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**CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

**Thompson and Cimburek sign on as new dept. directors**

By McKayla Lee  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center (SUCC) and the Southern Ute Museum (SUM) have recently hired new leadership. Southern Ute tribal member Shelly Thompson has taken over as the Cultural Preservation Director and Susan Cimburek as the new Museum Director.

Both parties have shared their excitement to be working alongside one another and to be sharing the facility.

Thompson has a long history of work experience with the tribe. She started working as a youth employee when she was 14 years old. She's spent time in various departments since then, but her favorite position was a Community Health Representative (CHR) and Administrative Assistant. "I look back and always feel grateful to have been able to work with the elders," Thompson reminisced. "I loved being around them especially when they would share their stories, it allowed me to really connect with them."

In addition to her work history, she has a strong education background. After graduating from Ignacio High School, she pursued an Associate's of Science degree from Pueblo Community College (PCC) majoring in Criminal Justice with an emphasis on Adult



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Shelly Thompson, the new Cultural Preservation Department Director and the new Southern Ute Museum Director, Susan Cimburek sit for a photo together in the welcome area of the museum on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

and Juvenile corrections. Moving from PCC Thompson attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. and obtained her Bachelor of Political Science degree. She then moved to Denver where she worked and attended school at the University of Denver before receiving a Master of Social Work Degree. Deciding to stick around the Denver area, she returned to school at the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver to complete the program and now holds a Juris Doctor degree.

"I know my law degree can be put to work in this department, especially through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) program," stated Thompson. "Not only do I want to see the department grow; I want to help

my employees grow."

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act currently helps Native American tribes regain ownership of cultural items that have been discovered or excavated on federal lands. The act also protects the disposition and repatriation of cultural and sacred objects. In addition to the NAGPRA team, Thompson will oversee special events, culture education, traditional events and five culture committees. Special events such as heritage dances, holiday dinners, youth camp, Bear Dance and Sun Dance will continue as normal. "I want to see more classes being held here [at SUCC] different from the ones that have been held recently," Thomp-

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**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**

**Martinez finds his niche as The Southern Ute Drum's Media Archivist**

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Fabian Martinez signed on with The Southern Ute Drum in February of 2019 to take on the responsibilities of organizing and archiving the newspaper's decades old collection of printed newspapers, negatives and historic black and white photographs, which date back to the inception of the tribal newspaper in 1969.

Martinez has a unique understanding of the Drum's newspaper history as a tribal publication. His years of research starting with his first Drum internship, has provide him with in-depth knowledge of the newspaper archives.

"History is important. I want to protect that history so that we have it for future generations. As historians we are able to go back and construct a better idea of the past or fill in our own histories. Our tribal histories are important to us as Nuche," Martinez emphasized.

Many of the historic photographs in The Southern Ute Drum archives remain unpublished images to this day, outtakes from important events, cultural gather-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum's Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez uses a light table to determine the age and condition of color film negatives and 35mm slides.

ings or High School athletics. Often most memorable is the vast collection of tribal members and employees in and around the offices, in the field, or simply enjoying each other's company.

Many of the oldest newspapers in the collection were published separately, as the Ignacio Chieftain, but still covered tribal news in addition to general news in and around the Southern Ute Reservation, some dating back as far as the 1920's.

Martinez came on board to help the newspaper preserve and protect these valuable histories, while making them more readily available to tribal departments and the

membership. In less than a year's time, he has done just that. Organizing five decades of historic photos into acid free, dust proof folios; paving the way for digitization.

"As of right now, we still have a lot of work ahead of us as we are still organizing the negatives and contact sheets that were used to help produce the paper. It is important to protect these materials, as many of the photos, negatives, albums and newspapers were not correctly stored and many are showing signs of aging," Martinez said.

An extensive inventory

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Human trafficking hits close to home**

By Trennie Collins  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary domestic servitude, sex trafficking and use of child soldiers are all forms of human trafficking. So, is human trafficking really what we think it is?

On Thursday, Jan. 16 the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT) in partnership with Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) held a human trafficking training at the Southern Ute Museum presented by LCHT's Research and Training Manager, Kara Napolitano.

What is human trafficking? According to the LCHT, human trafficking is a severe form of exploitation of another person involving force, fraud or coercion for labor or commercial sex purposes.

"We do have all forms of trafficking here [in Colorado] labor trafficking and sex trafficking," explained Napolitano. "I know of six or seven cases that are currently happening right here within a 20-mile radius, so if you didn't think trafficking was happening here, now you know."

The State Department recently released a report stating that the United States was ranked among the worst countries in the world for human trafficking. Within the U.S., Colorado is ranked 16th.

According to the Secretary of State, there were 24.9 million people who are involved in human trafficking in some capacity in 2019. The U.S. State



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Department also estimates that 600,000-800,000 victims are trafficked annually across international borders and of those numbers, half are under the age of 18.

In April of 2016, Governor Hickenlooper signed Colorado House Bill HB 16-1224, Treat Trafficking of Children as Child Abuse, into law — making Colorado history and changing the way human trafficking is treated in the state of Colorado. Colorado has 17 task forces in different communities around the state who have started the anti-trafficking movement. In Colorado, human trafficking is a felony. Trafficking an adult could land you in serious trouble, and is punishable for up to 16 years in prison; trafficking a child is punishable for up to 48 years in prison.

The Colorado Human Trafficking Council, a group of leaders across various levels of government and community who work to address human trafficking in Colorado, help advocate for trafficked victims. The recommended standards set by the Colorado Human Trafficking Council are community-based victim advocates who help and play a crucial role in providing long term help for survivors. Mental/behavioral health professionals help provide clinical intervention and support, while housing providers provide safe and clean housing to those in need.

Even though the council doesn't have regulatory authority over the recommended standards they work through those to help guide them when working with human trafficking clients. "In order to fight crime as diverse and array as human trafficking is, you need trust. You need trust between law enforcement and service providers and community members, so we know we are all on the same page," said Napolitano. "No one organiza-

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**JV Bobcats hold court**



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Bela Torres (14) ignores the distracting handclapping of Dolores freshman Chandler Smith (12) while driving to the basket on a breakaway during junior-varsity action inside IHS Gymnasium Friday afternoon, Jan. 17. The Lady Bobcat JV hammered DHS' by a 50-17 margin but was just about the most recent contest for the crew; Mancos was unable to put a team on the same floor Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 21, nor was Ridgway on the 24th. Results from a 1/25 visit from Telluride had not been reported by press time.

Ignacio freshman Jace Carmenoros (15) steals the ball from Ridgway sophomore Jaden Stratman (1) during junior-varsity play inside IHS Gymnasium Friday afternoon, Jan. 24. The Bobcat JV fell to the Demons' by a 62-49 count.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING HITS CLOSE • FROM PAGE 1

tion is going to solve the trafficking problem, it's going to take literally every type of identity in this space and more."

A huge population of Coloradans believes that human trafficking is sex trafficking, leading to a misperception of stereotyping when it comes to trafficking in general. Reality is that yes, sex trafficking is a huge part of human trafficking, but in Colorado, there are some risk factors that may lead to being trafficked. Age, poverty, gender, inequality, unemployment, sexual abuse, health issues, mental health, police corruption and high crime are just some risk factors to take into consideration.

So, what does that mean in the name of safety? It is important to know what it means to be safe from being trafficked. Communication is key, having a phone or letting a family member know your whereabouts is an important part of being safe. Keep all important documents, an ID or passport in your possession at all times. Many traffickers hold onto their victim's identification so that they feel like they have leverage over them.

"This region also includes two sovereign nations, the Southern Utes and the Ute Mountain Utes. The data collected does not include tribal participants although it is important to understand how cultures vary; therefore, we do not assume that the vulnerabilities are similar in the sovereign communities, but we expect that some of the risks to trafficking for individuals might be the same," stated The Region 5 Colorado Project Community Profile which was conducted by LCHT.

It's important to know that traffickers can be anyone. Being aware of trafficking itself is an important step to helping your community. You are the first line of defense in human trafficking detection. Here are some common indicators of human trafficking:

- Unexplained injuries (multiple scars, broken teeth or burns).
- Evidence of prolonged infection or time since injury occurred.
- Bacterial infection and/or yeast infection or frequent STI's.
- Work-related injuries.

- Multiple or frequent pregnancies/abortions.
  - Signs of malnourishment or general poor health.
  - Tattoos or branding.
  - Evidence of sexual trauma.
- There is no sure sign of human trafficking, instead take these signs into consideration.

- Individual claims of "just visiting."
- Someone claiming to speak for, or on behalf of a victim.
- No legal documentation and not in control of their own identification documents.
- Dissociation disorders such as memory loss, lack of sense of self-identity.

"People are coming in and out of these experiences," explained Napolitano. "Trafficking is not just cut and dry and nobody is just a trafficking victim or survivor, it's not their only identity."

For more information on human trafficking visit: [combathumantrafficking.org](http://combathumantrafficking.org) or to report human trafficking contact Colorado's Human Trafficking hotline at 1-800-455-5075 or text 720-999-9724.



## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Jacob Frost was named Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe during their fundraiser at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center on Wednesday Jan. 13, 2010.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 29, 2010, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy L. Burch/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

During a January 14 ceremony in Denver, former Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch was presented with the 2000 Martin Luther King Jr. Business Social Responsibility Award for the state of Colorado.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 28, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Southern Ute Committee of Elders met with Southern Ute Tribal Council on Jan. 18, 1990, to discuss various topics of concern including home health care, the 1990 Bear Dance, ideas of building a new nursing home. A report was also given about the National Council of Aging meeting held in Albuquerque, N.M. Staff members from Tribal Health, Tribal Services, the Executive Office, Planning and Development, and the Drum were present to answer questions.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 2, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Rudy Duran received the 2nd place trophy for his team "The Coaches" - from Miss Southern Ute, Starlene Naranjo - for the Invitational Basketball Tournament.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 1, 1980, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

# Jr. Miss Southern Ute

September - December 2019

Mique,  
My name is Autumn Rain Sage, my given Ute name is Pachukwi (River Otter). I'm 15 years old and I attend Ignacio High School.

My paternal grandparents are Roger Sage (Christine Sage) and the late Vera Mae Cuthair. My maternal grandparents are Irene Burch and the late Leonard C. Burch. My parents are Roger Sage, Jr. and Lynnette Sage and I have a brother.

I'm the 2019-2020 Jr. Miss Southern Ute. This will be my third year representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as an ambassador. It's been an honor and privilege to represent the Southern Ute membership and I'm very happy to be part of the Royalty court. I would like to give the membership an update on all my participation in events and travels that I have attended. I thank the Royalty Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for giving me this opportunity.

**September 2019**

- I was crowned Jr. Miss Southern Ute at the 99th Southern Ute Tribal fair and powwow.
- I participated in the fair parade and all the Grand Entries and Inter-Tribals.
- I attended the Four Corners Indian Country Con-



ference at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center.

**October 2019**

- The newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty was invited by the Tribal Council to do an introduction at the Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers in the LCB Tribal Building.

**November 2019**

- I participated in the Southern Ute Royalty's Thanksgiving walk beginning at the Southern Ute Veterans Park.
- I attended the annual Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving dinner held at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center.
- I participated in the Native American Heritage powwow held at the Durango High School. This powwow honored all veterans and graduating seniors.

- I welcomed all participants and visitors to the American Youth Bull Riding series held at Sky Ute Fairgrounds.
- I attended the Native American History Month recognition reception at the Governor's Mansion in Denver. The reception was hosted by Colorado Governor Polis and Lieutenant Governor Primavera.

**December 2019**

- I participated in the annual light parade for Ignacio's Taste of Christmas.
- I attended the annual Southern Ute Tribal Christmas dinner and Tribal Christmas program. Southern Ute Royalty performed the Lord's Prayer in Sign Language at the Christmas program.

I have had some great experiences this far into my reign. I have met some great people and important dignitaries. I promise to do my best as Jr. Miss Southern Ute and vow to uphold my crown and title. I look forward to 2020 and all the cultural and traditional events to come.

*Tog'oiak'*  
*Autumn Sage*  
*Jr. Miss Southern Ute*  
*2019-2020*

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

# Little Miss Southern Ute

September - December 2019

Mique Nuchu,  
My name is Shayne Morning Star White Thunder. My Ute name is Winter Rose, my grandmother Mikki gave me that name because I was born in winter and the rose signifies our people. I am the current 2019-2020 Little Miss Southern Ute. I am six years old and I attend school at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.



Back to School BBQ.

My mother is Heather White Thunder and my father is Seth Roubideaux. My paternal grandmother is Mikki Naranjo and my great-grandparents are the late Eugene Naranjo and Dixie Naranjo. My maternal grandparents are Bobbie White Thunder from El Reno, Okla. and the late Ross Denny. I come from the Moache-Capote bands and I'm a descendent of Buckskin Charlie.

I am honored to be an ambassador for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I am learning every day.

The following are events that I have attended so far during my tenure:

**September 2019**

- I was honored to be crowned Little Miss Southern Ute and attended the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. I also rode in the Tribal Fair parade.
- I attended the Southern Ute Education Dept.,

**October 2019**

- Along with other Royalty, I introduced myself and met with Southern Ute Tribal Council members.
- I traveled and participated the He Sapa Wacipi-Black Hills Powwow.

**November 2019**

- I attended and participated in the Masquerade Powwow held at the Multi-Purpose building.
- I traveled and attended a benefit dance for the Sand Creek runners in Hammon, Okla.
- I attended the N7 Event and basketball games hosted by FLC.
- I participated and helped sponsor the Royalty Walk for the community. Greeted and introduced myself at the Southern Ute Annual Thanksgiving Dinner to tribal

- members and guests.
- I attended and participated at the Durango High School Powwow.
- I danced and introduced myself to the students of Ignacio School District for Native American Heritage Month.
- I traveled to Ft. Duchesne and participated in the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow.

**December 2019**

- Traveled and participated in the Choctaw Powwow in Durant, Okla.
- Lastly, I attended our Southern Ute Christmas dinner and shook hands with members of all three Ute Tribes and guests. For the Christmas Program I did the Lord's Prayer in sign language with Miss Southern Ute and Junior Miss Southern Ute. I also sang Ute songs with my classmates.

I have enjoyed attending different events and traveling to represent the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and meeting new people. I look forward to attending upcoming events and learning new things along the way.

*Tog'oiak'*  
*Shayne Morning Star*  
*White Thunder*  
*Little Miss Southern Ute*  
*2019-2020*

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

# Southern Ute Brave

September - December 2019

Maykh,  
Nunay Nia Andre Bluestar-Baker, Nunay Nuu Nia, KaaPaa (Kaavi - Mountain Paa - Water).

I am the 2019-2020 Southern Ute Brave. I am six years old and in Kindergarten.

My mother's name is Daisy Bluestar and my father's name is Andre Baker. My Maternal grandparents are Audrey Frost-Nissen of the Southern Ute Tribe and Pete Vigil of Ignacio. My paternal grandparents are Trina Osife of The Salt River Pima-Maricopa tribe and my grandfather is Robert Baker of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

I am a member of the Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group on the Southern Ute Reservation. My hobbies include basketball, dancing, singing, and playing with my siblings.

Since I became the Southern Ute Brave in September of 2019 these are the events



I have attended to represent our tribe:

**September 2019**

- 9/14 - Southern Ute Fair Parade.
- 9/23 - 27th annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference. (U.S. Department of Justice).

**October 2019**

- 10/19 - Daughters of the Red Road Powwow.

**November 2019**

- 11/16 - Southern Ute Royalty Walk.
- 11/16 - Southern Ute Thanksgiving Dinner.
- 11/21 - Youth Bull Riding at the Sky Ute Downs.
- 11/26 - Dance Performance at the High School for Native American History Month.
- 11/28 - Thanksgiving Powwow in Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

**December 2019**

- 12/6 - Taste of Christmas Light Parade and Events.

I have also attended Elders luncheons with the elders.

It's been an honor to be a representative for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

*Toghoyaqh,*  
*KaaPaa/Andre Bluestar-Baker*  
*Southern Ute Brave*  
*2019-2020*

## Sharing the Ute language



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Ramona Eagle (right) and Judge Scott Moore brush up on their Ute phrases during last Friday's class, Jan. 24. The Ute Language Classes are held in the Leonard C. Burch building every Friday in the Chief Ignacio Room from Noon-1p.m. Employees, tribal members and the community are welcome to attend.

Southern Ute elder Lynda D'Wolf hosting her Friday class on Ute language. D'Wolf is an advocate for preserving her Tribe's language and has not only taught language programs over the years, but she has created CDs and smartphone apps to help engage the younger generation with the Ute words and their pronunciation.



## 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 3, 2020 at 5 PM, 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, painting, etc. Artwork must be signed.

Selected artist must sign a waiver, and the artwork will become property of the Southern 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 merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department with the Fair Logo and Theme.

Winner will do a short interview and 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 at PO Box 737, #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or call 970-563-2985 if you have any questions.

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## NUTRITION

# Eat your vegetables!

By Lisa Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Vegetables provide us with vitamins, minerals, fiber and nutrients that help fight disease.

We know we need to eat more of them but most of us don't. They can be fixed in a variety of ways; however, roasting vegetables is one of my personal favorites. It is a great way to get the family to eat more of them because they become sweeter as they cook.

Begin by using only one type of vegetable such as broccoli or Brussels sprouts and then venture on to multiple veggies as you get acquainted with roasting.

You can get creative and add a variety of herbs and spices. Parmesan tossed in during the last five minutes of roasting adds a lot of flavor and is a favorite among kids. Be brave. Be creative. Eat vegetables!

Veggies that go well together or alone:

- Zucchini, yellow squash, calabacitas



courtesy NY Times Cooking

squash, onions (check at 8-10 minutes as they are more tender than other veggies and will cook faster).

- Eggplant, onions, tomatoes, kalamata olives.
- Broccoli, cauliflower.
- Asparagus.
- Brussels sprouts.
- Sweet potatoes, carrots, beets (they will take longer).

Use these combos or make up your own. If some of the veggies take longer to cook, put them in first and then add the others later.

### BASIC ROASTED VEGETABLES – EAT & ENJOY!

#### Directions:

1. Cut veggies in fairly uniform sized pieces (1-2").
2. Put in a bowl and toss with olive oil.
3. Sprinkle with sea salt and pepper and herbs if desired (try oregano, thyme, cumin or garlic).
4. Transfer to a baking sheet coated with cooking spray, spread veggies out to a single layer.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until tender (toss halfway through).

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# Bee Heard: Why do we argue with the ones we love?

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



The Creator created us all with our own unique ways and differences. We all have different personalities, quirks and of course different triggers and vulnerabilities. And sometimes we don't share these personal things with our family members and sometimes this can cause or even fuel conflicts. The best way we can avoid some of these conflicts is to be aware of our own differences, take responsibility for them and learn to work effectively with them.

Conflicts can't be avoided sometimes and that's okay, but how can we handle it better? Here's a suggestion, maybe instead of seeing it from a "win or lose standpoint," how about seeing it from a "two people, shoulder to shoulder standpoint?" Seeing two people who see two different views looking together at the problem. There's no winner or loser.

Another way to avoid conflict is to stay away from "you" statements and the words "always" and "never." An example sentence that could cause defensiveness and conflict would be: "You never pick up after yourself." This statement is very vague and doesn't tell the other person how you feel, only what you think. Maybe a better way to use this example would be: "After you were in a rush this morning and left your food on the table, it made me stressed because I was in a rush too and I had to clean up, so the cats didn't get in your food."

The key is to practice the "X, Y, Z" statements and to

calmly explain "when you did X, in situation Y, I felt Z."

Understanding our past and our family is key.

Our past can also become a trigger and cause conflict as well. It's good to understand our own past, how we grew up, who we are now, what our values are and what we're willing to participate in.

Some questions to ask yourself periodically and maybe even journal them:

- How did our family or any relationship affect our growth?
- What are our spiritual beliefs and how do we practice them?
- How do they affect our daily lives and the choices we make?
- What makes us mad, laugh, cry?
- What makes us feel better when we are sad? When we're mad?
- What are we most proud of?
- What are our priorities?
- What are our strengths and weaknesses?
- How have we made it through severe stresses?
- How do we recharge our emotional batteries?

We all deserve to know what makes us happy, what makes us sad or mad, and what values we hold. When we know our own selves well, we can avoid some conflicts, but better yet, we know our own issues and how to handle them if they arise.

Sometimes we need help

finding out answers to our questions or maybe we're just looking for ways to handle certain situations, reach out and talk to someone you trust or contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 970-563-4581 and talk to a licensed therapist.

We all need a little help and guidance sometimes.

For more tips check out psychcentral.com

### Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

**Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meeting:** Wednesday, Feb 26, at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

### UPCOMING TRAININGS

#### Speak Now! Community Training:

There is no perfect way to talk with your children about alcohol, marijuana, prescription medications and other drugs. But being honest and involved has a big influence on your children. Come learn about how to start the conversation with your children about drugs. Feb. 25 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center. Please register with Precious Collins 970-563-2487. Free training, dinner and Active Kid Care provided.

#### Youth Mental Health First Aid Training:

This training is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. March 13th 8am-5pm at the SunUte Community Center. Please register with Precious Collins 970-563-2487. Free training for anyone who works or lives in the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Light snacks will be provided.



## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Overview of Southern Ute tribal member health benefits

By Erica Atencio  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department will be submitting monthly articles to the Southern Ute Drum providing important information about your Southern Ute tribal member medical, dental, vision and prescription benefits; as well as other services and resources available through the department. Below is an overall summary of your current benefits.

All enrolled Southern Ute tribal members have a medical benefit plan that covers many of your typical medical expenses. These expenses include, but are not limited to primary care visits, ER visits, and specialty clinic visits such as nephrology, cardiology or podiatry. Members do not have to see an in-network provider, and they do not have to pay a co-pay, co-insurance or deductible. The medical plan is administered by the Forrest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID), who will process all medical claims. FCPID will receive the provider's billed claim for services and ensure the rates for each service are correct and then they pay the lowest possible rate. FCPID then forwards this information to the Tribe and payment is authorized. New member benefit cards were mailed to all enrolled tribal members in September of 2019; if you did not receive a card please call the Tribal Health Department at 970-563-4742.

### Prescription Coverage

All enrolled Southern Ute tribal members have prescription coverage through SilverbackRX. This benefit covers many of your doctor prescribed medications. There is no network requirement associated with this benefit. This means, members can utilize any retail pharmacy like Walgreens, Walmart or CVS. SilverbackRX process all prescription claims for members and is available to assist with any questions regarding payment of those claims. Silverback's information is on the medical benefit card mailed in September of 2019.

### Dental Coverage

All enrolled Southern Ute tribal members have a dental plan through Delta Dental of Colorado. This plan has been in place since April 2014, and cards were mailed out at that time. Members have a \$3,000 annual maximum for covered dental services like preventative care, dental emergencies, and routine maintenance. Members also have a \$1,000 lifetime maximum for orthodontic services. Unlike medical coverage, tribal members must utilize an in-network provider in order to avoid paying any out-of-network costs. The provider must be a part of the Delta Dental network. If you are unsure if your provider is in network, this information can be found by speaking to the provider directly or by going to www.

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### Local Resources

**Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health 69 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans, call to schedule a counseling appointment.

• **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, 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

• **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.

• **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has 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:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

## Cervical Cancer luncheon



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness (SMHW) held a Cervical Cancer Awareness luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 16 in the Buckskin Charlie Room of the Leonard C. Burch building. SMHW Program Manager, Morgann Box gave an informational presentation and goodie bags to those in attendance.

Newly elected Council Woman Marjorie Barry welcomes those who showed up to learn about cervical cancer and how to start taking steps towards prevention in their own lives.

## Tribal Services Department Announcement

The Division of Social Services (DSS) and the State of Colorado will continue to work together through the Child Welfare Contract for Southern Ute tribal members and Other American Indians living on the reservation and/or Southern Ute tribal members living in the State of Colorado. DSS has changed the process to be eligible for funding under the Colorado Contract:

1. Participant agrees to an open voluntary case and a family plan.
2. Participant has an active open dependency/neglect case and a family plan.
3. Participants has a case plan with the Family Preservation Program.
4. Participants need assistance in the following:

- Domestic violence counseling, sexual abuse treatment, emergency shelter, early intervention/prevention, suicide counseling, intensive family therapy, treatment planning, and other services that promote the safety and well-being of Southern Ute and American Indian children and youth.

Tribal Services is appreciative of all the tribal members who have been assisted and stabilized by this joint venture between the Southern Ute Tribe and the State of Colorado.



EDUCATION

# Student of the season

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



**Sarafina Chackee**  
Tenth Grade  
Ignacio High School

Southern Ute tribal member Sarafina Chackee has been nominated as the Southern Ute Student of the Season for the Fall of 2019. Chackee currently attends the 10th grade at Ignacio High School. Her parents are Neida Chackee and Vernon Chackee.

“Sarafina Chackee is an enthusiastic individual who balances her traditional values and duties along with being a positive student well. Her involvement in many different Tribal Youth activities and all-around positiveness makes her a great Student of the Season.

Sarafina’s quiet, yet positive personality is quite a pleasure to be around and

that she is involved in. In the short time that I have had the opportunity to work with Sarafina, I have seen major growth in her confidence, seen her open up in public settings, seen interactions with peers and adults contain not only laughter and insight, but with all parties walking away with knowledge that was not there before.

I look forward to seeing more growth for Sarafina and those around her, as her attitude is an infectious one. I also look forward to the person that she will become and all the positive motivations she has to sway the future for this community,” expressed Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Dustin Weaver.

I look forward to watching her grow into a positive role model for her Tribe,” stated Southern Ute High School Education Teacher, Damon White Thunder.

“Sarafina is a hard-working individual in school as well as in youth activities

SUIMA

# From the Eagle’s Nest

Power of concentration

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The dictionary defines concentration as the action or power of focusing one’s attention or mental effort. In this day and age, concentration is not often seen or experienced. In the Montessori approach, the development of concentration is already front and center in every aspect. The value of concentration for optimal human development is the foundation of a student’s work.

Maria Montessori recognized, as early as 1906, the ability to concentrate is essential for everything. Although experience molds the brain, it molds only our attending brains. Physical changes in the brain depend on an attentive mental state. Paying attention matters so that the structure of the brain can grow and remake



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Makayla Taylor concentrates on placing the correct pieces into a globe puzzle during class at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Thursday, Jan. 30.

itself. Building attention develops into concentration.

Montessori set out to develop materials that would not only attract the child’s attention but help him to build organization in his mind. In our classrooms at SUIMA, the Sensorial Materials help children to further develop their senses, which help them with their concentration. Outside of

school, parents can support this amazing development by being aware of how sensitive young children are to their surroundings.

With concentration, not only are children more successful in their tasks and development, they also become more aware of, and empathic to those around them. Concentration: we could all use a little bit of it each day.

## Education Department Announcements

**Johnson-O’Malley  
Committee meeting**  
Monday, Feb. 3, 2020

12 noon at the Education Dept.  
330 Burns Ave., Ignacio, CO

**Title VI  
Committee meeting**  
Monday, Feb. 3, 2020

4:30 p.m. at the Education Dept.  
330 Burns Ave., Ignacio, CO

## Review and Comment on Parent Handbook Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Calling all Southern Ute Tribal Members to review and make comment to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) parent handbook, from January 22, 2020 to February 20, 2020.

**How to access the Parent/Student Handbook:**

1. Go to suima.org
2. Find the Tab, “For Parents”
3. There you will find the Handbook
4. For comments fill in the space for comments
5. If you like you can print the handbook out

Thank you, we appreciate your help in finalizing the parent/student handbook. For questions please call Mari Jo Owens, Principal at 970-563-2700 or La Titia Taylor, Director at 970-563-2781.

## SUIMA Events and Activities

- **Fri. Feb. 7** – Please come support our **20th Year Fundraiser**, being held on Friday, Feb. 7 in the Hall of Warriors. There will be a **Silent Auction** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and a **Frito Pie and Bake Sale** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. All proceeds go towards our Children’s Powwow. Thank you for supporting our school and the students for the last 20 years!

## Royal visit to academy



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder shakes hands with Amonnie Johnson, a school student, during Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s lunch on Friday, Jan. 24.

## Sounds of the Ute language

Southern Ute elder Mary Inez Cloud, a Ute speaker and a volunteer Ute instructor for many years, suggested that these Ute flash cards be published in the newspaper each month as a way of educating the tribal membership. These flash cards are in the current official writing system developed by Dr. Tom Givon in 2013.

i	u	o
e	a	p
-	u	v

<b>o</b>	<b>no, note</b>	<b>u</b>	<b>fool while frowning</b>	<b>i</b>	<b>see, please</b>
toghoyaqh	it’s good, thanks	’uu	yes	sígyary	grey inan.
qhoqh	bull-snake	túu’ay	it’s good	kanigyaty	home owner
aghochj	dish	karu’napy	chair	míipuchj	a small one
aqhoty	thick inan.	káapuga	s/he sang	’uni’ni	doing-living
<b>p</b>	<b>pop</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>top, father</b>	<b>e</b>	<b>her</b> with lip puckered
páa	water	mamachj	woman	’өөvj	bone
pían	my mother	máamachiu	women	’eaqary	yellow inan.
’ipichj	red clay paint	’akagharj	red inan.	mechepy	moustache
tuvepy	earth	sághary	white inan.	pe’ekwatj	book
<b>v</b>	<b>use both lips</b>	<b>u</b>	<b>fool, shoot</b>	-	whispered vowel
tuvepy	earth	núuchiu	Ute-Indian people	kychupuky	cow
kava-viapi	mare	túukwary	black inan.	máamachiu	women
’aká-vagu	red fish	kamuchj	hare	py’pnhkya	seeing here & there
núu-véan	my Ute kin	kychupuky	cow	kani	house



**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**

PHOTO CREDIT | LINDSAY J. BOX & PUBLISHED BY LINDSAY J. BOX

# SWRY celebrates first year!



The dance floor was jumpin', as dancers did the 'Cupid Shuffle,' following a dinner provided by REZ-Girls Catering.



Jerrika Rarick has the honor of cutting the one-year celebration cake.



SWRY members: Precious Collins, Trennie Collins and Bobbie Rosa take turns in welcoming everyone to the SWRY one-year celebration.

**C**elebrating the first year is an accomplishment for any organization, and celebrating with food, music and dancing makes for an evening filled with fun and recognition. Southwest Rainbow Youth (SWRY) celebrated turning one-year-old as an organization, supporting the LGBTQ+ community. SWRY brought together various organizations to help celebrate the milestone, Friday, Jan. 24 in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Music was provided by DJ Robert Ortiz of REZ-olution Radio Hour (KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM) and the dinner was provided by the REZ-Girls Catering of Ignacio.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



Laurie Monte pencils in her bid in the silent auction.



Various organizations from the region joined in the celebration event, including Montezuma Pride and Four Corners Rainbow Youth.

**Multi-Purpose Facility**  
**256 Ute Rd. Ignacio, CO**

Dance Contest Family Fun!

*Valentines Day Dance*

**Friday February 14, 2020**  
**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Doors Open 6:00 PM \$5/person \$8/Couple

Concession Open - Dinner Special 6:00 -7:00 PM

Need more information? Call 563-2640

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**LGBTQ+ SUPPORT GROUP & PARENTS TOO! 18+**

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- LGBTQ+ support can help someone dealing with issues anywhere along a continuum - from the point where they are questioning their sexuality through dealing with the challenges of possibly coming out at work or struggling with gay relationship issues.
- Support groups for LGBTQ+ people often do this through peer support. This means that support groups are led by other LGBTQ+ people and not necessarily professionals.

This allows LGBTQ+ people to support each other through life's challenges.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT SOUTHWEST RAINBOW YOUTH  
AT SWRAINBOWYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

**WHEN:**  
SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**WHERE:**  
ELHI COMMUNITY CENTER  
ROOM # 18- 115 UTE ST. IGNACIO, CO

**TIME:**  
6PM-7PM

**YOU MATTER**  
**YOU'RE LOVED**  
**WE CARE**  
**YOU'RE NOT ALONE**  
**THERE IS HOPE**

**JOIN US!**



## BGC staff retreat



photos courtesy Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe had their annual retreat at the Double Tree Hotel in Durango on Saturday, Jan. 25.

BGC Director of Development, DOD, Cortney Yarholer from the BGCA Native Service Unit attended and provided assistance with the BGC Board as they updated the Club's Strategic Plan.



## MARTINEZ FINDS HIS NICHE • FROM PAGE 1

of the physical newspapers helped identify gaps in the collection, while also benefiting in organization – as well as protection from harmful UVs and other environmental elements such as dust. “To me personally, it was a big step to finish the physical newspaper inventory,” Martinez stated. “We were able to see what we have, don't have, and how we can fill in those holes by reaching out to the tribal membership for newspapers.”

“We are planning out the digitizing process, which will help ensure that these materials are kept onward into the digital age. But there is still more organization with the physical materials that needs to happen before we can attempt digitizing newspapers and photos,” Martinez emphasized.

The inventory process is evolving as we better understand what we have, he explained. The photos were a big step forward. “This process has taken a lot longer than we expected; there is still so much more that we

need to do. As long as we take special care of protecting the physical material, the longer they will last for future generations of Southern Ute tribal members to see their own history.”

Martinez position is made possible through the Tribe's TEAMS program, which allows him to work in the department on a six-month basis. His second term as the Drum Media Archivist was renewed in October of last year. His ability to research and deliver photos and articles to the membership continuously proves to be a vital asset to the newspaper.

Martinez graduated from Ignacio High School in the class of 2014, he then went on to complete his Bachelors' in General History at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

During his tenure at FLC, Martinez worked at The Southern Ute Drum as an intern. The internship was provided through the Tribe's Higher Education department. “The internship was tailored to be specific to my

interest in history and writing. Working in the newspaper archives, researching and publishing the Many Moons,” Martinez said. Many Moons is a feature of the newspaper that references historical photos from past decades, corresponding to similar publications dates from 10, 20, and even 40 years ago.

“Newspapers are very historical, [they were vital] in getting national news out to the American West – especially in rural areas,” Martinez said. Overtime they evolved to encompass the needs of their readers, he explained. Informal writing evolved into formal writing and the news coverage that we know today.

A passion for history, especially his own Southern Ute history, and a sense of purpose has made Fabian Martinez the ideal candidate for this important undertaking. He is tasked with safeguarding a chapter of this Tribe's history by delving into the newspaper archives and ensuring that the images and stories from decades past are around for years to come.

## TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH BENEFITS • FROM PAGE 4

deltadentalco.com. You will be required to input your zip code and a query will show all providers in your area that are in the Delta Dental network.

### Vision Coverage

All enrolled Southern Ute tribal members have vision coverage through Vision Service Plan (VSP). This plan has been in place since April 2014-there are no cards required for this plan. Members have a \$150 frame or contact allowance benefit per year. Lasik surgery is not a covered

benefit. Members must utilize an in-network provider in order to avoid paying any out-of-network costs. If you are unsure of whether a provider is in-network you can request this information from the office or by going to [www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com); enter your zip code and all in-network providers in your area will be listed.

Tribal Health will be providing additional information about your health plan and your member benefits. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Tribal Health Department at 970-563-4742.

## 2020 Tribal Calendars are in!



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

If you would like a calendar please visit the Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch Building.

If you have not received a calendar in the mail please call the Tribal Information Services office at 970-563-0100 to ensure they have your correct mailing address.

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

Dept. 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.

## Powerhouse in Durango Upcoming Events

### Seven Rivers Farmers Market at Powerhouse

The Seven Rivers Farmers Market at the Powerhouse in Durango continues on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020. Located at 1333 Camino del Rio, the bi-weekly indoor market will feature farmers and vendors from the area selling poultry, beef, pork, lamb, sausage, goat cheese, eggs, jams, jellies, pickles, baked goods, honey, pottery, skincare, 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)

Saturdays, February 1-22 • 5PM-9:30PM

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## Hunter Education Course One Day INTERNET-BASED

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 • 1:00 – 6:30 PM  
La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave, Durango, Colo.

This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered Feb. 8, 2020. Please call Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 970-247-0855 if you have any questions. Class size is limited to 25 students. Pre-Register online at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/156062>. Hunter education cards will be awarded to students upon successful completion of the course, which includes completing the approved online study program, attending the class session and passing a written test and live fire. Rifles and ammunition for the live fire will be provided. No personal firearms are allowed. The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of this course is \$24.50 and is available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/colorado/> Students must show the certificate of completion for the online course to attend the classroom session.

## 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 ranches 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)

## Winter fishing



courtesy Jack Frost Jr.

Southern Ute elder, Jack Frost Jr. with a beautiful Rainbow trout that he hooked on the Animas River in Durango, Colo., Sunday, Jan. 19. The trout weighed approximately seven pounds and measured 25.5 inches. What a way to start the new year!

## Attention Tribal Members

### Deer and Elk Hides Available

*These hides are salted and ready to be tanned*  
*First come, first served*



Please contact:  
Southern Ute Wildlife Division  
(970)563-0130

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## Lake Capote Ice Fishing Contest

**When: Saturday**  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Adult and Youth Prizes  
Prize for Biggest Fish

Bass: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Trout: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Catfish: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Staff will be available at Bait Shop**  
**NO WORMS for sale, so bring your own worms**

**For more information call:**  
**Lake Capote 970-883-2273**

This could event could be canceled if ice conditions change.

## Potential Firewood Shortage

This public service announcement (PSA) is to inform the Southern Ute Tribal membership, that utilize the Forestry Fuels Yard, of a potential firewood shortage.

This current situation is a result of the heavy winter of 2018/2019 that brought deep snow to the reservation and prevented our program from wood cutting, an increase in demand and utilization of the firewood program, and equipment failures throughout the year.

Firewood deliveries or pickups may be affected through April 2020. We encourage the membership to only order firewood when needed (no stockpiling) and to use firewood conservatively to supplement other heating sources in their residence.

By doing so, we hope to avoid a decrease in monthly allowances of firewood or a complete shortfall. We will keep the membership informed with future PSAs as the firewood season progresses.



# Durango Nature Studies partners with SUIMA for adventures in science



With stunning vistas on all sides, the SUIMA students finish their wilderness adventures at the Rapp Corral.



Kennith Hayes explains his project to the Durango Nature Studies educators and guides. The project involved building a small shelter where a squirrel might withstand the winter elements, then testing the temperature to see how well they did.



Sibrya Larry was one of the young trekkers who volunteered to take thermometer readings on a ridgeline to determine if north or south facing slopes had different temperatures at the same time of day.

**S**outhern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, guides and parents spent the day snowshoeing at Haviland Lake, Thursday, Jan. 23. The program, led by Durango Nature Studies, focused on outdoor education and science lessons for the young participants. Program Director Kiley Smith worked alongside volunteers to ensure that the students had a science filled adventure. One group of older students and one group of younger each completed unique challenges and activities in the forest. SUIMA guides and a number of parents donned snowshoes for the fieldtrip as well. The program serves around 600 students in the Four Corners region, this is the second year that the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy made the trip from Ignacio. The trekkers finish with an outdoor picnic at the Rapp Corral.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Olyvia Watts get into the spirit of snowshoeing during their Haviland Lake excursion.



Esther Richards lends a helping hand to her son, Jayceon as he buckles on a pair of snowshoes at the Rapp Corral.



Sibrya Larry and Sinayya Valdez raise their hands with Program Director Kiley Smith as they talk about rules of the forest and get ready for their adventure.

## Training trekkers



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ayden Baker-Valdez, Keyone Alston and Osias Goodtracks listen intently as Durango Nature Studies Education Director, Mike Bienkowski reads "Over and Under" to the academy students before teaching them about how heat conduction works during the seasons on Thursday, Jan. 16 in the SunUte Community Center Gymnasium.

Whopi Plentyholes, Dwight Litz and Sibrya Larry pay attention as Durango Nature Studies Education Director, Mike Bienkowski teaches their group by introducing them to science concepts that will help prepare students for their upcoming snowshoe field trip at Haviland Lake.



Lawrence Santistevan Jr. buckles his snowshoes at the base camp before heading out with his school group. For many of the students, this was their first time on snowshoes.



## Snow removal 2020

Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800

### GENERAL INFORMATION

During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please **move your vehicles** to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also, please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are Disabled or a Frail Elder and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the **Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800**.

### WALKWAYS – 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.**

### NOTE: 1st and 2nd Priority Only:

Please contact department to notify them of **early morning** doctor appointments.

### SNOW PLOWING FOR:

**SU TRIBAL MEMBERS, DRIVEWAY FOR HOME ACCESS, S.U. CAMPUS, LIVE STOCK**

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

Cedar Point East and West, Cedar Point Townhomes, Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak, Town of Ignacio – Elders/ the Disabled, HWY 172 South from County Rd. 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River, South of Bayfield to La Boca Allison & Arboles area.

### Motor Pool Route: 970-563-0280

North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area, Airport & Weasleskin.

### Custom Farm Route: 970-563-0220

Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

### 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.

### BIA Route: 970-563-9484

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### Housing Authority Route: 970-563-4575

Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder: Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak's Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave., and Jefferson Dr.

### Grounds Maintenance: 970-563-0272

All campus parking areas: Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, Sun Ute, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, Election/Tribal Housing, Food Distribution, Parking lots, & Sidewalks.

## MMIW honored



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

In collaboration with the Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO), the Voices of Our Sisters and the SunUte Community center. The Sing Our Rivers Red Earring Exhibit has been on display in the community center for the public to view, honoring the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Indian Country.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Sophia Romero carefully glues her gemstone to the backing of her earring before she starts the beading process. This free workshop was hosted by the Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) in collaboration with Voices of Our Sisters.

Ava Morgan, with the help of Randi Rock, learns how to bead at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Earring Making workshop held on Sunday, Jan. 26 at SunUte Community Center.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

## February Quilt Class

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*Wednesday & Thursday*

*February 19 & 20, 2020*

*10:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

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**Friday February 7, 2020**

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**February 15, 2020**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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# STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

## ♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AQUARIUS!** While the NEW YEAR is young you still have ample time to plan fresh AQUARIAN ventures. Move cautiously on the 13th and 14th when the MOON creeps into the emotional sign of SCORPIO. Words and deeds will carry more weight and influence. Your intentions to help others are always sincere. Before you act, be sure that help is wanted. Currently your planetary ruler URANUS is transiting through the sign of TAURUS, the king of comfort. You might feel inclined to add some cushy items to your home décor.

## ♊ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Tiny MERCURY zips into your sign on the 3rd and awakens your senses with inventive ideas, thoughts, plans, and creativity. It might be fun to dream up imaginative Valentine gifts, or activities to share with those who mean the most to you. Red heart shaped boxes of candy are not the only options. The NEW MOON in your sign on the 23rd gently invites the start of a cycle that may be more to your liking PISCES. Beneficial days include the 5th, 6th, 13, 14th, 23rd, and 24th. Express your feelings with a little humor.

## ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

The celestial influences in this month's forecast are large and in charge. JUPITER, SATURN, and PLUTO have authority over your career, social status, and reputation. Thanks to your diligence and hard work some of you have gained more self-esteem. That's not all ARIES. VENUS enters your sign on the 7th and might also give your income a boost. Love and happiness may take priority over other less important matters. Be your own best friend and surround yourself with comfort and contentment.

## ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Lovely Luna graces your sign with an extra dose of determination on the 1st and 2nd. Boot hesitation out the door and get a head start on your intentions for the first couple of weeks. MERCURY will be backing into its sleep mode on the 16th. This little planet has a reputation for creating delays. Just keep on moving forward TAURUS. You might be surprised at how much you CAN accomplish. There's a strong ally on your side. It's called patience. No need to let any little things become large irksome things.

## ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

FEBRUARY begins on a high note when the MOON rolls into your sign. The 3rd and 4th are favorable days to socialize and meet people. With the SUN in AQUARIUS until the 17th happy surprises might come your way and brighten up the month. New people breeze into town. They may offer you an opportunity to add new friends to your social circle. You have a special power of attraction GEMINI. Some of the your most promising days include the 7th, 8th, 11th, and 12th. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.

## ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

On the 1st and 2nd the MOON in TAURUS launches an active series of events regarding your hopes and wishes. Soon after that the MOON enters your sign on the 5th and 6th. It may help to steer you towards your desired objectives. But your ruler is restless, it rolls into the sign of VIRGO on the 9th and 10th. Practical conversation's and sensible solutions to daily matters are favored. Later on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, the MOON will be swimming through the mystical, magical, waters of PISCES. Use your intuition.

## ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Rise up and roar Lions! The FULL MOON is in YOUR sign on the 8th and it magnifies your personal power. Before you go overboard exerting all that energy, there's more to this story. Sitting exactly opposite all this glorious intensity is the mighty SUN. Look for ways to communicate peacefully with spouses, and others who are close to you. A defiant stance gets you nowhere and solves nothing. VENUS glides into the sign of ARIES on the 7th and helps to calm tempers, and encourage pleasant conversations.

## ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

One of the main functions in your life is to be helpful to others, and to work. This is who you are VIRGO. FEBRUARY will prove to be no exception to that agenda. So here's the deal. MARS will zip into the sign of CAPRICORN on the 16th and add some extra fuel to your rule. For a change it powers up the playful side of your personality. You know what's been said about ALL WORK and NO PLAY. The planets have given you a 50/50 pass. It represents equal work, and equal play. Happy Valentine's Day!

## ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

This FEBRUARY the planets endow you with some beneficial perks. For starters the SUN is in airy AQUARIUS on the 3rd, the MOON is in chatty GEMINI, and VENUS your ruling planet connects with SATURN. All these elements are gifts from the Solar System. They may give you the opportunity to do something you enjoy. The MOON is in your sign on the 12th and 13th just in time to plan a surprise for your favorite VALENTINE. Finishing an unfinished domestic project might be a useful gift.

## ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

FEBRUARY may not be your favorite month SCORPIO but there are some redeeming elements in this month. MARS charges into CAPRICORN'S domain and injects a sudden flurry of activity into your daily routine. Boredom is banished, and the pace picks up. Until the SUN leaves the sign of AQUARIUS on the 18th, it's best to maintain an agreeable attitude when dealing with family members. Be patient, and willing to meet them half way. Your patience might be tested on the 27th and the 28th.

## ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

MARS is poised to leave your sign on the 16th. Until then your competitive nature is still in charge. Make the most of it SAGITTARIUS. Once MARS enters the more stable and practical sign of CAPRICORN your attention may be diverted to other matters. By the 18th the SUN moves into the watery realm of PISCES, and puts the focus on domestic and family affairs. It's best to avoid creating problems. Instead opt for more compassionate solutions. You've outgrown some of your old techniques.

## ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Currently CAPRICORN is the busiest sign in the ZODIAC with JUPITER, SATURN, and PLUTO all. There for a visit. It's about to get even busier when MARS invades on the 16th. This bunch will hang together all through the month. Finances are in your favor. The month is all yours. After the 18th more serious thoughts may fade when the mighty SUN rolls into dreamy PISCES. You might feel inclined to go out and capture a magical dream of your own. Maintain a clear and direct vision about it.

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son expressed. Future classes may include cradle board construction, breast plate making, shawl work as well as beading demonstrations.

"I love working here, I've been going a hundred miles an hour trying to get staff input and making plans so my department can shine," Thompson stated. "We are busy, but we are always open to new ideas and want to see the membership in our offices."

The Culture Department is located on the second floor of the Southern Ute Museum building and it is one of Thompson's goals to make the department more involved in the community and to ensure that there is always a presence of culture.

"Our language and culture are what makes us Ute," Thompson shared. "We want to bring people back together, to themselves, and to the culture."

Susan Cimburek – the Tribe's new Museum Director, has always had a love of the Southwest. She grew up in the Denver area and has spent the past 30 years in Washington D.C. raising her family. Moving back to the Southwest last year she immediately was drawn to the culture and education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

After years of studying and working in the busy city, Cimburek shared that returning to the mountainous area has been something she's thrilled about. She currently holds two Mas-

son's degrees; one that is being put to use in her new position is the American and New England Studies degree that she obtained from the University of Maine with a concentration in Museum Studies. With this level of education, it was no wonder that she ended up at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History where she worked behind the scenes in the archives and records department. She also spent many years as a High School social studies teacher where her passion for history, literature and education was shared with her students.

"I'm looking forward to sharing this space and working with the membership here," Cimburek stated. "The building is beautiful and is really state-of-the-art, not only the exhibits, but the facility behind them as well."

The museum has always had a mission that "strives to ensure the survival of Southern Ute people through meaningful education, cultural, historic and current event exhibits, and to provide a unique museum experience for indigenous and non-indigenous visitors." The building is not only a resource for Southwest culture, but it is unique to the regional.

The building was designed to incorporate the landscape to represent a connection to the land and it utilizes cultural symbolism throughout the building to showcase the beauty of the Ute people.

"There's space in here for everyone, the community as well as departments are always welcome to host educational events," Cimburek encouraged. "We want to host events that help people learn about history, art and heritage."

The museum currently has eight employees, many of which are temporary workers through the TEAM and TERO programs. "Right now my priorities are to become fully staffed again and to have our new exhibits open to the public by Memorial Day," Cimburek expressed. "We want young people to get in here too; all Youth Employment workers, students looking for internships and even school collaborations can accomplish this."

As the museum transitions, Cimburek stated that she truly appreciates the warm welcome to the community and for the support from tribal departments that she has met with already. "I am here to support and create a pipeline to replace myself, I recognize the importance of having a tribal member in my position one day – until then I will stay committed to honoring and protecting the Southern Ute history and culture."

The museum is open daily from 10am to 5pm and is located at 503 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colo. Everyone is welcomed to view the self-guided gallery spaces and visit with the museum staff. Admission is free of charge.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2020-PR-0003  
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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 **March 2, 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 16th of January, 2020  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

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Dated this 24th of January, 2020  
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Case No.: 2019-PR-0004  
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Dated this 13th of January, 2020  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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Case No.: 2019-PR-0181  
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Dated this 2nd of January, 2020  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

## Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

### To order detector contact

Randi Rock  
Tribal Housing  
970.563.4710  
285 Lakin St.

### To schedule installation contact

Polly Blakenship  
Construction Services  
970.563.2500  
270 Hwy 151

Tribal Housing is currently working in collaboration with the Executive Office to ensure the health and well-being of the Southern Ute Tribal Elders by purchasing a home carbon-monoxide detector for the primary residence of the Tribal Elder.

Tribal Elders (both on and off-reservation) who wish to participate in this program should contact Tribal Housing. Tribal Elders who reside on the reservation have the choice to install the carbon monoxide detector on their own or contact Construction Services to schedule an install date. Tribal Elders who reside off-reservation should contact Tribal Housing to verify their address for the carbon monoxide detector to be mailed directly to their residence.

## Safety Tips

### Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, confusion, drowsiness, increased heart rate, unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio-respiratory failure, and death.

### Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

- Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.
- Dark stains on/around appliances.
- Increase condensation around windows.
- Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

### In the event of an Emergency

Immediately leave the home and dial 911 for assistance. Do not return to the home until emergency responders have authorized you to do so.

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Ignacio's Joe Garcia (10) vies for a steal as Ridgway's Jack Dubroff (22) watches during SJBL play inside IHS Gymnasium Friday night, Jan. 24.

## BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcats survive scares from Demons, Miners

*Ignacio boys equal last season's win count*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seeking to witness a, to borrow the baseball term, 'complete-game' effort from his Bobcats, head coach Chris Valdez may have come up short during the team's Jan. 24-25 weekend homestand.

But in seeking to witness his squad not only defeat an improved Ridgway crew as well as exact revenge upon Telluride – the team which ultimately ended Ignacio's 2018-19 season – the boss couldn't have been more pleased, as IHS matched last winter's win total by holding off the Demons 62-51, then rallying past the Miners 67-47.

"You know what? I'm still proud of the kids," he stated, following the victory over RHS. "Doesn't matter how many points you win by, as long as you win! And it's better to have games like this right now, so that down the stretch we'll have some experience with close games."

"We've got to build a lead, keep a lead, build a lead, keep a lead, and don't let them come back on us!" he added. "That's going to be our focus the rest of the year and hopefully it'll help us at the end."

Able to storm out to a 21-4

lead on Ridgway during the opening eight minutes, Ignacio's lead remained 17 points, 50-33, entering the fourth quarter before the Demons battled back to as close as 54-49 within the final two minutes. But after a Robert Beserra three-pointer, RHS junior Jamling Sherpa was whistled for an intentional foul – allowing Bobcat junior Brady McCaw to knock down two crucial free throws with 1:25 remaining.

Classmate Triston Thompson (17 points) then followed with two more clutch charity chucks and only 52.5 seconds left, re-increasing IHS' advantage up to 58-49. McCaw (14 points) would foul out with 46.6 ticks to go, allowing Beserra to drain two FTs and bring the guests back to 58-51, but combined 4-of-4 foul-line accuracy by Bobcat senior Keegan Schurman and sophomore Gabe Tucson (14 points) down the stretch clinched an 11-point win.

A long-range specialist if the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League ever saw one, Sherpa sank four threes after halftime (the 'Cats totaled only five overall) and finished with a Demon-leading 13 points, while Beserra and fellow senior Kaden Forrest each

booked 12. Before fouling out with 20.1 seconds left, senior Blake Rutherford also reached double figures with his ten points.

"If we play four quarters of basketball, we've got a different ballgame," beamed RHS skipper Tony Erickson.

"Credit to Ignacio for what they did to take us out of those sets early; we've got to come ready to play no matter who we play," he continued. "We're one of the smaller 2A schools, so we're constantly 'swinging up' against these larger schools that have a lot more students. But take nothing away from Ignacio and what they did."

Also 'swinging up' or 'punching above their weight,' Telluride entered IHS Gymnasium the following afternoon and surprisingly managed to pick up almost where Ridgway had left off. After falling well behind early, the Demons had played the 'Cats evenly during the second and third quarters – by scores of 14-14 and 15-15, respectively – before winning the final frame 18-12; THS started on a 7-0 run and would hold a 13-12 advantage after one quarter.

Able to claim the second

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## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady 'Cats crush two more crews at home

*IHS rocks Ridgway, traumatizes Telluride*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Denied a game three days before when injury-plagued 2A/1A San Juan Basin League foe Mancos, elected to forfeit due to health concerns, Ignacio's girls then began preparations for Ridgway's Jan. 24 visit.

But with IHS' auxiliary gymnasium unexpectedly flooding, the Lady Bobcats took the main gym's court against the Lady Demons having had no practice at all the evening before, and just a Wednesday morning conditioning/shoot-around session as a foundation for their performance.

Fortunately, that proved to be enough.

Despite RHS' gutsy first-quarter effort to stay within six points (14-8) through eight minutes, a Charlize Valdez-led 16-1 second-stanza explosion gave IHS – which kept the visitors scoreless for the first 6:20 of that quarter – all the energy the squad needed to coast to a 49-20 victory.

"Sometimes my running just kicks in and I've got to go!" said the cross-country/track veteran Valdez, after logging a game-high 13 points as one of ten different Lady 'Cats scoring in the rout.

"We were definitely ready to go out today...excited to play," she continued, alluding to the unplanned, undisputed win over MHS. "It is a little bummer that we don't have that 'compe-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Monika Lucero (20) fights through the physical defense applied by Ridgway's Lily Harrington during SJBL action inside IHS Gymnasium Friday evening, Jan. 24.

tion' in our league, but we go out and play our hardest every single time."

"We certainly did come out, just ... flat," admitted head coach Justa Whitt. "And that's not normal, to at least have a run-through the day before and get some shots up, you know? We never did get to go over stuff that I wanted to go over, so I think that probably affected us."

Before appearing to re-injure a left knee with only 0:08.2 remaining in the contest, senior post Anza Connaughton managed to book a RHS-best nine points. Senior Ashley Medina chipped in five for fiery skipper Nate Firkins, and freshman Kaitlyn Winkelmann contributed three.

Senior Makayla Howell joined Valdez in double figures with her 11 points. Junior regular Ebonee Gomez scored six points and sophomore Monika Lucero came off the bench to score five – helping IHS' reserves, including junior Jayden Brunson (4 points) and seniors Bella Pena (2) and Elizabeth Valdez (2), outscore Ridgway's 14 to 2.

"We just have to try to keep improving on something as we move through these games," Whitt said. "Today wasn't the best show of that, but we'll look for tomorrow to make it better."

And as it came to pass the following afternoon, the Lady 'Cats appeared back

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## BOBCATS WRESTLING

# IHS grapplers bring back 16th from Paonia

*Herrera places fourth amongst heavyweights*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Minus regulars Dante Sandman (132 pounds) and Jeremy Roderick (220), the Ignacio High wrestling team traveled north to Paonia for that school's 33rd Annual Screaming Eagle Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 25, and still managed – with only four grapplers available – to almost crack the final standings' top 15.

Led by senior heavyweight Randy Herrera, the Bobcats amassed 44 points and finished 16th out of 23 scoring teams in the final standings. Topping the table with 236 points was Cedaredge, at the time No. 3 in Class 2A in On The Mat's rankings, with Walsenburg-based John Mall (198.5) and PHS (189.5) – Nos. 6 and 4, respectively – the Bruins' closest competitors.

Herrera made short work of his first two foes, pinning 3A New Castle Coal Ridge sophomore Rafael Sanchez in only 1:12 and PHS freshman Malachi Deck in 2:17. Facing No. 9 Hotchkiss' Christian Matus in the semis, the big 'Cat finally met an equal; Matus, a junior, won by pin 59 seconds into the second two-minute period.

Still alive on the backside of the bracket, Herrera (8-6) next stood in against 2A

Rangely sophomore Byron MacKay and pulled out a tense 3-1 overtime win to advance to the third-place test. Unfortunately, his run ended there; 3A Parachute Grand Valley's Hayden Grice survived the regulation six minutes and owned a 6-1 lead when time expired.

At 126 pounds, freshman Keaton McCoy (17-10) placed fifth, beating JMHS junior Zander Ross after a 6-3 loss to 2A Walden North Park senior Destry Schmidt in the consolation-bracket semifinals. For the tournament, McCoy went 3-2 and notched two pins.

Down a weight class from an earlier norm of 138 pounds, sophomore Isaac Welker competed at 132 but went 0-2, losing to Paonia's Reagan Todd and 2A Oak Creek Soroco's Gavyn Salberg.

Following a first-round 'bye,' 152-pounder Tyler

Barnes went on to post a second-period pin of 2A San Juan Basin League rival Gage Owen of Norwood, then in the quarterfinals stuck another SJBL'er, Mancos' Colt Fury, in the first. PHS senior Zeb Etter, however, then got in the way and prevailed by pin in only 39 ticks, leaving the Bobcat sophomore to battle for a best-possible third-place result.

HHS' Traycer Hall then pinned Barnes 1:39 into the first period, but Barnes (13-11) managed to salvage fifth place over John Mall's Anthony Aldretti.

Up next, the 'Cats will host their annual Butch Melton Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 1, then also host the SJBL Championships on Feb. 6. Results from IHS' rescheduled 1/28 league dual at MHS were unavailable at press time Monday, Jan. 27.

## 2020 Paonia Screaming Eagle Invitational Standings

1. Cedaredge 236, 2. Walsenburg John Mall 198.5, 3. Paonia 189.5, T-4. Hayden & Meeker 150, 6. Parachute Grand Valley 126, 7. Hotchkiss 121.5, 8. Palisade 82, 9. Rangely 77, 10. Norwood 70, 11. Gunnison 54.5, 12. Walden North Park 53, 13. Mancos 51, T-14. Basalt & Kremmling West Grand 46, 16. IGNACIO 44, 17. New Castle Coal Ridge 42, 18. Center 30, 19. Dolores 27, 20. Oak Creek Soroco 25, 21. Nucla 19, 22. Dove Creek 12, 23. Olathe 6.

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## TRIBAL OBITUARIES

**NARANJO** – Dixie Lou Naranjo passed away Monday, December 16, 2019, in Durango, surrounded by family. She was 72 years old.

Dixie was born December 9, 1947, to Jack and Annetta Frost in Ignacio, Colorado. She grew up in Bayfield and attended Bayfield Schools. Dixie has held the position of the Southern Ute Rodeo Queen, and was an avid softball and basketball player. She married Eugene Naranjo on Feb. 9, 1966.

Dixie was an educator and librarian for Bayfield Schools and the Southern Ute Education Department. She served her community on the Multi-Purpose Committee, The Royalty Committee, JOM Committee, and supported the traditional ways of her Southern Ute culture, attending ceremonies, beading and crafting unique dresses and traditional clothing. She was known to encourage youth and family to pursue higher education and training. She was her families, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's biggest fan at their events and sports.

She is survived by her children: Michael (Tina) Naranjo, Mikki Naranjo, and Brandi (Manford) Raines; grandchildren: Dawnnet, Nicholis, Mandy and Derrick Naranjo, Hagen Sanchez, Seth, Kai and Alexandria Roubideaux, Joey Mestas, and Tauri and Zachary Raines; 7 great-grandchildren; and siblings: Clement, Ray (Janet), Byron (Etta), Darlene, Dona and Debra Frost.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; siblings: Ronald and Wade Frost and Dorothy Naranjo.

A rosary was recited on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, followed by a wake at Dixie's home in Bayfield, CO. A Mass of Chris-



tian Burial was celebrated, Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

**RUYBAL** – Ignacio resident Junia Virginia Ruybal died Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at home. She was 86. Junia was born to Carlos Tucson and Polita Salazar-Tucson on March 3, 1933. She grew up in Ignacio, CO.

On May 20, 1947 she married Fritz Ernest Ruybal in Ignacio. They had five sons and one daughter they raised in Ignacio, CO.

Junia worked at the Pino Nuche motel from 1978-1993, but was a homemaker/farmer & rancher for most of her married life. She loved to feed and entertain visitors, and feed every stray animal that showed up at the back door. She loved her family and would do anything for them. The Sky Ute Casino was her second home playing the slots. In her spare time she would shop for diamonds with her casino winnings.

She is survived by four of her six children, Marie Silva (Arthur) of Gallup, NM, Charles Ruybal (Tanya) of Bayfield, CO, Thomas Ruybal (Susie) and Benito Ruybal (Starla) of Ignacio, CO; siblings Susie Manzanaras of Ignacio, CO, Loretta Mestas and Carrol Shaver of Durango, CO, Esther Natonabah of Kirtland, NM, Naomi Martin of Crownpoint, NM, Phyllis Dial of Texas, Arthur Tucson and Carlos Tucson of Durango, CO; 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Junia was preceded in death by her

**ROMERO** – Thomas Lee Romero departed this earth on December 29, 2019. He was 28 years old, born in Durango, Colorado to Roxanne Frost and Walter Romero.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Ellen Washington. His best friend, Jaryn Watts followed him in death shortly after.

He is survived by his brothers, Justin Romero, Samuel Romero, Loren Frost, and Mason Romero; his grandparents, Walter and Josie Romero, and Raymond and Edna Frost, Sr.

Thomas attended Liberty University majoring in Psychology and completed 54 credit hours toward his bachelor's degree. Thomas found employment with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Juvenile Mentor Program Trainee from February 2009 until August 2009, then as a Detention Officer from August 2012 until August 2013.

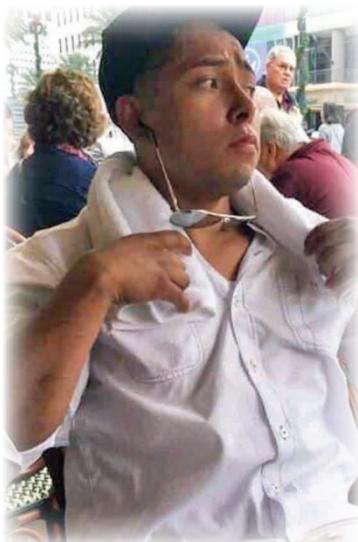
He loved traveling with his mother and caring for his brothers.



husband of 66 years Ernest Ruybal of Ignacio, two sons David and Ernest Ruybal, a granddaughter Nana Silva, brothers Gilbert Tucson and Levi Tucson, and several extended family members.

The family would like to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Council and Comfort Keepers for everything they have done for Junia Ruybal.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020 at the Pine Valley Church 1328 CR 501, Bayfield, CO. Burial followed at the Ignacio Cemetery East in Ignacio, CO.



A rosary was held at Hood Mortuary on Jan. 3, 2020 followed by cremation. Thomas' ashes were laid to rest January 8, 2020.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### LCB WALK THANKS

We, the family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone that made the eighth Annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk & LCB Art and Literacy Contest a great success! We appreciate you all!

We would like to recognize the following for all their effort, time and participation:

- LCB Walk sponsors: Southern Ute Growth Fund & Maynes, Bradford, Shipp and Sheftel Law Office
- Southern Ute Tribal Council
- Executive Officers McKean Walton and Barbara Scott- Rarick
- Walk/Run participants
- MC – Edward Box III
- Matthew Box, Eddie Box Jr., Betty Box and family
- Robert Ortiz for designing the beautiful LCB Walk emblem & poster
- Abel Velasquez, Robin Duffy-Wirth and SunUte staff
- The Southern Ute Drum and McKayla Lee/SU Drum Photographer
- Claudette Casaus, Zumba Instructor
- Morgann Box, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness staff
- Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
- Tribal Information Services
- KSUT Tribal Radio
- Southern Ute Police Department
- Dewey B. Waldron and American Diversity Business Solutions
- Sky Ute Casino, Sky Ute Casino Food and Beverage Department
- Rolling Thunder Lanes
- Seven Rivers Steakhouse
- All businesses that donated raffle items

**The LCB Art and Literacy Contest**, was successful for many young students who took part in the essay, art competition & poem categories.

Students did an amazing job with the theme "Family".

Thank you all for your participation and a job well done!

We would like to thank the following:

- Art and Literacy sponsor: The So. Ute Public Relations Department
- Trennie Collins; Public Relations Coordinator
- The Southern Ute Drum & McKayla Lee/SU Drum Photographer
- Tribal Information Services
- Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Administrators, guides, parents and relatives
- Local School District Administrators, teachers, resource staff, parents and relatives
- Literacy judges: Trennie Collins, Leora Lucero, Leonard Burch, Leona Burch, and Precious Collins.

In addition, anyone we might have unintentionally not mentioned.

We want to commend Trennie Collins and Abel Velasquez for their special commitment to organizing these events and dedication to our family, community and the Southern Ute Tribe.

We want to wish everyone a healthy, prosperous & successful New Year!

May the Creator look upon your path with love, courage, guidance & protection.

*Respectfully,  
Mrs. Irene C. Burch,  
Daughters and the Burch family*

### EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE IN ANY WAY.

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## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Ute Crossing Grill is excited to welcome our new Head Chef, Cesar Corona.

He is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Cesar began his passion for cooking at The Rose Café in Ignacio, Colo. and Wingers restaurant in Vernal, Utah.

We are very excited to have a new perspective and input on Native Inspired Food. Cesar shares our passion and our mission for Native Cuisine and is excited to evolve the Ute culture through food by preparing and incorporating Ute Bison Meat, along with fresh vegetable such as zucchini and corn.

He would like to give a shout out to his family back home, and to his companion and his children. He wishes to honor his Grandfather above who is looking down on him and giving him encouragement. His motto is a "Clean happy environment and great tasting food." Welcome to the Team!

In July, Corona created a signature menu item – The Blu Electric Ute Bison Buffalo Burger. Stop by the Ute Crossing Grill and taste it for yourself!



Mique! Hello everyone.

My name is Elania Romero and I am an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe. My parents are Luana Herrera and Anthony Romero. My children are Cesar Corona, Jawadin Corona and Jesus Olvera. My grandchildren are Redtail Jay and Honey Sue Thompson. My late grandparents are Bennett and LaVera Thompson.

I grew up in Ignacio Colorado working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for 15 years and one year for The Rose Café until I moved to Vernal, Utah. I am excited and thankful for this opportunity and will continue to work hard for the Ute Crossing Grill.

Thank you Elania!  
Stop by and say hello.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue  
**Feb. 14**

Deadline  
**Feb. 10**

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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## 45-Day Notices of Availability

Under Section 29-2-105 of the Land Assignment Code, public notice is being given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from Southern Ute Tribal Members eligible for a tribal-land assignment. Please review each posting carefully to determine specific eligibility requirements. Visit the following website to view the currently available assignments. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/lands/assignments/currently-available-assignments/> If you do not have access to a computer, the postings are available at the Department of Natural Resources and will also be posted around the Tribal Campus, the USPS Office, and Tribal Housing.

## ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS 45-DAY NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Under Section 29-2-105 of the Land Assignment Code, public notice is being given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from Southern Ute tribal members eligible for a tribal-land homesite assignment. There are 3 available lots in Cedar Point Sub.



**Eligibility Requirements:** Tribal members who 1) are pre approved for a loan through Tribal Credit or other financial institutions; 2) are eligible under the Land Assignment Code; and 3) submit an application with a homesite development plan and loan pre-approval letter. Tribal Council will assign these homesites on a "first pre-approved process". The applicant who first meets the three eligibility requirements will get the first choice on the available homesites.

**Selection Process:** Tribal Council will assign these lots to applicants on a "first pre-approved" process. Applicants who meet the above eligibility requirements get the first choice on the available lots. The sooner you complete and submit all the necessary paperwork to be pre-approved for a home mortgage, the better opportunity you have to get the parcel of your choice.

Contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Housing Department to initiate the process at 970-563-4710. Submit all comments or objections in person or by mail to the Lands Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. All comments or objections must include your name and a date. If you have any questions call the Lands Division at 970-563-0126. For financing assistance, contact the Southern Ute Tribal Credit Division at 970-563-2458 or any independent financial institution. The Housing or Lands Division staff are available by appointment to show applicants the available lots.

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**Posting Period**  
Start: January 24, 2020  
End March 9, 2020

Under Section 29-2-105 of the Land Assignment Code, public notice is being given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from Southern Ute tribal members eligible for a tribal-land homesite assignment. The land is described as a tract of land located n near the La Plata County Airport in Sec 20, T. 33 N., R. 8 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, La Plata County Colorado, containing 2.27 acres, more or less.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Tribal Members who 1) are eligible under the Land Assignment Code and 2) submit an application with a homesite development plan.

**Selection Process:** The selectee for this tract of tribal land will be determined by a "Drawing". Cards will be provided at the

department, which will include the name, address, and contact number of the Tribal member. Applications shall be reviewed by the Lands Division to ensure that the Tribal members requesting an assignment meet the eligibility requirements.

After the 45-Day Posting period has expired, a date for the drawing will be requested and scheduled, before Tribal Council, as soon as possible. A "primary name" and a secondary name will be drawn. The secondary name will be drawn in the event the "primary" Tribal member declines the land at any time after the drawing. The "primary's" documents formalizing the assignment will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment.

Tribal members submitting comments or an objection over this land being made available for assignment may do so by mail to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. All comments or objections must include your name and a date. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the land. For further information related to the posting or the land, please call the Lands Division at 563-0126. The Tribal Housing Department is available for assistance in drafting a homesite development plan at 970-563-2720.

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**Eligibility Requirements:** Tribal Members who 1) are eligible under the Land Assignment Code and 2) submit an application with a homesite development plan.

**Selection Process:** The selectee for this tract of tribal land will be determined by a "Drawing". Cards will be provided which will

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## 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 2/28/20 - 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 [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### ETHICS COMMISSION

Closing 2/28/20 - 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. Southern Ute Tribal Member Alternate: 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 mem-

ber 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

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#### Education Assistant

Closing 2/6/20 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

#### 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 an 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.

#### Maintenance Technician

Closing 2/3/20 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

#### Multi-Purpose Facility Coordinator

Closing 2/5/20 – Assists Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park Facility Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of the Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park activities and basic office management. Responsible for assisting in the oversight/coordination of all regularly scheduled events and special events for the Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

#### Payroll Manager

Closing 2/4/20 – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade 23; \$69,597.00/year.

#### Public Ed. Elementary Teacher

Closing 2/6/20 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact.

#### Tribal Ranger Trainee

Closing 2/3/20 – Southern Ute tribal member only. A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year, but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Tribal Ranger position. This position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 19 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

#### 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 ne-

glect 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.

#### Dentist (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Position is part-time with benefits.

#### Family Court Caseworker

Open Until Filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Responsible for psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Responsible for 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; \$48,898.00/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 (Full & 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.

#### 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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

#### TERO Worker

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

### Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • All Positions Open Until Filled

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.

#### \*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full Time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must be at least 21 years old. High school diploma or GED preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have excellent attendance.

#### \*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.

#### 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.

#### \*Player's Club Rep

Performs all administrative functions; signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long-lasting experience for all Club Card members. Must be 21 years old, have a High School Diploma or equivalent, and must have at least 2 years of previous customer service experience.

#### \*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 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

#### \*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.

### SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

#### Monitoring Technicians (Part-time)

Open until filled – SoCoCAA is looking for a Part Time Monitoring Technicians. Preferred qualifications include HS diploma/GED; previous experience & training working with recovering substance abusers; must be able to obtain a CPR and 1st Aid certification and must pass background checks. Individuals in recovery must have two years of continuous sobriety.

#### Substitute Teachers

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 and preschool age children; Be 18 years of age; Pass TB exam; Pass criminal history and child abuse registry checks.

### 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.

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

#### Sourcing and Procurement Manager – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/5/20 – Provides oversight and direction to Southern Ute Shared Services procurement process. The Sourcing and Procurement Manager develops, guides and measures the process of selection of suppliers, segmentation of supply base, contract negotiation and compliance, metrics management, conflict resolution, and supplier performance management. Minimum Qualifications Include: Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting, or closely related field and six (6) years' experience in a sourcing, procurement or asset management role; OR, an Associate degree in a similar discipline may be considered with eight (8) years appropriate and relevant sourcing, procurement or asset management experience; OR, a high school diploma or equivalent with ten (10) years' experience in a sourcing, procurement or asset management role is required. Must be able to define the process of establishing a purchasing organization and the required policies and procedures. Must have experience using PC-based applications (such as Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word and Project). Must have successfully managed a large pool of assets. Must have successfully worked in a team-based environment. Must have experience with sourcing, procurement or asset management budget responsibilities. Must possess strong troubleshooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable by the Growth Fund vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must qualify for Southern Ute Gaming License, Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) background check and certification, Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) certification and any other licenses or certifications required or requested by Southern Ute Shared Services.

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#### JIB Accountant II – Red Willow Production CO (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/5/20 – Under direct supervision of the Assistant Controller, this position performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business and two years relevant accounting experience in oil and/or natural gas is required. Must have basic understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes. Must have strong organizational skills and the ability to handle large volumes of work and multiple projects simultaneously. Must have demonstrated attention to detail and accuracy in the workplace. Must demonstrate initiative, resourcefulness, and adaptability; must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have ability to identify and resolve accounting issues. Must have ability to prepare statistical and other reports and documents for dissemination. Must be proficient in Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

### 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.

## BOBCATS SURVIVE SCARE • FROM PAGE 12

stanza by six points, however, Ignacio (10-1, 6-0 SJBL; 10-10 overall last winter) regained a 29-24 lead entering intermission, then expanded it to a momentum-shifting dozen points by the end of the third.

Individual point totals had yet to be finalized and reported by the Drum's deadline Monday evening, Jan. 27, with the Miners (4-8, 2-2) set to visit RHS (5-7, 2-4 SJBL

after a 65-37 loss at Mancos Saturday afternoon, 1/25) the next night.

"Our defense ... we're giving up points to their best players, and those ... we should be focusing on. So from here on out we're going to work on stopping people's best players, stopping screen-and-rolls and things like that," said Valdez.

"You know, it's becoming second nature to us that we

get a big lead, and then give it up. And that's not something we want to be proud of," he noted. "We've got to make some changes defensively – it has nothing to do with offense; we can score every now and then!"

After a bit of a break, the 'Cats – bumped from seventh back up to fifth in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A rankings – will welcome 4A Durango on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

## LADY 'CATS CRUSH TWO MORE • FROM PAGE 12

within operational specifications and remained unbeaten against all SJBL opposition by destroying Telluride 77-9.

Blasting out to a reported 19-0 lead during the first quarter, Ignacio (7-5, 6-0 SJBL) inflated that advantage to 21-2 at quarter's end, 40-6 at halftime, and owned the Lady Miners (4-6, 3-1) 58-6 prior to the mercy rule-quicken fourth.

Individual point totals had yet to be finalized and reported by the Drum's deadline, Monday afternoon, Jan. 27, with THS set to visit RHS (4-5, 4-2 SJBL after Mancos forfeited the sides' 1/25 meeting) the next evening.

"We have several different plays that we're trying to run, and we just need to make that really sharp. And working on our press defense; we've still got to make that get better too," said Whitt. "We know it's going to be a struggle ... playing like we're playing a Del Norte or an Alamosa, when we're playing these kinds of teams."

Another of 'those' likely awaits IHS Saturday morning, Feb. 1, as Nucla visits town after traveling to Dolores – with a roster



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Charlize Valdez (12) takes a hard hip check from Ridgway's Lily Harrington (4) while driving to the hoop during SJBL action inside IHS Gymnasium Friday evening, Jan. 24.

bolstered by an influx of disbanded local rival Norwood's players, the Lady Mustangs entered that contest standing 3-10 overall, 2-3 SJBL – the preceding evening. Action is set to begin at 11 a.m. "I think we just want to go out and execute everything perfectly," said Valdez. "Perfect everything and get ready for the end of the [regular] season."

### CHSAANow.com Class 2A (Jan. 27)

#### Boys' Basketball Poll

1. Ault Highland
2. Yuma
3. Denver Christian
4. Limon
5. **IGNACIO**
6. Mancos
7. Fowler
8. Sanford
9. Sedgwick County (Ovid Revere-Julesburg)
10. Edwards Vail Christian

Others receiving votes: Holly, Fort Collins Heritage Christian, Greeley Dayspring Christian, Lafayette Dawson School.

#### Girls' Basketball Poll

1. Limon
2. Rocky Ford
3. Holyoke
4. Rye
5. Del Norte
6. Fort Collins Heritage Christian
7. Sanford
8. Simla
9. Colorado Springs School
10. Wray

Others receiving votes: Peyton, Meeker, Yuma, Hayden, **IGNACIO**, Hotchkiss, Rangely.

### 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

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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#### Across

- 1 Utter
- 4 It's what makes you you
- 7 They might be covert or special
- 10 Computer "brain", briefly
- 11 Cheeseheads' state
- 12 Actor --- Efron
- 13 Blurred optics clear in Alaska
- 16 Like a Mexican millionairess
- 17 --- Allen, Lumbee LA Chargers wide receiver
- 18 Airline with anti-missile systems on its planes
- 19 Writer --- Hemingway
- 20 Punches very hard
- 22 Its capital is Pristina
- 25 Computer speed measure
- 29 Lessened
- 30 "The Sopranos" actress --- Falco
- 31 Massasauga, for example
- 33 "Jennifer 8" actress --- Thurman
- 34 "How dare ---!"
- 35 "I Guess --- Rather Be in Colorado" (John Denver)
- 36 Cherokee landscape artist --- WalkingStick
- 37 San Antonio-to-Dallas dir.
- 38 C I A predecessor

#### Down

- 1 Sudden fright
- 2 Boston Marathon month
- 3 Plant Utes used to make rope and soap
- 4 MADD target
- 5 Jukebox forerunner
- 6 Declare
- 7 Global sun screen?
- 8 Half a '60s singing group
- 9 Bloodhound's clue
- 14 "Miami Vice" actor Michael ---
- 15 Shutterbugs
- 21 Crabtree & ---, body products retailer
- 22 Indigenous California people
- 23 Two-time Time Person of the Year
- 24 Skewered Asian peanutty dish
- 26 Northern Shoshone home
- 27 Peak known to the Arapaho as Heey-otoyoo
- 28 Future flowers
- 32 Go after, legally

Answers for this crossword will appear in Feb. 14 issue of the Drum.

#### Answers for Jan. 17, 2020 crossword puzzle:

**Across:** 1 I-beam, 6 Leggo, 11 Nambe, 12 Alias, 13 Kraal, 14 Hadn't, 15 Senses, 17 Neal, 18 Chet, 19 Ode, 20 CGI, 22 Sas, 24 Nor, 25 Lap, 26 NTSB, 28 OTAs, 30 Dry ice, 33 Meter, 35 Arbor, 36 Paolo, 37 Walpi, 38 Surly, 39 Sheen.  
**Down:** 1 Inks, 2 Bare, 3 Emancipator, 4 Abash, 5 Melees, 6 Lah, 7 Elan, 8 Gideon Bible, 9 Ganado, 10 Ostler, 16 Stand, 20 Clomps, 21 Gateau, 23 Straws, 27 Syrah, 29 Sell, 31 Cope, 32 Erin, 34 Roy.

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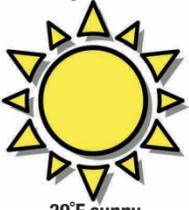


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## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Jan. 31



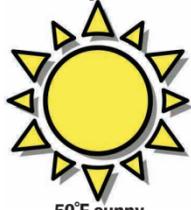
39°F sunny  
Calm afternoon winds

Saturday, Feb. 1



46°F cloudy  
Calm winds

Sunday, Feb. 2



50°F sunny

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