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SunUte hosts Bobcats’ MMIW event



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Voices of Our Sisters, including, IHS Girls’ Basketball volunteer assistant coach Maria Rivera (far left) and Lady Bobcat JV/varsity swing player Helaina Taylor (second from left), perform a special Honor Song during the Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women awareness event at the Ignacio High School Bobcats basketball games against Nucla, Saturday, Feb. 1, in the SunUte Community Center.

See more MMIW coverage on page 9.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Firefighting courses return to Southern Ute Agency

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy returns to Ignacio in March; the weeklong training is held at a different location in the Four Corners region each year. Specific courses offered this spring will include: Firefighter Training, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, and Wildland Fire Chainsaws.

This is a great opportunity for tribal members, or anyone else explained Howard Richards Jr., Assistant Fire Management Officer for the BIA Southern Ute Agency, “This is an opportunity to pursue a career. They [trainees] are not committed to us, we are not committed to them – but it gets them a foot in the door if a job opens here or at another agency.”

The courses are taught by the Southern Ute Agency and tribal personnel. The program is free of charge, but applicants must be over 18 years of age.

The Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy came about eight years ago with a 130-190 recruitment push from Fort Lewis College. “Many of the trainees started that year and got GS, or Forestry Technician jobs



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

BIA Engine Captain, Corey Francis (left) takes a group of trainees out for practice using water pumps on location in Ignacio. The 2019 Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy was hosted in partnership between the BIA Southern Ute Agency’s Forestry/Fire Management and Los Pinos Fire District.

and stuck it out,” Richards explained. Cory Frances and Dillon Hamilton work with us at Southern Ute Agency to this day. A few others went on to work with the Navajo Hotshots, he stated. “Seth Roubidoux started out with the Four Corners Academy and worked with BIA Fire, Southern Ute Agency for over a year before moving on.”

“One of the problems is the cost of living around here, especially for those who aren’t from the area,”

Richards said. “I want to get back to where we were before, and one day I would like to see the engines filled with all Native firefighters. In ’94 we had three Type 6 Fire Engines, all of them were fully manned, some with tribal members.”

The 130-190 is a basic firefighter course which takes place from March 25 – 29. The full academy is a week-long program, March 25 – April 1.

Once complete, certificates allow trainees to get paid fighting fires regionally. “Most of the AD’s are \$18.96 per hour, like a basic firefighter, some shifts are 10-16 hours. Depending on the size and complexity of a fire, it could be a couple of overnights before we get it mopped up – cleaned up.”

“Abel Velasquez at the SunUte [Community Center] came up with a small workout plan, tailored to firefighting. It is a good idea to be in shape,” Richards emphasized. “Every year there is a pack test and physical”

Richards is currently

working on furthering his own education by pursuing a degree in his field, taking courses at Northern Arizona University (NAU), which he will finish next spring. His 401 Series for Fire Ecology and Management Certificate will enable him to move even further up the chain of command and take on top positions in management, while opening up more opportunities for career advancement.

Richards encourages tribal members to reach out to himself or the So. Ute Agency ahead of the course to ask questions. He can help them gain a clear understanding of the what the academy entails and what a career in firefighting is really like based on years of experience in the field.

“Give it a try, give it a shot,” Richards emphasized. “That’s how I got my start, and I made a career out of it.”

Call Howard Richards Jr. at 970-563-4571 or register online <https://sjcfd.com/wildland-academy/>

HEALTH

The Coronavirus and our community

Staff Report
SU HEALTH CENTER

The spread of the new Coronavirus from Wuhan City, China has continued worldwide. The Southern Ute Health Center has been working with other tribal departments and San Juan Public Health to be prepared for any local cases. It is thought that the virus is spread through close contact, and droplets from coughing or sneezing. The risk for local cases is extremely low. Cases in the United States have been very few, and all have been linked to travel from China, or contact with someone who has traveled to China.

The symptoms of this Coronavirus are like those of other viruses that we have seen in the community, like influenza and RSV. This includes fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you have these symptoms, and have traveled to China, or have been in contact with someone who has traveled to China within the past 14 days, please call the Health Center, urgent care, or emergency department before going in person.

The Southern Ute Health Center has protective equipment available in the case of a local Coronavirus outbreak.

Our staff have been trained in infection control. We make every effort to protect our patients from infections while at the Health Center.

THERE IS CURRENTLY NO VACCINE TO PREVENT THIS NEW VIRUS

The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

For the most up-to-date information about Coronavirus, access the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cd-phe/2019-novel-coronavirus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are posting updates at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sign up for CodeRed emergency notifications

Staff report
LA PLATA COUNTY

La Plata County wants you to be prepared in case of emergency and offers a simple, free way for you to stay informed when events unfold that could affect your safety or property. Floods, wildfire, evacuation notices, weather events, and biohazards can unfold quickly and unpredictably. By signing up for the CodeRed emergency notification service, you will receive voice or text updates on your cell phone or voice-over-Internet phone alerting you when situations occur in your community. Visit: (public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFEA18547A8D) to sign up.

The county has also added Animas River alerts to the CodeRed service. By opting in to receive these alerts, you will be notified if water quality changes on the Animas River. Through a regional partnership between La Plata County, San Juan Basin Health, the City of Durango, San

Juan County, Colorado, the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, the Animas River is being carefully monitored throughout the watershed. Stream gauges, real-time water quality monitors and trained river-spotters are coordinating to ensure that any change in water quality – because of spring runoff, flash-flooding, mud-, rock- or landslides, or other manmade or naturally occurring events – is communicated to emergency responders, decision-makers and the general public.

To sign up for CodeRed emergency notifications visit, (public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFEA18547A8D).

Once you’ve created an account, choose to receive the Animas River alerts in addition to general updates on emergency conditions in your neighborhood.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute Forestry Technician Cameron Standing leads a team of trainees in a fire hose exercise outside of the BIA headquarters in 2019 as part of the Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe responds to Census 2020 preparation

Every ten years communities across the nation are asked to do one of the easiest, safest, and most important things: fill out census forms. While it may not sound exciting or glamorous, census data in our nations' communities grant us access to federal money and determines how billions of dollars are distributed annually for health clinics, after-school activities, emergency services, and hundreds of other programs.

The 10 minutes that it takes to fill out your census form will determine what happens in our community over the next ten years. Help our future generations by answering a few simple questions. And don't worry, your personal information will be protected and remain private.

Everyone living in your household on April 1st needs to be counted as part of the 2020 Census.

Be legendary. Be counted.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently

organizing the tribal plans to ensure that everyone is counted in Census 2020. The Tribe plans to capitalize on the technological advancements made and the methods used to record this data. It is important that everyone in our Country be counted. Accurate population translates to government representation, the number of seats in Congress, and the amount of federal funding available for states, counties, tribal communities.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe wants to make certain that the Census 2020 data is as accurate as possible to positively impact housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy; benefiting the tribe and the tribal membership. Technology brings both advantages and disadvantages, and the tribe is looking to identify possible concerns and kinks to be worked out with the online method, as we look forward to assisting our tribal membership in filling out their Census using the various methods made available to them.

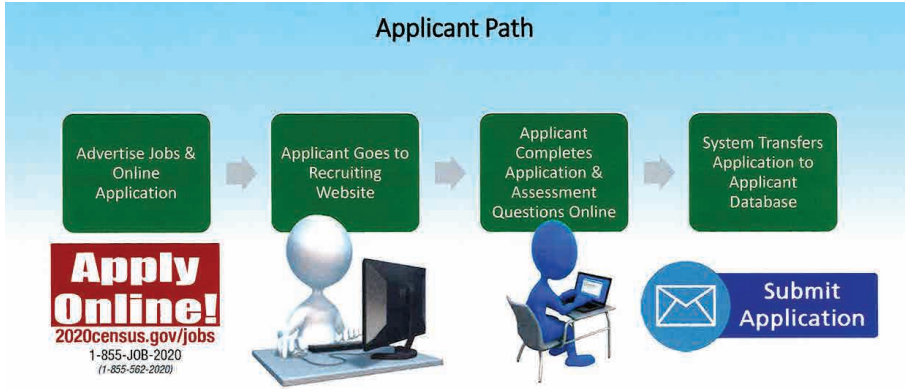
What Positions Do We Recruit?		
What positions do Area Census Offices recruit for?	What will they do?	Nationwide Estimated Jobs at Peak in Year 2020
Recruiting Assistants (RAs)	Get the word out about jobs and assist applicants who have issues completing the application. They work in the Field.	Several thousand
Office Operations Supervisors (OOSs)	Supervise clerks and support all operations. They work in the Area Census Office (ACO)	Hundreds
Clerks	Support all office operations. They work in the ACO	Several thousand
Census Field Supervisors (CFSs)	Supervise the Enumerators. They work in the Field.	Several thousand
Listers/Enumerators (Census Takers)	Update address lists and maps and/or knock on doors and conduct interviews with respondents. They work in the Field.	Hundreds of thousands

Basic Requirements

- 18 years old (can apply before 18) Valid Social Security Number Citizen
- Access to a Car
- Must pass Background Check

What to expect when applying for a 2020 Census job

1. Application process will be ONLINE.
2. An online assessment is part of the application process & will be in both English and Spanish.
3. Must be a U.S. Citizen.
4. Must have an email address -you can create a free gmail account or another of your choice.
5. There is time between application & actual hiring - this can be months until operations start.
6. A background check with fingerprints is required once selected for employment
7. All Census positions will require employees to use Census provided devices.
8. Office management jobs will be on a different website from that of office clerks, enumerators, recruiting assistants, and field supervisors.
9. CCC/Partners can identify places where applicants can go to apply for jobs.



2020Census.gov /jobs

- Apply one time.
- You do NOT pick a specific job you are interested in.
- You can pick if you are interested in supervisory positions (requires separate assessment).
- Application does not expire – it stays in the system for as long as we are hiring unless you tell us to remove you.
- Selective service – if males don't know if they are registered there is a link to find out
- Assessment available in Spanish however must also take an English proficiency test.



COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

LISTEN TO COUNCIL CONNECT ON KSUT TRIBAL RADIO FROM 02:30-03:00 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

SHOWS WILL COVER SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, COUNCIL BUSINESS TRIP UPDATES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

JANUARY 6 & 27	FEBRUARY 10 & 24	MARCH 9 & 23
APRIL 6 & 27	MAY 11	JUNE 8 & 22

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG

Many Moons Ago



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10 years ago

Libby Riddles autographs shirts for a few lucky Ignacio Intermediate students during a Feb. 4, 2010 presentation. Riddles was the 1985 Iditarod Champion and the first woman to take first place in the 1,150-mile race.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 12, 2010, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy Dedra Millich/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

People from across the country gathered in Colorado Springs on January 13, 2000 to help the Native American Sports Council honor Jim Thorpe. Among the celebrants (left to right) were Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Byron Red Sr., Billy Mills (10K Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Councilman Dewitte Baker, and Ross Anderson (Professional Speed Skier).

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 11, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Nathan Winder Jr., Southern Ute Planner and Glen Walker, Town Manager hold a check for \$8,800 which they received from U.S. West and Colorado Initiatives for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Town of Ignacio streetscape program and for the ongoing beautification efforts.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 16, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal officials take a tour of the completed project at Sky Ute Downs. Racing was to begin at the Downs the following summer, pending a Tribal Council decision as to what the Downs will host.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 15, 1980, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



POWWOW

Native PFLAG to host 2nd Arizona Two Spirit Powwow

Staff report
NATIVE PFLAG

On Saturday, Feb. 29, from Noon — 5 p.m., the PFLAG Phoenix Native American Chapter, known as Native PFLAG, will host the 2nd Annual Arizona Two Spirit Powwow at South Mountain Community College's Performing Arts Center Amphitheater. This inclusive event will draw some of the area's best dancers, drummers and singers for a day of fun and appreciation to celebrate Native American LGBTQ/Two Spirit individuals.

"Last year's powwow had huge community support from Native people, non-natives, LGBTQ individuals and their straight allies. We also had people thank us for creating a Safe Space

for their children and entire family, so it was an easy decision for the committee to move forward in planning the second annual event," said Native PFLAG Founder and President Sheila Lopez.

During the Powwow, Two Spirit community members, allies, and traditions are honored. The event begins with an opening blessing from an Arizona tribal member, followed by Grand Entry at 12:30 p.m. Competition dancing as well as Inter-Tribal and social dances offer the public an opportunity to learn about Native American culture. The 2nd Annual Arizona Two Spirit Powwow embraces traditional Native American culture while also providing attendees an opportunity to explore South Mountain Community College campus and learn about

their educational resources. All powwow dancers and drums are welcome.

Dancing and singing are not the only highlights of the powwow. South Mountain Community College Native American Student Club will be selling Indian frybread. There also will be several Native American art and craft booths and resource tables by local Native American non-profit organizations.

The 2nd Annual Arizona Two Spirit Powwow is a free, family-friendly, clean, and sober event that is open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Sponsors include Native PFLAG, South Mountain Community College, Phoenix Indian Center, Native Health and the Rainbow of Truth. To learn more, visit NativePFLAG.org/az-twospiritpowwow.html.

Cultural connections



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Lynda Grove D'Wolf continues to emphasize the importance of culture and language in her weekly Ute language classes held in the Leonard C. Burch building every Friday. In her most recent language class, D'Wolf shared a replica of a beaded Ute cradleboard with her participants; explaining the cultural significance that these cradleboards traditionally played when rearing Ute children.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Lynda D'Wolf shows off her Ute dolls during the Ute language class that was held on Friday, Jan. 31. D'Wolf talked about how the Utes used to dress and how the women wore their dresses.

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 Ute Culture Preservation Department. Artwork will be featured on all items associated with the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair. The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award, plus 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.



SALE

30% OFF

ALL POTTERY MEDALLIONS AND BEADED BRACELETS

10% OFF ALL OTHER ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP

(EXCEPT BOOKS)

SALE STARTS FEBRUARY 1, 2020 – ENDS MARCH 3, 2020

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM



2nd Annual Arizona Two Spirit Powwow



Head Dancers

Sky Duncan
Maurissa Two Two
Dewayne Pierce

MC – Ryan Rumley
Arena Director – Sonny Harrison

Host Drum – Maswade

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Noon – 5pm (Grand Entry at 12:30pm)

South Mountain Community College
Performing Arts Center Amphitheater
7050 S. 24th St, Phoenix, AZ 85042

CONTEST POWWOW (Tiny Tots, Jrs, Teens & Adults)

TWO SPIRIT SPECIAL (All Ages)

All Dancers & Drum Groups Welcome

Free Event – Open to the Public

Native Market & Food



MORE INFO: NativePFLAG.org/AZTwoSpiritPowwow

NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, FIREARMS/WEAPONS OR PETS ALLOWED

Attention

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

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

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

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



NUTRITION

Heart healthy Valentine

5 ways to keep your heart healthy this Valentines

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

1. **Hug, kiss or hold hands with someone you love or care about.** Human touch brings down blood pressure, is calming and has been shown to relieve pain.
2. **Tell someone special you love them.** Letting your feeling out reduces stress, increases your feeling of happiness and can help you live longer.
3. **Take a walk outside with a loved one.** Studies reveal that being outdoors decreases blood pressure, reduces risk of type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, improves mood and relieves stress.

Heart Healthy, delicious Turkey Meatballs



courtesy fleishers.com

Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground turkey (90%-93% lean)
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, minced
- 2 eggs
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil

4. **Laugh with a friend.** Laughter increases blood flow and reduces inflammation. It can increase your good cholesterol, decrease inflammation and reduce stress hormones. Laughter makes life so much fun!
5. **Enjoy some dark chocolate and other delicious, heart healthy foods.** Dark chocolate and berries provide antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds, vitamins and minerals that are good for your heart. Enjoy 1-2oz of 72 percent or higher dark chocolate, add some berries on the side and you have a heart healthy dessert!

Directions

1. Put all above ingredients in a large bowl except olive oil.
2. Using your hands or latex gloves, mix well to combine.
3. Line a baking sheet with foil and place wire rack on baking sheet.
4. Spray rack with cooking spray.
5. Shape turkey mixture into 1-2" balls and place on wire racks.
6. Brush meatballs with olive oil.
7. Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes, check at 15 minutes for browning.
8. (Internal temperature of poultry should be 165 degrees) Meat should be slightly golden/brown.
9. Remove from wire rack and serve or freeze for up to one month.

If freezing, place on a baking sheet so meatballs do not touch, then freeze for one hour or longer. Once frozen, they can be bagged together. Serve with your favorite tomato sauce over whole grain pasta, zoodles or spaghetti squash!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: What do we do when a family member or friend passes away?

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM



Mique Nuchus, this article is going to be a little out of the normal in the sense that I'm going to talk about my own personal grieving process and the recent loss of one of my favorite uncles.

To start here is just a little background of my past. I grew up on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation, I experienced loss throughout my life from family and friends dying of natural causes, substance related complications, and un-natural causes. Many of us have similar experience and this isn't out of the normal for most reservations. Because of all the loss, I became familiar with common rituals my family and my people practiced. Some practices, depending on the family, were new to me, but I understood the meaning behind them when they explained why they did certain things or didn't do things before and after their loved was laid to rest.

You can experience a lot of loss in your life and you might think you get numb to it, but that wasn't the case for me. If anything, it was hard for me to cope with the loss of my uncle, an uncle that I mimicked growing up, that I looked up to because I thought he was so cool and an uncle that I respected for living his life the way he wanted to. When I found out he had passed away I couldn't do anything but cry this horrible cry and a part of me doubted the news. A part of me thought about the last time we talked. A part of me thought about all the times I wanted to call him, and I didn't. A part of me thought about his voice and how he was the only one nowadays that called me by my family nickname. A part of me wanted to fly to Seattle and be there by his side. A part of me felt sad and painfully hurt. But after that rush of sadness and grief, I felt happiness for him. Happy that he was going home to be with his mom, dad, grandparents and all his family and friends that have passed before him. Why did I feel this way? I started to remember all the words my family would tell me when we lost someone. Things like, "don't cry to much because you'll make yourself sick," "drink a lot of

water," "don't go out at night and stay inside during this time," "don't be out in big crowds or going to places where there are a lot of people," "burn cedar and pray every morning and night and think only good thoughts for yourself and for your uncle." These are just a few examples that started flooding my mind, and I automatically kicked in the practices that were taught to me.

We all have similar yet different practices, depending on your family and people. But one thing we have in common is resiliency. These verbal practices were passed down to us not to bring us down, but to lift us up, to give us strength and energy to keep moving forward. It's there within us. We all have the right to grieve, feel sad and then to change that to happiness and strength. It might take some prayers, some songs, some long drives, some alone time and that's okay. But we also must remember, our loved ones and our ancestors would want us to keep moving forward with our lives. There's one practice that I always try to make sure I do after losing someone and that's getting away for a couple days. At a very young age, I remember after someone close passed away, we would travel somewhere, go stay with relatives or get a room somewhere out of town. My grandmother and uncle would tell me it's good to get away for a couple days. Let yourself grieve and to also let the spirit move on. When we would return home it always felt good, like that sadness and stuffiness wasn't there anymore. My uncle would bless our home off and all of us as well and he would say, "today is a new day, you must keep moving forward."

We use the medicine that mother earth gives us. We use the words and wisdom from our people. We use different religious beliefs. We use our own beliefs and values. We use prayer and songs to help us get through

rough times. Let's help one another, share stories, share the words that were passed down from our grandparents and their grandparents. Those words, that knowledge, will help us heal.

My healing journey has just begun, and I know there's no quick fix for the pain and loss I feel in my life. All I can do is set a plan for myself to talk to my family and grieve with them, keep praying and blessing myself off, and get on a schedule to see a counselor regularly to help me work through the loss of my uncle and to also work through some things that have surfaced due to this incident.

We all handle grief differently, but I've come to realize we can't handle it alone. We all need support and guidance from our family, our people and yes, from a counselor or therapist sometimes. You don't have to be going through rough times to talk to someone or do some self-care. It's good for all of us to just check in every now and then.

Thank you for letting me share a piece of my grief and story with you. I pray and hope that if you are grieving too that you find comfort and help so that you can moving forward and find happiness in life again.

We all need a little help and guidance sometimes.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Upcoming Prevention Coalition meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the So. Ute Museum, Large Classroom. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6 – 8 p.m. Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more info 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. Come learn how to start the conversation with your children about drugs. Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 6 – 7:30pm 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. Friday, March 13 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. 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

What is Community and Home Health Services?

By Jane Henson, RN, BSN
SU TRIBAL HEALTH

Community and Home Health Services is a department within Southern Ute Tribal Health. Over the years the Community and Home Health Services Department (CHS) has seen many changes; we have staff located in the clinic and the Mouache-Capote building for your convenience. We were previously called the Community Health Representative (CHR) department; our newest change is that the public health nurses are now part of the CHR, Community and Home Health Services team. Our staff consists of four public health nurses, a program manager, a secretary and 8 CHR's. The current role and job description of home health aides and CHR's have been combined. We work with the part-time at-home caregivers who are often family members taking care of elders in their homes. All our staff are CPR and first aid certified; some are Certified Nurse's Aides.

The CHR's go through an 8-week course with CHR modules to become CHR certified. The nurses have their Bachelor of Science Nursing degrees.

We serve approximately 120-160 Southern Ute elders, tribal members and other Natives. Our department offers clients:

- home visits that include nursing care
- nurses and CHR's offer blood pressure assessments at the Senior Center monthly
- companionship
- light housekeeping and other chores
- lifeline checks
- coordinate with local home care agencies, hospital home care and hospice
- medication delivery
- transportation to dialysis or medical appointments
- we also offer transportation to out of town appointments as needed

We are affiliated with the Regional CHR Association and the CHR's attend these

meetings. We were able to host this meeting last Spring. Our team recently taught an eight week Fall Risk Class, "A Matter of Balance". We certified 6 elders from this class and will be represented by the CHR Association for being the first program to complete this course!

We hold an annual health fair along with Health Services. This event draws vendors and participants from the four-corners area, such as fire departments, health departments, home care agencies and physical therapy groups.

Our team collaborates with Shining Mountain on events such as the breastfeeding parent support group, diabetes classes and cooking matters. We also offer support for breast cancer, cervical and colorectal cancer awareness functions. The staff offers care for children while parents attend classes.

Staff from the Community and Home Health Services department are professionals and take pride in providing thoughtful and caring services to Tribal members, elders and this community.

February Quilt Class

The Swirling Star

Wednesday & Thursday
February 19 & 20, 2020
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Facility

Call to Sign up: 563-2640



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.



Academy raises funds for 20th



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Olin Goodtracks takes a closer look at silent auction items to help determine what he will bid on to help the academy raise money for their school powwow. The silent auction was held in the LCB Hall of Warriors on Friday, Feb. 7.

Dr. Stacey Oberly sets up the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's silent auction table. In addition to the auction, the academy hosted a bake sale and sold Frito pies to raise money for their 20th Anniversary Celebration Powwow which will be hosted later this year.



SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Sensitive periods of learning

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy follows the Montessori method which was developed over 100 years ago by Dr. Maria Montessori. Watching young children on the streets of Rome, she saw that all children wanted to learn. And that, at various times in the child's life, they were sensitive to the development of certain skills. These snippets of time are called "sensitive periods of learning."

The Montessori method is an approach where diverse concepts are presented across the curriculum and in different ways as the children progress. Practical Life is a vital component of a Montessori classroom which helps teach, guide and support children as they start understanding the world around them and their part of it. They will learn grace and courtesy (manners and etiquette); use glass pitchers and plates for meals; learn to put on their coats; how to



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kellis Wilbourn makes her bed before heading outside to get some sun at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

greet people coming into the classroom; and how to build positive relationships.

A lesson in practical life that supports the idea of the sensitive period of learning is washing windows or mirrors. This is an activity that can be seen daily in any of SUIMA's primary classrooms. If you have a son

or daughter in the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, we invite you to come observe the work he or she is doing. From the infants to the upper elementary level, you will see students concentrating on their lessons, asking questions, and building their independence.

Education Department Announcements

Johnson-O'Malley
Committee meeting
Monday, March 2, 12 noon
Education, 330 Burns Ave., Ignacio

Title VI
Committee meeting
Monday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.
Education, 330 Burns Ave., Ignacio

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 Jan. 22 to Feb. 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.

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.

m r y
w n k
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y	yes	r	butter	m	mom
yáakwi	disappearing	sarichj	dog	mamachj	woman
tugupaya	sky, upward	sághary	white inan.	mechepy	facial hair
toghoy	straight, good	peraj	(they) are walking	pa'amanuni	all subj.
yoghovuchj	coyote	'akaráa	red shirt	maavj	vegetation
k	kiss	n	not	w	we
kanj	house	nú	I	wiichj	knife
kwanachj	eagle	núuchj	person, Ute, Indian	wiites	long time ago
kava	horse	'ing	this an.	wáyni	two subj.
pukun	my horse	nanapuchj	old man	mawisjpega	s/he appeared
'	stress mark	ch	child	t	to
Most often		chúuchj	pipe	táa	shirt
-2 nd vowel of word		wiichj	knife	'avaty	big inan.
Often		wichichj	bird	tuachin	my child
-1 st vowel of word		chaqhachin	my younger brother		

SUIMA Events and Activities

- Feb. 17 – **No School** in honor of **Presidents Day**.
- Feb. 18 – **Kindergarten and Elementary** students snowboarding at **Purgatory**.
- Feb. 19 – Primary Rooms 1 and 4 to **The Power House Science Center**.
- Feb. 19 – **Council Members** will come read to the students.
- Feb. 19 – **PAG Family Night** from 6 – 7 p.m.
- Feb. 20 – Primary Rooms 2 and 3 to **The Power House Science Center**.
- Feb. 21 – **Council Members** will come have lunch with the students.

Support your local Boys & Girls Club \$1.00 Buy a heart! Our Club serves local community youth. We appreciate your support.

Jan 31st-Feb 28th 2020

Any questions please contact the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970.563.2692

Locations

- El Dorado
- 7-2-11
- Ignacio Floral
- Waci-ci Trading
- Thriftway
- El Amigo
- SunUTE Community Rec Center
- The Rose
- Farmers Fresh
- Ignacio Library
- Garcia Chiro & Wellness
- Town of Ignacio
- Walkers True Value

SUIMA PAG Meetings

MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH MAY 2020
[ALL MEETINGS HELD IN DINING HALL FROM 6:00-7:00 P.M.]
DINNER AND CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED.

JANUARY 13
FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 9
APRIL 13
MAY 11

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Rolling Thunder Grill Supervisor, Claudita Benavidez hands out necklaces to spectators watching the light parade from the Sky Ute Casino Resort float.



Sage Rohde walks with her niece during the light parade, representing the Jungle Gym's float.



Year after year the light parade continues to be the big draw for participants and spectators.



Employees and owners of the Harley Davidson dealership dance their way down Main St. in Durango during the light parade.

Snowdown takes center stage

The annual Snowdown Light Parade featured “Rock N’ Roll” themed floats that took over Main Ave. in historic Downtown Durango, Colo. on Friday, Jan. 31. This year’s celebration featured live music, fire dancers and even free gifts for spectators. The parade is just one of the many events that locals and tourists could enjoy. Ignacio based organizations set up shop in Buckley Park as well; including the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southwest Rainbow Youth for the Snowdown Obstacle Course on Saturday, Feb. 1. Contestants tried their luck at guessing names of famous ‘Rock N’ Roll’ bands or hopped their way across a rocking guitar. Down the road at the Durango Recreation Center, Team “White Thunder” competed in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament – one of many Snowdown family friendly events which happened during the week!

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Jaylen Alston tries her best to play defense during the 3-on-3 Snowdown Basketball Tournament.



“LOVE ISN’T WHAT YOU SAY, IT’S WHAT YOU DO.”
MAYLON NEWTON-SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER

“LOVE IS FORGIVENESS.”
LORELEI CLOUD- SOUTHERN UTE COUNCILWOMAN

“HEALING DOESN’T COME WITHOUT HURTING.”
TYSON THOMPSON- FORMER SOUTHERN UTE COUNCILMAN

Colorado Crisis Services 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255





LOVE IS HEALING





You are never alone.

Southern Ute Behavior Health 970-563-4581

Southern Ute Victim Services 970-563-0245

Southern Ute Police Department 970-563-4401

SUIT Division of Social Services 970-563-2339

Daughters of the Red Road daughtersoftheredroad@yahoo.com

Southwest Rainbow Youth swrainbowyouth@gmail.com

Voices of our Sisters voices.of.our.sister@gmail.com

Boys and Girls Club of SUIT 970-563-4753

Sexual Assault Services Organization 970-247-5400

Axis Health-Durango 970-247-5245



Southwest Rainbow Youth founders, Trennie Collins and Precious Collins and Board Member, Bobbie Rosa help obstacle course participants guess band names to match the pictures.



Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club Chief Executive Officer, Bruce LeClaire helps guide a young rocker through the “Guitar Hero” themed obstacle.

Weaver, Wellness graduate



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Arthur "Johnny" Weaver receives a Pendleton blanket and a certificate from Southern Ute Court Bailiff, Jack Frost Jr. for completing the tuuCai Wellness Court on Thursday, Feb. 6. The Wellness Court encourages defendants in DUI and Drug related cases to find and maintain sobriety during a one-year period. It is a unique program offered by Southern Ute Tribal Court that addresses alcoholism and substance addiction through the use of a holistic and problem-solving approach. The ceremony was held in the Southern Ute Tribal Courtroom.



SUPD training for DV



New officer Trevin Joe (above), is currently in the Southern Ute Police Department's field training program. Joe used to work with the Navajo Nation Police Dept. Joe was sworn in by Judge Whistler in October of 2019. Our field training program is approximately 14 weeks long. It runs in four phases. Joe is in his last phase of training.

The Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) and Southern Ute Victim Services recently sponsored a training on how to better investigate and respond to domestic violence strangulation cases. The training was conducted by Retired Military Special Agent, Russell Strand and his wife Myra Strand. Their company is Strand Squared LLC. All SUPD Officers and Investigators attended the training. Tribal Court staff were also in attendance. The training was held at the Southern Ute Museum on Friday, Feb. 7.

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.

Door prize donations welcome
call 563-2640 for more information





Round dancin' to benefit powwow

The Benefit Round Dance and Fundraiser was hosted by the Daughters of the Red Road at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Saturday, Feb. 1. All proceeds from the dance go towards sponsoring the 2020 "For the Children Powwow." The dance also featured a raffle, potluck style dinner and games for attendees to participate in.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Singers from the Four Corner's region joined together to drum songs out for all the community members who attended the benefit round dance.



Maria Rivera and her youngest son, Charles Alston help man the bake sale table at the benefit round dance, selling all types of homemade goodies.



Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder and her little sister, Malia White Thunder round dance alongside Edward Box III.



Young Shawnee Rizzo round dances with her family during the Round Dance and Fundraiser.



Izabella Cloud and Divine Windyboy switch off leading one another during the round dance event at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

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YOU'RE A STAR
IN OUR SKY!

Celebrating LOVE at the Powerhouse

The Powerhouse invites you to celebrate love on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the MakerLab. Love, Lasers and Libations is an adult class on the laser cutter, and the outcome will be a custom sign for participants to take home. \$65 per couple and it includes beverages and instructors on-site. To sign up, go to www.powsci.org.

Eagle Wing Drum Group

Any Youth who are interested in being in a youth drum group are welcome to join us for practices and events!

If you need drum sticks, we can assist

Practice dates Vary

For more info: (970)790-7036/remind app. @drumpr

RURAL youth ASSEMBLY

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE NATION

2020 National Rural Youth Assembly Summit
April 2-5th, 2020
McAllen, TX

Call for Applications and Nominations!

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

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

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

Bobcats bring MMIW Awareness to SunUte



Ignacio Girls Basketball head varsity coach Justa Whitt receives an appreciative hug from Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Christine Sage



Sky Hawk Nation Drum Group performing at SunUte, accompanied by cultural dancers from Fort Lewis College.



Southern Ute tribal member Daisy Bluestar with The Voices of Our Sisters, presents attendees with facts and statistics on the MMIW crisis in Indian Country.

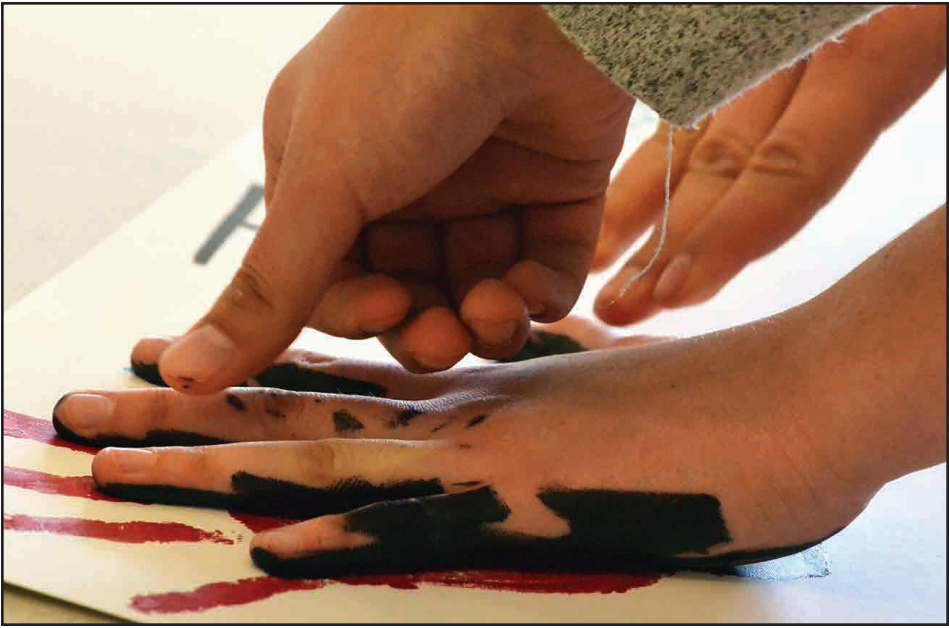
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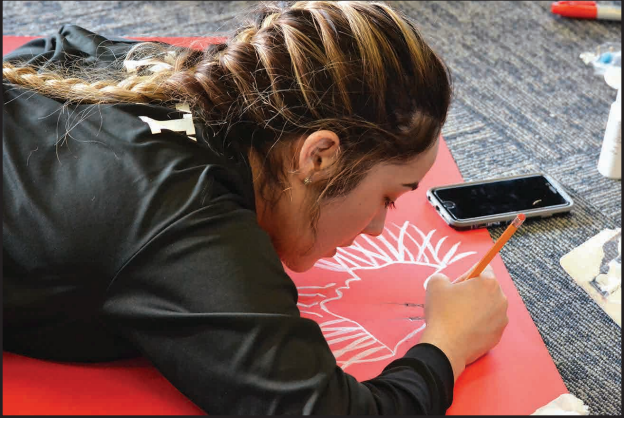
Watched by varsity regular Makayla Howell (left), Ignacio's Helaina Taylor, a JV/varsity 'swing' player for the Lady Bobcats this winter, firmly applies a painted handprint onto a poster.



Ignacio JV/varsity swing player Bella Pena looks through a sheaf of missing-person notices, displayed inside SunUte Community Center.



An Ignacio Girls' Basketball team member donates her handprint to an informative poster for the Lady Bobcats' promotion of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women awareness.



Ignacio varsity regular Larissa Gallegos adds details to an informative poster, explaining why some of the affixed handprints are red, others white, and still others black.

Voices of Our Sisters and the Ignacio High School Girls Basketball team collaborated to bring awareness on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) at a home game versus Nuda, Saturday, Feb. 1 at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio. The event began with a song and prayer from Councilman Bruce Valdez, and a welcome from Chairman Christine Sage. During halftime, facts and statistics on MMIW were given by members of Voices of Our Sisters with a moment of silence following. An Honor Song was also performed for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women across Indian Country.



Enlisting assistance from JV player Kourtney Schurman, Ignacio varsity regular Avaleena Nanaeto (right) inks in the rough outline of her MMIW poster. Her "Somebody's Daughter" piece proved to be an eye-catcher to attendees.



Ignacio JV/varsity swing players: Elizabeth Valdez, left, and Laci Brunson affix a self-explanatory poster to a designated area within SunUte Community Center's main hallway, as part of IHS Girls' Basketball's campaign for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.



Making Native connections



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Councilwoman Ramona Eagle introduces herself at the Native Connections Program community meeting held Wednesday, Jan. 29.



Southern Ute tribal elder, Jaqueline Frost introduces herself and talks to community members about what she thinks needs to change in the community.

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

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

Housing Authority Route: 970-563-4575
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.

Counting Young Children in the 2020 Census

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place

An estimated 5 percent of kids under the age of 5 weren't counted in the 2010 Census. That's about 1 million young children, the highest of any age group.

We need your help closing this gap in the 2020 Census. Here's what our research tells us about why young children are missed and what you can do to help make sure they are counted.

Common situations where young children aren't counted



The child splits time between two homes. The child lives or stays with another family or with another relative such as a grandparent.



The child lives in a lower income household.



The child lives in a household with young parents or a young, single mom.



The child is a newborn.



U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
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Common situations where young children aren't counted



The child lives in a household that is large, multigenerational, or includes extended or multiple families.



The child lives in a household that rents or recently moved.



The child lives in a household where they're not supposed to be, for one reason or another.



The child lives in a non-English or limited-English speaking household.



The child lives in a household of recent immigrants or foreign-born adults.

How you can help?

- Emphasize that the census counts **everyone where they live** and sleep most of the time, even if the living arrangement is temporary or the parents of the child do not live there.
- If the child truly spends equal amounts of time between two homes, count them where they stayed on **Census Day, April 1**. Coordinate with the other parent or caregiver, if possible, so the child is not counted at both homes.
- If it's not clear where the child lives or sleeps most of the time, count them where they stayed on Census Day, April 1.

- Explain to service providers and families that responding to the census helps determine \$675 billion in local funding for programs such as food stamps (also called the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or SNAP), the National School Lunch Program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). When children are missed in the census, these programs miss out on funding that is based on the number of children counted.

- Explain that filling out the census yourself, on your own schedule, is easier than having to respond when a census worker knocks on your door. Remind these households that the form should **only take about 10 minutes** to fill out and can be done online or over the phone, in addition to mailing it back.
- Encourage moms with young children to ask other household members to count them and their children on the form if others live in the household.

- Emphasize that parents should **include babies** on census forms, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1.
- Encourage facilities** providing services to newborns to remind parents about the importance of counting their children on the census form.
- Highlight the fact that the census form only takes about 10 minutes to complete, and parents can **fill it out online or over the phone in addition to paper** at a time that works best for them.

How you can help?

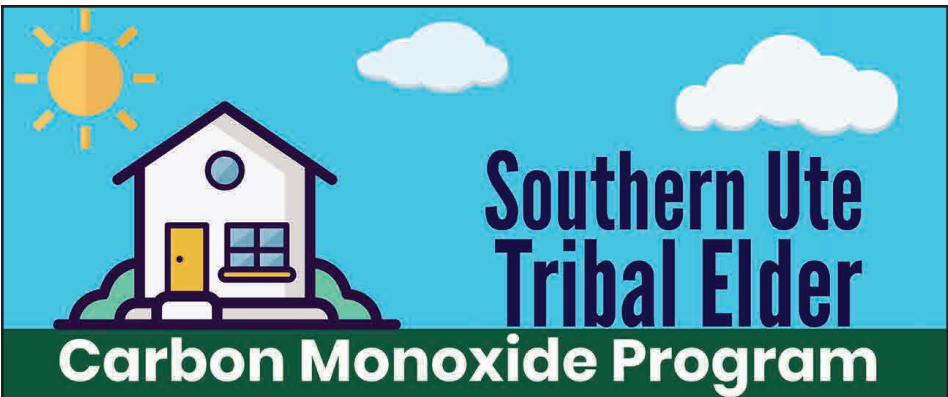
- Remind the person filling out the form to count all children, including nonrelatives and children with no other place to live, even if they are only living at the address temporarily on April 1.
- Spread the word that the census **counts all people living or staying** at an address, not just the person or family who owns or rents the property.

- Encourage renters and recent movers to complete their census forms **online or over the phone**, right away. That way they don't need to worry about paper forms getting lost in the move.
- Focus efforts** on multiunit buildings that are likely to have renters.

- Please explain to those that have children living in places where they aren't allowed (for example, grandparents in a seniors-only residence that have a grandchild living with them, a family with more people, including children, than the lease allows) that they should include the children because the **Census Bureau does not share information** so it can't be used against them.
- Emphasize the Census Bureau's legal commitment to keep census **responses confidential**.
- Explain that the Census Bureau **will never share information** with immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), law enforcement agencies like the police or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or allow this information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.

- Conduct outreach** and create resources in non-English languages that highlight the importance of counting young children.
- Encourage non-English speakers to self-respond** to the census and let them know that for the 2020 Census, the online form and telephone line will be available in 13 languages, including English. Language guides will be available in 59 languages other than English.

- Work with community members to conduct outreach in neighborhoods with recent immigrants. **Focus efforts on the community's gathering places** like local grocery stores, places of worship, and small restaurants.
- Emphasize the **Census Bureau's legal commitment** to keep census responses confidential. Explain that the Census Bureau will never share information with immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), law enforcement agencies like the police or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or allow this information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.



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.



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.

SUPD - 970.564.4401

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.

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Southern Ute Tribal administration offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, Feb. 18.



BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats cruising along in league play

IHS routs Ridgway, trounces T-ride on road

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It wasn't necessarily that the Lady Bobcats were looking ahead to their re-match with non-league Del Norte, but when their only recent competition had come from whom they see in the mirror every morning, well ... One couldn't blame Ignacio's cagers for wanting to visit, see and conquer their Feb. 7-8 foes as fast as possible.

"We knew it wasn't going to be terribly hard," said freshman guard Laci Brunson, following blowout road wins at Ridgway (53-19) and Telluride (65-16) in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play. "But we still wanted to give it our all, have no mercy on them."

"Sometimes we'll play as individuals," admitted senior forward Larissa Gallegos. "Just becoming a team and running our plays is what we really need to work through."

"We missed two days

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Makayla Howell (1) hoists up a hook shot during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League battle with Nucla Saturday, Feb. 1, inside SunUte Community Center. While helping promote awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, the Lady Bobcats routed the Lady Mustangs 62-15 in varsity action (the JV squad nipped NHS', 45-43).

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS boys persevere through Demons, Miners

Road wins prime 'Cats for hyped home tests

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

In something of a humorous coincidence, senior forward/center Ocean Hunter and junior guard Triston Thompson both explored Telluride's MinerDome Saturday, Feb. 8, wearing Bigfoot-related gear. And we're not speaking of the iconic monster truck, either.

Hunter's cap showed a simple silhouette-style depiction of the mythical mountain/forest dweller, with the phrase, "I Believe" printed beneath. Thompson's t-shirt, meanwhile, showed a similar illustration, accompanied instead by, "Bigfoot Doesn't Believe in You" verbiage.

Guess it was only right that the pair would find themselves either the givers or recipients of Sasquatch-sized lob passes towards the basket, a signature Ignacio play which helped the Bobcat boys overcome a slight third-quarter lull against the upset-minded Miners and eventually complete a weekend sweep of



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (3) leaps towards the rim against Telluride's Declan Jodlowski (21) during SJBL road action inside THS' MinerDome Saturday, Feb. 8. Tucson scored four points in a 57-40 victory.

both Ridgway and THS.

"Definitely," said junior guard Brady McCaw, asked whether IHS' high-flying attack helped halt the Kaden Katz-led Miners' counter-offensive. "I knew I had to jump a little extra high – lately they've been throwing high lobs for me! I knew I had to get up there!"

McCaw's fourth-quarter elevation, collection and conversion of a Hunter alley-oop pass capped a 9-0 run beginning the final frame, and increased the guests' advantage to 52-30

– the greatest it had been since Thompson assisted on a Bryce Finn transition three-pointer for a 37-14 lead early in the third.

And though Telluride junior super-sub Marcus Leyva managed to drain his third trey – all coming after intermission, when IHS' decelerating lead stood 25-11 (it was 19-8 after an explosive first quarter) – and help the home side out-score Ignacio 10-5 down the home stretch, the No.

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Youth ballers begin season



photos courtesy Kelsey Frost/SunUte Recreation

SunUte's kicked off the youth basketball league on Saturday, Jan. 25 in the SunUte gym. JayDee Brunson watches from the bench while his Raptors take on the Lakers.



Ray Sanchez talks to his young Lakers during halftime, while Lynette Sage (right), strategizes with her team during a timeout.

John Washington shoots the ball as Ray Sanchez III waits for the rebound. Jim Bulwan officiates.

BOBCATS WRESTLING

Grapplers making push for State berths

Two 'Cats earn SJBL Champion status

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Perhaps more than any other of his wrestlers, Ignacio head coach Jordan Larsen knew Dante Sandman needed something special Thursday night, Feb. 6, from the IHS-hosted San Juan Basin League Championships.

Coming off a disappointing 0-4 showing at the team's Butch Melton Memorial Invitational just five days before, in which he was pinned three times and also dropped an 11-0 major decision, the senior 132-pounder stepped onto the mat in the Championships' sixth overall bout to face Norwood's Cash Joseph for all the proverbial marbles.

And matters against the Maverick didn't begin well; Joseph had built up a 7-2



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio heavyweight Randy Herrera attempts to break down Farmington, New Mexico's Kioni Benally during his last bout at the 2020 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational Saturday evening, Feb. 1, inside IHS Gymnasium.

lead on the scoreboard inside Ignacio's auxiliary gymnasium (a burst heat pipe early that morning, giving high-schoolers an unplanned day off, necessitated the tourney's slight relocation

away from the main gym) early in the third period.

But with time running out, and obviously not wanting another setback

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Bayfield, three-time champs



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The Bayfield Middle School sixth grade boys celebrate their third Super Bowl championship win with the hanging of a brand-new school banner on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Ignacio's very own, Tavian Box has played in each Super Bowl championship game against the Aztec Tigers.

LADY CATS CRUISING • FROM PAGE 11

of practice ... so it threw a loop in our schedule and rhythm," head coach Justa Whitt said. "We will pull it back together ... and will get ready for Del Norte."

The Lady Tigers (or Tigresses?) were to enter IHS Gymnasium Feb. 11 having improved to 13-1 overall via blasting 3A Gunnison (61-24) and 2A Southern Peaks League rival, Center (65-33). All told, Gilbert Sanchez's squad came to town having won nine consecutive contests since falling 50-31 to 3A powerhouse La Jara Centauri back on Dec. 14, ending the three-day La Junta Holiday Shootout.

Results from the show-down were unfortunately unavailable at press time.

Behind Brunson's game-best 13 points – all coming off the bench – IHS improved to 10-5 overall (9-0 against all SJBL opposition) going in at 2A THS' expense. Eager to not repeat the previous evening's sluggish start, which still produced an 18-11 halftime advantage against RHS, Whitt's warriors wowed the MinerDome crowd by racing out to a 17-2 lead after a quarter.

Lady Miner junior Morgan Watkinson managed five of her team-high nine

points during the second stanza, but Ignacio's cushion inflated to 31-8 going into the locker room as Brunson sank a late three-pointer to end the half.

Successfully replicating a 20-point third quarter which practically doomed the Lady Demons, the Lady 'Cats – still fueled by their inspiring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women awareness salute and subsequent 62-15 devastation of visiting 1A Nucla the previous Saturday inside SunUte Community Center – went into the final eight minutes outclassing Telluride 51 to 16, and sealed the deal holding the Lady Miners scoreless during that stretch.

"We wanted to keep them to zero (points)," stated Brunson, referring to the overall objective, "but we didn't reach that goal. We've just got to keep working as a team if we want to keep going in our season."

"I think we played pretty good overall," Gallegos said. "The first quarter and second quarter were kind of rougher, but the second half we definitely played better and got it together. Played more as a team."

"It was definitely an improvement; we played really bad last night," she con-

tinued. "None of our shots would fall; it was just hard."

Against 2A Ridgway, junior guard Ebonee Gomez scored a team-best 13 points, while senior forward/center Makayla Howell booked eight. Gallegos and sophomore Monika Lucero each netted seven, while junior Charlyze Valdez and sophomore Avaleena Nanaeto each registered six.

Senior Ashley Medina paced the Lady Demons with six points, while classmates Anza Connaughton and Lily Harrington each finished with five and freshman Kaitlyn Winkelmann three.

Nanaeto (11 points) and Gallegos (ten) both joined the younger Brunson sister in double figures against THS, while Lucero was close with her nine. Valdez contributed seven, while Howell and Gomez chipped in six apiece.

Junior Kyra Levan's five points and sophomore Merce Craft's two rounded out Telluride's scoring.

After Del Norte, the Lady 'Cats will resume SJBL work hosting 1A Ouray Saturday, Feb. 15, and visiting 2A Mancos on the 18th, before welcoming 3A force Pagosa Springs on the 21st to end regular-season play.

IHS BOYS PERSEVERE • FROM PAGE 11

5 [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 2/3] 'Cats had done more than enough to leave victorious, 57-40.

"After the rough start last night, I'm glad we came out ready to go ... got the lead early," said head coach Chris Valdez, alluding to a come-from-behind 50-46 win at RHS. "And ... we were losing 7-0 in Ignacio to (Telluride), and then they were up 20-12 on us; we never gained the lead until after halftime!"

"Our bench hurt us a little bit ... late in the third," he continued. "It went from being a 20-point lead to a 12-point lead, so ... We're happy with the victory, but we're not happy with our effort all the time – which is good, because we've got to get better and they've got to understand that."

Able to get as close as 11-6 early in the first quarter via a South Livermore three-ball, the 2A Miners saw their chances quickly begin to fade when IHS senior guard Keegan Schurman responded with consecutive triples – en route to totaling a game-high 12 points.

Blowing up for nine third-quarter points, all but

offsetting the potential effects of Katz's third-quarter eight, Finn finished with 11. Hunter canned a demoralizing trey beginning the fourth quarter and ended up with nine points, while McCaw totaled eight and Thompson a foul-slowed five.

Katz battled for a THS-best 11 points, while Leyva was held to nine and Livermore eight.

"We're in a shooting slump, honestly – which is good, because now's the time to be in that slump, and hopefully we'll come out of it around districts and regionals," Valdez said. "Finally, Keegan came out of his ... and he scored tonight. Brady, Brady's a kid that should have 15, 18 a game; when we get everybody on the same page, and we're in our transition, we're running how we should."

McCaw had paced the Bobcats against RHS with his 18 points, while Finn and Hunter each logged eight. A true tank in the paint, senior post Kaden Forrest led the 2A Demons with his ten points.

"We definitely had to tell everyone that just because we had one bad game, doesn't mean you can step on us," McCaw said before exiting

the 'Dome. "We'll come back, run the floor, shoot the ball ... and we'll beat you."

"But we've got to get better all around," noted Valdez, "especially defensively inside; people are going inside, and we're getting in stupid foul trouble. We're going to work on staying out of foul trouble, working the ball around and ... being unselfish; taking those shots that are going to make us ... exciting. That makes us run."

Having improved to 12-2 overall, 8-0 against all 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opposition, Ignacio was to next host non-league 2A Del Norte Tuesday night, Feb. 11, but results were unavailable at press time. And though the Tiger boys were to arrive stuck in a four-game slide and standing just 3-12 overall, the 'Cats knew a quality performance would bode all the better to welcome Ouray on the 15th.

IHS slipped a notch to No. 6 in the updated 2A rankings (released 2/10), while the Trojans again held down the No. 10 spot in Class 1A.

"If we just prepare ourselves a little more, have a couple hard practices, we'll be ready to go," said McCaw.

GRAPPLERS MAKE PUSH • FROM PAGE 11

prior to the Class 2A-Region I Championships (Feb. 14-15 in Montrose) Sandman incredibly wriggled out from a near-pin predicament, reversed his fortune, and pinned Joseph 1:11 into the last two-minute frenzy.

"Larsen just wanted us to focus on technique, focus on the match," Sandman said afterwards. "I just kept pushing, didn't give up."

"Super proud of him," said Larsen. "I mean ... I think Dante seemed a little bit down after the weekend at the Butch Melton tournament. He had a rough tournament, coming off a week-and-a-half hiatus from wrestling, from things outside his control, so that's great for his confidence and his head going into regionals."

Also admittedly unimpressed by his BMMI performance, capped by a loss in the third-place bout to 5A Farmington, N.M., sophomore Kioni Benally – who pulled off a five-point reversal/near-fall combination just before regulation time expired to steal a 6-5 stunner – heavyweight Randy Herrera was also looking for better at the SJBLs.

But without an opponent, the big senior instead earned league-champion distinction simply by walking out to the center of the circle and gaining the referee's final approval.

Able to save fifth place at 152 pounds at the Melton by pinning 2A Cedaredge sophomore Jory Hoerr 59 seconds into the second period, Bobcat soph Tyler Barnes was unable to find victory at the league meet; despite wrestling with a braced right elbow, resulting from a summertime surgery, Mancos' Colt Fury constructed himself a 7-0 advantage through two periods and powered through to win a 12-3 major decision and top billing at the weight.

Skipper Travis White's Blue Jays ultimately won eight of nine total (including one 'exhibition' test late) bouts entered and totaled seven individual champs to depart town as the circuit's superlative squad.

220-pounder Jeremy Roderrick was pinned 1:05 into his weight's first-place bout by Dolores' Bryan Escarce-

ga, while Isaac Welker's only test at 138 – the night's opening exhibition clash, versus Dove Creek 132-pounder Jayden Sanders – ended beneath the Bulldog's pin after just 48 seconds.

Fifth place at the Melton at 126 pounds, freshman Keaton McCoy was unable to compete at the SJBLs, but the boss was optimistic for the freshman to return and show his skill inside the Montrose County Event Center, joining his fellow 'Cats in making their final bids to qualify for the next weekend's CHSAA State Championships in Denver.

"We don't train for opponents; we train for our style," said Larsen. "And Barnes' match was a prime example of that ... when you allow your opponent to wrestle their style as opposed to you wrestling your style, they capitalize on that. And you lose those matches. So that's what we've been working on in the room."

"Looking forward to getting after it, seeing how high we can place at regionals and punch a ticket to State!"

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It's jelly time



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Terry Box and Connie Baker mix syrup into the pot during boiling time so that it can set into grape jelly at the Jam and Jelly Workshop held in the Multi-Purpose Facility on Tuesday, Feb. 11.



Jam and Jelly Workshop instructor, Patty Mickey shows tribal elder, Connie Baker her tricks to make the perfect grape jelly.



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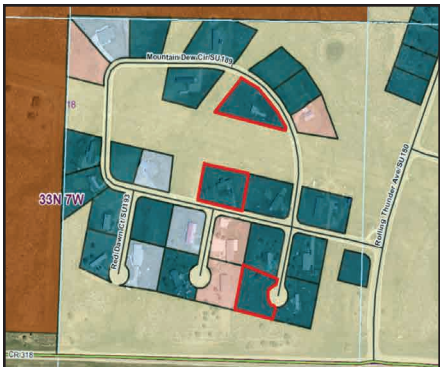
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Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

APPRENTICE PRGM. 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.bgcus.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open until Filled – Tribe appointed seats of the Ethics Commission, Two Regular Member Seats and One Alternate. Commission Purpose: To ensure that tribal officials are held to the highest

standards of ethical conduct. To provide for fair, honest and effective tribal government through review and recommendation of legislation, rules and standards that promote ethical conduct by tribal officials. Qualifications: Must take an oath of office and be sworn into his or her position on the Commission. Persons appointed to serve on the Commission must meet all of the following qualifications: A member of the Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Lives within distance of the Tribal Headquarters in Ignacio to meet the definition of Local Indian as defined by Southern Ute Indian Tribal TERO law; A reputation for fairness and impartiality; Familiarity with tribal government; Ability to maintain confidentiality about Commission matters; Good character, active, and conversant with proven responsibility in tribal community affairs; and, Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Send Letter of Interest to the: Department of Justice and Regulatory, Ethics Office C/O Jessica Anthony, PO Box 737 MS# 10, Ignacio, CO 81137, or Hand Deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Ethics Office, Executive Assistant Jessica Anthony, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Co. 81137 Or Email: janthony@southernute-nsn.gov

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.

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.

WILDLIFE CULTURE EXPERT

Open until filled – Tribal Member Needed for Ute Cultural Expert Position. The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member wishing to fill a special Cultural Expert vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This individual will fill a non-voting position with a non-expiring term on the Board. The Cultural Expert is expected to incorporate traditional Ute Indian values, beliefs, and perspectives into the Boards' various deliberations involving the welfare, use, management, and protection of the Tribe's wildlife resources. The Cultural

Expert must be recognized within the community for his or her expertise in Ute culture and traditions as they pertain to wildlife and hunting. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, typically on a weekday morning, and a commitment to attend and participate in all the meetings is expected. Each Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already a employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at: PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 Attn: Wildlife Advisory Board. This letter should address the individual's qualification to serve in a Ute cultural expert capacity on the Wildlife Advisory Board. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Information? Call Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis. Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Court Information Analyst

Closing 2/20/20 – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court Administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and writing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Position is partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Closing 2/28/20 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

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

Community Health Representative

Closing 2/14/20 – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Group Exercise Instructor

Closing 2/14/20 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Health Clinic Receptionist – Scheduler

Closing 2/14/20 – First line of communication for health center. Interface with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provide clerical/administrative support. Greet patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

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-time/Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at Sun-Ute Community 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 (Part-time 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.

Public Ed. Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – 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. 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. Position is 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.

Security Officer

Open Until Filled – Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Duties will include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/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; \$69,597.00/year.

Speech & Language Therapist (PT w/benefits)

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

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

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

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/20/20 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department.

Financial Reporting Manager - Growth Fund Accounting/Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/21/20 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Assisting in the development of Growth Fund accounting policies. Minimum Qualifications: BA/BS degree in Accounting or Business is required. Must have seven years accounting experience to include consolidated financial statements and footnote compilation, with at least five years of public accounting experience and five years in a supervisory position. Must have demonstrated experience of analyzing, documenting, and verbalizing complex accounting issues with an emphasis on FASB based GAAP. Must have knowledge of internal control best practices. Must possess strong analytical, writing and communication skills. Experience with computer accounting applications is required. Computer experience is required with advanced knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word. An CPA certification is required. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Assistant Controller – Growth Fund Accounting/Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/21/20 – Provides general accounting support for Growth Fund administrative departments, selected Growth Fund entities, and Southern Ute Shared Services to include supervision of purchasing and accounts payable; cash receipts and maintenance of recurring General Ledger journals; provides administrative support to Growth Fund Controller's group as required. Manages month-end close process across Growth

Fund entities and Southern Ute Shared Services. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting/Finance, or a closely related business field and six years full time experience in accounting generating and reviewing financials for management reporting and audit review OR Bachelor's degree in closely related field with ten years full time experience in a senior management accounting function is required. Three years supervisory experience is required. Computer experience with advanced knowledge of Microsoft, Word, Excel, and accounting software is required. Must have strong mathematical skills and sound knowledge of accounting procedures. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable under the Growth Fund's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Maintenance Worker I - SUGF/Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/21/20 – Repair and maintenance of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds grounds and buildings while assisting with the daily operations of the RV park and horse stalls to include contracts and payments. Provides excellent customer service, ensuring a safe and pleasing environment for our customers and their animals. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must be able to read and write in the English language. Must pass pre-employment drug test. Must have, or be able to obtain, First Aid and CPR certification within first six months of employment. Excellent customer service skills are required. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Accounting Technician - SUGF Accounting/Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/24/20 – Provides general clerical and bookkeeping support to Growth Fund Accounting and Finance, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger and records management; maintains and improves the efficiency of the Growth Fund Accounting and Finance through consistent and professional records management. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent and three years recent full-time experience in accounts payable and data entry; OR, an Associates degree in Accounting or Business is required. Must have experience and/or training in establishing, organizing and managing files and filing systems. Must have computer experience with working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel and Outlook is required. Must have attention to detail and accuracy is required. Must have a valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at 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.

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.

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.

*Player's Club Rep (Full-time)

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.

*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Provides fast, accurate and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Exchanges cash, coins, checks and Tito tickets for all gaming customers in accordance with defined policies and procedures. Performs functions for Bingo, Slot and Pit areas as required. Ensures the safety of all restricted and non-restricted keys. Maintains control of their

impress bank as well as being able to be cross-trained in all gaming and non-gaming areas. Provides excellent customer service. Must be at least 21 years old and have a High School Diploma. Must have previous banking and/or money handling skills.

Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving any and all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. High school diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 16 years old. Must be able to count money and make change. Cash register experience preferred. Food service/preparation experience preferred. Must be able to work at a fast pace and multi-task in a fast-paced environment.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. Must be at least 18 years old. High School Diploma or equivalent preferred. Must have reliable transportation.

Barista (Part-time)

Greet and provide exceptional guest service to all guests. Preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. Take and prepare orders. Baristas must learn recipes for Willows Bistro specialty coffee and tea drinks, as well as how to use the equipment in the Bistro, such as automated espresso machines. Choose and grind coffee beans and ability to educate guests on coffee products. Serve bakery items, sandwiches and breakfast and lunch menu items. Provide quality beverages consistently for all guests and prepares beverages to standards and appropriately suggests product to enhance service and meet sales goals. Must be at least 18 years old and must have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Previous Food and Beverage and/or Barista experience preferred.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-PR-0003
Thomas Lee Romero, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-PR-0018
Junia Virginia Ruybal, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for

hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 3, 2020 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 24th of January, 2020.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 20-PR-0021
Rita Elaine Newton, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 7th of February, 2020
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

The Southern Ute Drum

Advertise today 970-563-0118





FLY FISHING

In search of the Gray Ghost

Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Taking one’s own advice can have great results. My last column spoke about how to dress for cold weather fly fishing. I tried that. Then I went to my last suggestion and headed for the Bahamas, in search of the gray ghost, aka, bonefish. If only it had been that easy.

I started by asking she who must be obeyed, swmbo, if she’d like to go to the Bahamas. Needless to say, she said sure. Next, I asked my friend, John, if he and his wife would like to go? Same response. So now John, I, and they who must be obeyed, twmbo, needed to find the perfect location. Since John had never fly fished for the gray ghost, and twmbo were more interested in non-fishing activities, some research was required.

I suggest if you’re planning on a fly fishing trip that has you using your passport, you start by asking questions at your favorite fly shop. Many of the professionals in the shops have ventured out to salt-water destinations, and are able to give you some good suggestions. After talking to these professionals, I highly recommend you contact a company that specializes in arranging trips for people wanting a fly fishing experience. For this trip we used Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures. They did their usual good job. There are other companies that specialize



in fly fishing adventures, just use one that comes highly recommended.

After explaining to the professionals at Yellow Dog that we needed a lodge that was good for a first time ghost-chaser, his fishing partner that had experience, and a place that offered lots of fun non-fishing activities for twmbo, Small Hope Bay Lodge, on Andros Island, was suggested. John thought it sounded great. And, once I made sure that the Wild Bunch’s education and inheritance funds could take this hit, we booked it.

Small Hope Bay Lodge was comfortable, had a friendly staff, served great meals, had an open bar, allowed cigar smoking, and had great fly fishing guides. Also, it did not have Denver T.V. so we felt right at home.

As I mentioned, John had never cast a fly at a bonefish. Therefore, I felt it was my duty to give him three pieces of advice; listen to your guide, listen to your guide, and listen to your guide. He did, and within thirty minutes of casting at

his first gray ghost, he landed it. I barely had enough time to light a cigar. Over the next four days we developed a game plan to put us on bonefish. John would be the first on the casting platform, I’d light a cigar, and we’d soon hear our favorite phrase, “Bonefish, ten o’clock, forty feet, cast.” That was followed with, “Pick it up, cast again, fifty feet, nine-thirty. He moved off, bring it in.”

As I, having some bonefish experience, and John having none, were reminded, they’re called the gray ghost for a reason.

The guide, who sees them every day, is perched on a casting platform five feet above the deck of the boat. He has a much better view of what is headed our way. As he is pointing out where the ghost is, we are looking onto what seems an endless stretch of ocean. Finally, when the ghost rolls a little, the sun reflects off him, and like magic, fifty feet, at two o’clock are multiple fish. Now a fly fisherman only has to make a cast that doesn’t spook the group of ghosts that his guide has worked very hard to get him within casting range. It’s a great theory that once you’re close to the fish, casting to them is easy. But, with four days of practice, spotting the ghost, and not spooking him with our casts, then actually catching him became easier.

So, next winter I’m going to skip dressing for cold weather to fly fish around here and just go straight to where the Gray Ghost lives.

The Tribal Wills Clinic
Ute Mountain Ute, Towaoc, Colo., March 23-26

To make an appointment call
Univ. of Denver Wills Lab 303-871-6790

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills. Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

WHY WILLS?

- Federal law includes provisions that say how Indian Trust Lands pass after a Tribal Member passes on.
- Over time, parcels may have been split into hundreds of small shares as Indian Trust Land passed from generation to generation. This process is called “fractionation.”
- A federal law, A.I.P.R.A., is now attempting to decrease fractionation by providing that most Indian Trust Land will go only to the one oldest descendant – unless the owner writes a will.
- To make sure that your Trust Land, and other important items of property go to the people you want to have that property, you should write a will.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- Our services are entirely free.
- At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take about two weeks.



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Tribal Wills Project



HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

- About two hours on two different days.
- On the first day you will talk with a law student about what you would like to have included in your documents. You will have plenty of time to ask questions.
- That night the law student will write up all of the documents, and have them checked by a licensed attorney.
- On a second day, when the documents are ready, you will come back for the signing ceremony, which will take at least an hour, as the law student goes over everything to be sure that it is right.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT FOR A WILL

- Names of Friends and Family who will be Included in the Will** – To save time at the interview, write down the names of the friends and family you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cellphone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.
- Special Gifts** – What is important for specific family members to have?
- Personal Representative** – Who should take charge to make sure your wishes are carried out after you pass on?
- Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common** – If you want to give a piece of land to be owned by several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as Joint Tenants or as Tenants in Common.

Joint Tenants means that the last person surviving will own all of the land. Tenants in Common means that as each person passes on, that person’s share goes into his or her estate. The law student will explain more about this.

The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- “Evan Almighty” craft
- A metric system with dynes and ergs
- Lettuce variety
- Serious traffic violation
- “--- for Two”
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- Troop support group
- Its capital is Castries
- Bawdy
- Habitual
- “War and Peace” ruler
- Inbox fillers
- Harmonica virtuoso Larry ---
- Israeli moolah
- Verde NP, Ancestral Puebloan site
- Defames
- “--- on it!”
- Stuck
- One treatment for osteoporosis
- MLB dugout boss
- Low-tech weed whacker
- “--- Maria”
- Egyptian god of the earth
- “Monsters, --- “ (2001 Pixar/Disney movie)
- “ . . . --- iron bars a cage”

Down

- Person never seen in “Peanuts”
- Artful dodges
- Plains Indians now in Oklahoma
- Fractions of dols.
- Greeting card wish
- Biblical dancer
- Saguaros, for example
- Bay window
- A bunch
- Renders harmless
- Male mallards
- Ancient oracle locale
- Takes off weight
- Depend
- The Choctaw-Apache Tribe of ---, Louisiana
- Mission: Impossible’s --- Hunt
- Kind of motor driving a mechanism
- More fitting
- A tribal public health body - there’s one in Albuquerque

Answers for this crossword will appear in Feb. 28 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Jan. 31, 2020 crossword puzzle:

Across: 1 Say, 4 DNA, 7 Ops, 10 CPU, 11 Wis, 12 Zac, 13 Arctic Slope, 16 Rica, 17 Keenan, 18 El Al, 19 Ernest, 20 Belts, 22 Kosovo, 25 MIPS, 29 Abated, 30 Edie, 31 Rattlesnake, 33 Uma, 34 You, 35 He’d, 36 Kay, 37 NNE, 38 OSS.
Down: 1 Scare, 2 April, 3 Yucca, 4 DWI, 5 Nickelodeon, 6 Assert, 7 Ozone, 8 Papas, 9 Scent, 14 Talbott, 15 Lensmen, 21 Evelyn, 22 Karuk, 23 Obama, 24 Satay, 26 Idaho, 27 Pikes, 28 Seeds, 32 Sue.

Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy
March 25th – April 1st 2020
Ignacio, Colorado

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

Dates: March 25th – March 29th 2020

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

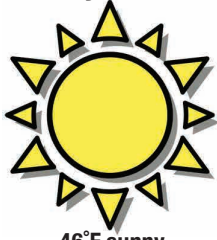
Instructors: Southern Ute Agency/Southern Ute Tribe Fire Crew

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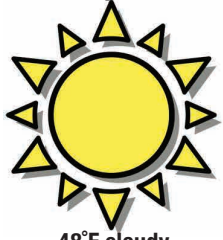
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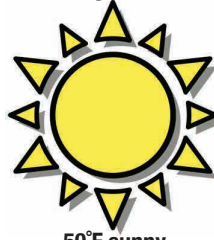
46°F sunny
Calm afternoon winds

Saturday, Feb. 15



48°F cloudy
Variable afternoon winds

Sunday, Feb. 16



50°F sunny

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