification in how the news reaches the varied demographics of the tribal membership – which include the printed newspaper, newspaper website, archived e-Editions in PDF format, and social media channels.

Regarding the new website, Ehlers speaks to the importance of keeping up with the times in a digital age. "Ultimately we wanted to produce something unique and new as well ... that the Southern Ute Community would be proud of that they could use going forward as a source of information," Ehlers said.

Check out The Southern Ute Drum online: <https://www.sudrum.com>

Hunter Education Course - Internet-Based

Date: Saturday March 9th, 2024

Time: 8am – 2pm

Location: Sun Ute Community Center, 390 Mouache Drive, Ignacio

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is offering this Internet-Based Hunter Education Course. Students will earn their Colorado Hunter Education Certificate and be eligible to purchase hunting licenses in Colorado and elsewhere.

Pre-registration is required at register-ed.com/events/view/207867

Course fee: Total \$39.50 (\$29.50 for the online course and \$10 for the conclusion class)

Class size is limited to 20 students.

Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child.

The major portion of this course must be completed online at hunter-ed.com/colorado/

Students must complete the online portion before the class meets on March 9th.

Class time on Saturday is 8am-2pm with a lunch break. In addition to the online course, students must attend the class, and pass written and live fire tests.

Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class; all supplies will be provided.

For more information, please call the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.



2024 Youth Hunter Outreach and Scoring Night

Thursday, March 14
1 – 7 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Event Center
If you have any questions, please contact 970-563-0130



Krista Richards/SU Drum archive

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Feb. 9

Partly sunny 35°F
Chance of rain/snow showers

Saturday, Feb. 10

Mostly cloudy 35°F
50% chance of snow showers

Sunday, Feb. 11

Sunny 36°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FEB. 19TH PRESIDENT'S DAY — CLOSED
MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
JUNE 19TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
JULY 4TH / 5TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
SEPT. 2ND LABOR DAY — CLOSED
OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED
NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
DEC. 9TH / 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
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

Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online at: 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

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL THE UTILITIES OFFICE.

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

FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEW 2024 Trash Permits are available! Pick up from the Utilities Office. Limit 2 per household.
- Maintenance Tip for Freezing Weather: Winterize your windows to prevent loss of heat. Use plastic to cover window completely or use a storm window. See QR Code from Home Depot for more tips.
- Inclement weather may cause DELAYS in Water Haul deliveries & Transfer Station closure. Call Utilities Office for updates.

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center

What's better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold, wet day? Enjoying it in a handmade pottery bowl from Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center pottery teacher Shawna Hein! The gallery is open Wednesday - Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Come check it out.



The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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- Across**

1 " ... yadda, yadda, yadda"

4 African nation, or a man's name

8 Lifeline locale

10 Lead

12 "Deus ----" (1976 Dick/Zelazny sci-fi novel)

13 Make rigid

14 Viola ----, Jicarilla Apache philosopher

16 "... the winter of ---- discontent" (Shakespeare: "King Lear")

17 Hue man

18 157.5 degrees

19 Sleeping concern

21 "Breaking Bad" network

24 Site of ruined Bow Clan home on Antelope Mesa, NE Arizona

28 How web sites can get noticed

29 Holding rights

30 A, to an electrician

32 Tiny stream

33 Occurring after being in theater

34 Iditarod terminus

35 "The Seventh ----" (1957 Ingmar Bergman film)

36 Musical Cole
- Down**

1 Heroic tales

2 Deck with the Fool and the Devil

3 --- Bow known as the "It" girl

4 Kind of section

5 "Every dog ---- its day"

6 Goodbye in Guatemala

7 Jackass

9 KSUT is part of this group

10 Monument site of the Cajon and Holly groups of pueblo buildings

11 Funerary heap

15 Cruising the beat

20 Done to ----: just right

21 "Chop-chop!"

22 Office notes

23 Wooded area

25 Constellation containing Betelgeuse and Rigel

26 --- Kelly, "Chicago" character

27 Any of the Keys

31 Airport guesstimate, for short

Answers will appear in the Feb. 23 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Jan. 26 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Coot, 5 Lob, 8 Invar, 10 Nina, 11 Teetotaler, 13 Isr, 14 A-OK, 15 Mid, 17 Helped out, 20 Bleed, 22 Dorms, 23 Bear Dance, 25 Sot, 26 Are, 27 TBC, 30 Nightshirt, 33 Int'l, 34 Sumac, 35 Dgo, 36 Pegs.

Down: 1 Citi, 2 Ones, 3 Overheating, 4 Tat, 5 Li'l, 6 One more time, 7 Barium, 9 Roald Dahl, 10 Nakedness, 12 Top, 16 D Ts, 18 E'er, 19 Doc, 20 BBs, 21 Leonid, 24 Art, 28 Brag, 29 CTCs, 31 Gto, 32 Hup.