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Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council members Elijah Weaver, Lexy Young and Jazmin Carmenoros share ideas about the agenda and answer questions from Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Cedric Chavez about the election during the regular business meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Southern Ute Education.

### EDUCATION

## Youth Council reorganizes, reflects and recruits

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As the terms of all the current Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) members come to an end, they are encouraging, recruiting and preparing their peers to take over their previous positions for the next two years.

“We are here to support the youth and each other,” Chairwoman Jazmin Carmenoros stated. “Joining the Youth Council hasn’t just been fun, it has helped me gain confidence and has helped me with public speaking.”

The youth council not only volunteers at events in the community, but they all attend bi-weekly council meetings and host the annual Jimmy Newton Youth Leadership Conference for all youth from the three Ute sister tribes to attend. Each council member has been dedicated to being a voice and leader for the tribal youth. They are not only setting an example in academic achievements, but are also helping with cultural activities and other significant events important to the tribal community.

In their term alone, each council member has found a cause to support and advocate for. For the past two years all council members have attended planning sessions, public meetings and

have even presented to tribal departments about the importance of creating a public space for families and community members to come together. The space that they have all envisioned and agreed upon is an outdoor skatepark, a place where new comers and seasoned skaters can meet and teach each other new tricks. “The skatepark is probably what I am most proud of being a part of since joining council,” Councilman Nate Hendren stated. “By backing up the project, we’re using our voice to help create something good.”

Each year the council hosts the Jimmy Newton Youth Leadership Conference to help youth from the area and the two sister tribes learn about their history, gain skills and work together. All Native American youth between the ages of 11-18 can attend and are encouraged to give ideas of what they would like to see as far as guest speakers, work sessions and entertainment. The Youth Council was created back in 2003 by Tribal Council but didn’t take off until Jimmy R. Newton Jr. re-amped the program and helped welcome a full Youth Council of seven young tribal members in 2014. Since then the council has stayed busy and honors his leadership with the annual conference.

In the by-laws of the SCSYAC it states that the council is needed so the voices of the tribe’s youth can be heard, and that they are going to provide opportunities for the young people which include facing important issues together. In order to grow and be heard, the enlistment of young tribal members is necessary.

“We are not just a bunch of kids, we’re leaders,” Hendren explained. “But we can’t speak for the youth if they don’t tell us what they want.” This year the council has stepped their game up and has attended events that support not only the young, but ones that help the elderly. They have read stories to the infants in the primary classes at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and have volunteered numerous times at the Elder’s Celebration dinners; they even participate in the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. They are looking for more ways to directly help and impact the lives of their peers.

The council members have benefited in many ways from this program and they look forward to helping their peers and themselves. Council members expressed that they are available to talk with anyone about new ideas and events. “All of us want to help anyway we can – if you

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### GROWTH FUND

## Growth Fund hires one of their own as VP of Human Resources

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Growth Fund has hired Maria Baker, a Southern Ute tribal member, as the Vice President of Human Resources. She assumed the responsibilities as VP on Monday, Jan. 6.

“I am excited for this opportunity. I appreciate the support I have received from the Directors and Tribal Council. I am going to build on the foundation I received while working for Cathy Otten, learning from her expertise for the past 14 years,” stated Baker.

Baker started her professional career with the Southern Ute Department of Education in 2001, training under Lee Briggs, and taking over responsibility as the Distance



Maria Baker  
Vice President  
Human Resources  
Southern Ute Growth Fund

Learning Coordinator helping to bring degreed programs to the Southern Ute tribal members on the reservation. After working in education for four years, Baker received an unpassable opportunity within the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources

as the Tribal Members Employment Coordinator. Her background with education proved to be helpful in transitioning tribal members into positions within the Southern Ute Growth Fund. She has spent 18 years with the Tribe and most recently as the HR Training Coordinator and Assistant HR Manager.

Baker received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Fort Lewis College in 2000.

As an avid outdoorsman, she currently sits on the Southern Ute Wildlife Advisory Board and in her downtime enjoys hunting and fishing. She has sat on the KSUT Board of Directors, Del Alma Board of Directors, and the Durango Adult Education Board of Directors. Baker also enjoys spending time with family.

### DETENTION CENTER

## Tribal Council evaluating future of Southern Ute Detention Center

Staff Report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

On Oct. 9, 2019, the Tribe announced the decision to close the Southern Ute Detention Center no later than December 31, 2019.

Tribal Council has been committed to determining

ways the Permanent Fund could operate in the most cost-effective manner.

Since that decision was made, Tribal Council reconsidered the determining factors, including new solutions to offset operational expenses. The Southern Ute Detention Center

will remain open pending additional review.



### CULTURAL PRESERVATION

## Briggs completes apprenticeship program for NAGPRA position

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Garrett W. Briggs stepped into the position of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Apprentice for the Southern Ute Cultural Department in May of 2017.

Briggs has now successfully completed the term of the apprenticeship program, working under the supervision of former Cultural Dept. Director, Edward Box III and current acting Cultural Dept. Director Corliss Taylor, having been mentored by Alden Naranjo Jr. and daughter, Cassandra Atencio through the Tribe’s apprentice program.

Key projects that Briggs spearheaded include: Leading the collaborative development of the current digital and physical database for the NAGPRA office, MOV on Boulder County Open Space by appointment of Vice Chairman Frost, in addition to working closely with Naranjo and Atencio on cases under NAGPRA, the state process, and the National Historic Preservation Act to protect Ute ancestors and ancestral sites.

“The Southern Ute ap-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice, Garrett Briggs, finishes his two-year training program under Cultural Preservation.

prenticeship program provided me with an opportunity to achieve a personal and professional goal – to use my education obtained through the tribal scholarship program and serve our community. While gaining practical professional experience, I was also able to learn about our culture, community, history, and language, for which I am eternally grateful. I will always cherish those moments and memories,” expressed Briggs.

The next step for the Cultural Preservation Dept. and the NAGPRA office is to have the INA reviewed for the NAGPRA male counterpart position – opposite of Atencio. The INA refers to an Internal Needs Assessment.

“My hope is that the estab-

lishment of the NAGPRA Coordinator Male-counterpart position will further our communities’ voice when it comes to protecting, preserving and perpetrating our cultural heritage for future generations,” he said.

The establishment of the NAGPRA Coordinator Male-counterpart supports Tribal Council’s Mission to establish a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), which was first verbally discussed among Tribal Council in 1993, Briggs explained. The first printed mention of establishing a THPO is stated in a letter regarding SUIT Resolution 00-221, between Alden Naranjo and Clement J. Frost, dated August 8, 1998. Resolution

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## KSUT center nears completion



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

As the KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center nears Jan. 31 substantial completion, workers frame the front steps and ADA ramp, in preparation for concrete to be poured. Doors, carpeting, flooring, and interior fixtures are being installed. The new media center will house state-of-the-art radio broadcasting and recording equipment, with a larger studio for in-house live performances. Stay tuned to KSUT radio and look to the Southern Ute Drum for future updates and information.





GROWTH FUND

# Southern Ute Tribe appoints new Director of Energy

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has appointed Kourtney Hadrick as the new Director of Energy for the Southern Ute Growth Fund. She will begin on Monday, Jan. 6.

Hadrick has over 22 years of technical and management experience in the oil and gas and petrochemical industries. She has held various leadership roles with the Tribe’s energy businesses since 2012, most recently as the President/CEO for both Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka Energy, LLC. Prior to her employment with the Tribe, Hadrick was employed by BP America Production Company. Her experience with BP included engineering, operations, and multiple management positions for upstream and



**Kourtney Hadrick**  
Director of Energy  
Southern Ute Growth Fund

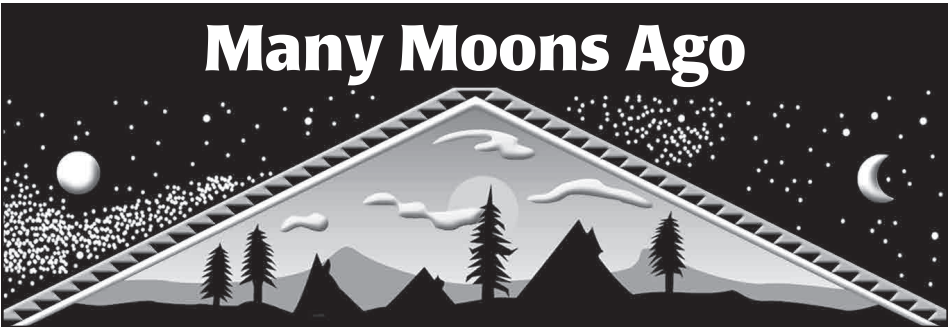
midstream assets located in Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, and Wyoming.

Hadrick holds her Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and a Management Certificate from MIT Sloan Business School.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the En-

ergy Director for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I am looking forward to working with the Tribal Council, the Directors, Growth Fund Management Committee and the organization in my new role. Together, we will ensure the Tribe is a strategic leader in safe, environmentally responsible, and efficient energy production; the value of the Tribe’s current energy portfolio is maximized; and the talent within the organization and the membership are developed to meet the current and future needs of the business,” stated Hadrick.

Hadrick has been married to Rob Hadrick for 17 years and they have three children: Will (15), Ellie (14), and Maddi (8). Away from the office, Hadrick enjoys spending time with her family, yoga, running, skiing, and mountain biking.



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Walkers of the “Saa Swanis-hiswaqs” Memorial New Year’s Day Sobriety Walk take their first steps into the new year and the frosty morning, as they make their way towards Ignacio along Highway 171 from the Colorado-New Mexico Stateline.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 31, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Younger members of the Southern Ute Heritage Performers put their signatures on the 2000 Tribal Calendar in the Tribal Council Chambers on January 7, 2000. Pictured (left to right) is Natahnee Winder, Alan Herrera Jr., Lindsay Box, and Gabriella Herrera.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 14, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

The Southern Ute Police Department and the Town of Ignacio Police Department received the Silver Buckle awards from the Colorado Seat Belt Network on January 9, 1990. Each police department was nominated by the Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP) for their help in promoting seatbelt safety and child restraint usage for safer highways in the community.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 19, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

The Southern Ute Tribal Council traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to meet with the Navajo Water Commission on problems that concern both the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes on January 6, 1980. Chairman Leonard C. Burch gave input on the Animas-La Plata project in Colorado.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 18, 1980, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## YOUTH COUNCIL REORGANIZES • FROM PAGE 11

need someone to listen to you talk – find us,” Councilman Elijah Weaver emphasized.

These events that the Youth Council attend and participate in help them grow as leaders and also get them more involved within the community. “A few of the skills that the Youth Council have learned are: speaking at public events, giving welcomes, responsibility, dependability, organization, professionalism, communication, how to be respectful, and many others,” SCSYAC and Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Dustin Weaver explained. “They have learned many skills, yet they are still young and learning many things which many leaders go through.”

Seven seats will open on the youth council for all eligible Southern Ute Youth ages 11-17; each applicant will need to submit a completed application packet to the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory and Youth Employment Program Coordinator,



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The 2018-2019 Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council volunteered and participated in the Southern Ute Bear Dance celebration with friends, family and elders.

Dustin Weaver by the end of day Friday, Jan. 17.

Shadowing the Southern Ute Tribal Council has not only been an opportunity for learning it has given the Tribal Council a first-hand experience of how they can better serve the youth council. Council Member Cedric Chavez has stated that helping the youth is one of his biggest goals. He has already shown his support by helping with the skate park and attending as many

Youth Council meetings as his schedule allows. “These guys are really working hard not only for themselves, but for all the youth in the community,” expressed Chavez.

Enrolled Southern Ute Youth tribal members can apply to join the youth council by contacting, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory and Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Dustin Weaver at 970-563-2786 or via email [dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov).

## Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council is looking for interested Tribal Members to run for seven (7) open seats for a two (2) year term.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural activities, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited home-school program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.



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**Ute Indian Museum**

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**Friday, Jan. 24, 6 pm – Winter Storytelling**

Join the Ute Indian Museum and renowned storyteller Allen Beck for an evening of stories and music! For more details, keep an eye on our Facebook events page here!

**Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 pm – Film Screening: Smoke Signals**

The award-winning film *Smoke Signals* is a humorous yet serious story about Victor, a young man who director Chris Eyre describes as “trying to forgive his father.” The movie gives us a glimpse into the contemporary Native American world, and was created by an almost exclusively Native American cast. *Smoke Signals* is rated PG-13. Young Indian man Thomas is a nerd in his reservation, wearing oversize glasses and telling everyone stories nobody wants to hear. His parents died in a fire in 1976, and Thomas was saved by Arnold. Arnold soon left his family (and his tough son Victor), and Victor hasn't seen his father for ten years. When Victor hears Arnold has died, Thomas offers him funding for the trip to get Arnold's remains, but only if Thomas can join him. Thomas and Victor hit the road. Entry is free, but donations are welcome.

**Road to the Vote Artifact Tour**

**Fort Garland Museum: Jan. 6 - Jan. 17 • Ute Indian Museum: Jan. 27 - Feb. 7**

The Road to the Vote Artifact Tour Across Colorado features a pop-up display of artifacts and information commemorating women's suffrage in Colorado. In 1893, Colorado made history by becoming the first state to outlaw, via state referendum, denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex. Road to the Vote features an original ballot box from 1884 and a reproduction of one of the ballots used in the historic 1893 election, along with information about the local and state-wide results of the women's suffrage campaign. After being on view in Fort Garland at the Fort Garland Museum from 1/6-1/17, the tour will continue to the other museums of History Colorado including Ute Indian Museum in Montrose (1/27-2/7), Healy House and Dexter Cabin (2/18-2/28) and The Center for Colorado Women's History at the Byers-Evans House (3/7-8/26).

**Did you know?** ...that as a member of the Friends of the Ute Indian Museum you get free unlimited admission to the museum, save 10% in our gift shop, and get discounts for all education programs and special events!

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## ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

# Miss Southern Ute

*September - December 2019*

Good Day, Southern Ute Tribal Membership,

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and very Happy, prosperous, joyful and blessed New Year 2020. I truly hope your resolutions become fruitful.

My name is Jazmin Carmenoros. I am the 2019-2020 Miss Southern Ute. I was re-crowned during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow, Sept. 14, 2019. I have chosen once again to represent the Southern Ute tribal membership and elders during this year. I have truly enjoyed representing at the various tribal functions and will continue to do so during my reign.

I have attended the following functions:

### September 2019

9/14 and 15/19 – Southern Ute Tribal Fair, during this time I was crowned as Miss Southern Ute 2019-2020. I participated in the powwow dances. Served Southern Ute Royalty Dinner to visitors and participants at the powwow.

9/30/19 – Attended the Southern Ute Royalty meeting.

### October 2019

10/2/19 – Participated in dancing for the Red Willow retreat held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

10/7/19 – Attended the



Southern Ute Royalty meeting at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

10/9/19 – Meet and Greet with Southern Ute Tribal Council Members at 3pm, with Introductions of newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Royalties for 2019-2020 in the Tribal Council Chambers.

10/10-13/19 – Traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo. to the Blessing of a Mountain named Tava Quad, with the Culture Department Education Coordinator and other Staff.

10/14/19 – Assisted with the Elder's Celebration Monthly Dinner for October. Handed out Raffle Tickets and Prizes to the Winners.

### November 2019

11/16/19 – Participated in the Southern Ute Royalty Walk at 8:30 a.m., along with other Southern Ute Royalties, Southern Ute Royalty Committee, and Southern Ute Elders and other tribal member participants.

At 11a.m., assisted with

the Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner, meet and greet Southern Ute Tribal membership, Ute Mountain Ute tribal membership, and Ute Tribe membership who attended the Thanksgiving Meal.

11/26/19 – Performed and danced with other Southern Ute Royalties for the Native American Heritage Month for the Ignacio Elementary, Jr. High and High School.

### December 2019

12/14/19 – Participated and assisted in the Christmas Dinner and Program. I and the other Royalties performed the Lord's Prayer in Sign Language; Handed out Christmas agenda, assist tribal elders with their dinner, and passed out Christmas Candy Bags to everyone.

I am looking forward to 2020 with more powwow celebrations around Indian Country, meeting new people, and assisting with other Southern Ute Tribal functions. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve you the Southern Ute elders and tribal membership once again. I look forward to learning more and helping our young kids, teen/tweens and middle-aged tribal members.

*Tog'oiak'*  
*Jazmin Carmenoros*  
*Miss Southern Ute*  
*2019-2020*

## BRIGGS COMPLETES PROGRAM • FROM PAGE 1

00-221 was later referred to as the Tribal Policy for the Protection of Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects.

The Culture Preservation Department's mission is to revitalize, promote, sustain, and document the culture, language, and history of the Tribe. The NAGPRA office's responsibilities involve combining these critical elements of Southern Ute heritage to protect, preserve, document, and educate the tribal membership and the general public, guided by tribal interests. Briggs further explained that, “the protection of archaeological sites and our ancestors is how we honor the past and

preserve our way of life for the future, while our language ties us to the land and allows us to communicate our worldview and perpetuate our heritage. The establishment of a THPO office allows to further our efforts of being stewards of our heritage, while enabling us to respectfully represent our tribal interests and advocate for our people's history through self-determination and sovereignty.”

“I hope to utilize the knowledge gained through my apprenticeship to represent and or support our tribal nation going forward. I encourage any and all tribal members to become active in our community — be re-

silient in your efforts and assist in a capacity you are passionate about,” Briggs emphasized. “Our future as a nation depends upon our collective efforts to further what our ancestors fought for and developed as a sovereign nation. Remember, we will be here when forever comes. And, for that, we need to be prepared as Nuchu.”

“I want to thank my family for supporting me and all of my mentors and colleagues. Without you, none of this would be possible — Tuvuchi Togho'agh.”

Garrett Briggs is the grandson of Anthony Cloud Burch and Ida Grant, and the son of Edgar Wayne Briggs and Reva Burch Briggs.

## 100th ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

*The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department would like to announce the 2020 Logo and Theme Contest for the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members.*

*All art media will be accepted until April 3rd at 5PM, NO EXCEPTIONS. Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork can be drawings, photos, paintings etc.. Artwork must be signed.*

*Selected artist must sign a waiver and the artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department. Artwork will be featured on all items associated with the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair.*

*The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award plus Fair merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department with the Fair Logo and Theme.*

*Winner will do a short interview & picture with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2020 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES!*

*Submit artwork to the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department @ PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR Call (970) 563-2985 if you any questions.*





NUTRITION

Banana-berry Crumble

By Lisa Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Desserts can satisfy our craving for sweets, but don't need to be filled with lots of added sugar. This dessert has healthy fruit and whole grains and can be made gluten free. This is an easy to make delicious dessert and can be topped with plain Greek yogurt and nuts.

Ingredients:

- 6 large bananas
- 3 cups mixed frozen berries, thawed (do not drain)
- 8 Tablespoons whole wheat (almond or coconut flour for gluten free)
- 1 1/2 cups old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 6 Tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- Non-stick cooking spray



courtesy The Happy Moonraker

Plain Greek yogurt (optional)  
Walnut or pecans (optional)

**Serving size: 1/12 servings**  
Serving per recipe: 12

**Nutrition per serving:**  
Calories 185, Fat 6.5g, Carbohydrates 31.3 grams, Fiber 3.8g, Protein 2.3g

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Peel and slice bananas in half lengthwise
3. Spray 13 x 9" baking pan with cooking spray
4. Layer bananas on bottom of pan, facing down
5. In a medium bowl, mix thawed berries in their juice with 2 T whole wheat flour
6. Spread berry mixture evenly over bananas
7. In a medium bowl, put remaining flour, oats, sugar and cinnamon, stir to combine
8. Cut butter into small pieces and place in bowl with dry ingredients. Using fingers, blend the butter into the mixture until crumbly
9. Spread the crumble evenly over the fruit and press slightly
10. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until firm and golden
11. Top with plain Greek yogurt, walnuts or pecans (optional)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: What is mental health stigma?

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



In one form or another we've all experienced some sort of social stigma or discrimination in our lives. Some examples include being judged on social status, culture, gender, physical health, and sexuality. Another common, but often overlooked area of stigma is mental health.

You might be asking yourself, what exactly is mental health stigma? Erving Goffman, in Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity (1963), states that stigma is "an attribute that is deeply discrediting" and that reduces someone "from a whole and usual person to a tainted, discounted one." Within this broad definition there are barriers and discrimination placed on people experiencing mental or behavioral disorders or "social stigma." There is also what is called "self-stigma" where the person internal-

izes the social stigma and might feel inadequate about their own condition.

Ways we can stop the stigma around mental health; according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness there are nine ways we can fight against the stigma around mental health. They are:

- Talk openly about mental health and the services and resources we have around us to help.
- Educate yourself and others about mental health illnesses and how to help someone in a mental health crisis.
- Be aware of language you use to describe yourself or someone who experiences mental health illnesses or behavioral disorders.
- Encourage equality between physical and men-

tal illness. We don't judge people on other illnesses like cancer, diabetes, or acne; we shouldn't judge people for their mental illness either.

- Show compassion and empathy for those with mental illness and the journey that they are on.
- Choose empowerment over shame. Allow people to tell their own story and know that not all stories are that same. We are all on our own journey.
- Be honest about treatment and know that it's okay to get help. Let the media know when they are being stigmatizing and stand up for those who this could negatively affect.
- Beware of self-stigma, which can negatively affect self-esteem.

Tough times happen and we are here for you. Please reach out.

Local Resources

**Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health – 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule an appointment.

**Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.

**St. Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO 172, Ignacio, CO, 970-563-4241.

**Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave., Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI), 970-759-3633

**Clarity Coaching and Counseling:** Jessaca Cassidy 970-903-3354 (Christian counseling services in Bayfield or Ignacio).

**Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.

**Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State & National Resources

**Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.

**Man Therapy:** Designed to help men deal with issues like depression, anxiety, anger and suicidal thoughts. ManTherapy.org

**NM Crisis Line:** Support and resources, 855-662-7474.

**The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Both an online chat and 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.

**The Trevor Project:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

**Trans Lifeline:** Hosts a unique program which offers peer counselors to transgender people thinking of suicide 877-565-8860.

GARDENING

What is a cold frame and can it extend my growing season?

By Denee Bex  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

January is the coldest time of winter and I always get a little antsy. I know spring is just around the corner and I just have to get through this month before it starts to warm up. One way to get a head start is to put out my cold frame. A cold frame is a temporary or permanent structure that goes over your raised bed to create a micro-climate within the structure. It is like a mini greenhouse right over your garden.

I use a temporary frame to set up over my beds about a month or two ahead of the last spring frost. I have raised beds that measure 4x8 ft. so I created a temporary structure that I can pop over my raised beds. This way, the inside of the bed warms up, thaws the soil faster and allows me to plant cold-tolerant vegetables just a little earlier. In my area, my last frost date is at the end of May, so anything I can do to get a head start will get me that much closer to vegetables on my plate. I realized over this winter that I have about a good five months of growing season and seven months of cold. What a short season! So, I need to do anything I can to get a few extra weeks in to grow.

The way I made my cold frame is I used three six-foot long half-inch PVC pipe, plumber's tape (or



Dennee Bex/Special to the Drum

A cold frame is a great way to extend your growing season! Here is a temporary cold frame I created with PVC pipe. I cover the PVC pipe frame with plastic sheeting to allow heat to be trapped inside, creating a mini greenhouse for my vegetable plants.

something you can secure the pipe down with, such as a metal two-hole strap), plastic sheeting and screws. I used a drill to screw in six pieces of plumber's tape along the outside of the raised beds equally spaced with three on each side of the long edge of the bed. I formed a "U" big enough to hold the pipe down securely along the side of the bed. I then inserted a PVC pipe on one end on the "U", bent the pipe and inserted the other end into the opposite "U". This created an arch of PVC pipe. I repeated this twice more with the other four "U" points to create a

frame. This allows me to pull a large plastic sheet over the bed, large enough to cover all edges of the bed. I tie the ends of the sheet on both ends to create my mini greenhouse. I have seen so many other ways of creating a cold frame including hay bales and old windowpanes. Just use what you have!

Once it really heats up, closer to summer, I take off the plastic sheeting to prevent the plants from overheating. As the end of the growing season nears, I place the sheeting back over the plants to extend the season just a few more weeks and allow the plants to continue growing and to protect my harvest.

The cold frame allows me to get some plants growing just a little bit sooner. Some of the first things I will put out under the frame will be cold-tolerant seedlings early to mid-April such as broccoli, kale, beets, lettuce, and cabbage. By covering my raised bed and creating a temporary cold frame, I can extend my season just a little bit more and enjoy home-grown vegetables that much quicker.

We are the people and the people are you!

Want to help and be a part of the change? Looking for community members and youth to join the Community Board tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Jan. 29, Dinner served at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6 - 8 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information: 970-563-2487.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: March 13 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center. Please register with Precious Collins 970-563-2487.



Breast feeding class



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Deserie Vazquez and her son Isaiah visit with mothers and kids from the community during the Shining Mountain Health & Wellness breastfeeding class on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Mouache-Capote Building.

The Southern Ute Health Center

Will be **CLOSED:**

Monday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

730am-530pm

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day

We will resume normal business hours Tuesday Jan 21"

Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.





## Vogel retires from Education



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Councilwoman Ramona Eagle wraps Carrie Vogel in a Pendleton blanket during her going away party on Friday, Jan. 3 at the Education Department building. Eagle bid Vogel best wishes as she steps into her retirement.



Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor shares words of encouragement and wishes Carrie Vogel a great time in her retirement. Vogel worked for the Southern Ute Education department for a total of 11 years. The Education Department hosted a going away party for Vogel on Friday, Jan. 3.

## Higher Ed to partner with Colo. Community College

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) is partnering with the Colorado Community College system to provide apprenticeship opportunities in healthcare fields and for occupations such as Medical Assistants, Radiologic Technologists, Nursing Assistants, Physical Therapist Assistants, and Health Service Managers.

**Check out the newly opened Adult Education Room at the Education Department for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The space is designated for adult Learners and Individuals seeking their GED. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger at 970-563-2784.**



## SUIMA

# From the Eagle's Nest

*Physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development*

### Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Montessori guides/teachers attend to the whole child: their physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development. Maria Montessori understood that, "the concept of education centered upon the care of the living being alters all previous ideas. Resting no longer on a curriculum, or a timetable, education must conform to the facts of human life."

### TOMORROWS CHILD: MAY 2017

No two children learn the same way or in the same amount of time. Montessori guides/teachers share a conviction that success in adult life is tied directly to the de-



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Lucas Rael goes for a block while playing a game with his classmates at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

gree in which adults had experienced themselves as capable, independent children. The mantra of a Montessori guide/teacher is to never do anything for a child if you can show him how to do it himself. We understand that the real work of children becoming successful belongs to the individual child. In a Montessori environment, each child is respected and treated as a unique learner who learns at her own pace and style. To guide children in their academic life, we must understand that instead of choosing to control, we choose to respect each individual child and know how to guide her to self-fulfillment.

## SUIMA Events and Activities

- Mon., Jan. 20 – **No school**, (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).
- Wed., Jan. 22 – **Council members come to read** with the students.
- Wed., Jan. 22 – Parent Advisory Group **Family Night**, 6-7 p.m.
- Thur., Jan. 23 – Elementary students **snowshoeing field trip to Haviland Lake**.
- Fri., Jan. 24 – **Council members come to have lunch** with the students.

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# Tutoring Services

## Who:

**Available to High School Students that are:**

- Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members
- First Generation Southern Ute Descendants
- JOM students

## What:

In addition to after school tutoring, I can provide classroom support in classes students may be struggling with. My schedule is flexible and I can work around student's needs.

## Where:

**Southern Ute Education Center  
330 Burns Avenue  
Ignacio, CO 81137**

## When:

**After School Tutoring Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM.**

**Wednesday 2:15 PM - 5:00 PM**

**FREE SNACKS!**

## Contact:

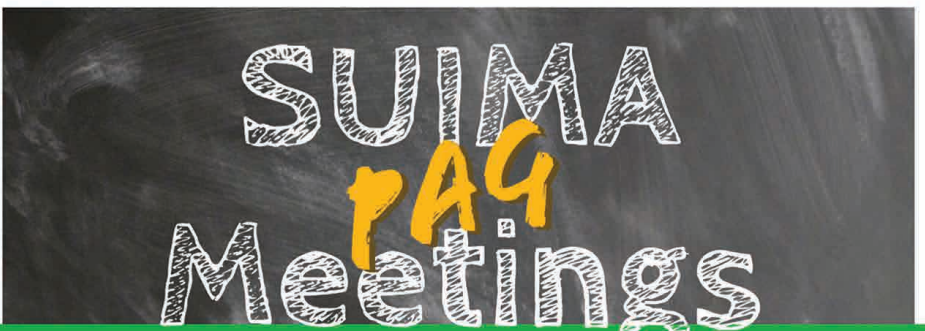


**Damon White Thunder**

**High School Teacher**

**(970) 563-2794**

**dwhitethunder@southernute-nsn.gov**



MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH MAY 2020

[ALL MEETINGS HELD IN DINING HALL FROM 6:00-7:00 P.M.]

DINNER AND CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED.



**JANUARY 13  
FEBRUARY 10  
MARCH 9  
APRIL 13  
MAY 11**

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## MENTAL HEALTH

# Fighting crisis with intervention education

By **Trennie Collins**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) held a crisis awareness, intervention and de-escalation training at the Southern Ute Museum, Monday, Jan. 13 – Wednesday, Jan. 15. The training was hosted by the Southern Ute Probation Department to bring awareness to a growing mental health epidemic in Indian Country.

Established more than 25 years ago, NCJTC is a leading national training organization in the field of Criminal Justice; they provide high quality training and technical assistance to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life in our communities.

The training focused on issues that need to be addressed by probation officers, judges, law enforcement and service providers who may face or encounter an individual(s) in crisis situations, many of which are already going through the judicial system.

“We seem to be seeing a revolving door of individuals coming through the court system that have some of those mental health issues and we need a better way to address them,” said Stefanie Wyatt, Chief Probation Officer for the Southern Ute Probation Department. “I brought this [training] in the hopes that maybe if our law

enforcement officers, counselors and probation officers were on the same thought process of addressing mental illness in our community, we would be stronger with the same ideation from approaching it.”

Understanding what mental illness is, being able to define and develop a basic intervention and diversion strategy were crucial parts to this training.

According to Mental Health America 1.2 percent of the U.S. population identify as Native American/Alaskan Native, of those, 21 percent had a diagnosable mental illness in the past year, that is 830,000 people.

The 2014 White House Report on Native Youth lists major disparities in health, education, as well as a state of emergency regarding Native youth suicide and PTSD rates three times higher than the general public, the same rate as Iraqi War Veterans.

It is no surprise that today’s generation of Native Americans face many disparities including, but not limited to: health, violence, poverty, suicide and addiction. Though full of resilience, strength and courage – Native Americans are ravaged by the legacy of historical trauma, which leads to higher rates of physiological, substance and mood disorders.

Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart describes his-

torical trauma as “...the cumulative emotional and psychological wounding over one’s lifetime and from generation to generation following loss of lives, land and vital aspects of culture.”

The prevalence of trauma in native communities is high, but understanding where it comes from is all part of the healing.

“Native Americans and white males have the highest rate of suicide in the country and this is preventable,” stated Precious Collins, The Southern Ute Tribes Native Connections Coordinator. “We as Native Americans pride ourselves in our culture and traditions, but we’ve somehow disconnected from the community, we’re forgetting our family, friends and neighbors. We have to remember it’s not one person that makes us Nuuchí, it’s all of us that makes us Nuuchí. Let’s come together and be one again.”

For information on Crisis Awareness, Intervention and De-escalation trainings visit NCJTC at <https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu>. For more information about Trauma Informed Care trainings in Colorado visit <https://resilient-colorado.com>. If you or someone you know is suicidal and is in need of help call 1-800-273-TALK (8255), text 741741 or chat with someone live at ‘I’m Alive Chat’ [www.imalive.org](http://www.imalive.org).

## Sing Our River Red exhibit



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

In collaboration with the SunUte Community Center, the Voices of Our Sisters group and SASO Sexual Assault Services Organization the Sing Our Rivers Red Earring Exhibit is currently housed in the hallway of the community center. The exhibit is a representation of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), it’s a way for families, friends and supporters to remember each of these women. By placing an earring on the exhibit, you are raising awareness and honoring MMIW across Indian Country. The exhibit will be taken down and returned to SASO on Saturday, Feb. 1.

## MMIW bakesale



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Debbie Lucero looks over all the baked treats and goodies while trying to decide which one she wants to buy, Friday, Jan. 10 in the Leonard C. Burch building’s Hall of Warriors. All goods were made and donated by the Voices of Our Sisters group to raise money and awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Councilwoman Ramona Eagle leaves the goodie table happy, having purchased homemade cinnamon rolls from the bake sale. The sale was held to bring awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and was hosted by the Voices of Our Sisters group,



## Call For Earrings!

We are pleased to host a **FREE** workshop!

Come together to make earrings for an exhibit to honor missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Donate one earring, make a pair for yourself!



Sunday, January 26, 2020

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sun Ute Community Center, Mouache Room

See [www.singourriversred.wordpress.com](http://www.singourriversred.wordpress.com) for info about this project.

Sponsored by Sexual Assault Services Organization and Voices of Our Sisters

**Wear RED to show SOLIDARITY for our MMIWG**  
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at SunUte Community Center for the Ignacio High School Basketball Games

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# Sing Our Rivers Red Earring Exhibit

January 2020

SunUte Community Center | 390 Mouache Cir, Ignacio

In honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Men, Children, LGBTQ, and Human Trafficking Awareness Month



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# The Sing Our Rivers Red Earring Reception

@ the SunUte Community Center  
January 30, 2020 @ 4:00pm–6:30pm

Please join us as we honor our missing and murdered Indigenous sisters







## Truman D. Picard Scholarship announcement for Native American / Alaskan Natural Resource Students

**Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PST**

**Award:** **\$2,500** for college students (number of awards varies per year)  
**\$2,500** for grad students and graduating college seniors that are applying/accepted for grad school  
**\$2,000** for graduating senior high school students

**Purpose:** The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources.

**Required Materials:** The Education Selection Committee will review and rank only those applicants who completely address each area. Please be specific. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- 1. Letter of Application:** The letter must include your name, permanent mailing address, email address if available, and phone number. It should be a maximum of two pages in length, and discuss the following:
  - Interest in natural resources.
  - Commitment to education, community and your culture.
  - Financial need. Students MUST complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and attach the Student Aid Report or have the report sent to the ITC office. If it has not been completed, send last year's report.
- 2. Resume**
- 3. Three letters of reference:**
  - On letterhead (If no letterhead is available through the reference's organization they should create their own)
  - Signed
  - Dated within the last six months
  - Open sealed documents, if applicable
- 4. Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation,** as established by the U.S. Government. A photocopy of your enrollment card, front and back, or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) will suffice.
- 5. Transcripts:** ALL students must include transcripts. Unofficial or official both accepted. Please open sealed transcripts.
  - High school students must also provide documented proof of acceptance to an institution of higher education and a review of college class schedule to verify major before a check is released.
  - College students must also provide proof of their declared major and current class schedule.
- 6. Delivery of application, two steps:**
  - **Submit via fax** (503-282-1274) **or e-mail** (itc1@teleport.com) up until the close of business (5:00 p.m. PST) March 13, 2020,
  - **AND mail the originals to be postmarked by March 13, 2020.** Be sure to check your local post office hours.

Inquiries and applications should be directed to the Intertribal Timber Council office: ATTN: EDUCATION COMMITTEE INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL 1112 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 4 Portland, Oregon 97232-2114. Phone: 503-282-4296.

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington, Oregon State University, Salish Kootenai College, Northern Arizona University and Yale University. Recipients of the ITC Truman Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these colleges. For more information, visit the ITC website or contact the colleges directly.

### TRUMAN D. PICARD (1946-1986)

To honor Truman D. Picard the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) established a scholarship program in his name. Truman served on the ITC Board of Directors from 1982 to 1985. While working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colville Agency (Nespelem, Washington), in presales he attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University becoming one of the first people from the agency to complete this program. In 1977, Truman transferred to the Colville Tribal Forestry organization taking a position as Supervisory Forest Technician in charge of woods operations. Later he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations. Because of his drive and determination to complete his education Truman returned to Oregon State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management. Upon his return from college, he was appointed Director of Colville Tribal Forestry. His work for the Tribe will always be remembered by his individual efforts to bring BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry together in a joint effort to improve the level of Forest Management on the reservation - truly a lasting legacy.

## Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 Ignacio, Colorado

S-130/S-190, Firefighter Training/Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

**Dates:** March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Location:** Los Pinos Fire Station #2 (Oxford), 8018 State Hwy 172 Ignacio, Co

**Instructors:** Southern Ute Agency/Southern Ute Tribe Fire Crew

Training Description: S-130 is designed to provide entry level firefighter skills. S-190 provides instruction in the primary factors affecting the start and spread of a wildfire and recognition of potentially hazardous situations. L-180, Human Factors on the Fireline and I-100, introduction to ICS are included in this course. This class meets the training needs of a Firefighter Type 2 as outlined in the PMS 310-1, Wildland Fire Qualification Systems Guide.

Call Howard Richards @ 970-563-4571 or John Gilbert @ 970-563-9501 for more information

## A Southern Ute Utilities Reminder

### Proper Trash Etiquette for Transit Waste Customers

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#### REMEMBER TO

- Please PROPERLY BAG TRASH to avoid loose debris, especially on windy days
- Close Lid — On trash pick-up days, DO NOT constrict lids with locks, rope, bungee cords, etc. Drivers will not service your polycart if it is constricted
- Take trash out by **6 AM** on your designated trash day

#### CORRECT !



Questions? Call the Southern Ute Utilities Department at (970) 563-5500

Southern Ute Utilities Division 16360 Highway 172 Ignacio, CO 81137

## CALLING ALL GONA FACILITATORS!

\*\*\*2nd MEETING\*\*\*

### WE WANT TO HOST A GONA!

If you are a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) facilitator come meet with us!

January 30, 2020

8:30 AM

SunUte Community Center-Capote Room

Light snacks will be served.

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## HEALTH

# January is Cervical Health Awareness Month

*San Juan Basin Public Health provides free screenings*

**Staff report**  
SAN JUAN BASIN  
PUBLIC HEALTH

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) encourages women ages 21-74 across Colorado to start the year by talking with their health care providers about scheduling a Pap test. A Pap test is the first line of defense against cervical cancer. When cervical cancer is found early, more than 92 percent of women had a five-year survival rate.

Every year in the United States, approximately 13,170 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer,

and about 4,250 women die of the disease. African American women and Latinas have a higher risk of developing cervical cancer and African American women have a higher cervical cancer death rate. SJBPH acknowledges that social, economic, and environmental inequities result in adverse health outcomes and have a greater impact than individual choices. Reducing health disparities through systems change can help improve opportunities for all Coloradans.

SJBPH's Women's Wellness Connection (WWC)

program provides free screenings for cervical and breast cancer for eligible women between ages 21-64 in Colorado. Breast exams, Pap tests, and pelvic exams are included. Referrals for free mammograms are available for women who qualify.

To schedule an appointment for a Well Woman Exam and for more information about the HPV series, call the SJBPH Sexual Health Clinic at 970-335-2015. More information about the clinic is at [sjb-publichealth.org/sexual-healthclinic/](http://sjb-publichealth.org/sexual-healthclinic/).

**SAN JUAN BASIN**  
**public health**

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

## TRANSPORTATION

# 2020 resolutions off to a rough start for 348 Colorado drivers

*There were 8,513 DUI arrests during 15 enforcement periods in 2019*

**Staff report**  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

While some Coloradans rang in 2020 safely with friends and family, others started the year off on the wrong foot – with a DUI arrest. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and statewide law enforcement agencies collaborated for the New Year's Eve increased DUI enforcement from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 to keep impaired drivers off the roads during New Year's festivities. During the enforcement, 348 impaired drivers were arrested for DUI, an increase from the 334 arrests made during the same enforcement period last year.

The New Year's Eve enforcement began the 2020 The Heat Is On enforcement periods. During the 15 enforcement periods 2019 – which totaled 179 enforcement days – law enforcement made an average of 48 DUI arrests per day. There were 8,513 DUI arrests during those enforcement periods, a slight decrease from the 9,687 arrests in 2018.

Ninety-nine law enforcement agencies across Colorado participated in the 2019 New Year's Eve enforcement period, with the Denver Police Department (33 arrests), El Paso County Sheriff's Office (23 arrests) and the Colorado Springs

Police Department (22 arrests) recording the highest arrest totals. CSP arrested an additional 82 DUI offenders across the state. Comprehensive results from all participating agencies can be found at [codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal](http://codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal). Arrest data is organized by law enforcement agency and enforcement period.

"A vehicle with an impaired driver behind the wheel is a serious threat to everyone on the road," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "There are still far too many impaired drivers that could cause harm to people out on our state's roadways. We hope Coloradans make a concerted effort in 2020 to only travel with sober drivers."

Preliminary data shows 176 people died in impaired-related crashes on Colorado roads in 2019.

The Heat Is On campaign will continue in 2020 with 16 heightened DUI enforcement periods. The 10-day Winter Blitz enforcement period begins on Jan. 17.

CDOT's New Year's Eve and Winter Blitz enforcement periods and DUI-prevention campaign support CDOT's Whole System – Whole Safety initiative to reduce traffic injuries and deaths.

### THE HEAT IS ON

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides fund-

ing to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year, with 16 specific high-visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Find more details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips at [HeatIsOnColorado.com](http://HeatIsOnColorado.com).

### WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY

In early 2019, CDOT announced its Whole System – Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic, statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission – to get everyone home safely.

## RURAL youth ASSEMBLY BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE NATION

**2020 National Rural Youth Assembly Summit**  
**April 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**McAllen, TX**

### Call for Applications and Nominations!

The Rural Assembly will host the Rural Youth Summit April 2-5, 2020 in McAllen, Texas. Fifty young adults from rural places across the country will gather to discuss the issues that they see as important to their lives and their communities. We will engage a diverse group of young people to build awareness around issues of relevance across rural geographies and identities, including income, race, culture, faith, accessibility, gender, and sexual orientation.

Rural young people offer a critical voice and perspective to our national dialogue. Our goals for this summit are to bring a select group of young people together to further explore the unique challenges facing rural youth, identify creative solutions, and provide a context for how these issues fit into national rural policy.

*At the Rural Assembly, leadership takes many forms. Some of us are meant to carry megaphones, others write commentary or policy memos. Some craft art and poetry, while others stuff envelopes and work behind the scenes. But all roles are key to building community and creating change. We want all young people, especially those often caught on the margins or those serving community in quiet ways.*

### Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Department of Education • P.O. Box 737, Ignacio Co 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0253, Fax: 970-563-3695

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) is looking for parents and community members to sit on their Parent Advisory Group (PAG). The purpose of the SUIMA Parent Advisory Group is to collaborate with the Tribe's Director of Education, SUIMA Principal and Tribal Council in developing and implementing the most effective program that is responsive to the cultural and academic needs of the SUIMA students while supporting the mission and vision of the school.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy will provide a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture within a Montessori environment.

**VISION STATEMENT:** To provide an environment that creates future tribal and world leaders who appreciate and support their culture, family, and lifelong learning. The Parent Advisory Group receives input from parents, community members, and others as to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and its educational programs.

In addition, the PAG may focus on community projects, encourage and support volunteer activities at SUIMA, and plan family events for the school. Members of the Parent Advisory Group serve as volunteers without compensation. If you are interested in serving on the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Parent Advisory Group, please call 970-563-0253 for more information. Come be part of something purposeful and driven.

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### COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

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**JANUARY**      **FEBRUARY**      **MARCH**  
**6 & 27**      **10 & 24**      **9 & 23**

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## RIDE THE ROCKIES

## 2020 route begins and ends in Durango

*Durango, renowned for its world class cycling*

**Staff report**  
**RIDE THE ROCKIES**

The annual Denver Post Ride the Rockies Cycling Tour Sponsored by Flexential is celebrating its 35th year June 14th - 19th as the beloved Colorado institution and one of the Denver Post Community Foundation's signature events. The 35th annual Ride the Rockies features the stunning roads of southwest Colorado, with this year's start and finish situated in Durango, one of the Centennial State's most popular outdoor recreation and tourism destinations.

Along with easy access to some of Colorado's best road and mountain bike riding, Durango offers visitors a plethora of recreation and leisure opportunities. Ride the historic Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, raft the rollicking whitewater of the Animas River, or simply enjoy delicious food and drink at one of the town's many great restaurants and bars. Durango has it all.

And for the third year in a row, the Ride the Rockies route is a loop, simplifying logistics while taking riders on a breathtaking adventure around one of the most scenic areas in all of Colorado. Besides Durango, other host communities along this 6-day, 418-mile clockwise tour include Cortez, Norwood, and Ouray County. Along the way are challenging uphill encounters



courtesy/Ride the Rockies

with Lizard Head Pass, Red Mountain Pass, Molas Pass, and Coal Bank Pass, which together account for the bulk of the route's 28,484 feet of climbing.

During — and between — those ascents is a bounty of spectacular scenery. Indeed, the 2020 route rolls along the banks of the Animas River, winds through Southern Ute Tribal land, climbs the Uncompahgre Plateau, and ventures deep (and high) into the San Juan Mountains. This year's route also includes a few forays off pavement and onto packed dirt roads, which means less time on busier roads and a little extra adventure. Add it all up and this will truly be the bike ride of a lifetime.

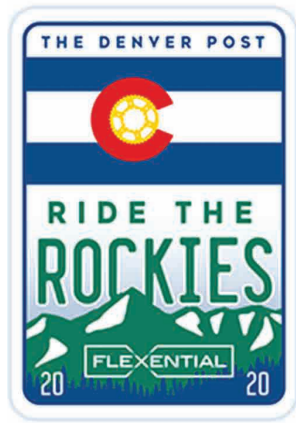
"Access to trails, good weather and a bike friendly community are just a few reasons why Durango

has more cycling national champions, world champions and Olympians per capita than anywhere else," said Rachel Brown with Visit Durango. "We are excited to welcome the 2,500 riders, their families and supporters to experience Durango's world class cycling, hospitality and the stunning San Juan Mountains."

Jason Sumner, cyclist and author who helped design the course, said, "I'm truly excited about this year's route. It has a little bit of everything, high mountain climbs, quiet country roads, amazing scenery, and some great host communities. It's definitely going to be a ride to remember."

Ride the Rockies is a non-competitive event that's open to cyclists of all ages. Participants are encouraged to ride at their own pace. All registrations

are on a first come, first serve basis, until the ride is sold out. Proceeds from the event benefit The Denver Post Community Foundation and all the funds raised are returned directly to Colorado nonprofits. Registration will be open to the public on January 11th, and a list of everything that the tour fee includes can be found on the website at [www.ridetherockies.m/reg-istration/](http://www.ridetherockies.m/reg-istration/).



courtesy/Erik Weihenmayer.com

## FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

## Making a difference: Erik Weihenmayer comes to Durango

**Staff report**  
**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Community Foundation's 2020 Making a Difference Speaker Series launches in January with blind adventurer and motivational speaker, Erik Weihenmayer.

Erik Weihenmayer is an inspirational athlete and best-selling author of No Barriers: A Blind Man's Journey to Kayak the Grand Canyon. Weihenmayer will speak at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24.

In 2001 Weihenmayer became the first blind person to summit Mount Everest. In 2008 he joined an elite group of 150 mountaineers by completing the Seven Summits, the highest points on every continent. In 2014 he solo kayaked the thunderous whitewater of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

"Erik didn't let his loss of sight stop him from conquering challenges, and his message of resiliency is truly

inspiring," says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. "We expect everyone who attends this event to come away empowered and hopeful, recognizing the true potential we have in our community."

Weihenmayer has also co-founded a nonprofit called No Barriers. The mission is to help people to turn into the storm of life, face barriers head on, embrace a pioneering and innovative spirit, and team up with great people to contribute our absolute best to the world. The motto of No Barriers is "What's Within You Is Stronger Than What's In Your Way."

Tickets for this family friendly Making a Difference event with Erik Weihenmayer may be purchased at the Community Concert Hall's Downtown Ticket Office within the Durango Welcome Center at 8th and Main, online at [durangoconcerts.com](http://durangoconcerts.com) or by calling 970-247-7657. Prices range from \$20 to \$45, plus applicable fees.

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# Snow removal 2020

Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800

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### WALKWAYS – SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal from walkways will only be done for the **Disabled or Frail Elders** the order of priority is: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders**. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Tribal Housing 970-563-4710.

### ROOF – SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal service from the roof of the home is for the **Disabled and Elders**. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates more than **twelve (12) inches** or to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. **Snow will ONLY be removed from areas where the crew can reach safely from the ground**. If you believe you need this service, please contact **Construction Services Division 970-563-0260**.

### 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.**

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

**Construction Svcs. Route: 970-563-0260**  
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**Forestry Fuels Crew: 970-563-4780**  
WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only). Shovel walkways for: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail. Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12” or more.

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BIA does not clear driveways: Roads include Ute Road, Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, Pow Wow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Ave., Bear Dance Road, and North Ridge.

**Housing Authority Route: 970-563-4575**  
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## The Southern Ute Growth Fund makes changes to security

The Southern Ute Growth Fund (and the Red Willow Building) building entrance was considered a “lock-out” type of security.

The new Executive Director, Mr. Shane Seibel, has re-evaluated the building security and has elected to make a change.

The Southern Ute Growth Fund building will remain unlocked during business hours which are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. In an effort to maintain building security, all visitors will be required to sign-in with the receptionists located at the front desk. This change is specific to the Southern Ute Growth Fund building only.



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## Powerhouse in Durango Upcoming Events

### Seven Rivers Farmers Market

The Seven Rivers Farmers Market at the Powerhouse in Durango launches on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Located at 1333 Camino del Rio, the bi-weekly indoor market will feature farmers and vendors from the area selling poultry, beef, pork, and lamb, sausage, goat cheese, eggs, jams and jellies, pickles, baked goods, honey, pottery, skincare and hemp products, and crafts. The market runs from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday through April 17. More information can be found at [www.powsci.org](http://www.powsci.org).

### Snowdown Costume Contest

The Powerhouse presents the 2nd annual official Snowdown Costume Contest at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020. Compete to win in four prize categories. Cash prize for Most Rockin’. Registration is from 7-8 p.m. Live music from the Garrett Young Collective. 21 + event. Tickets available online at [www.powsci.org](http://www.powsci.org).

### Snowdown Trivia Night

The Powerhouse presents a special Trivia night in celebration of Snowdown, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2020. Consisting of four rounds, Powerhouse trivia includes one science round and a music round. Teams of five are eligible to win prizes and a cash bar available. Attendees are encouraged to dress up as their favorite rock n roll musician or band. Individuals can join other teams as well.

## 2020 Tribal Calendars are in!



The 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Calendars “Celebrating 100 Years” are in, and will be mailed to Southern Ute tribal member head of household.

If you would like a calendar please visit the Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch Building (limit 2 per person).

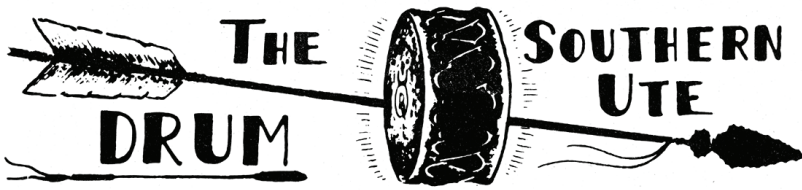
If you had not received a calendar in the mail by Jan. 13, please call the Tribal Information Services office at 970-563-0100 or the Drum office at 970-563-0118 to ensure we have your correct mailing address.

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The Southern Ute Drum would like to ask our readers to submit any copies of the Drum during the following years in order to help us ensure we have a complete inventory for our archive.

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Jan. 13	Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/20)	Tribal offices closed (1/20)
Jan. 27	Jan. 31		
Feb. 10	Feb. 14	President’s Day (2/17)	Tribal offices closed (2/17)
Feb. 24	Feb. 28		
Mar. 9	Mar. 13		
Mar. 23	Mar. 27		
Apr. 6	Apr. 10		
Apr. 20	Apr. 24		
May 4	May 8		
May 18	May 22	Memorial Day (5/25)	Tribal offices closed (5/25)
Jun. 1	Jun. 5		
Jun. 15	Jun. 19		
Jun. 26*	Jul. 2	Independence Day (7/4)	Tribal offices closed (7/3)
Jul. 13	Jul. 17		
Jul. 27	Jul. 31		
Aug. 10	Aug. 14		
Aug. 24	Aug. 28		
Sep. 4*	Sep. 11	Labor Day (9/7)	Tribal offices closed (9/7)
Sep. 21	Sep. 25		
Oct. 5	Oct. 9		
Oct. 19	Oct. 23		
Nov. 2	Nov. 6	Veterans Day (11/11)	Tribal offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 16	Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Day (11/26)	Tribal offices closed (11/26-11/27)
Nov. 30	Dec. 4	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10)	Tribal offices closed (12/10-12/11)
Dec. 14	Dec. 18	Christmas Day (12/25)	Tribal offices closed (12/25)
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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Fouls, late drought cripple 'Cats in Cortez

*Fourth-quarter lead fizzles in tourney finale*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As easy as victory seemingly was coming to the Bobcat boys in the 2020 Four Corners Southwest Classic's championship clash, it ultimately slipped through their claws at an even faster pace.

"We were coming off of a big win, just feeling hot," junior guard Brady McCaw said, referencing the previous evening's 67-48 rout of 3A Bayfield, in which Ignacio drilled almost as many three-pointers (13) as committed fouls (14). "Hit a couple good shots we'd been practicing all week, but ... kind of fell apart at the end."

And that was summarizing things relatively gently.

"I mean, we just ... made dumb mistakes that cost us the basketball game," head coach Chris Valdez said bluntly.

Able to again reign terror upon an opponent from beyond the arc, two treys from junior forward Bryce Finn and two from sophomore guard Gabe Tucson had helped IHS blast out to a 24-13 lead on meet-hosting Montezuma-Cortez in one quarter.

"I haven't really been able to shoot and I've been thinking about it all season, pretty much," Finn said, after posting a game-high 18 points against Bayfield, and prior to netting 19 versus M-CHS – with four threes giving him an impressive seven during the contests. "But I'm going to get my



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Bird Red (23) yanks down a rebound against Montezuma-Cortez inside M-CHS Gymnasium Saturday, Jan. 11.

shot ... back in rhythm, and I knew one of these games it was going to break out."

"We got in foul trouble and we didn't know who we were going to match up with," said Tucson, who'd total five threes during the Jan. 10-11 spectacle, a clutch four coming against M-CHS. "I just had to step up, do my part, contribute to the team."

With 5:30 remaining in the second, senior forward Bird Red, who'd polished off

*Fouls, late page 12*



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ebonee Gomez (23) leans around Dove Creek's Grace Hatfield (3) for a look at the basket during road action Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Lady 'Cats earned a 67-41 win in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Alamosa girls escape IHS with 44-40 win

*Tough loss for team toughened by top-10 foes*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to almost equal the visitors' output early, then exceed it late, an off-pace second quarter more or less was all that separated the Ignacio Lady Bobcats from a Jan. 11 home win over highly-rated 3A Alamosa.

Even with senior forward/center Makayla Howell contained, IHS – ranked No. 10 in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A Girls' Basketball poll going in – managed to stay within two points, 16-14, through the first eight minutes, before going into halftime trailing by seven, 25-18.

The Lady 'Cats, however, reclaimed the third quarter 12-11 and the fourth 10-8, with Howell breaking out and totaling a hard-fought 15 points. A clutch nine came during the fourth quarter as she went 5-of-5 from the free-throw line. Sophomore guard Avaleena Nanaeto turned in another solid effort and booked nine points, but was blanked down the home stretch.

Junior guard Charli-ze Valdez managed six points and sophomore guard Monika Lucero five before fouling out, but junior guard Jayden Brunson managed just three points



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Ignacio's Bella Pena (25) protects the ball from Dove Creek's Tara Buffington (4) during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League road play Tuesday, Jan. 7. IHS downed the Lady Bulldogs 67-41.

and senior forward Larissa Gallegos two.

Checking in at No. 6 in 3A, the Mean Moose got a Howell-matching 15 points from junior guard Emily Lavier before she, too, picked up her disqualifying fifth personal foul. Fellow junior guard Terese Chavez

also reached double figures with her 11 points, while senior guard Lily Lavier contributed nine, including vital 5-of-6 charity-stripe accuracy.

Able to generate just enough breathing room

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Gomez pushing pace on points at JWU

*IHS grad posts career-high in road win*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Knowing that by the time she graduated Ignacio High School as co-owner of the CHSAA record for most three-pointers in a game, it came as no surprise that Avionne Gomez's first official collegiate basket was, yep, a three-pointer.

That jumper fell through the rim back on Nov. 9, 2018, though Denver-based Johnson & Wales University fell at home that evening to Mississippi University for Women.

She's made many more triples since then, one recent barrage coming right when the Wildcats, their numbers depleted (as of Tuesday morning, Jan. 14, the JWU website still lists nine total players) by injury, definitely needed a boost during another trying campaign.

Now a seasoned sophomore guard, Gomez burned Centenary College back on Monday, Dec. 30, for seven treys in 11 tries, en route to a career-high 32 points – or more than half of her crew's collective count – in a 58-54 road victory, Johnson & Wales' first win in 2019-20.

Having totaled just 11 points in the home-and-away with Centenary (alma mater of former NBA great Robert Parish) during the '18-19 grind, Gomez finished a reported 12-of-21 from the floor in her third-ever try against CC



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen last year as a freshman for Denver-based Johnson & Wales University, Ignacio graduate and current JWU sophomore Avionne Gomez recently posted a new collegiate-best 32 points during a December win down in Louisiana.

– fellow NCAA Div. III, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference members – while playing all 40 minutes (JWU dressed just seven that afternoon) inside the Gold Dome.

Her previous best of 24 points had come exactly one year prior (Dec. 30, 2018) during a 76-72 home loss to the University of Dallas, in which she was 5-of-9 from

distance and 8-of-15 overall.

Gomez's onslaught was at the time just the third 30-point game by an SCAC 'baller this winter, and overshadowed a fine bench effort by CC junior Darelzray Bellard, who was 5-of-14 herself from downtown in totaling a career-high 15 points (in 27 minutes) and

*Gomez page 12*



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Ignacio heavyweight Randy Herrera, left, attempts to use his size as resistance against Bayfield's John Foutz (up a weight from his regular 220 pounds) during the Jan. 4, 2020, 'Riverside Rumble' – formerly known as the La Plata County Duals; hosted this season by BHS.

## BOBCATS WRESTLING

# Heavyweight Herrera second in Pagosa Springs

*Additional seventh-placers help 'Cats finish 12th*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A 1-1 split of two appearances at the Jan. 4 'Riverside Rumble' –the bragging-rights 'La Plata County Duals' in last winter's inaugural incarnation – hosted by Bayfield appeared more or less 'meh' for Randy Herrera.

Losing by second-period pin to BHS senior star John Foutz, bumped up from his normal 220 pounds, wasn't all that surprising, and earning six points via forfeit against Durango, lacking possible opponent Eli Russell, wasn't all that satisfying.

The 2020 Rocky Mountain Invitational, held one week later, changed all that.

Ignacio's senior heavyweight, still trying to gain ground on his division rivals in terms of total matches wrestled, began work Saturday, Jan. 11, inside hosting Pagosa Springs' gymnasium receiving a 'bye' and then pinning Pueblo Central sophomore Jeremy Bookout 23 ticks into the third period.

The biggest mat 'Cat then flattened Bloomfield, N.M., junior Nick Duarte in an elapsed 3:12 to earn a spot in the division's championship bout.

Unfortunately, the RMI title would elude Herrera, as La Jara-based Centauri senior Remi Lucero, with just two losses to his name so far this winter, notched his 19th victory by pinning Herrera (6-2) 1:44 into the first period.

Duarte would pin Aztec, N.M., senior Ty Ashley in 2:18 to save third place, while fifth went to AHS freshman Joshua Hannah by pin (in 1:41) over PSHS



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 132-pounder Dante Sandman secures a third-period pin of Bayfield's Xander Hovenstine during the Jan. 4, 2020, 'Riverside Rumble' – formerly known as the La Plata County Duals; hosted this season by BHS.

freshman Sebastian Prunty. Bookout then salvaged seventh by pinning Taos, N.M., sophomore Lucas Filiss in 4:18.

All told, Herrera's effort helped IHS pile up 53 points and edge THS for 12th place at the event. PSHS piled up 244 points to clinch the tourney title, with Aztec (231.5) and Centauri (200) the closest challengers.

At 126 pounds, Ignacio freshman talent Keaton McCoy went 3-2 and placed seventh via a pin – his third of the day – of Pagosa Springs' second-team entrant David Thomas, also a freshman, 47 seconds into the second period.

132-pounder Dante Sandman also went 3-2 for IHS and left Archuleta County with a seventh-place finish, after the senior stuck Montezuma-Cortez's Jaquin Laner 1:29 into the first period. Like McCoy, Sandman also pinned his three victims as the emerging duo followed up effectively their combined 4-for-4 work (including three pins) at the aforementioned Rumble.

Isaac Welker went 0-2

and did not place at 138 after being eliminated by Taos, New Mexico's Eli Sanchez via pin in only 26 seconds. And sophomore Jeremy Roderick gave it his best against the meet's 220s, but went 0-2 and was eliminated by Taos eighth-grader Jerome Martinez by pin in just 47 seconds.

Finally, sophomore Tyler Barnes competed at 152 pounds and, after a difficult pin loss to CHS freshman Erik Mestas with only four ticks remaining in the third and last two-minute regulation period, ended up 1-3 after losing 4-2 to Bayfield's Trey McKee in the consolation-bracket semifinals, and then 7-5 to M-CHS senior Ethan Root in the seventh-place bout.

Up next, the Bobcats will compete Jan. 17-18 at the prestigious Mel Smith Husky Invitational in Florence, then travel one week later to the equally-regarded Screaming Eagle Invite in Paonia.

IHS' slated 2A San Juan Basin League road dual at Mancos on Thursday, Jan. 9 has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28.

## ALAMOSA GIRLS ESCAPE IHS • FROM PAGE 11

during the fourth quarter with shaky 6-of-16 foul-line work, Alamosa improved to 7-1 overall with just one non-league challenge (Jan. 14, versus 4A Pueblo East) remaining before beginning Intermountain League work.

Still 2-0 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin via a quality 67-41 road win at Dove Creek four days before, Ignacio dipped to 3-4 with a Jan. 17 visit from SJBL nemesis Dolores appearing next on the schedule. Results from IHS' 1/16 trip to non-league 2A Del Norte – one of the first tests for DNHS, down one spot to No. 4 in this

week's Class 2A rankings, inside all-new Tiger Gymnasium – were unavailable at press time.

"You know, we'll go back and watch film, have them watch what they did ... pick apart the things we did wrong and fix those

things," said head coach Justa Whitt. "Hopefully get it all to come together."

The Lady 'Cats will also host league rivals Mancos on the 21st, Ridgway on Jan. 24 and Telluride on Jan. 25.

## CHSAANOW.COM CLASS 2A Girls' Basketball Poll (1/13)

1. Holyoke, 2. Rocky Ford, 3. Rye, 4. Del Norte, 5. Limon, 6. Sanford, 7. Wray, 8. Fort Collins Heritage Christian, 9. Simla, 10. Yuma. Others receiving votes: Meeker, **IGNACIO**, Rangely, Peyton, Colorado Springs School, Lafayette Dawson School, Byers, Hayden, Hotchkiss.

## GOMEZ PUSHING PACE • FROM PAGE 11

helping the aptly-named Ladies – who led 25-22 at half-time – stay in contention.

Former IHS alumna Allisiana Baker – who'd also made her JWU debut in the aforementioned loss to Mississippi University for Women, booking a two-point bucket – joined Gomez in the starting lineup down in Shreveport, La., and scored one point in 24 minutes. She also grabbed three rebounds (Gomez collected four) and handed out two assists.

Having improved to 1-8 overall, 1-3 in conference (the Wildcats ended last season standing 2-22, 1-15) at the time, Johnson & Wales then celebrated the New Year by earning Victory No. 2 four days later inside the Wildcat Center over UofD.

Gomez contributed nine points on 3-of-8 accuracy from beyond the arc and grabbed seven rebounds.

Coming in off the bench with eight 'Cats available for duty (sophomore regulars Katey Guzman and Brianna Bailey each canned a crippling six threes), Baker chipped in two points, clutched four boards, swiped a team-best five steals and distributed three assists.

Presently 2-10 overall and 2-5 in SCAC action, JWU will look to halt a two-game slide, dulling the consecutive conquests' thunder, Friday evening, Jan. 17, in San Antonio, Tex., at Trinity University (11-2, 6-0). The Lady Wildcats will then visit Schreiner University in Kerrville, Tex., less than 24

hours later.

The only Wildcat to have started all 12 games to date, Gomez averages 9.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per, while Baker (2 starts) averages 2.8 points and 2.8 caroms.

### DID YOU KNOW

In the 2018-19 season, when Johnson & Wales won their first game of the season Jan. 25, 2019, at Dallas Christian, Gomez scored nine points (2-7 3-PT) in 34 minutes while Baker saw no court time. The next night, JWU won for what would end up being the last time that winter, winning at, ironically, University of Dallas. Gomez booked ten points (1-2 3-PT) in 30 minutes, while Baker scored four in 13 minutes off the bench.

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threatening 11-0 Panther run, and the big junior sent the 'Cats into the locker room leading 40-30 after converting a breakaway layup set up by a Dylan Labarthe steal from M-CHS' Blake Keetch.

And despite a technical foul whistled against senior forward/center Ocean Hunter early in the third quarter for his reaction to an infraction (Keetch had been T'd early in the first for a backboard slap while a Bobcat shot fell inside the rim), Ignacio allowed the Panthers to approach no nearer than 42-36 before ending the stanza with gutsy triples from junior guard Joe Garcia and an unassuming Labarthe – from out of the far corner, no less – at the buzzer.

Tucson then immediately sank IHS' 11th trey starting the final frame, rebuilding the visitors' lead to 56-45, and the Bobcats had M-CHS dead to rights shortly thereafter when Panther senior Teagan Whiteskunk, one of the 3A Intermountain League's most feared shooters, fouled out – though not before booking a valiant 17 points – with a whopping 6:58 remaining.

McCaw coldly canned both resulting free throws, giving Ignacio a 13-point lead normally dooming to most 2A/1A San Juan Basin enemies – particularly if any of those systems had lost a Whiteskunk-like cog.

Panther head coach Michael Hall, however, had already seen another senior exude confidence. Confidence which proved life-saving, and which manifested in a successful three-point play when McCaw fouled out eight ticks after Whiteskunk.

"These boys will never give up. I've said that many of times. And Adrian came into that huddle and the senior leadership stepped up right then; he said, 'We've got to go, boys!'" Hall stated, referring to senior guard Adrian Mark. "He took over Teagan's spot and said, 'We're going to win this game.'"

Entering the fourth quarter with just six points and playing with three fouls, Mark would finish with an inspiring 17 points, his efforts helping free up Jackson for repeated drives to the basket – which themselves became somewhat easier when Hunter (10 points, 16 versus BHS) fouled out with 5:21 left.

Keetch hit one of two FTs at that moment, but Garcia countered with a vital three-pointer to keep IHS out front by double digits, 61-51. Mark answered with a two-point bucket, and Keetch followed with a surprise trey. Jackson cashed a hard take to the hole not long after, bringing Montezuma-Cortez back to within four points, 64-60.

Red responded with two free throws – his four previous tries in the quarter were unsuccessful – but as fate had in store for Ignacio, ranked No. 5 in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A Boys' poll entering the weekend, they'd be the guests' last points.

With two FTs and only 1:43 remaining, Mark sparked a once-improbable, victory-stealing 10-0 scoring burst highlighted by a far-corner three from reserve guard J.T. Carver only seconds after Jackson (20 points) fouled out with 1:39 to go. The sophomore's only bucket during the battle put M-CHS – amazingly outgunned 12-3 from long distance – up 67-66, and Red (7 points) then fouled out with 1:18 left.

"That's a big shot. We set that play up for him knowing ... they were going to be switching on Adrian and Blake," recalled Hall. "And he knocks that shot down, just changes the whole outcome."

Mark would bury two more FTs with 0:43.6 left to provide the Panthers three-point leeway, and after Finn was unable to equalize with one of two tries from downtown, Keetch sank one of two charity chucks – the home side finished 19-of-35, compared to the invaders' 12-of-23 – with 16.4 ticks left to secure an epic 70-66 win.

"You know, we didn't do what we had to do to win. Which is not foul, make our free throws, take care of the ball," said Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez. "I mean, we just fell apart. And it was that ... we didn't have our ball-handlers."

"Brady got in foul trouble ... sits the entire game – he maybe played five or six minutes at the most – and ... Triston, he's out, our second-best ball-handler and penetrator, you know? If we had one more guard who could handle the ball a little bit better, we win that game easily."

But that's not saying the available backcourt players didn't try.

Senior guard Keegan Schurman finished with four points and Garcia six after McCaw was benched with just three in the wake of a 10-point game against Bayfield. Tucson, meanwhile, nearly mimicked Mark's breakout showing with a 14-point performance of his own.

"Gabe steps up, does a fantastic job for us! As a sophomore, it's an unbelievable job," Valdez proudly declared. "Keegan and Joe, they filled the spots on the wings .... We just weren't deep enough, guard-wise."

"You've got to make free throws down the stretch," he added. "Then we've got ... mental mistakes, and maybe there were fouls and maybe there weren't ... but we don't comment on those. The fact of the matter is our kids played their butts off that were out there."

Keetch finished with seven points for the Panthers (6-3, 0-0 IML), and senior reserve Giovanni Carta chipped in four.

"I'm not going to take anything away from Ignacio, because they're good. They can shoot the ball well and, you know ... it was a fun game," said Hall. "Right now, we're on top; we've just got to keep going." "They're a really good-shooting team, they're a really fast team – they kind of mimic our game, pretty much," Finn said. "Obviously it's ... one of our games where we were like, 'We've got to ... give it everything we have.'"

Taking their first loss of the 2019-20 season, the Bobcats slipped to 6-1 overall and will look to bounce back – and hopefully improve to 3-0 in the SJBL – Friday night, Jan. 17, at home versus Dolores.

"We've got to keep looking forward," said McCaw.

"It was a learning experience," Tucson said. "We've just got to keep our heads up and keep moving."

Defeated 64-45 by M-CHS – paced by Whiteskunk's 26 points – in the other Day 1 semifinal, Durango (7-6, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern) recovered on Day 2 and beat Bayfield (1-8, 0-0 IML) 45-34 in the Classic's third-place game.

## CHSAANOW.COM CLASS 2A Boys' Basketball Poll (1/13)

1. Yuma, 2. Ault Highland, 3. Fowler, 4. Denver Christian, **5. IGNACIO**, 6. Limon, 7. Mancos, 8. Edwards Vail Christian, 9. Holly, 10. Sedgwick County (Julesburg/Ovid Revere). Others receiving votes – Fort Collins Heritage Christian, Sanford, Lafayette Dawson School, Greeley Union Colony Prep, Wray, Center, Peyton, Wiggins, Crested Butte, Crowley County (Ordway).





## TRIBAL OBITUARIES

**NEWTON** – Rita Elaine Newton, passed on January 14, 2020. Elaine was a wife, mother, daughter, sister and grandmother, she was 62 years old.

Elaine was born on January 21, 1957 in Las Vegas, NV to Josephine and Jose R. Olguin.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 43 years, Jim R. Newton, Sr., granddaughter Maylon Newton, brothers James M. Olguin (Dee), Myron Olguin (Diane), and Roberta Lohrey all of Ignacio, CO.

Elaine is preceded in death by her father, Jose R. Olguin, and son, Chairman Jim R. Newton, Jr.

Elaine was a person with a huge heart filled with servitude, compassion, and encouragement to her family, friends, tribal membership and the greater community. She was loved by everyone and her impacts will be forever lasting on both a personal and professional level. On January 26, 1976 she married the love of her life, Jimmy R. Newton and together they welcomed their only child, Jim R. Newton, Jr. Elaine loved being a wife and a mother. The love and passion to serve her people helped shaped the same passions into her son who was elected to Tribal Council and Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. She loved to travel with her husband and other family members. When her son, Jim, was on the powwow circuit, Elaine was known to travel right beside him.

During her years as Judge, her contributions were significant and many of the policies and programs that she created are still intact today. Judge Newton was passionate for traditional forms of justice which aimed to rehabilitate the individuals who came before her. Her sentences were non-traditional in the eyes of many courts, but she understood the unique backgrounds and needs to rehabilitate the entire community that she loved. Elaine spent 34 years in law enforcement and



judicial services of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In 1988, Elaine began her career with tribal court as a paralegal, she was then promoted to Associate Judge for four years and finally Chief Judge for 17 years. She also dedicated her time in Tribal Planning working on Economic Development, Tribal Services, and the Department of Natural Resources.

She enjoyed doing crafts, another passion she passed to her son. In the Spring and Summer months, her family and friends could often find her in her garden. She loved to grow flowers and grew traditional plants, such as tobacco.

Elaine will be deeply missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and the surrounding communities.

A rosary will be recited on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church. On Saturday, January 18, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the St Ignatius Catholic Church, a eulogy will be read, church services will begin at 10:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Ouray Cemetery.

A luncheon will begin at 12 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center. The family welcomes everyone to attend.

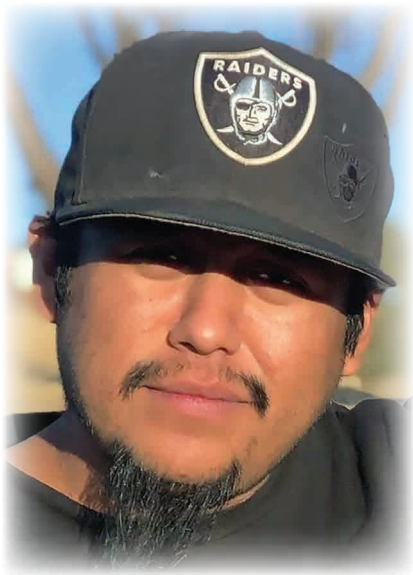
**VENENO** – Livingston Kaiser Veneno, known as “Liv”, passed on January 1, 2020. A loving father, son, grandson, brother and friend, he was 31 years old.

Livingston was born February 23, 1988 in Santa Fe, NM to Roberta Scott and Curtis Veneno.

Livingston is survived by his children: Samantha Rock, Max Veneno and Nikko Frost; siblings: Roselyn Veneno of Ignacio, Cara of Farmington, NM, and Clement Veneno of Dulce, NM; Nephew: Ernesto Veneno of Ignacio along with many other nephews, nieces, cousins and close friends.

Livingston was preceded in death by his late wife: Dionna Rock; father: Curtis Veneno, and grandparents: Walter and Anna Scott.

Liv had a heart of silver and when we say silver, it's because he was the biggest Raiders fan you've ever met! Liv lived for the day and cherished every moment. He loved his kids with all his heart. Liv was all about putting a smile on his friends and families faces whether it was cooking, joking, playing video games, listening to music with them, or just sitting back visiting and hanging out. Liv



had such an amazing spirit about him, and a smile that could light up a room! Livingston will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

A rosary was recited on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel; A funeral was held on Friday, January 10, 2020 also at the Chapel. Burial followed at Ignacio East Cemetery.

**WATTS** – Jaryn “J” Edwin Smith Watts entered this world on January 9, 1991 in Durango, CO to Robert Edward Watts and Lisa Renee Burch. He was called home on January 7, 2020 at the age of 28.

Jaryn was raised in Ignacio, Colorado and was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He was given his Ute Name “Red Wolf” by his Uncle Tim. Jaryn attended the Ignacio Public Schools, worked in various jobs in the Ignacio area, and had many close friends.

Jaryn had a one of a kind personality. Everyone loved his crazy demeanor, contagious smile, and his great sense of humor. All who loved him will never forget the love he had for his family, his music, his Raider Nation, and the hunting season. He enjoyed and loved being around his niece, nephews, and his many cousins.

In 2018, Jaryn's journey towards sobriety started in Denver, Colorado where he worked hard towards his most proudest achievement of completing the program at CeDAR Treatment Facility. His journey continued into 2019 where he was a part of the Mile High Sober Living which led to 9 successful months of sobriety. Of sobriety he once said, “it's time to make something good for me” he also said “my mind is healing along with my spirit, heart, and body.” Jaryn continued fighting towards his sobriety, by regularly attending ongoing meetings, classes, and therapy, as well as group support. His fight was hard but his fight was good. If you know addiction you know the struggle is real and the fight is every day.



Jaryn is joined in spirit with his Father Robert Watts, his Sister Renee Watts, his Grandmother Rosa Watts, Grandfather Leonard Burch, his Girlfriend Kayla Calabaza, and his Best Friend & Brother Thomas Romero and numerous relations.

Jaryn was a strong, proud good man he is loved and will be missed by many he is survived by his mother Lisa Burch, sister Shayleen Watts, brother David Watts, grandmother Irene Burch, Niece, Shawnee Rose Rizzo, Nephews Ethan Rock, Dylan Watts, Dion Nerva, Stephan Watts, Micah Watts, numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and beloved pit bull, Blu.

A wake was held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were on Monday, January 13, 2020 also at the Chapel. Burial followed at La Boca Cemetery.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### KIT CARSON: PART ONE

When Kit was 2 his parent Lindsey and Rebecca Carson moved their family of 11 children westward in 1811. Following Daniel Boons trail to Boons Lick, in Howard County Missouri. Lindsey was killed in an accident while clearing out trees in 1818. Three years later after Rebecca remarried she apprenticed Kit to David Workman a saddle maker.

Kit wanted to see the frontier and at 11 years old joined up with a party heading to the Rocky Mountains. The town of Old Franklin was an outfitting center for wagon trails heading west over the Santa Fe Trail in August 1826. Kit joined William Wolfskill and Andrew Broadus's caravan bound for Santa Fe, New Mexico as a teenager reached Santa Fe that November and headed north to Taos, New Mexico. Then the seat of the Southwestern fur trade he wintred there with Matthew Kinhead, a trapper who also was from Boons Lick. In the Spring Kit joined on as a teamster for an El Paso, Texas bound wagon train back in Taos, Kit met Ewing Young famed for his daring trapping expeditions through the Southwest.

Young employed Kit as a cook, but soon promoted him to trapper from Young, Carson learned not only how to be a trapper on a dangerous journey to trap beaver along the headwaters of the Gila River, this was Apache Country and the trappers has to dodge Mexican army patrols, fur trapping was illegal as well as Apache scouts. American trappers

were notorious for bribing Apaches with power and guns for safe passage.

Yet Young declined to do so along the Salt River. The Apaches attacked but he and his trappers repulsed their foe in this fight. 19-year-old Kit killed his first man as was the trappers custom Kit scalped the Apache in the Autumn of 1831 Kit signed on with Thomas Fitz Patrick one of the heads of the new Rocky Mountain Fur Company called broken hand by Indians because of a gunshot wound to his left wrist Fitz Patrick has immigrated to America from County Cavah, Ireland in 1816 at age 17.

He traveled up the Missouri in 1823 with William Henry, Ashley's company band that included Jed Smith, Jim Bridger, Hugh Glass, William Sublette and James Clyman. Some of these men were already on the Yellowstone with Ashley's partner Maj. Andrew Henry, Fitz Patrick took part in the great battle with the Arikara that June on the Missouri, in which a dozen trappers were killed and as many more wounded.

At that first rendezvous Ashley hauled in 9,000 pounds of beaver pelts worth \$50,000 in St. Louis, Missouri (1.25 Million in today's money). Beaver skins were worth \$5.00 each in comparison to coffee or sugar traded for \$2.00 a pint, gunpowder \$2.00 a pint, tobacco \$2.00 per pound, a good knife \$2.50, blankets were \$20.00, whiskey was not plentiful at this first rendezvous but that would change.

*By Joseph Rael Jr.*

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## COMMUNITY GREETINGS



### Congratulations Trinity

Trinity Taylor is a single mother of two daughters who spent the majority of her adult life taking care of her children at home and being a self-employed Artist in the area. Her desire has always been to help and serve the Southern Ute Tribe in a meaningful way that would impact the community. Through the Tribal Education's Certificate scholarship and her determination to become a police officer, she attended Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy through Pueblo Community College campus in Cortez for 18 weeks, and graduate on Dec. 14, 2019. Trinity was also awarded a Physical Fitness plaque at graduation and had the privilege to carry the American flag as an honor guard at the ceremony. Her goal is to be a patrol officer for a local department and give back to the community that supported and provided her education.

## Attention

**Southern Ute Culture Preservation is seeking Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe teachers for the following classes;**

- Beaded or Plain Moccasins/ High-tops**
- Ribbon Shirts**
- Ribbon Dresses**
- Beaded or Plain Gloves**
- Loom Beading**
- Cradle Board Making**
- Drumsticks and Hand Drum**
- Choker and Breast Plates**
- Growlers**

**If interested please contact Education Coordinator, Hanley Frost Sr. at 970-563-2306.**

## Drum Deadline

**Next issue**  
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**Deadline**  
**Jan. 27**

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

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Powwow Committee

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee are accepting bids for the upcoming Southern Ute Bear Dance and Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwows. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 970-553-9291 or at donalfrost331@gmail.com

### Bear Dance weekend: May 22-23

- Porta Pots
- Security staff
- Cleaning staff
- Sound system

### Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20

- Porta Pots
- Security staff
- Cleaning staff
- Sound system

## NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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

- **Applicant: BP America Production Company**  
Facility: Florida River Central Delivery Point  
Section 25, T34N R9W, 8 miles west of Ignacio, Colorado  
This source is a natural gas central delivery point
- **Applicant: BP America Production Company**  
Facility: Treating Site #7  
Section 10, T32N R10W, 17 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colorado  
This source is a natural gas treating site
- **Applicant: BP America Production Company**  
Facility: Treating Site #8 Central Delivery Point  
Section 28, T33N R10W, 17 miles west of Ignacio, Colorado  
This source is a natural gas central delivery point

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permits and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of the start of the public comment period. The public comment period will be held from January 17, 2020 through February 16, 2020.

## House for sale \$185,000

93 Mountain Dew Circle. West Cedar Point. Triple-wide home includes: 5-bedrooms, Master bedroom with walk-in closet and a master bathroom (double sink, shower, bathtub), 2 bedrooms have walk-in closets, 2 bedrooms have standard closets, 2 full bathrooms, laundry room with washer/dryer hook ups, laundry room has room for a freezer. Large kitchen with a small breakfast area, separate dining area, wood flooring in all the bedrooms, hallway and living room, walk in pantry, brand new ceiling fans in each room, black-out blinds, built in sprinkler system, fenced in yard front and back, shed, paved driveway and patio, new roof. New appliances. Refrigerator and stove will need to be purchased. Home sits on Southern Ute Tribal Assignment, you must be a Southern Ute Tribal Member to purchase with the assignment. Non-tribal members who would like to purchase the home. Costs to move the home would be your responsibility to move off the assignment. Contact 970-563-2985 if interested.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #18, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2019-PR-0181  
Dixie Lou Naranjo, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **February 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 2nd of January, 2020  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2020-PR-0004  
Livingston Kaiser Veneno, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **February 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of January, 2020.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Internal Audit Support Services

### Owner:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Internal Audit Department  
P. O. Box 737, MS 56  
356 Ouray Drive  
Ignacio, CO 81137

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Internal Audit Support Services. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Internal Audit Department located at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, 356 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 5 PM MST, on February 14, 2020.

Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact the Internal Audit Department for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-2310 or [ia@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ia@southernute-nsn.gov). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## House for Sale • Asking \$174,000

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, Colo. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard. Serious inquires only, leave message 970-563-3161.

## Southern Ute Tribal Administration Offices will be closed

**Offices closed Monday, Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 21.**



## Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

### APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has two (2) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing 1/31/20 – 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. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### ELECTION BOARD

Closing 1/21/20 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full-Time Regular Board Member. Closing date is Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonestly or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter

of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin Street. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305 or via email: [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

### ETHICS COMMISSION

Closing 2/20/20 – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill one vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” position on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by Feb. 20, 2020. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full Time Gaming Commission position term is 4 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 1 year and 10-month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3-year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Powwow Committee is seeking interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute

Tribal Member or a Native American Community Member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture through Powwow song and dance. All interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137.

### 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 Dept. at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

### TERO COMMISSION

Closing 2/6/20 – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest from Southern Ute Tribal Members for One (1) FT Commissioner and One (1) Alternate Commissioner; to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, three (3) year terms and they are compensated positions. Applicants must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal Member Ft Commissioner: Tribal regulatory knowledge and experiences; Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

### WILDLIFE CULTURE EXPERT

Open until filled – Tribal Member Needed for Ute Cultural Expert Position. The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member wishing to fill a special Cultural Expert vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This individual will fill a non-voting position with a non-expiring term on the Board. The Cultural Expert is expected to incorporate traditional Ute Indian values, beliefs, and perspectives into the Boards' various deliberations involving the welfare, use, management, and protection of the Tribe's wildlife resources. The Cultural Expert must be recognized within the community for his or her expertise in Ute culture and traditions as they pertain to wildlife and hunting. 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. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, typically on a weekday morning, and a commitment to attend and participate in all the meetings is expected. Each Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already a employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at: PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 Attn: Wildlife Advisory Board. This letter should address the individual's qualification to serve in a Ute cultural expert capacity on the Wildlife Advisory Board. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

### YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR 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? Call Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

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

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

**Coordinator of Health, Nutrition and Safety**  
Closing 1/20/20 – Providing an overall health services program, and addressing the physical health and welfare of all students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Coordination with other tribal and community resources to insure awareness of health, nutrition and safety is required. Pay grade 20; \$48,898.00/annually.

**Curriculum Coordinator**  
Closing 1/23/20 – A support position to the principal with assisting in supervisory responsibility for Academy's guiding staff. Overseeing and supporting guides with planning, assessments and communicating the needs of students and guides at the Infant/Toddler, Primary, and Elementary levels to appropriate administration and specials staff. Will manage all local and state testing programs and use the data to inform effective Montessori instruction and to assist staff in the incorporation of the information into the day to day instructional program.

**Dental Registration Clerk**  
Closing 1/21/20 – Performs a wide variety of dental clinic duties to include, but not limited to, office and clerical, patient registration and information management, insurance and billing responsibilities, appointment scheduling and customer service. Works in coordination with other departments, clinics, outside agencies and hospitals in the provision of clinic services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

**Dispatcher**  
Closing 1/20/20 – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

**Education Floater**  
Closing 1/17/20 – Supporting the SUIMA through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

**Family Court Caseworker**  
Closing 1/22/20 – Providing guardian ad item, 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/year.

**Farm Heavy Equipment Operator**  
Closing 2/3/20 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require and employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

**Gaming Investigator II**  
Closing 1/17/20 – Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

**Lifeguard (Full-time)**  
Closing 1/24/20 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

**Museum Collections Manager**  
Closing 1/21/20 – All aspects of care for the Southern Ute Museum loaned and accessioned collections, including storage and display for all artifacts to professional museum standards, and maintenance of a current collections database. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

**Patrol Officer**  
Closing 1/29/20 – 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.

**Range Technician**  
Closing 1/24/20 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under the general supervision of

the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

**Security Officer**  
Closing 1/27/20 – Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Mouache Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgement in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

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

**Family Practice Physician**  
Open Until Filled – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

**Lifeguard (Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

**Part-time Dentist**  
Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. This position is part-time with benefits.

**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 (PT w/benefits)**  
Open Until Filled – A 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.

**Social Services Division Head**  
Open Until Filled – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B-Foster Care program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

**Speech & Language Therapist (PT w/benefits)**  
Open Until Filled – A 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.

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

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

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**Computer Technical Support Administrator II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 1/30/20 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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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.

**Line Cook (Full-time)**  
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High school diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one (1) year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR four (4) months In House training OR presently attending culinary school.

**\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)**  
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Greets and interacts with guests in a friendly, professional and welcoming manner. Efficiently and accurately deals blackjack, three card poker, roulette and other Class 3 specialty games according to Casino policies and procedures and Southern Ute Division of Gaming ICMP's (Internal Control Minimum Procedures). Monitors guests' play and table action to ensure security of game and Casino assets and notifies supervisor of any irregularities. Must be at least 21 years old, have a High School Diploma or equivalent, and must have at least 6 months as a Table Games Dealer or have Dealer School Certification.

**Cafe Cashier (On-call)**  
Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Must be at least 16 years old. High School Diploma or equivalent preferred. Must be able to count money and make change. Cash register experience preferred.

**\*Count Team Staff**  
Retrieves, counts and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. Pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Exchanges containers (i.e. boxes, buckets, bags and envelopes) that hold a variety of items of monetary value. Containers are swapped, filled or emptied, according to a submitted time schedule and the regulatory requirements. Works in the team schedule group, who pulls and counts the full containers by machine, by hand, and/ or by visual layout (depending upon required procedure of the container). Work day begins according to the submitted schedule and is completed when the last scheduled functions are completed. Participates in the removal of slot cash storage boxes, coin drop buckets and coin drop boxes from slot machines in accordance to Casino procedures and regulations. Must be at least 21 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, and cash handling experience preferred.

**Facilities Staff (Full-time)**  
Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles hotel guests to and from the airport as needed. Must be at least 18 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, 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.

**\*Restaurant Supervisor**  
Monitor and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Rolling Thunder Grill and Lounge area, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional guest service experience. Supervise all floor staff including host/hostess, servers and bussers. Ensure staff is working together as a team to provide optimum service for guest needs. Complete opening and closing duties. Monitor dining room for seating availability, service, safety and well-being of guests. Assist management in training, scheduling, evaluating and/or disciplining, motivating and coaching employees and serve as a role model. Supervise restaurant staff for the efficient operation of the restaurant. Constantly monitor staff performance in all phases of service and job functions and ensure guest satisfaction and exceptional service. Ensure that all areas of the restaurant are properly staffed and in accordance with business volume. Assist Manager in organizing and conducting pre-meal and departmental meetings to communicate pertinent information to the staff, such as house count and menu changes, etc. High school diploma or equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. At least five (5) years in the restaurant industry with a minimum of two (2) years' experience as a Restaurant Supervisor in a restaurant or in a hotel environment. Must demonstrate proficiency in cashing and cash handling ability. Must have previous experience or demonstrate proficiency in Digital Dining or related restaurant management software systems and be familiar with manual systems or procedures should a computer malfunction.

**\*Slot Operations Floor Person**  
Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Ensures positive guest relations through prompt, courteous and efficient service; treats all guests and associates with respect, dignity, integrity and sensitivity. Informs guests of departmental and property-wide promotions. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests. Must be at least 21 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must have 1 year of customer service experience, previous Slot Sloor Person experience preferred.

**\*Slot Technician I**  
Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. Performs simple routine preventative maintenance, cleaning, and testing on all gaming devices and signage. Assists with the installation, removal, break-down, relocation, and set-up of relocated slot machines and stands. Troubleshoots defective equipment (meter variances, door switches, etc.) to isolate and replace/repair faulty components. Assists with game conversions and upgrades. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years old. One (1) years' experience in a related field (slot machine repair, electronics, circuit boards, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Must have basic knowledge of computer hardware and software.

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.

**Internal Auditor – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 1/21/20 – Review the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control processes. Conduct substantive testing of key control activities and evaluate results. Note deviations from policies, guidelines, manuals, and industry best practices in order to identify risks, significant concerns, and weaknesses in the control environment. Compliment internal audits with robust data analytic procedures. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance or similar discipline and three years full-time accounting experience including two years in public accounting or internal audit. Must have experience with audit programs and procedures. Must be able to work and manage assignments in a deadline-oriented environment. Must have excellent computer skills including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid drivers' license and be insurable under the Growth Fund's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4545/4517.

**Bus Driver – Road Runner Transit (Part-time)**  
Open until filled – CDL Licensed Driver with P2 Endorsement. \$17.03/hour. Part of the Bustang Outrider team, driving the route from Durango to Grand Junction. High School Diploma/GED; Must be insurable by SoCoCAA; must be able to pass a drug/alcohol test and background check. Please submit with your application a Motor Vehicle Report, current medical card & passenger endorsement.

**Monitoring Technicians (Part-time)**  
Open until filled – Preferred qualifications include High School diploma/GED; previous experience & training working with recovering substance abusers; must be able to obtain a CPR & 1st Aid certification and must pass background checks. Individuals in recovery must have 2 years of continuous sobriety.

**Substitute Teachers (Part-time)**  
Open until filled – Are you a passionate person who enjoys working with children? Come and

join our program where we offer positive early learning experiences to toddler age children. Ignacio Early Learning Program is looking for Part-time Sub-teachers. Must have experience in working with toddler & preschool age children; must be 18 years of age; must pass TB exam; must pass criminal history and child abuse registry checks.

**Therapist – Peaceful Spirit**  
Open until filled – Will assure the evidence-based multisystemic (MST) program delivers quality family-based care in Archuleta and La Plata Counties. MST training is provided and no previous MST experience needed. MA in a social work, counseling, or other behavioral health related field required, although relevant work experience may also be considered. Must be able to be credentialed as a Medicaid provider. Must pass Criminal History & Child Abuse/Neglect background checks; be insurable through SoCoCAA. \$43K for qualified individual DOE.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

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

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**Support Analyst I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 1/30/20 – Providing technical assistance and support related to computer systems, hardware, or software. Responds to queries, runs diagnostic programs, isolates/troubleshoots problems, and determines and implements solutions.

**Support Analyst II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 1/30/20 – Providing technical assistance and support related to computer systems, hardware, or software. Responds to queries, runs diagnostic programs, isolates/troubleshoots problems, and determines and implements



## Ranching with Predators on the Landscape

Free Workshops for Livestock Producers in Colorado,  
February 2020



The return of predators on working lands is just one of the many expanding challenges ranchers face in today's world. As such, there exists a greater need for understanding, resources, and support for the stewards of Colorado's wild-working landscapes.

These workshops are designed to provide insight from first-hand experience, discuss viable solutions, and offer an opportunity to have open, respectful, and sincere conversation around the topic of ranching with wolves and other predators.

Locations	Date	Time
Ignacio, SunUte Community Center, Capote Rm.	February 8	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Montrose, Holiday Inn and Suites, 1391 S. Townsend Ave.	February 10	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rifle, Hampton Inn & Suites, 715 Megan Ave.	February 11	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Walden, Antler's Inn, N. 460 Main St.	February 13	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Presenters:

~ Joe Engelhart, ranch manager and livestock producer, Alberta, Canada  
~ Hilary Anderson, livestock producer, Anderson Ranch, Montana  
~ Carter Niemeyer, former Wildlife Services trapper; wildlife biologist

The speakers have a combined 70 years of direct experience with predator-livestock interactions, agriculture, and livestock operations.

### Workshop Topics:

- Management options and tangible strategies to reduce predator-livestock conflict
- Increasing ranch resilience and sustainability for future generations
- Understanding gray wolf and other predator behavior and ecology
- Identifying different types of predator damage
- Opportunity for open discussion with:
  - livestock producers who have ranched with wolves and other predators
  - wildlife biologists who have experience working with wolves and other predators in livestock country

Refreshments and hearty snacks will be provided throughout the day.

Workshops are a collaborative effort between Spruce Ranching Cooperative, Anderson Ranch, Working Circle, and Defenders of Wildlife.

For questions email:  
[karin@workingcircle.org](mailto:karin@workingcircle.org)  
[jmurtaugh@defenders.org](mailto:jmurtaugh@defenders.org)

## Elk hunt orientation



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Advisory Board Chairman, Lance Taylor welcomed all the hunters from the Four Corners region to the orientation night and wished them all a good hunt on Friday, Jan. 10 inside the events center of the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Southern Ute Tribal Attorney, James Washinawatok signs for his hunting permit and gets ready to sit in on the 2020 Cow Elk Hunt orientation hosted at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday, Jan. 10.



## January Noon Ball

**Monday & Wednesday  
Soccer**

**Tuesday & Thursday  
Hockey**



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## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Jan. 17



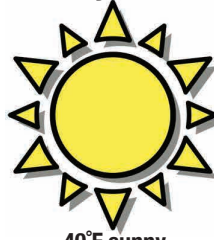
37°F mostly sunny  
Snow showers likely

Saturday, Jan. 18



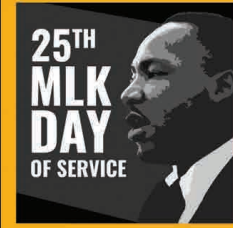
37°F mostly cloudy

Sunday, Jan. 19



40°F sunny

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

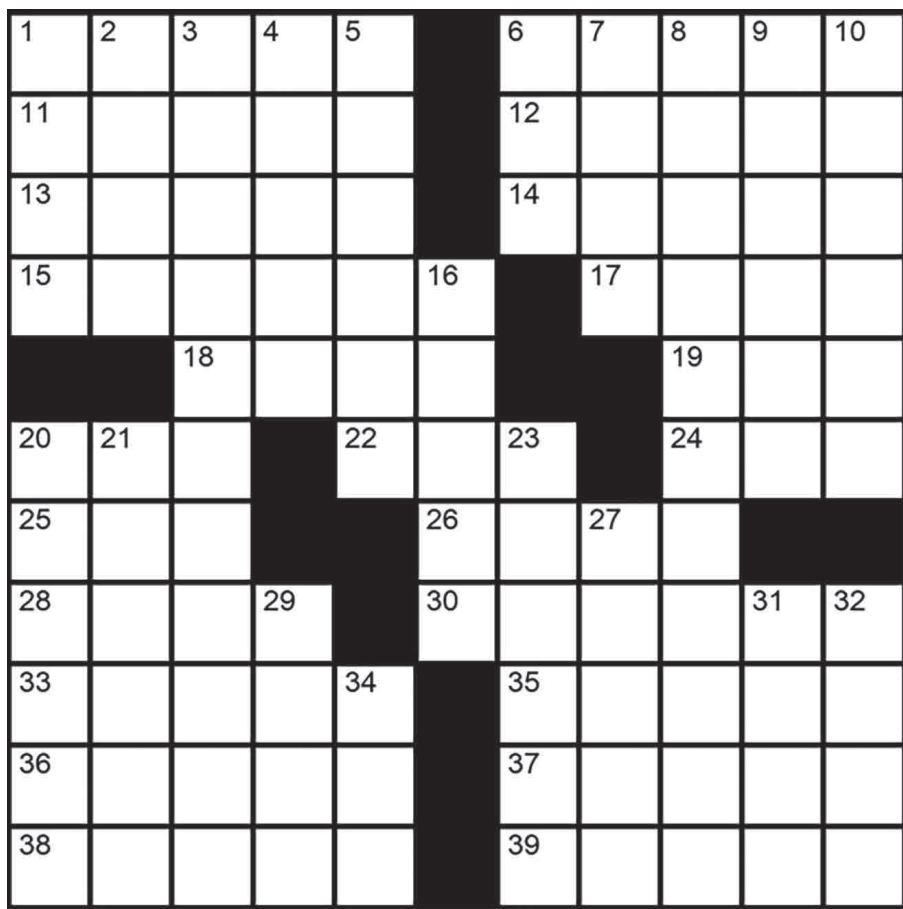


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JANUARY 20, 2020

#MLKDAY

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- Construction girder
- "Get your paws off me!"
- Tribe, and one of the Eight Northern Pueblos
- Assumed name
- African cattle pen
- Didn't own
- Faculties
- Roald Dahl's wife, actress Patricia ---
- "Country Gentleman" --- Atkins
- Lyrical poem
- Cinematic FX
- "---" in "Seattle"
- And not
- One circuit
- Crash investigation org.
- They help you to get about online
- Solid carbon dioxide
- Cab-fare calculator
- Shady retreat
- Renaissance painter --- Veronese
- Hopi village east of Grand Canyon
- Ill-humored
- Luster

### Down

- Calligraphers' essentials
- Uncover
- The Great --- (Lincoln)
- Embarrass
- Free-for-alls
- "--- -di-dah!"
- Vivacity
- Beaten up, bleeding lbo found by hotel bed
- Arizona Navajo Nation chapter
- Stableman
- Rise to one's feet
- Doesn't tread lightly
- Cake, in Carcassonne
- Found in the wind when something's about to happen?
- Dark-skinned wine grape
- Hawk
- Carry on well
- Ireland, poetically
- Actor --- Rogers, whose mother was of Choctaw extraction

Answers for this crossword will appear in Jan. 31 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for the Jan. 3 crossword puzzle.

**Across:** 1 BAEd, 5 Grimm, 10 Acne, 11 Tobias, 13 Toga, 14 Stinko, 15 Emirs, 17 Siam, 18 San Luis, 21 She, 22 Eyseshot, 24 Bar, 26 Sparest, 29 Oboe, 31 Darth, 32 Pronto, 35 Ciao, 36 Samish, 37 Lacs, 38 MSDOS, 39 Elke.

**Down:** 1 Bates, 2 Acoma, 3 Engine rooms, 4 Dearly, 5 GTs, 6 Rot, 7 Ibis, 8 Ministerial, 9 Makah, 12 Some, 16 Sues, 19 ISP, 20 Shad, 23 Oracle, 24 Bops, 25 Abram, 27 Stack, 28 Those, 30 Enid, 33 Tso, 34 Oh.