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## The Southern Ute Drum's top 10 news events of 2018

### KSUT MEETS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MATCH



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

***As we bid farewell to 2018, and welcome the New Year, The Southern Ute Drum takes a moment to reflect on some of the top news stories, and news trends from the past year. KSUT matched their fundraising goal of \$1 million, the SCSYAC dedicated land for a proposed skate park, while SUCAP shuttered its doors after 50 years. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe made culture, language and natural resources a top priority, in addition to their focus on education and economic growth in 2018. Athleticism, physical and mental health were also prioritized. To see a full list of the year's top news trends, turn to page 10.***

### SKATEPARK PROPOSED BY SUNUTE



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### HEAD START CLOSES AFTER 50 YEARS



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## MENTAL HEALTH

### Are you trained for prevention?

By Trennie Collins  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

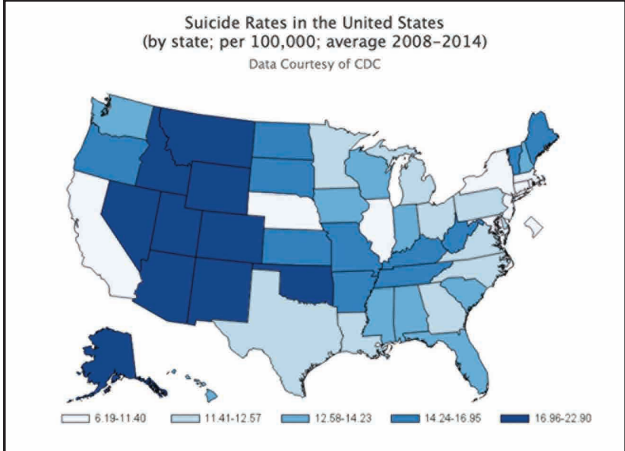
The Colorado Health Institute states that in 2017-1,175 people died from suicide. Mountain states continue to have high rates of suicide each year, coming in ninth, Colorado is determined to make a change to these numbers, especially in La Plata County.

2018 was a year full of progress, prevention and education for the state. Amongst that trend, Ignacio has been small part of the state reeling back from heartbreak, and hoping to turn it into an awareness that will lead to prevention.

In Colorado for every suicide completion there are 25 attempts. In La Plata County alone, there were 34 deaths by suicide, which is above the national average. In 2016 the national average was 13.42, which is the rate per 100,000 individuals; in 2016 Colorado was ranked 10th in suicide deaths.

San Juan Basin Health, along with other organizations, have made it a goal to educate and bring knowledge to our community through the Collective Impact Suicide Prevention Process. This method is a community based, multi-sector process that reduces the suicide rate in the region through aligned agendas and strategic planning. Steering committees have been formed, strategic planning, suicide awareness, suicide prevention, protocol of care, training community response to suicide and youth involvement workgroups have been ongoing in La Plata County.

Celebrating Healthy



Communities and Communities That Care have both welcomed the Ignacio community with open arms when it comes to suicide prevention and awareness. Hosting numerous outreach projects within Ignacio School District and throughout the community. Celebrating Healthy Communities and Communities that Care made a big presence at the first annual "We Care Fair" hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in September of 2018, each sponsoring informational booths to educate our community as part of this free event.

"I think one of the things I've learned and love the most about Ignacio is that when adults express that they want to build a healthy community for their neighbors they aren't just talking," Breeah Kinsella, the new director of Celebrating Healthy Communities emphasized. "I've seen people in the town, government, the Tribe, the schools, the community center, casino and the community members with no professional ties to prevention, work tirelessly to not only bring resources and education to the community, but also dig into au-

thentic relationships with people they know. These are the cornerstones of our mission and Ignacio truly walks the walk."

When it comes to our unique and culture filled community there have been a couple of standout ambassadors who have went above and beyond to make awareness happen. One of those people being, Sage Frane, SunUte Community Center's Group Fitness Coordinator.

In the fall of 2018, Frane completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. The eight-hour course teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills to reach out and provide timely help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance abuse problem or experiencing a crisis.

The first Youth Mental Health First Aid training that Frane will be teaching will be in February of 2019. Frane hopes to reach out to her immediate staff at SunUte, then start reaching further into the Tribal

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cassandra Atencio, Bird Red, and Nathan Maes each play a role in the telling of the Ute Creation story at the Southern Ute Museum, Saturday, Dec. 22.

## CULTURE

### Ute elders share culture, tradition though seasonal stories

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Storytelling is an important aspect of Ute culture. These stories are shared and passed down during the winter months, when all the outside activities were slowing down and families were together.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUI-MA) hosted a story night for students and parents in the Ute language classroom on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The following weekend, the Southern Ute Museum (SUM) held a storytelling event as part of their ongoing lecture series, which was open to the public.

Speaking at SUI-MA were Southern Ute elders, Pearl Casias and Russell Box Sr., who shared stories with the Ute children over a potluck style dinner. Box, recently penned a memoir,



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Russell Box Sr. shares traditional Ute stories with the students at SUI-MA, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Zalneraitis steps in as Tribe’s new economic development manager

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Roger Zalneraitis is the new economic development manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund.

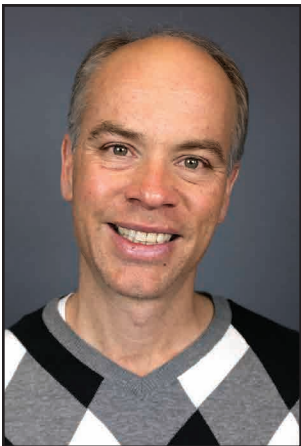
The position was approved by the Southern Ute Tribal Council in 2018, and is under the Tribe’s Director of Strategic Planning, Eric Thayer. The position is intended to create and develop new economic development opportunities for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe under the Tribe’s Permanent Fund.

“Our overall goal is to provide quality job opportunities for tribal members,” Zalneraitis emphasized.

David Eppich, the Tribe’s former economic development manager was responsible for creating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document, now Zalneraitis will focus on implementing it.

“[The Tribe] is still looking for quality employment opportunities and diversification beyond natural gas,” Zalneraitis stated.

“Both my role, and Loretta Valasquez’s roles come out of the CEDS,” Zalneraitis said.



tis said. “Loretta is small business development; our roles are complimentary.” She has the entrepreneurial perspective, Zalneraitis explained, while my role is more focused on diversifying the local economy, which is tied directly to regional economies.

“I can help tribal members to expand beyond the small business role. Create contracting opportunities with government agencies.” For instance, “Can we bring more solar opportunities to the reservation? Could a tribal member start a business that provided solar services?”

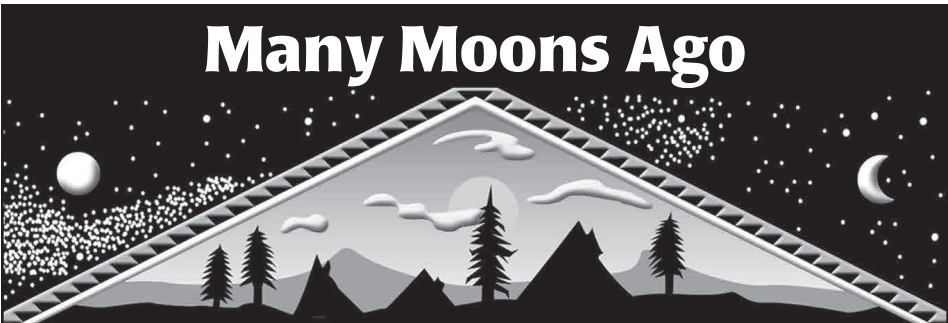
“We are part of this larger region and need to work together,” Zalneraitis said. “How do we make it more attractive to do business here?”

Three different federal incentives exist within the reservation: Enterprise Zones, which offer tax credits at the state level. Hub Zones, which help businesses contract with government agencies; these cover the entire Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Lastly, Opportunity Zones, which provide investment focused incentives for building real estate infrastructure or direct business investment.

These incentives should make regional partnerships and investments more attractive, while also creating economic opportunities within the Southern Ute Reservation.

Zalneraitis served eight years as the director for the La Plata County Economic Development Alliance; previous to that, he worked in Lawrence, Kan. as the city’s economic development planner. Additionally, Zalneraitis holds a bachelor’s degree in economics, with a master’s in urban planning.

Contact Roger Zalneraitis at the Finance Office in the LCB Bldg. with inquiries. Email: rzalneraitis@southernute-nsn.gov Phone: 970-563-2463.



Many Moons Ago



Joel Priest/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Ignacio senior Tasha Herrera swipes the ball from Dove Creek’s Summer Davis during last Friday’s game at DCHS, but apparently neither player wanted to see where the rock ended up once dislodged.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 16, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

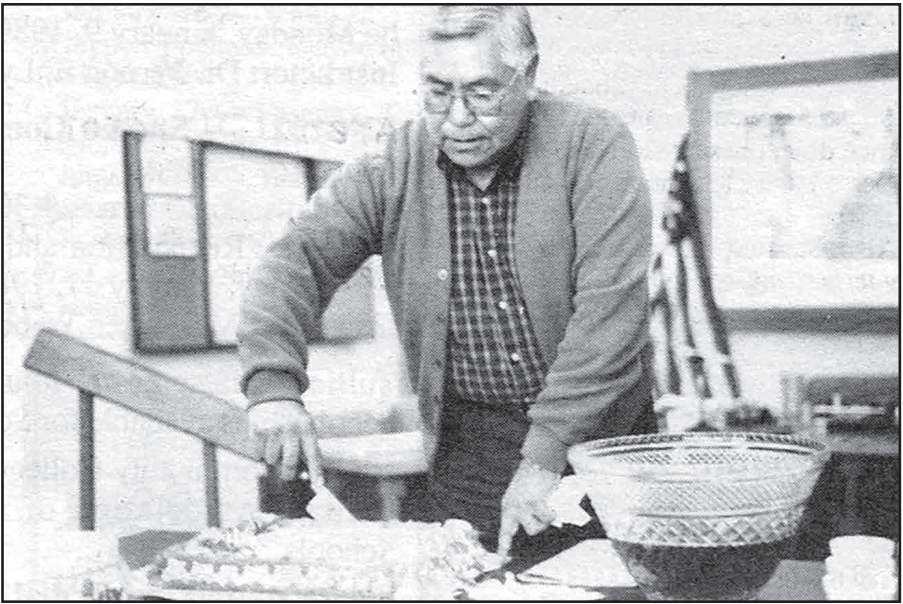


Thomas Cain/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

In Memory of, Eugene Naranjo former Executive Officer of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, passed away on December 23, 1998 at Centura Health-Mercy Medical Center in Durango. He was 51. Naranjo had been battling a cancer relapse since July. The above picture was taken September 4, 1998 when Naranjo was presented with the Durango Pro Rodeo/Basin Coop Western Heritage Service Award. Our condolences to Naranjo’s wife Dixie, and the entire Naranjo family.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 18, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The annual birthday party was celebrated for Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch on Dec. 23, 1988 in the Tribal council chambers.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 6, 1989, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.




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40 years ago

Ignacio High School Rodeo Team 1978-1979.

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## UTE ELDERS SHARE CULTURE • FROM PAGE 1

“The Physical and Spiritual Journey of a Southern Ute Elder” with local author Judith Stone. He emphasized the importance that stories have traditionally played in Ute culture.

Box told the story of the “See-atch,” a sasquatch type character who was known for snatching up children in the dark of night. The story was intended to remind children to listen to their parents and heed the warnings of their elders. Box remembers his parents and grandparents telling fireside stories whenever there was a visitor at their home, the children would sit close and listen, eventually passing these Ute stories on to their children.

Casias told the story of, “The Ant and the Grasshopper,” one of the many Ute stories that reflect back on a time where the animals could talk to each other and with people.

The Southern Ute Museum’s storytelling event coincided with the opening of “It All Happened Long Ago,” an exhibit which explores an innovative method of storytelling, while still reinforcing tribal customs, according to the museum’s exhibit statement. In the visual and written exhibit, each animal character encounters moralistic and didactic experiences,



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Malia White Thunder listens intently to the Ute storytelling in her classroom, Wednesday, Dec. 19.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jed Smith puts the final touches on the Southern Ute Museum’s most recent storytelling exhibit, “It All Happened Long Ago” which opened to the public on Saturday, Dec. 22.

es, each story vividly illustrated by Jed Smith.

Visitors gathered in the great hall of the museum to sip hot coco and listen to stories by Cultural Education Coordinator, Hanley Frost, and Museum Director, Linda Baker on Satur-

day, Dec 22.

“Wintertime, that’s when the whole family is there, when there is time for grandparents to talk to the children. To teach them beadwork, how to make shawls, ribbon shirts; getting them ready for Bear Dance and other spring ceremonies,” explained Frost.

The evening ended with a live performance of the Ute Creation story, directed by Cassandra Atencio, NAGPRA Coordinator with the Southern Ute Culture Department. Young tribal members donned wolf and coyote attire to play out their skit against a backdrop of hand painted landscapes depicting the Weminuche Wilderness.

Hanley Frost shared the Bear Dance legend, then the story of “Why the Crow is Black,” a family story passed down by his elders. Linda Baker told a tale from her childhood, one that depicted her family traveling around the region and visiting the trading post at Elmore’s Corner. She reinforced the idea that most Ute stories were either oral histories and anecdotes passed down through families, or tales of talking animals, each with their own meaning.



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A painting depicts the “See-atch,” a sasquatch type character who was known for snatching up children in the dark of night.

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## Singing in the new year



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

New Year’s Eve brought singing and prayers to the Multi-Purpose Facility, Monday, Dec. 31. Singers from the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute tribes as well as others community members gathered to ring in 2019.



Drum sticks sit upon the sacred drum. A blessing of songs and prayers were offered for 2019.

Ute elders, Alfred Wall and Elwood Kent strike a pose during a break from singing at the annual New Year’s Eve Celebration.

### Elder Celebration Dinner

All Ute Elders Are Welcome!

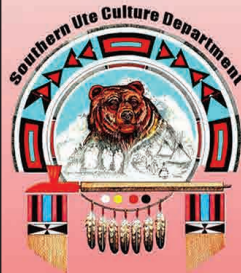
Doors open at 5:30PM for coffee, tea and socializing

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In the event of a funeral the Elder Celebration Dinner will be rescheduled to another date.

For more information, contact: Edward Box III at (970)-563-2984

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

### Our Mission

The Southern Ute Museum strives to ensure the survival of Southern Ute people through meaningful education, cultural, historic, and current event exhibits, and to provide a unique museum experience for indigenous and non-indigenous visitors.

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Writing & Storytelling Presentation  
Saturday, February 23, 2019  
11:00 AM

### Tanaya Winder

Southern Ute / Duckwater Shoshone / Pyramid Lake Paiute Nations

Tanaya Winder is a writer, educator, motivational speaker, and performance poet. She grew up on the Southern Ute Indian reservation and attended college at Stanford University where she earned a BA in English and the University of New Mexico where she received an MFA in creative writing.

She guest lectures, teaches creative writing workshops, and speaks at high schools, universities, and communities internationally.

Tanaya will present an interactive presentation and reading of selected poems. She will also discuss the importance of writing and storytelling, and give writing prompts with time for participants to write and share their writings.



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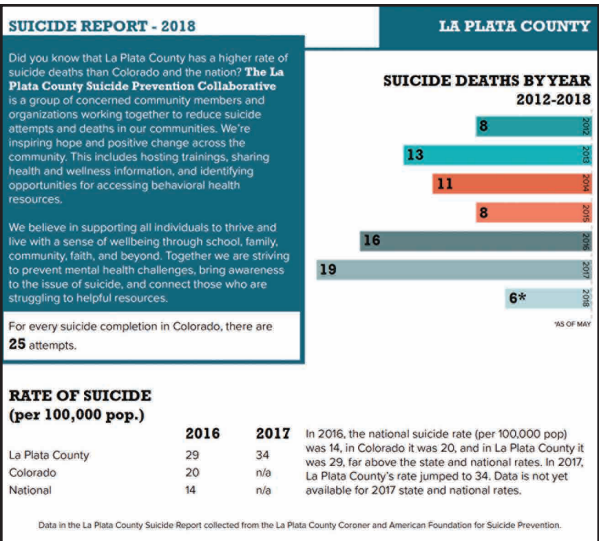


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Departments and to the Ignacio community.

“My hopes are that this training will empower our entire community to feel more comfortable and open to discuss mental health issues that our kids are struggling with and be able to get them the help they so desperately need,” Frane said. “There is a huge need for all of us to show our youth that we care and that we are here to help them. If we never talk about it, how can we begin to create the change?”

Along with the suicide action plan that was created two years ago, different suicide prevention and awareness trainings have been held for tribal employees. Safe to Talk and QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer) are two trainings that were both offered in 2018. With its second year well under its belt, the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe still continue to address prevention through a Strategic Action Plan (SAP). Their main goal being to “Strengthening community wellbeing by increasing awareness of the importance of having a



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suicide prevention intervention,” according to the SAP.

Right here in our community there are tons of resources available to those who are struggling. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and divisions, Tribal Services and the departments under it have been in the game for a long time.

Vocational Rehabilitation aids Native Americans with disabilities, and yes, that includes mental health. “We have funding that can be used to train individuals in topics related to disabilities. We recognize that we have a role in the preventative efforts to address a

suicide crisis in our community,” states Bobbie Rosa, program manager for the Tribe’s vocational rehabilitation program.

In 2018 the Ignacio community as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have both taken a huge step forward in trying to bring action and prevention to this crisis.

Native Americans rank number two in suicide deaths. In order to take care of yourself be willing to reach out to someone, make a safety plan and find support. “Mental Health needs to be addressed just like physical health problems,” Frane said.

The season of giving



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Terry Baker and Terena Hight cart around handmade stockings made by some of the tribal elders to give away as Christmas surprises.



Terena Hight sets down a handmade Christmas stocking for tribal elder, San Jean Burch at the Sip, Chat and Chew.

Franklin Thompson tries to decide what he wants from a table of goodies given away for the raffle at the Sip, Chat and Chew held at the Multi-Purpose Facility Thursday, Dec. 20.

Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closed

Southern Ute Tribal Administration Offices will be closed, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

All offices will resume normal business hours, Tuesday, Jan. 22. For additional information on closures, announcements or updates visit the Southern Ute Tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov)

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EDUCATION

Warning signs for bullying

Staff report  
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There are many warning signs that may indicate that someone is affected by bullying—either being bullied or bullying others. Recognizing the warning signs is an important first step in taking action against bullying. Not all children who are bullied or are bullying others ask for help. It is important to talk with children who show signs of being bullied or bullying others. These warning signs can also point to other issues or problems, such as depression or substance abuse. Talking to the child can help identify the root of the problem.

SIGNS A CHILD IS BEING BULLIED

Look for changes in the child. However, be aware that not all children who are bullied exhibit warning signs. Some signs that may point to a bullying problem are:

- Unexplainable injuries
- Lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry
- Frequent headaches or stomach aches, feeling sick or faking illness
- Changes in eating habits, like suddenly skipping meals or binge eating. Kids may come

home from school hungry because they did not eat lunch.

- Difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares
- Declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school
- Sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations
- Feelings of helplessness or decreased self esteem
- Self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide

If you know someone in serious distress or danger, don't ignore the problem. Get help right away.

SIGNS A CHILD IS BULLYING OTHERS

Kids may be bullying others if they:

- Get into physical or verbal fights
- Have friends who bully others
- Are increasingly aggressive
- Get sent to the principal's office or to detention frequently
- Have unexplained extra money or new belongings
- Blame others for their problems
- Don't accept responsibility for their actions
- Are competitive and worry about their reputation or popularity

WHY DON'T KIDS ASK FOR HELP?

Statistics from the 2012 Indicators of School Crime and Safety - PDF show that an adult was notified in less than half (40%) of bullying incidents. Kids don't tell adults for many reasons:

- Bullying can make a child feel helpless. Kids may want to handle it on their own to feel in control again. They may fear being seen as weak or a tattletale.
- Kids may fear backlash from the kid who bullied them.
- Bullying can be a humiliating experience. Kids may not want adults to know what is being said about them, whether true or false. They may also fear that adults will judge them or punish them for being weak.
- Kids who are bullied may already feel socially isolated. They may feel like no one cares or could understand.
- Kids may fear being rejected by their peers. Friends can help protect kids from bullying, and kids can fear losing this support.

Content last reviewed on Feb. 7, 2018. Visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) for more information or where to seek assistance.

FLC graduate



courtesy Christine Sage

Southern Ute tribal member Natelle Thompson, graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is very proud of her achievement; the Southern Ute Tribal Council wishes her well on her accomplishments and on future endeavors. The ceremony was held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

I attended a breakfast with Fort Lewis College President Tom Stritikus on Saturday morning in the FLC Ball Room and we discussed future meetings with him and the Southern Ute Tribal Council. I feel good communication is the best way to inform each other of issues that need to be addressed for the future of the tribal membership and for those tribal members that want to attend Fort Lewis College.

Chairman Christine Sage

Southern Ute Veterans

This current exhibit features Southern Ute tribal member, Raymond Baker.

The Southern Ute Museum would like to acknowledge and thank all Southern Ute tribal servicemen and women.

The Museum is looking for Southern Ute tribal members who have served in the US military to be featured in future exhibitions. If you or someone you know would like to be recognized, please contact a museum staff member at the front desk for more information.

You may also contact the Southern Ute Museum by phone, email, or mail.  
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The cost per each seminar for non-degree seeking participants is \$600. Degree seeking students should consult with the SJC catalog or contact SOE Advisor, Ms. Georgia Cortez at 505.566.3890. The Education Department can provide part-time scholarships to tribal members for the series of the classes at SJC. If interested, contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstier, Adult Education Manager at 970.563.2784 or via email at [jhunstier@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jhunstier@southernute-nsn.gov)

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- TEMS 211: Intro to Indian Energy: Water, Land, Minerals  
December 3-7, 2018
- TEMS 210: Intro to Tribal Governance, Sovereignty, and Regulations  
January 28-February 1, 2019
- TEMS 212: Intro to Tribal Business, Finance, and Human Resources  
March 4-8, 2018
- TEMS 213: Doing Business on Tribal Lands: A Practical Approach  
April 8-12, 2018



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CHARACTER COUNTS





Santa waves after surprising kids with toys at their homes during the Toy Drive held throughout the Ignacio community on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

BGC 2018  
Toy Drive



Journii Nez quickly throws a basketball to Nathaniel Cruz while hitting up Meadow Brook Trailer Park, while BGC and Santa handed out toys to kids and teens.

Photos by Trennie Collins  
The Southern Ute Drum



Nailah Simon, Donovan Watts and Patience Watts all pose with their cool new toys given out by BGC staff and Santa during the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's annual Toy Drive giveaway.



Journii Nez, Boys & Girls Club Behavior Coordinator, hands a pack of sport balls to kids that live on Northridge Drive during Santa's outing on the reservation.

An Academy Christmas



Lower elementary students, Maylana Goodtracks, Myla Goodtracks, Nevaeh Sandoval and Skydawn Moccasin-Flower sit together at the SUIMA Christmas lunch on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



Nathaniel Baker-Valdez wraps Neeka Ryder in green streamers for the Grinch impersonation game. They try to beat the clock by getting as much of the streamers on Ryder as they can in a minute. The annual Grinch Party was held in the cafeteria of the Academy on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



SUIMA student Aydin Baker-Valdez and P.E. Teacher Kris McSweeny sit together during the Academy's annual Christmas Lunch on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Sinaav Larry tries his luck at a table of "minute to win it" games at the annual Grinch Party hosted by the SUIMA teachers and staff on Thursday, Dec. 20.







# Food for the holidays



RC Lucero and Deja Herrera celebrate the holidays by eating lunch with Ignacio Elementary students, Stoney WhiteThunder and Curtis WhiteThunder-Lucero on Thursday, Dec. 20.



Layla Height, Ashley Sandoval and Bianka Velasquez sit together while eating a festive Christmas lunch in the Ignacio Elementary School cafeteria on Thursday, Dec. 20.



Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage joins her granddaughter, Ava Sage-Morgan for Christmas Lunch at Ignacio Elementary on Thursday, Dec. 20.

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# Songs for the season



The Ignacio High School choir filled the auditorium with melodies of Starry Winter nights and traditional carols on Wednesday, Dec. 19 for the annual Holiday Celebration of live music.



To kick off the holiday celebration, the middle school band played a traditional rendition of Jolly Old St. Nicholas and Jingle Bells on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Ignacio High School band played two songs that closed out the night for the winter concert held in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The entire night's concert, was conducted by student Alexander Finley.



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The Southern Ute Drum

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SunUte Recreation Presents:



**January 19th**  
**One Day Field Trip**  
**Ages: 10-17 Years Old**

**\$30 Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members**

**& 1st Descendants**

**\$40.00 Community Member**

The trip is a one day event. We will be leaving at 7 am and returning at 7:30 pm. Kids attending will be taking part in the 2019 Albuquerque Comic Con! Costumes are optional but an imagination is a must!!! This is a wonderful chance to meet the artists of your favorite comics, movies and TV shows. This is the biggest day of the event! Lunch and dinner will be provided. Spending money for souvenirs is optional.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 970-563-2652

**Sign Up at SunUte Front Desk**

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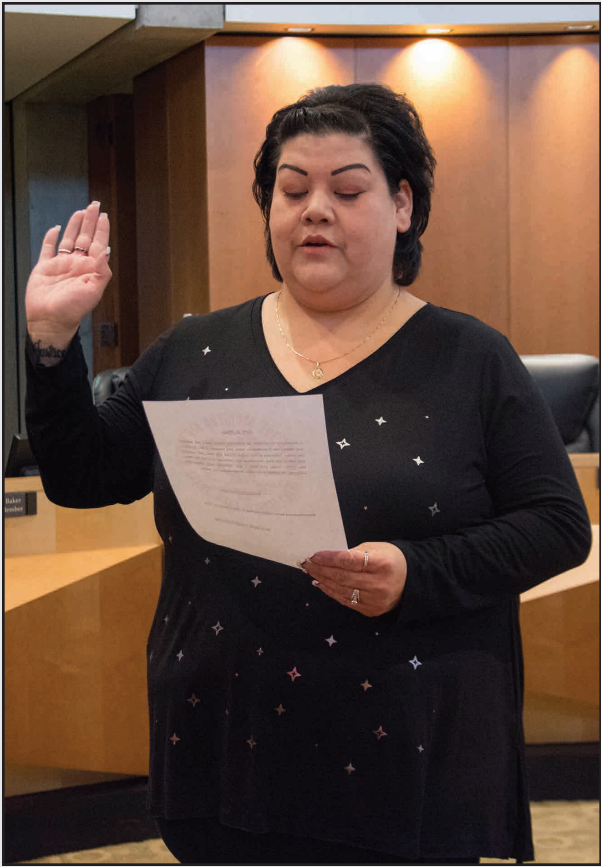




Cook to Associate Judge Trainee



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum  
Southern Ute Vice-Chairman Cheryl Frost congratulates Andreanna Cook-Hiett after being sworn in as the new Associate Judge Trainee on Thursday, Jan. 3 in Council Chambers.



Andreanna Cook-Hiett takes the oath of office for her new position as Associate Judge Trainee. Cook was sworn in on Thursday, Jan. 3 in Council Chambers.

Southern Ute Tribal Members!

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TRANSPORTATION

CDOT warns backcountry users about unattended vehicles

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Caution signs, along US 550 Coal Bank Pass north of Durango, indicates an avalanche area and advises that there is no stopping or standing at the location. Backcountry users are urged to watch for these signs and never park vehicles or trailers on the side of the road at these sites.

Statewide – Recent welcomed snowstorms have surely compelled backcountry users to plan their next outdoor adventure – packing up skis and snowshoes into the car or loading snowmobiles on to trailers. Meanwhile, for CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation), the accumulating snow means deploying snowplow operators and winter equipment to clear the highways and keep the roads safe for travelers.

CDOT recognizes and appreciates that the public uses and enjoys Colorado’s backcountry, but reminds and urges outdoor enthusiasts to do so safely. Recreationists should be aware of avalanche conditions in the high country and any avalanche control operations that may be planned.

“Always obey road closures set in place for avalanche control mitigation and wait until authorities open the highway to ensure snow slide operations have been completed and roads cleared,” said Paul Wilson, CDOT maintenance foreman who supervises opera-

tions for US Highway (US) 550 Red Mountain, Molas and Coal Bank passes of the southern San Juan Mountains. “Backcountry users should NEVER leave vehicles near or adjacent to snow slide areas, which are always well marked with signs.”

CDOT advises those who use the backcountry to be careful when parking and leaving vehicles along the roadway. Anyone leaving a vehicle unattended on the side of the road, runs the risk of breaking the law and having their vehicle towed away by law enforcement. Backcountry users should park only in clearly marked and designated parking areas, typically found at the summit of mountain passes and at some trail heads.

Some areas along the highway may provide ample room to park several feet away and off the asphalt. But CDOT reminds vehicle owners that they run the risk of being trapped with snow pushed by the plow. Vehicles left on the side of the road also make the plowing

job difficult for road maintenance crews.

“Our main objective is to clear the roadway as quickly and efficiently as possible so that the highway is made passable and safe for all travelers,” continued Wilson. “Our crews work in all sorts of weather conditions. When visibility is low and a plow comes upon a vehicle parked on the side of the road, there is potential for a collision. The vehicle could be damaged by the passing plow. Plus, this puts our operator’s safety at risk and operations get behind schedule because of needed repairs or replacement of our own CDOT equipment.”

Obey the Law – Backcountry users are also advised that when leaving vehicles on the shoulder of the road, they are at risk of being fined and their vehicle being towed away. Owners who leave vehicles unattended on the side of the road are at risk of obstructing the operations of heavy equipment which is in violation of state law.

2016 Colorado Revised Statutes

Title 42. Vehicles and Traffic

Article 4. Regulation of Vehicles and Traffic

Part 18. Vehicles Abandoned on Public Property

§42-4-1803. Abandonment of motor vehicles

(2) Whenever any (law enforcement) or agency employee finds a motor vehicle attended or unattended, standing upon any portion of a highway right-of-way in such a manner as to constitute an obstruction to traffic or proper highway maintenance, such officer or agency employee is authorized to cause the motor vehicle, vehicle, cargo, or debris to be moved to eliminate any such obstruction.



Do you have building materials you aren't going to use?

Would you like to put them to great use?

Help support a community service project which includes refurbishing some outdated buildings in order to create housing for youth aging out of foster care.

If you would be willing to donate some building materials below (tax deductible!) please text or call Mari Jo (970) 946-9964 for drop off location or potential pickup.

- 800 sqft R19 insulation (batts or roles, partials or holes)
- We are also looking for dressers and end tables.

NOTICE

The new 2019 trash permits for Southern Ute Tribal Members ONLY are now available at the Southern Ute Utilities Office. Hours: Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Thank you,  
Southern Ute  
Utilities Administration,  
16360 HWY 172, Ignacio, CO

Public Service Announcement

2019 Food Safety Training Required for Colorado Cottage Food Producers & Egg Producers. Classes to be held at La Plata County Extension Office, sponsored by the La Plata County Extension Office. Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, CO. \$30 per person. Attendees will receive a Food Certificate for display. Pre-registration is required 4 days in advance. Class is limited to 30 people with a minimum of 6 people. For more information and to pre-register please contact: Angela Fountain – fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us or 970-382-6465. Half day course required by state for certification for cottage food producers & egg producers. The focus will be the requirements for cottage food as a business. Primary topics will include safe food handling, cross contamination, cross contact of food allergens; temperature control, storage, transport and sales, ingredient labeling and disclaimer requirements. Questions and discussion will include business specifics as well as current expectations for selling low risk food items produced in your home kitchen and for the selling of backyard eggs.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

SUPER SUNDAY

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And the winner is...



courtesy Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Club Mentor Coordinator, Cassandra Sanchez holds the bin of raffle tickets while Uriyah Casey draws a winning ticket for the Elk Hunt Raffle on Friday, Dec. 28 in the conference room of the SunUte Community Center as part of their annual fundraiser.

2018 Boys & Girls Club Elk Hunt Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for this year's raffle. Your support for our club is very much appreciated! Also, thank you to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division, Sky Ute Casino, Tyson Thompson, the Sanchez family, and Gardenswartz for donating these awesome prizes! The seven lucky winners are listed below:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize– Mystery Ranch Backpack– Mike Martinez
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize– \$75 Food & Beverage at Sky Ute Casino– Kathy Pannell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize– Custom Benchmade Knife– Robin Duffy– Wirth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize– Deep Bowl Fire Pit– Andy Young
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize– 2 Night Stay at Sky Ute Casino– Robin Wisner
- Grand Prize– Cow Elk Tag– Joe Williams
- Grand Prize– Cow Elk Tag– Ian Davis



Forestry Fuels Program 2018-2019

The Forestry Division is geared up for the 2018-2019 Fuels Program, for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members. Just as a reminder, enrolled tribal members that pick up their wood, may do so on Mondays and Wednesdays. Deliveries to the Elders and Disabled enrolled tribal members will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each enrolled tribal member will be allowed 3/4 Cord of wood per month. New enrollees into our program will need to call 970-563-4780. Please call at least four days in advance, as we only have one delivery truck and wood orders may be delayed until the next scheduled delivery date based on how busy we get each week. If you would like a copy of the Policies and Procedures for our Program, please call 970-563-4780.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
SNOW CLOSURE  
HOTLINE



970-563-4800

TRIBAL HOUSING

Snow plowing for tribal members

Staff report  
TRIBAL HOUSING DEPT.

The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. The order of priority is:  
1. Dialysis Patients  
2. Disabled/Frail Tribal Members  
3. 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/Disabled/Frail Tribal Members 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. Department routes and numbers are as follows:

**Construction Services**  
970-563-0260  
Cedar Point East and West; Cedar Point Townhomes; Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak; Town of Ignacio - Elders, Disabled HWY 172 South from County Rd 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River – South of Bayfield to La Boca Allison and Arboles areas.

**BIA**  
970-563-9484  
BIA does not clear drive-ways. 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.

**Custom Farm**  
970-563-0220  
Snow plowing for Livestock only.

**Forestry Fuels Crew**  
970-563-4780  
Walkways and roof rake. Shovel walkways for: The order of priority is:  
1. Dialysis Patients  
2. Disabled/Frail Tribal Members  
3. Tribal Member Elders  
Roof rake entry only with accumulation of 12” or more.



**Grounds Maintenance**  
970-563-0272  
All campus parking areas Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, Sun Ute, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose and Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, SUCAP, Food Distribution, Parking lots and sidewalks.

**Housing Authority**  
970-563-4575  
Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder. Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak's Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave, and Jefferson Drive.

**Motor Pool**  
970-563-0280  
North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen and Red Mesa Area. Airport and Weasleskin.

GENERAL INFO

During times of snow accumulations of five or more inches, please move your vehicles to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are an Elder or Disabled and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather

reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800.

**Walkways and Roof – Snow Removal**  
Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is:  
1. Dialysis Patients  
2. Disabled/Frail Tribal Members  
3. Tribal Member Elders  
Roof rake at entry only. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Forestry Fuels 970-563-4780.

**Livestock – Snow Plowing**  
Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 970-563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes or any other item out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows. 1st and 2nd Priority Only: Please contact department to notify them of early morning doctor appointments. **Southern Ute Tribe's HOTLINE** 970-563-4800

January MPF Events



**Senior Breakfast**  
**Friday Jan. 11, 2019**  
**10:00—11:30 AM**

**Quilting Class**  
**Wed. & Thurs. Jan 9 & 10**  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM**



**Community Yard Sale**  
**Sat. Jan. 12, 2019**  
**9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Crochet Classes**  
**Sun. Jan. 13, 1:00—4:00 PM**  
**Wed. Jan. 30, 5:30 –7:30 PM**



**January Sip, Chat & Chew Potluck**  
**Friday Jan. 18, 2019 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Annual Storytelling Contest**  
**Funniest, Scariest, Traditional & Misc.**  
**More info on all events call 563-4784**



# 2018: The top 10 news events

## KSUT meets Campaign match



**courtesy KSUT**  
KSUT met a \$1 million challenge match offered by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in late June 2017. The Southern Ute Tribal Council committed to a \$1 million matching fund to support KSUT's capital campaign, with a goal of renovating an existing 5,000 square foot building on the Southern Ute tribal campus in Ignacio, Colo. for the Eddie Box, Jr. Media Center - KSUT's future home. On Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 the Southern Ute Tribal Council hands over the \$1 million check to KSUT for their capital campaign match.

## SunUte proposes skatepark



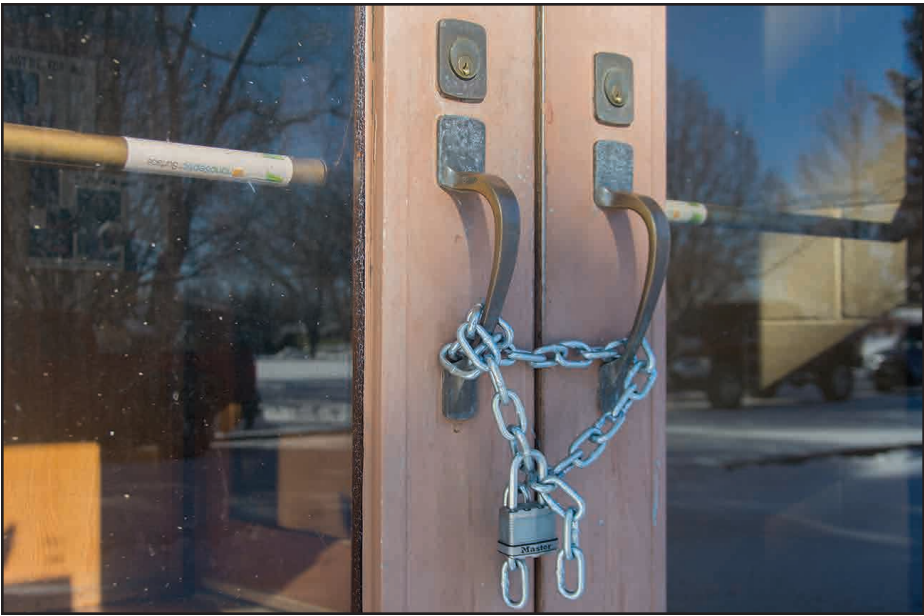
Christina Herrera/SU Drum

A land dedication held on former casino site, Wednesday, Aug. 15. Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC), both past and present, gathered alongside tribal dignitaries and community advocates for a land dedication ceremony, almost six years in the making. Many of the youth in attendance, spoke optimistically about the project that their peers envisaged — skateboards in hand. SunUte Recreation, who spearheads the projects, has continued to receive community input on the proposed skate park from the membership and tribal elders.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

## SUCAP closes after 50 years



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP) closed their doors after 50 years. On August 1, 2018 Tribal Council unanimously agreed to terminate the relationship between the Tribe and SUCAP effective Dec. 31, 2018. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe had maintained a longstanding relationship with SUCAP; in addition to providing direct financial support, the Tribe, since 1966, had applied for and administered grants from the federal government supporting SUCAP. The Head Start program is now evolving under the Southern Colorado Community Action Agency, who will be opening the new Ignacio Early Learning Program in early 2019. This will be a new fee-based program that offers pre-school and toddler classes.

## Shoshonian language reunion



Christina Herrera/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Ute Tribe had the honors of hosting this year's 19th Annual Uto-Aztecan Shoshoean-Numic Conference; the gathering was previously hosted in: Idaho, Nevada and Oklahoma. The Uto-Aztecan Shoshoean-Numic Language Reunion was held in Ignacio from July 23-25 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The three-day reunion started off with a sunrise prayer and ended with the "Retreat of Colors" by the Veterans Association. Participants came from all over Indian Country to engage in cultural workshops and socialize with old friends.



Izabella Howe/SU Drum

## Cedar Point Townhomes



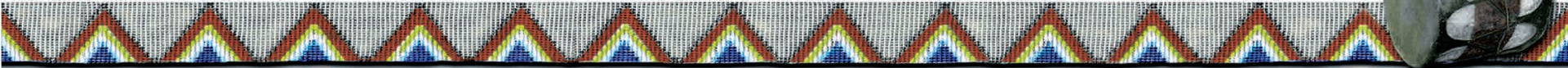
Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

With construction complete, and landscaping in place, Southern Ute Tribal Housing hosted the Grand Opening of the Cedar Point Townhomes, Thursday, Sept. 6. Encouraging tribal members to tour the finished homes and experience Cedar Point's newest neighborhood for themselves. The new neighborhood has stunning views to the north, while many of the new houses offer second story vistas of the surrounding mountain ranges.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum





# of The Southern Ute Drum

## Bear Ears totem finds home



Maria Rivera/Council Affairs



Maria Rivera/Council Affairs

The Southern Ute Museum introduced the newest exhibit to community members and visitors, Sunday, July 22. Over 50 people gathered at SUM to welcome the Bears Ears Totem Pole carved by House of Tears Carvers from the Lummi Nation. The House of Tears Carvers: Jewell James, Douglas James, Heather Dawn and the youngest of the carvers, Kayden Nogueira presented the Bears Ears Totem Pole to the museum; When you touch the totem, you can say prayers as well as receive prayers from it.

## Lake Nighthorse dedicated



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Dignitaries from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Bureau of Reclamation, and the City of Durango gathered at the edge of Lake Nighthorse for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony, Monday, May 14. The reservoir made history with yet another milestone once it opened for public recreation – beginning April 1, 2018.

## Bobcats place in X-country



courtesy Pine River Times

IHS' first cross-country team, boys' or girls', in decades (since members of the graduating Class of 1990 ran in Fall '89), featured freshman Avaleena Nanaeto, sophomore Vanessa Gonzales, junior Brianna Henderson and sophomore Jayden Brunson. Jonas Nanaeto and Elco Garcia, Jr. both running for Bayfield High School, had placed top-15 at the Region I Championships in Aspen, earning them spots in the 2018 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships' Class 3A, Oct. 27, 2018. Jonas Nanaeto finished 42nd out of 160, and Garcia came in 94th overall. IHS freshman Avaleena Nanaeto ran in the Class 2A girls' grand finale, and finished 73rd out of 114.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

## Tribe hosts Tri-Ute Games



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio, June 6-8; returning to the SunUte Community Center once again for the welcoming ceremonies. Young athletes from each of the three Ute tribes competed against each other in a variety of sports including: archery, basketball, volleyball, golf, running, traditional hand game and a warrior challenge. Guest speakers, evening activities and a photo booth added to the multi-day sporting event, which encouraged friendly competition and sportsmanship among Ute athletes.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

## Jungle Gym opens doors



Virgil Morgan/SunUte

Southern Ute tribal member Daniel Rohde and partner Allison Kardas recently opened their own gym in Durango called Jungle Gym. Offering personal training, as well as group classes, Jungle Gym is open for all ages and fitness levels. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, a field trip coordinated by SunUte Recreation staff took kids to the Jungle Gym in Durango, Colo. which gave the youth an opportunity to learn the proper way to train from the fitness center's owner, Rhode.



Maria Rivera/SU Drum





2019 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINE & PUBLICATION DATES

Drum Deadlines	Publication Dates	Federally Recognized Holidays and Tribal Holidays	Southern Ute Tribal Administration Closures
Dec. 26	Jan. 4	New Year's Day (1/1)	Tribal offices closed (1/1)
Jan. 14	Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/21)	Tribal offices closed (1/21)
Jan. 29	Feb. 1		
Feb. 11	Feb. 15	President's Day (2/18)	Tribal offices closed (2/18)
Feb. 25	Mar. 1		
Mar. 11	Mar. 15		
Mar. 25	Mar. 29		
Apr. 8	Apr. 12		
Apr. 22	Apr. 26		
May 6	May 10		
May 20	May 24	Memorial Day (5/27)	Tribal offices closed (5/27)
Jun. 3	Jun. 7		
Jun. 17	Jun. 21		
Jun. 27*	Jul. 3	Independence Day (7/4)	Tribal offices closed (7/4-7/5)
Jul. 15	Jul. 19	Sun Dance Feast (7/11)	
Jul. 29	Aug. 2		
Aug. 12	Aug. 16		
Aug. 26	Aug. 30		
Sep. 9	Sep. 13	Labor Day (9/2)	Tribal offices closed (9/2)
Sep. 23	Sep. 27		
Oct. 7	Oct. 11		
Oct. 21	Oct. 25		
Nov. 4	Nov. 8	Veterans Day (11/11)	Tribal offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 18	Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day (11/28)	Tribal offices closed (11/28-11/29)
Dec. 2	Dec. 6	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10)	Tribal offices closed (12/9-12/10)
Dec. 16	Dec. 20	Christmas Day (12/25)	Tribal offices closed (12/25)
Dec. 27*	Jan. 3, 2019	New Year's Day (1/1/19)	Tribal offices closed (1/1, 2020)

\*Early Drum Deadlines

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The Southern Ute Drum  
2019 Advertising Rates

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Quarter	4.3975" x 10"	3 col. x 10"	Vertical	\$ 270	\$ 688	\$ 1,134
Half	10" x 10"	6 col. x 10"	Horizontal	\$ 540	\$ 1,377	\$ 2,268
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CIRCULATION

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DEADLINE

The deadline for each issue is 5 p.m. the preceding MONDAY. (Unless indicated as an EARLY Deadline in The Southern Ute Drum's Deadline & Publication Dates, see schedule). All materials, including copy and camera-ready logos, artwork and photos, must be submitted on time.

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**The Drum also offers display ads to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and non-profit organizations at half the regular rate.**

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Young bread makers



courtesy Jennifer Goodtracks

Terena Box Hight, Dominick GoodTracks, Mamie-Ruth Burch, and Dimitre Burch show off their fresh baked yeast bread rolls (not pictured is Morgan Jameson). These young tribal members found time to attend the yeast bread class taught by tribal Elder Lucy Olguin, the cooking workshop was held at the Southern Ute-Multi Purpose facility on Sunday, Dec. 23.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Happy Birthday Keelyn

Cute and pretty, beautiful and loving.  
Charming and bubbly, innocent & friendly.  
My Dear daughter, you are all of the above,  
endless for you is our love.  
Happy Birthday!

Love, Momma



Happy birthday baby girl!

Although you are no longer a baby, you are a strong, gifted granddaughter! I love you Keelyn. Love always, Papa.

Missing you on your birthday in Heaven  
Leah S. Weaver



As I visit your resting place on this special day  
Again I feel the sadness that will never go away.  
Forever since you've been gone,  
life hasn't been the same.  
Yet it comforts me to know,  
that day we'll be together again  
until that day arrives,  
I'll relive each memory  
of the happy times we shared together.  
For, I miss you so much  
My lovely daughter  
words can not convey,  
The extent of the joy that you brought me.

Forever in our hearts,  
Faith, Anthony & LD

In loving memory of Victoria Waratza Taylor

"Missing you on your birthday in Heaven"  
A mother's love is special  
A gift beyond compare  
You, only know the meaning  
When she is no longer there  
A special time  
A special face  
A special mom  
I can't replace  
with an aching heart  
I whisper low  
I miss you mom  
and love you so



Your daughter,  
Faith





## STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

HAPPY NEW YEAR CAPRICORN! A SUN/ SATURN connection on the 1st, leaves little doubt there might be others around you who will try to distract you from completing your main intentions. On the 5th the SOLAR ECLIPSE in CAPRICORN sets up a no-nonsense agenda that keeps you busy through the 19th. Prior to that on the 11th a SUN/PLUTO influence has you feeling more determined than ever to be in control of your daily routine. That feeling of satisfaction becomes more satisfying as you get closer to your goals.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

This is the time of year when many of us take stock of our achievements, or unsuccessful ventures. For you AQUARIUS most of your changes were influenced by your planetary ruler URANUS. Friendships may have moved in and out of your life, like a speeding roller coaster. However AQUARIAN'S like a lot of change, and excitement, but soon things may slow down a little. On March 7th URANUS enters the fixed, and stable earth sign of TAURUS. This shift may have you staying closer to your home base.

### ♐ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Most of the month has been sandwiched between two Eclipses. The first one occurs on the 5th along with the NEW MOON. It launches an opportunity for you to follow your dreams. Pursue them in a practical manner PISCES. Later on the 20th, a TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE in the sign of LEO indicates a cycle of pure exuberance, and entertainment. If the weather cooperates you'll be able to see our nearest neighbor begin its Eclipse dance about 7:30 pm MST, with totality about 10:30pm. Enjoy the show, its FREE.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

BIG NEWS! It has been almost a year since MARS was at home in its own sign of ARIES. The fiery RED one known for its highly active nature will enter your sign on the 2nd. Because of its restless nature it will only be there until Valentines Day. There are two actions that MARS may trigger. One is to endow you with abundant energy, and the other is to provoke you into arguments. The choice is yours ARIES. The LUNAR ECLIPSE on the 20th favors a creative switch to a more loving, enjoyable atmosphere.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

A friendly grouping of planets have lined up in the long distance travel section of your Horoscope. It's possible they might have you thinking of planning a journey. You may be motivated to do that in July. Visiting kinfolk could be fun. Travel to new and more exciting destinations may also be tempting. VENUS and JUPITER are currently influencing a money area of your chart with good luck. Maintain your excellent financial skills. You have a mystical ability to attract cash, and paper money.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

You may long for happier relationships GEMINI. With VENUS and JUPITER currently living in your partnership zone it may be possible. It has to work both ways, with you and your companion connecting on an equal basis. The main focus of this month's forecast also involves finances. A SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 5th encourages a more promising cycle related to money. Don't obsess over difficulties. Instead find better ways to manage. MARS in the sign of ARIES now might help stimulate helpful ideas.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

SATURN, the planet of rules and limitations currently stands defiantly in opposition to your sign Moon Kids. Its placement may have you at odds with a spouse or significant other. In addition to that, A SOLAR ECLIPSE/ NEW MOON on the 5th joins MERCURY, and PLUTO. Together they set the tone for the month of January. Their planetary message is important, and meaningful. What you learn this month may be of good use to you. The bottom line is to think first. Emotion driven decisions may not work.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

A SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 5th may divert your attention to matters of work and health. It's time to lift your spirits LEO. Rise above the challenging aura that might have been hanging over you like a fog. Where's that famous LEO SMILE? Instead tune in to VENUS and JUPITER. They are proven gloom chasers. An optimistic mindset is a definite asset this month. Do what you can to welcome a more light hearted energy into your daily routine. Find enjoyable activities, or hobbies. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

The luck and money planets VENUS and JUPITER are residing in your domestic 4th house. You might be pleasantly surprised with a monetary gift from them. The SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 5th launches a beneficial cycle. The planets are in a generous, and fun loving mode now. Breathe in some of that energy VIRGO. Put your personal intentions up front. Your caring nature always takes care of others first. You're probably familiar with that old saying about “all work and no play. So go play already VIRGO.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Welcome to a brand NEW YEAR LIBRA FOLKS! The planets have lined up a good deal of action. To begin with you may want to enjoy what's left of the holidays. Rest and relaxation on the 1st may be the ideal activity. MERCURY slips into the sign of CAPRICORN on the 4th and may disturb your domestic harmony Practice patience, there's no need to involve yourself in useless, petty bickering. This is a good month to conjure up your superior diplomatic skills. Sincere conversations may be more effective.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

The planets are on the move this month and PLUTO your planetary ruler is in the mix. The big news of the month is a SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 5th. This type of eclipse generally indicates a fresh change is coming in about six months. No worries SCORPIO, the outcome is likely to have you smiling. Meanwhile your daily routine may be taken up with activities you enjoy. Take this opportunity to complete chores that you haven't finished. Be persistent, and keep at it until they are totally done.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Your luck prevails Saggies! VENUS enters your sign on the 7th and teams up with JUPITER, the wish granting planet. On the 19th VENUS connects with MARS forming a rewarding trine. It's a productive aspect that will easily allow more satisfaction with close relationships. Both business, and personal money matters might be demanding until after the 25th. Until then SATURN, and PLUTO will continue to monitor your spending habits. Your options may be limited. Spend wisely, and responsibly.

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## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



Courtesy Lisa Olguin/SunUte

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute kids listening to stories of Ute People at the Telluride ski resort during a recent field trip organized by the two tribe's respective recreation departments, Saturday, Dec. 15. The youth participated in snowboarding lessons, ice skating and evening social activities with their peers throughout the weekend in Telluride, Colo.

### UTE YOUTH SKI WEEKEND

Youngsters from the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribal recreation programs and their chaperones – 50 folks in all – got to ski for free at the Telluride Ski Resort two weeks ago, thanks to a program spearheaded by the Telluride Institute (thanks Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, Audrey Marnoy, Mandy White).

“It's exciting to be able to continue the cultural exchanges and sharing with our Ute neighbors due to the generosity and support of the Telluride community,” said Art Goodtimes, Telluride Institute's Ute Reconciliation Program director.

The Ski Area supplied the tickets and the ski instructors for skiing and snowboarding (thanks Bill Jenkins, Jeff Proteau, Lisa Morgan, Kyle Lusk). Telluride Sports provided the equipment (thanks Nathan Frerichs, Amanda Cole). Telluride Alpine Lodging provided lodging (thanks Jenny, Chris, Lisa).

Thanks to Ki'a Whiteskunk and Crystal White of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's recreation department for making all the arrangements, driving the kids up from Towaoc and back, and helping chaperone the group with

volunteers from the reservation.

Thanks to Virgil Morgan of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sun-Ute Recreation Program for making all the arrangements on his end, driving and chaperoning with volunteers from Ignacio.

Thanks to Manuel Heart with helping pay for food for both groups. Thanks to Pamela & John Lifton-Zoline for supplying cooked chickens for the Friday night arrivals. Thanks to Durfee Day and San Miguel County (Hilary, Joan, Kris) for helping with funding. And most of all, thanks to White and Lopez-Whiteskunk for serving as hosts for both groups over the weekend.

The Institute is beginning planning with Sheep Mountain Alliance and others to sponsor a hiking/biking outing for Ute families this summer, as well as a potluck get-together. For information, visit our website [www.tellurideinstitute.org/ute-reconciliation](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org/ute-reconciliation)

Art Goodtimes

Program Director

Telluride Institute's

Ute Reconciliation Program

[www.tellurideinstitute.org/ute-reconciliation](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org/ute-reconciliation)



Courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
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## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS

### We're looking for volunteers

to beef up our helping hands. All events listed require different duties. For more information contact the Behavioral Coordinator; Journii Nez, and ask for the event you would like to help with.

AND on the other hand, if you have special interests or talents come join club and share your talent with us as a program volunteer, and/or join us as a Mentor!

If you or someone you know is interested contact Journii Nez for more details  
970.563.2692 or [jonez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jonez@southernute-nsn.gov)

### Volunteer Events:

**January 2019:** Snowdown  
**June 2019:** Summer Club BBQ  
**July 2019:** San Ignacio Parade  
**August 2019:** Summer Club BBQ  
**September 2019:** Southern Ute Fair Parade  
**October 2019:** Halloween Carnival





### Seeking Tribal Member Involvement and Input for Drought Management

The Water Resources Division is seeking Southern Ute Tribal Member involvement and input on an upcoming Drought Management Plan for the Tribe. The Drought Management Plan will seek to address how tribal staff will monitor, mitigate, assess vulnerabilities, and respond to drought situations. The goal of the plan is to reduce the impacts of drought on the membership and tribal resources. The plan is expected to be complete by Spring 2019. If you would like to be involved in this drought planning process please contact the Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482 or by email at [astraub@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:astraub@southernute-nsn.gov).

### Comment Period Extended

### Seeking Tribal Member Comment

Tribal Council has extended the Tribal Member Comment Period on the Tribe’s proposed HEARTH Act Regulations.

*Residential, Business, and Agricultural Leasing Code & Tribal Environmental Review Policy*

Tribal Council is considering adopting HEARTH Act regulations, including a *Residential, Business, and Agricultural Leasing Code* and a *Tribal Environmental Review Policy* and it is seeking input from the tribal membership. Tribal members can view related materials and submit comments via the Tribal Member Portal. Here’s how:

1. Log in to your [Tribal Member Portal](#)
2. Navigate to the News page and locate the HEARTH Act post.
3. Access the materials by clicking on the links on the bottom of the page
4. Submit your comments by January 14, 2019

You can also submit written comments to:

Ms. Jamie Rivera  
Legal Department  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
[jrivera@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jrivera@southernute-nsn.gov)

If you have any questions or if you prefer to have the materials mailed to you, please call Jamie Rivera in the Legal Department at 970-563-2141. You can also pick up copies of the materials from Tribal Council Affairs, the Executive Officers, and the Legal Department.

### Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

#### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing date 1/18/19 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. 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 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Board Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgsu.org](http://www.bgsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, 2018.

#### GAMING COMMISSION

Closing date 1/25/19 – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for alternate seats. The term will be for three years. 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; Must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; 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 CR 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 PM, Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. Questions, call Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

#### POWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Attention: Tribal Members & other Natives. The Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to nurture and promote a positive impression of the Southern Ute Tribe through songs, dances and other activities to preserve the culture. The Committee is a non-paid committee and meets bi-monthly. Interested Tribal members can submit letter of intent to the Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 737-16, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand deliver to Hilda Burch at the TERO Dept. or email to [hburch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:hburch@southernute-nsn.gov).

#### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

#### TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR YOUTH VACANCY ON WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – 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. 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. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

## Sweet Dreams Giveaway

Saturdays in January

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### Notice to the Tribal Membership

#### Deceased Tribal Member Information

The Tribal Information Services (TIS) Department will no longer provide information on deceased tribal members without the consent of the immediate family. The newly established policy is to provide the family the right to privacy. TIS will notify only the Departments that provide direct services to the membership. The flags will continue to be lowered in honor of the deceased.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

## NOTICE

Southern Ute Tribal Members 18 and over who are requesting personal information such as, copies of birth certificates, tribal identification cards, social security numbers, Certificate of Indian Blood, state and federal tax verifications, address changes, name changes or any other documents must contact the Department of Tribal Information Services, Vital Statistics Office at (970) 563-0100 extension 2302.

Personal information will NOT be provided to anyone else (parents, grandparents, etc ) without a signed Release of Information.

## NOTICE

### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Beginning October 1, 2018, the Tribal Information Services Department will begin assessing a \$10 replacement fee on all Tribal Identification Cards. Thereafter, replacement fees will increase incrementally with each request.

Tribal Information Services Department (970) 563-2250  
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

**ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
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Administrative Assistant

Closing 1/9/19 – Under the general supervision of the Construction Services Division Head, provides accounting and secretarial support to Southern Ute Tribe Construction Services Division; performing basic accounting and clerical duties. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Active Kid Care Leader

Open until filled – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade 10; \$9.01/hour.

Air Enforcement Coordinator

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager 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 Part 70 Operating Permit Program.

Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled – Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Custodian

Open until filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Dispatcher

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Endocrinologist (Part-time)

Open until filled – Providing specialty endocrinology services e to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Family Court Caseworker

Open until filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annual

Internal Auditor

Open until filled – Performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess risk and identify control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit

processes and procedures, serves as project manager of the Performance Management and Key Performance Indicator program, and recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and profitability. Reports functionally to Tribal Council and administratively to the Tribal Council Chair (or delegate).

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Patrol Officer

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 19; \$21.32/hour.

Physical Therapist

Open until filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Police Sergeant

Open until filled – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Open until filled – Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Security Officer

Open until filled – Will provide security throughout the Tribal Campus. Patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache-Capote building. Assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Speech & Language Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

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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.

Bowling Shift Leader/Party Coordinator (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Responsible for all aspects of center’s operations, including entertainment, equipment, and company initiatives in the absence of the Bowling Coordinator and Bowling Manager. Coordinating events and parties, performing cold calls and reaching out to local businesses and past customers for returning business. Must consistently deliver exceptional guest service and build these relations through soliciting feedback, addressing and resolving customer complaints.

Busser (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Performs multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 16 years old. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able to read and write at an 8th grade level. Must have basic mathematic skills.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by facilities management and/or supervisor. Will clean food and beverage facilities and equipment. High school diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to take and provide written and oral direction in English. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, holidays and weekends. Must have excellent attendance. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and a willingness to learn. Must be positive and willing to work in a multi-cultural team environment. Must be able to qualify for and maintain a Southern Ute Division of Gaming License. Always remains sensitive to cultural diversity in the work place.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Demonstrates ability to develop teamwork and follow instructions. Must be organized. Must be sensitive to cultural diversity in the workplace. Must be physically capable of performing the duties outlined.

\*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma or GED preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills.

\*HVAC Controls Specialist (Full-time)

Open until filled – Responsible for the integrity and functionality of the facility Building Automation System (BAS), electrical and mechanical functions, environmental controls and conditions. The controls systems of the Sky Ute

Casino Resort consist of Automated Logic and Clever Brook Hawk Controls Systems. Insuring smooth operations of the Casino’s Central Plant equipment along with other major mechanical components for the facilities climate control system; by providing collaboration and oversight, diagnostic and repair, preventative maintenance oversight on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including; Boilers, Chillers AHU’s, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a degree or certification from a 2 year technical school/college with an emphasis in HVAC & Controls and a minimum of 6 years related experience or 12 years equivalent combination of education and experience in HVAC Control Systems and Equipment in a similar sized property. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Previous experience with DDC, PLC or similar Ladder-Logic programming is considered. Commercial/industrial field service experience with any of the following automated controls systems: (Automated Logic, Carrier, Johnson Controls, Trane, Andover).

Line Cook (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In House training or presently attending school. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and willingness to learn. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-Call, Full-time)

Open until filled – 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. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

\*Surveillance Agent (Full-time)

Closing 1/7/19 – Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must be extremely detail oriented and observant. Must be able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to read and comprehend directions and instructions. Must be able to write coherent reports. Must successfully pass test demonstrating proficiency in surveillance and camera review. Basic knowledge or understanding of casino gaming is preferred. Knowledge of rules of Blackjack, Three Card Poker, various Poker Games, Craps and Roulette is preferred.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) for full job details and to apply online.

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Gas Measurements Supervisor – Red Cedar Gathering Co.

Closing 1/9/19, 5 pm – Coordinating and overseeing all gas measurement related activities and work tasks, to include RCGC measurement standards and coordination of new projects as they relate to gas measurement. Annual operating and capital budget preparations for Measurement Department. Supervises all Gas Measurement and Gas Chromatography Technician positions. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must have ten years’ experience with installation, operation, calibration, maintenance and troubleshooting of natural gas measurement equipment, including orifice meter tubes, remote terminal units (RTUs), solar panels, batteries, and radio telemetry communication equipment. Must have proficiency in sizing meter tubes in accordance with industry and regulatory codes and standards, installation and programming of RTUs (Kimray, TotalFlow, and FlowBoss), and installation and troubleshooting of radio telemetry equipment. Must have five years’ experience with installation, operation, calibration, maintenance, and troubleshooting of instrumentation, controls and control valves in natural gas production, gathering, treating, or processing. Must be proficient in understanding and interpreting industry and regulatory codes and standards as they relate to natural gas measurement, including ANSI, API, AGA, and BLM. Must have working knowledge of gas sampling and gas chromatography used in determining gas quality. Must be able to interpret pipeline plat drawings, maps, electrical schematics, and valve set drawings. Must have experience in a supervisory role. Must have working knowledge of analyzing and managing lost and unaccounted for gas in a natural gas gathering system. Computer experience, with experience in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, is required. Must have good mathematical skills. Must be able to work a rotating workweek on-call schedule, including

one week on duty and one week off duty. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under Red Cedar’s vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Office Manager – Red Cedar Gathering Co.

Closing 1/10/19, 5 pm – Provides day-to-day office management and support to Red Cedar Gathering Company. Preparation of correspondence and reports, maintaining filing systems, coordinates the flow and processing of paperwork. Maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment including interaction with building maintenance. Presents a positive and professional image to Red Cedar and Growth Fund employees, and the public. Minimum Qualifications: An Associates Degree in business, accounting, secretarial, or related field, and three years’ experience in a responsible senior level administrative position or a position supporting senior management; OR a high school diploma or equivalent and seven years experience in a responsible senior level administrative position or a position supporting senior management is required. Must be highly responsible and self-reliant. Must possess good organizational skills in order to keep track of multiple projects proceeding at various stages. Must be detail oriented with clear and effective communication skills, and be able to work both as a member of a team or committee or independently with a minimum of supervision. Must be detail oriented with strong critical thinking, communication, and organizational skills. Must be able to type and input numerical data with accuracy and speed. Computer experience, with advanced knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint required. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under Red Cedar’s vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Ways for tribal members and others to get involved in the Polis Administration Transition

Below is a link that discusses the telephone “town halls” the Polis Administration is having with Colorado citizens regarding the transition. There is also a link in this document that will allow folks to connect to these “town halls” as well as the calendar for themes and topics to be discussed.

<http://www.cpr.org/story/gov-elects-team-looks-forward-to-hearing-from-you>







FLY FISHING

It's a New Year, now what?

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Christmas has come and gone, and as usual, most of the items on my wish list are still there. We don't have world peace, hunger is still around, happy political parties are still a fiction, I think Denver fell off the map and took its T.V. channels with it, and I still don't have a female river helper. I do have new wading boots, the cigar of my choice, and lots of new fresh snow. All-in-all, the fly fishing for 2019 is looking pretty good.

So, if like me, you have some new gear, where is the best and closest place to try it out? With the new snow, the Animas River would be pretty testy. That leaves the good old standby, the San Juan River. The San Juan presents a great opportunity without spending lots of money on travel, lodging, and salt water guides. Before writing about fly fishing on the San Juan River, I checked my files to see how often I had written on that subject. Sure enough, I have penned several columns on fly fishing the San Juan. So, I hope I don't repeat myself. And if I do, hopefully you are a new reader or forgetful.

Similar to other people, I like to fly fish in relative isolation. That can make the San Juan a challenge. I like to park in the Texas Hole parking lot and head downstream, walking on the service road. When I get to the big gravel pile, I head to the river. This puts me at a location where the main channel is upstream, and the entrance to the back channels downstream. At this location I can fish for bigger, and smarter, fish upstream. Or, go after smaller and less- educated fish, using



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dry flies, in the back channels. If you know anything about me, you know which way I'm headed.

I fished this location before Christmas. While in this general area I had one other fly fisherman go past me; it seemed most people had gone upstream. I had great success with a small Parachute Adams, and a Woolly Bugger.

If you drive further downstream you will find parking in the Munoz lot will give you lots of opportunities. The ponds and a pool in this area have carp in them. The carp don't see many fly fishers so the striking and catching can be very good. They will eat a dry fly that floats low in the water. However,

I've found the most successful fly is a green Woolly Bugger that looks like wilted lettuce.

If carp aren't your cup of tea, follow the trail from the parking lot to the river. If you haven't fished at this location before, you are now standing in a back channel. The main channel is downstream; upstream keeps you in the back channels. Again, I find lots of smaller, less intelligent, trout in this area. If the beaver have been active, there are small ponds up and down the back channel. Approach them with stealth and you might be rewarded with trout sipping dries.

The third area I suggest, is one I haven't fished in some time. I will remedy that in short order. Don't be afraid to park, on the shoulder, across the river from Cottonwood camp ground. (Just because you're by the highway, don't forget your parking sticker.) When standing along the road overlooking this part of the river, you'll see some large ponds just down the hill from where you're standing. Approach them with stealth, and look for undisturbed fish enjoying a day in the sun. From here wade into the stream. This is the main channel, but is not heavily fly fished. It is more difficult to access, plus many of the drift boats have pulled off the river before getting to this point. During the summer you can expect to see people fishing this area from the campground.

Give these three areas a try while using your new fly fishing gear. And should you see an old curmudgeon, without a pretty river helper, smoking a great cigar, and standing in new wading boots, stop and say "hi". I love to fly fish with friendly folks.

Senior Breakfast



Friday Jan. 11, 2019  
10:00—11:30 AM

Multi-Purpose Facility

Event is open to the  
Ignacio Area Senior Citizens

More information: 970-563-4784

The Southern Ute Drum's  
Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Pak ---, Chinese cabbage  
5 Ancestral Pueblo building material  
10 Paint unskillfully  
11 --- Blanca, 19th century Weeminuche leader  
13 The Bear Dance, for one  
14 Dusky?  
15 Bad aroma  
16 "Is anybody going to San ---?" (Charley Pride)  
17 Mobsters  
19 Skin lump  
20 Fox partner in Oklahoma  
21 One of the Poor Clares  
23 Mad cow disease  
25 Wrapped meat and vegetables  
29 Neck and neck  
31 Vivacity  
32 Herbal infusion  
33 Early Christian pulpit  
34 Egoist cracks up for a smoke  
35 Stool pigeon  
36 Opportunist kind of thief  
37 Sorrowful exclamation

DOWN

- 1 Music medium  
2 Leading contributors to Northwest Coast art  
3 Such as Maryland crabs in winter  
4 Where the Spanish came from  
5 Temporarily be  
6 Becoming light  
7 Final notice?  
8 For Homo Sapiens, 97 degrees Fahrenheit, for example  
9 Web mag  
12 Sawbuck  
18 Orwell superstate  
22 University of Illinois site  
23 Automated programs  
24 Agitated states  
26 Homer's tongue  
27 Seventh sign of the zodiac  
28 Peers  
30 Wedding attendant

Answers for this crossword will appear in Jan. 18 issue of the Drum.

Answers for crossword for Dec. 21 issue of the Drum

ACROSS: 1 Sass, 5 Cocoa, 10 Umma, 11 Mamaci, 12 Dial, 13 Aleuts, 14 Agra, 15 Tinsel, 16 Not deep, 18 Ete, 19 Pox, 20 End, 22 S SE, 24 Arrears, 28 Apollo, 30 VSOP, 31 Caputa, 32 At no, 33 Killed, 34 Dido, 35 Snead, 36 Aral.  
DOWN: 1 Sudan, 2 Amigo, 3 Smart People, 4 Salado, 5 Caliper, 6 Omen, 7 Caused a stir, 8 Octet, 9 Aisle, 11 Mate, 17 Exalted, 21 Nevada, 22 Sacks, 23 Spain, 25 Road, 26 Ronda, 27 Spool, 29 Lula.

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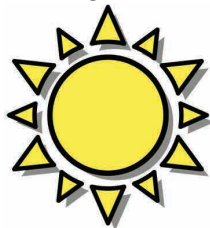
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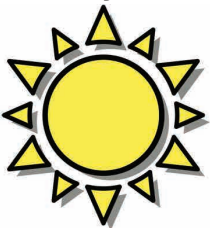
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Friday, Jan. 4



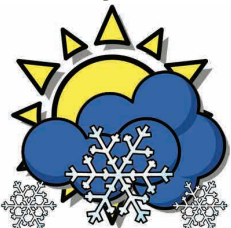
32°F sunny

Saturday, Jan. 5



41°F mostly sunny

Sunday, Jan. 6



35°F cloudy  
Snow showers likely

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

