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### EDUCATION

## Students stay Close Up in D.C.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Sarafina Chackee and Kalynn Weaver stop to admire an old war bonnet in the National Museum of the American Indian while touring with the Close Up Foundation on Monday, Feb. 10.

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Five Southern Ute youth attended the Close Up Foundation’s American Indian and Alaska Native Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. The six-day program is one of a kind and even works alongside the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to allow students the opportunity to address their concerns and opinions that their communities face with the help of tribal leadership. The conference spanned from Sunday, Feb. 9 – Friday, Feb. 14.

The program helped

youth develop the skills and attitudes necessary to become more active citizens in their tribes and communities. The trip was made possible with the collaborative efforts of the Education Department’s Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) and Youth Employment Program. Lexy Young, Elijah Weaver, Sarafina Chackee, Marcus Archuleta and Kalynn Weaver attended the conference together. Young, Weaver and Chackee all currently serve on the youth council and are hoping to recruit their peers to serve with them as well.

Close Up is a non-profit and non-partisan organization that helps young people achieve their full potential by working with them to develop the skills and knowledge to make a change in history, the world and their communities. The program seeks to serve youth from all communities and backgrounds, regardless of race, religion, gender, socioeconomic level, or academic standing. Since their founding in 1971, over 900,000 students, teachers, and parents have participated in Close Up’s Washington, DC-based programs combined.

While exploring Wash-

ington, D.C., students observed government officials and tribal leaders first-hand as they advocated for issues impacting Indian Country. Students had the opportunity to experience six days of travel, including visits to memorials, panel discussions, workshops and congressional debriefings. The students were also encouraged to engage in workshops with other students from different tribal communities and discuss the issues that they are facing in their communities. They were also given the op-

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### TRIBAL COUNCIL

## Ignacio businesses improperly charging tribal members state tax

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal members have reported that a number of businesses in the Town of Ignacio have insisted that they had to pay a state or local sales tax in order to buy food, products or services. This is in violation of both state and federal law.

In 1976, the Supreme Court held that a state could not require tribal members to pay a state or local sales tax within the boundaries of their reservation. Colorado made this tax exemption part of state law in 2014 in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 39-26-727. In 2016, the Town of Ignacio inquired of the Colorado Department of Revenue to determine if this Colorado statute applied to a sales tax imposed by the Town. The response from the Department of Revenue was unequivocally, “yes.” Because the Town of Ignacio is within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, a state or local sales tax could not be imposed on Southern Ute tribal members.

**What does this mean for tribal members? Here are some examples.**

- If the tribal member is buying a product in Ignacio, the tribal member does not need to pay sales tax. Since the vendor is located within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, the transaction is exempt from sales tax. The store owner may ask the tribal

member to verify proof of tribal membership by asking the tribal member to show tribal identification.

- The tribal member is buying a product from a store outside of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Does the tribal member have to pay the sales tax? If the tribal member purchases a product at the store the sales tax has to be paid. However, if the tribal member presents his or her tribal identification and has the product delivered to a home address on the Reservation, the tribal member does not have to pay the state sales tax.
- The tribal member is buying a car from a car dealer outside the Reservation boundaries that will be registered to the member’s address on the Reservation. The sales tax does not have to be paid and the transaction is tax exempt.

The Tribal Council has authorized letters to go to local vendors who have insisted that tribal members pay state or local sales tax, reminding them that the tax does not apply to tribal members. If any tribal member continues to experience this problem, they are encouraged to discuss it with a member of Tribal Council, the Executive Office or the Legal Department. The Executive Office can be reached at 970-563-0100 ext. 2485 and the Legal Department at 970-563-2141 or by email at jrivera@southernute-nsn.gov.

## Rockin’ the courts!



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Youth basketball players show their skills at SunUte Community Center, Saturday, Feb. 15. Hornets player, Andre Thompson goes up hard for the block against Spurs player, Myla Goodtracks.



Bulls player, O’hozoni Larry gets ready to go up for the shot before Lakers players swarm her.

See more youth basketball on page 15.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Los Pinos Fire District seeks taxpayer support

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In a statewide statistic for Colorado, emergency call volume is up 30 percent, while budget cuts equal 25 percent or more. Since 2013 there has been a distinct trend in decreasing revenues, with increasing cost. Locally, the Los Pinos Fire District went from 49 employees in rotation to just 23. The last time that the Fire District’s operating budget was increased was in 1998, when the mill levy was increased to 3.52.

“What level of service does the public expect?” asks Greg Childress, Los Pinos Fire District Division Chief. “Our question to the public is what can we do to meet that expectation.”

On Monday, March 2, Los Pinos Fire District will hold a board meeting at 7p.m. which is open to the public. They intend to answer those questions.

“We are trying to manage the future,” Childress emphasized.

Los Pinos has had an average of 1000 calls per year since 2016. “Less than 20 percent of what we do falls into firefighting,” Childress explained. “The bulk



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Los Pinos Firefighters, Heather Chesser and Kevin Griego work together to test hoses and perform ladder-training exercises aboard Ladder Truck 81. Aspects of a volunteer training program include a mix of classroom education combined with real world onsite training over an extended period; responsibilities can range from on-site calls to administrative duties.

of what we do in today’s services is medical – EMS makes up 68 percent.”

This equates to the perfect storm, as income revenue from real estate taxes is suppressed statewide as a result of the Gallagher Amendment (enacted in 1982), and the cost of service continues to rise. The Los Pinos Fire District is able to provide the current level of service simply because the lack of funds in their yearly budget is being offset by using capitol funds, or savings, in their overall budget. That capitol is projected to run out in approximately three years’ time.

Los Pinos Fire District

has zero debt, which is advantageous to its efforts.

The Fire District currently holds an ISO 5 rating, which is based on the services it can provide. That in turn directly reflects the cost of insurance for both businesses and residential assets in the immediate area. Simply put, if there is outstanding response time and available emergency services – the risk factors are perceived as much lower by insurance companies. The cost saving on insurance rates within the community easily balances out the potential tax

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

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“Money Talks”

Is your cash making money?

By Lorelei Cloud, Treasurer  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Maykh,  
Have you ever wished that you could have more money, without all the effort? There is actually a simple way to accomplish this, if you are willing to learn how to put your money to work for you. It’s called compound interest, and it can help you significantly grow your wealth. When people think of interest, they often think of debt. But interest can work in your favor when you’re earning it on money you’ve saved and/or invested. For example, the money you deposit into a savings account at the bank can be borrowed and used by that bank, and for this privilege, the bank pays you interest.

Compound interest can be defined as interest earned on the initial deposit (or principal) in addition to interest on the accumulated interest from previous periods. Think of it as a cycle of earning “interest on interest.” Compound Interest will make a deposit or loan grow at a faster rate than simple interest – which is interest calculated only on the principal amount. Not only are you getting interest on your initial investment, but you are getting interest on top of interest! It’s because of this that your savings can grow exponentially, and why the idea of compounding returns is like putting your money to work for you.

Let’s consider an example: Say you put \$3,000 in a savings account with an annual percentage rate (APR) of 1.75% a year, and your account compounds interest monthly. After one year, your balance would be about \$3,053. This means your money would grow by \$53 without the need for any additional deposits. Then for the next 12 months, that \$53 will continue to earn interest, along with the original deposit of \$3,000. Without touching your account, you would have about \$3,107 at the end of the second year. If you continued to allow



Lorelei Cloud  
Treasurer  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

this balance to grow at the same 1.75% APR, your balance after 30 years would be \$5,069. But, what if you added a little each year? If you deposited just \$250 each year, it would accelerate your savings balance to \$14,595 in 30 years.

Further, the more often compounding happens, such as monthly as opposed to annually, the faster the growth. That’s because each calculation is made based on the latest account balance, and if compounding happens monthly, the balance is slightly bigger each month, so the interest rate is applied to bigger and bigger sums each month.

The magic ingredient that makes compound interest work best is time. The simple fact is that when you start saving outweighs how much you save. Time is your best friend and the one thing that makes compound interest so effective. Saving now and starting early will pay dividends in your future and help you accumulate extra money. So, we have learned that you can have more money, without much effort at all, by taking advantage of compound interest. And we have learned that the single most important variable is time — the sooner you start saving, the better. Then the second most important variable is interest rate (or rate of return).

You may have heard of the ‘rule of 72’ as an easy way to quickly calculate the number of years it will take for your

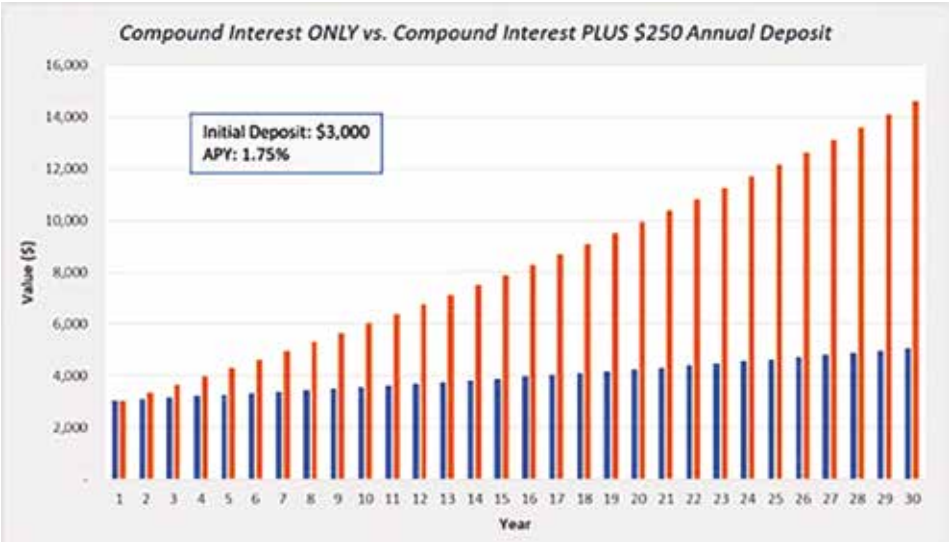
investment to double. Simply take the number 72 and divide it by the percent annual interest. For example, an investment with a rate of 6% will double in 12 years ( $72 \div 6\% = 12\text{yrs}$ ); while our prior example with an interest rate of 1.75% will take a little more than 41 years to double ( $72 \div 1.75\% = 41.1\text{yrs}$ ). Clearly, when earning interest, you want to earn at the highest rate possible.

Today, interest rates are at historic lows; the average savings account pays a measly rate less than 0.1%. But if you pay attention and do a little homework you can find online savings rates of 1.5%, or higher. Don’t let these low rates deter you! The key is to start now and contribute what you can. It may not seem like it’s worth it, but even small contributions of \$25-\$100 per month add up over time. And as we all know, interest rates do fluctuate. Prior to the great recession in 2008, average savings account interest rates were better than 4%.

Don’t wait for higher rates! Compound interest favors those who start early, which is why it literally “pays” to start now. It’s never too late to start – or too early.

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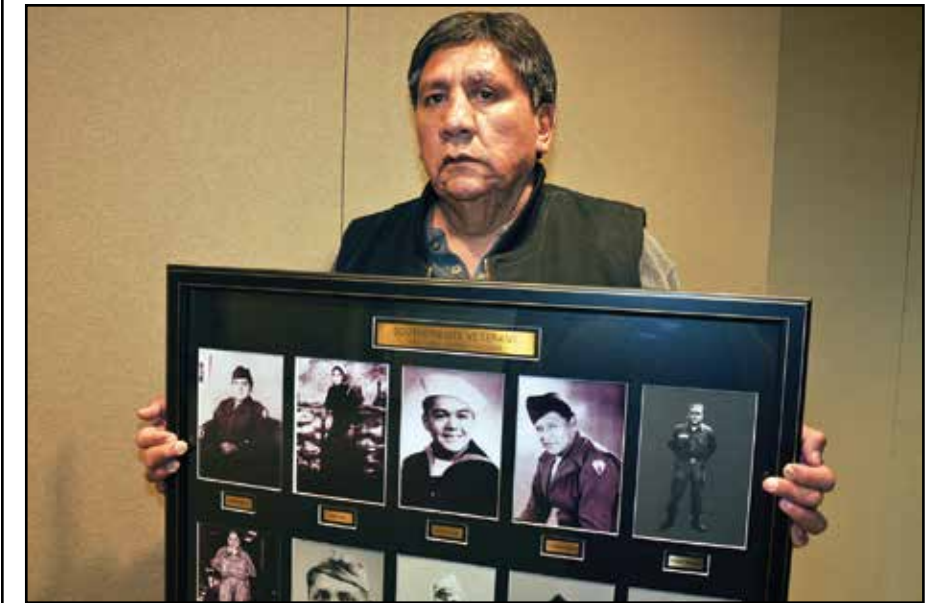
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100th ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR  
THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

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, at 5 PM, NO EXCEPTIONS. Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork can be drawings, photos, painting, etc. Artwork must be signed. Selected artist must sign a waiver, and the artwork will become property of the Southern Culture Preservation Dept. 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 Dept. at PO Box 737, #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or call 970-563-2985 if you have any questions.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Rod Grove, vice commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, proudly hangs a series of images honoring Southern Ute veterans in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. These frames are presented as a set of three with brass nameplates identifying each veteran pictured.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 25, 2010, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The 2000 Sweetheart Powwow was held in the Head Start Gym on February 19 starting with Grand Entry complete with Dancers, Royalty, Drummers and the posting of the Colors.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 25, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

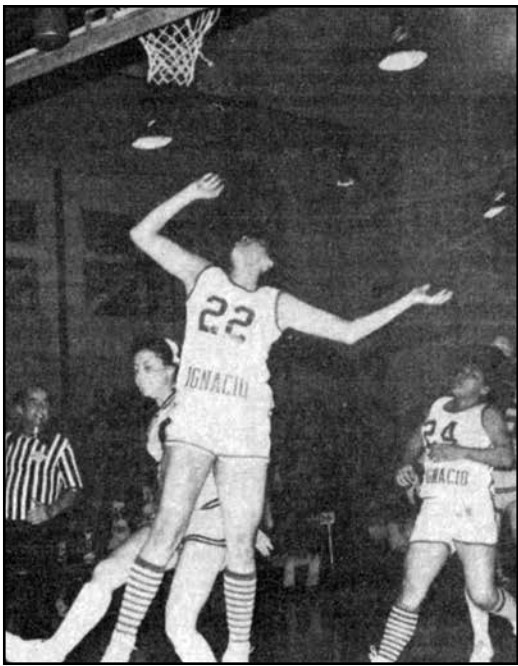


SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Five students and a chaperone will be attending the Washington D.C. Workshop, March 3 – 10, 1990. The purpose of the workshop was to help students learn about the federal government, the judicial system and have the opportunity to learn what it takes to be in politics. Those students attending were (right to left) Sadie Frost, Daphnee Washington, Amy Barry, Johnita Taylor, and Anthony Gunn (not pictured).

This photo first appeared in the March 3, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Robbie Jefferson, number 22, goes up for two against the Del Norte Girls Varsity basketball team on Friday, February 22, 1980.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 29, 1980, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.





## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## Ashley-Barber new Fiduciary Trust Officer

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



The United States Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of the Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians has welcomed in a new Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) to be the new primary point of contact for Indian beneficiary inquiries. She will also be working closely with the local Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency to ensure accountability of Indian funds that are held in trust by the federal government.

Mona Lisa Ashley-Barber started her 20-year government career as an accounting technician and is now the FTO for the Southern Ute Agency. She earned credits to become an official accountant where she stayed for 10 years before stepping into her current position. "Seeing the way IIM accounts were being handled it made me realize that some things were not being properly accounted for," Ashley-Barber stated. "I wanted to do my part and help the Native people, so I applied to be the FTO."

As an accountant her pri-

orities were managing Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts; these accounts are interest-bearing and are managed by DOI on behalf of a person who has money or other assets held for them in trust. An IIM account may also be established as a result of a court-ordered judgment or settlement award.

As the FTO her responsibilities now include, having extensive knowledge of fiduciary trust issues and she will now be working directly with Indian beneficiaries. The BIA has a wide range of responsibilities for Indian communities including the oversight of social services, law enforcement and education. In order to help with the

workload, FTOs are conveniently located throughout Indian country and are specifically designed to work with the BIA and other federal employees to provide trust beneficiaries with information and assistance on all aspects of their trust assets.

Trust funds that are managed by Barber can be money coming from a variety of sources including commercial, industrial, recreational and agricultural leases. These funds are also collected for rights-of-way uses, grazing and range permits, land sales and in some cases, court judgment or settlement awards for tribes and individuals.

To better serve the Southern Ute tribal membership, Ashley-Barber has made a few trips out to the Southern Ute BIA agency and has presented her resources to Tribal Council. "I hope to share my knowledge and to help the best way I can," Ashley-Barber expressed.

Ashley-Barber is currently working out of the recently moved OST office located in Farmington, N.M. She is available to answer, assist and guide you through most trust processes.

## Gathering together



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members of all ages gathered together for a meal, round dance and community social on Friday, Feb. 21 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Following the potluck lunch, representatives from the Southern Ute Education Dept. and SUIMA's language program voiced their enthusiasm for a community wide initiative, dubbed the Ute Language Immersion Project. Tribal funding and grant monies for language preservation will be allocated to ensure that tribal members, and tribal elders are directly involved in all possible aspects of making this program a success for Southern Ute, and sister tribes in their mission to teach and preserve the Ute language.

# SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe BEAR DANCE HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

**Entry Fee \$125.00**

**May 22, 2020**  
Registration 11:30 AM-1:30 PM  
Tournament starts at 2:00 PM  
SunUte Community Center

**CASH PRIZE 1st-4th Place**

**For more information contact:**  
Lela Buckskin at (970) 560-6830 OR  
Nena Lopez (970) 560-3905

## Southern Ute Bear Dance

May 22-25, 2020  
Ute Road & HWY 521 in Ignacio, CO

**Bear Dance Chief-Matthew Box**

**Bear Dance Corral Blessing**  
10:30 A.M. Friday, May 22, 2020

**Bear Dance Feast**  
12:00 P.M. Monday, May 25, 2020

- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing
- Photography, video & audio recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- The Pine River is **RESTRICTED**.
- For information on vending, contact (970) 563-2983

Created by Keri Lopez

## 2020 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

Ignacio, CO  
May 22nd & 23rd

**Headstaff**  
Head Lady: Sq. Ute Royalty  
Head Man: Picked daily  
Arena Director: Honey Howell  
MC: Chasen Coby  
Host Drum: Buffalo Hill  
Drum Judge: Keno White Sr.

**Drum contest up to 5th place**

**Dance Categories**  
Men & Women Goldie Age (55+)  
Men (18-54) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Women (18-54) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Show, Jingle  
Teen Boys (13-17) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Teen Girls (13-17) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Show, Jingle  
Jr. Boys (6-12) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Jr. Girls (6-12) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Show, Jingle  
Tiny Tots 5 & under

**Powwow Committee Members:**  
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The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be held responsible for any accidents, injuries, theft, or food borne illnesses.

## SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE WORKSHOP

May 6, 2020  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Sky Ute Casino Event Center

**OPEN TO TRIBAL STAFF & GENERAL PUBLIC**

**For more information contact**  
Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box at (970) 759-7038

## 2020 UTE NATION DAY HONORING PAST UTE CHIEFS & HEADS MEN OF THE UTE NATION

Thursday, May 21, 2020  
9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M.  
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility  
Lunch will be served.

**For more information contact Event Coordinator,  
Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985**





NUTRITION

Healthy Chinese food at home

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

So many of us love Chinese food but don't have a grasp on how to prepare it on our own. This is a very basic recipe and can be adapted to any vegetable or meat you care to use. To make Chinese food healthier, reducing the sodium and adding fiber are key. This is also a satisfying meal for less money than takeout.



courtesy jamiecookitsitup.net

Chinese Chicken and Veggies

Ingredients

- 2 cup prepared long grain brown rice or 2-4 cups riced cauliflower
- 2 small stalks of broccoli
- 2 small zucchinis
- 2 small yellow squash
- 1 onion
- 3 stalks Bok Choy (optional)
- 16 oz. boneless chicken
- 2 T corn starch
- 4 T oil
- 1/2 cup low sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp minced garlic

Directions

1. Cook brown rice or riced cauliflower according to package directions.
2. Chop all veggies into bite sized pieces.
3. In a small bowl mix soy sauce, ginger, garlic and sherry, mix to combine.

4. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces, place in a plastic bag, add corn-starch, shake to coat.
5. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat, add chicken, cook 5 minutes.
6. Add broccoli and onions, cook for 5 minutes.
7. Add zucchini, squash and bok choy, cook for another 3 minutes.
8. Add Soy sauce mixture, simmer for 2-4 minutes.
9. Serve over brown rice or riced cauliflower.

Serves 6

Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 280, Fat 15g, Sodium 766mg, Carbohydrates 12g, Fiber 2.5g, Protein 25g

- 1/2 up cooked brown rice adds 34g carbohydrates/2g fiber
- 1 cup riced cauliflower adds 2g carbohydrates/1g fiber

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: 2019 State of Native Youth Report

Staff report  
SU BEAHVIORAL HEALTH

What is the Center for Native Youth and the State of Native Youth Report?

The Center for Native American Youth believes all Native American youth should lead full and healthy lives, have equal access to opportunity, draw strength from their culture and inspire one another. They also work to improve the health, safety, and overall well-being of Native American youth. They do this through youth recognition, inspiration, and leadership; research, advocacy, and policy change; by serving as a national resource exchange; and by connecting Native youth with strengths-based media opportunities.

This report serves as a demonstration of the groundbreaking work of Native youth and it stands as a roadmap to help decrease barriers and increase the opportunity for youth. Throughout the year, the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) works to ensure that the positive work youth are doing is amplified, supported, and nurtured. They also work on many different levels to shift the narrative of harmful stereotypes that surround Native Americans throughout this country.

For more information check out their website at [www.cnay.org](http://www.cnay.org)

What can we learn from the 2019 State of Native Youth Report?

**Health and Wellness:** Many tribal people are making efforts to shift back to traditional teachings and lifestyles. We've come to realize that our ancestors were more in harmony with nature and natural resources than we are today, and we can see the effects of this imbalance throughout Indian Country. This imbalance has affected our food and access to nutritious native foods, our ability to offer a variety of programming that treats our physical, mental, social, and spiritual health, and our access to sexual



health and reproductive rights information and resources. Native youth are working to restore the connection to overall wellbeing and our ancestor's traditional ways of what that means.

**Systems Involving Youth:** Our Native youth are becoming more engaged, involved and educated about systems that are no longer or have never worked in our favor. Such as systems that have promised protection for our families, from separation and violence are failing Indian Country. They are using their voices to be heard about issues such as the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, child welfare, and human trafficking. Finding ways to continue to support their efforts and concerns is crucial to helping them become healthy future leaders of our nations and tribes.

**Education and Jobs:** Our Native youth have also recognized the tremendous gap in cultural teachings concerning their educational experiences. They've become aware of the effects of non-indigenous education methods on the traditional teaching ways our people used to practice. Some of the effects of these changes can be seen in the graduation rates across Indian Country. Because of this, the Native youth are working to address Native culture in schools, language learning in schools, innovative workforce development, and community wealth building.

**Sacred Sites, Lands, and Waterways:** The fight our ancestors were involved in before our grandparents and great-grandparents time is still being fought today. The fight to save mother earth is now being passed down to our Native youth who want to defend their people's lands, waters and sacred

sites from destruction and contamination. Our Native youth are becoming more educated and creating innovative ways to decolonize our land and even our food, and by doing so, becoming increasingly connected back to the natural world around us.

**Citizenship:** Citizenship affects us all as Native people and in most cases, we hold dual citizenship, one as a citizen of a Tribal Nation and the other as a citizen of the United States. Our Native youth have been called on to exercise their civic duties to make sure our people are well represented in this year's 2020 Census and helping our fellow Native people run for elected offices. They are our future and they are our fighting chance for our culture and voices to be heard.

For the entire report, check out [www.cnay.org](http://www.cnay.org) some

**Citation:** Center for Native American Youth, "Native Youth Count: The State of Native Youth 2019," State of Native Youth Report, Washington, DC, Center for Native American Youth at The Aspen Institute, November 2019.

We all need a little help and guidance sometimes.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention. Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meeting: March 18, at Southern 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 information 970-563-2487.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

This training is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. March 13, 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.



GARDENING

Deciding what to grow this year

By Denee Bex  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

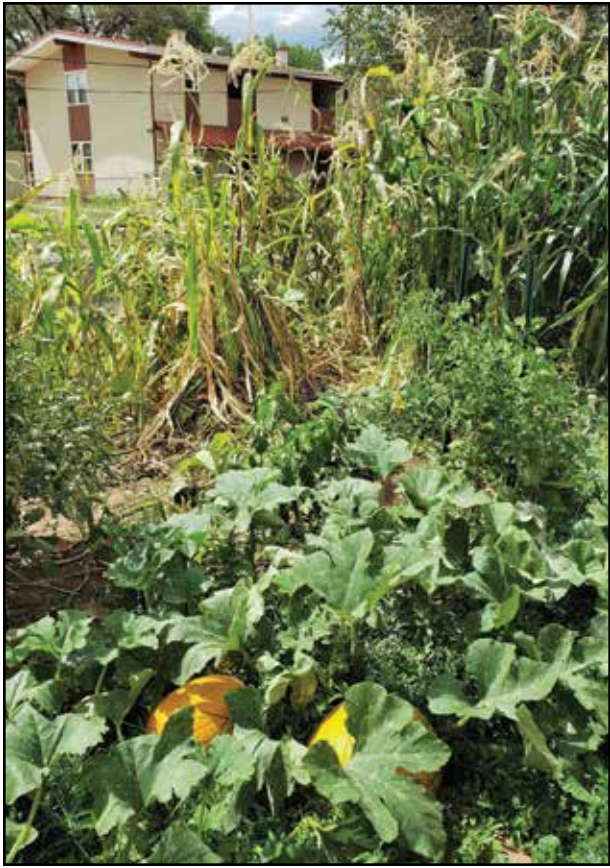
Growing your own vegetables can be extremely rewarding. By growing your own food, it can help supply your vegetable needs for the summer, fall, and even winter if you plan it right. It helps keep you active during the year and gives you and your family nutritious food. If you are thinking of growing vegetables for you and your family, now is the time to decide what to grow!

When people ask me for advice on what they should grow, my advice is, the sky is the limit! There are thousands of varieties of vegetables and many more ways to eat them. But here are some things you may want to consider before you dive into the big world of vegetable gardening.

First, think about what vegetables you enjoy eating the most. If you grow a bunch of different vegetables that you don't enjoy and do not eat, then it's a waste to put so much hard work into something that won't feed you. If you like sautéed squash, then grow squash. If you like roasted beets, then grow those to put in your salad. I love bread and butter pickles, so this year I am planning to grow pickling cucumbers. Last year, I grew carrots and lettuce that I ended up not eating and I'm still regretting it. It's not because I didn't like them, but by that time I was so burnt out from eating them.

So, choose veggies that you enjoy and make sure you eat them.

Secondly, look at the space you have to grow and see how your veggies will fit into that space. There is nothing worse than digging up an area and realizing that half the day that space is covered in shade and half of it is unreachable. I have done that, too. If you are starting from scratch, it is good to look at what you have and how you can use



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

it to your best advantage. Remember, you want to make your garden easy to access and enjoyable to be in. A good plan will help you achieve this. See if the space you want to grow has enough access to sunlight (at least eight hours), is close to a water source, is easy to work in and how much time you have to devote to gardening. If you are just starting out, I recommend starting with two or three vegetables you like and start on the smaller side. In the first year, you'll learn how to work with the space you have and you'll get a good feel for what your plants need. If you create a huge garden, you may get frustrated with the amount of time, labor, and money it'll take to maintain it.

Finally, think about how the cold-tolerant vegetables and the warm-weather vegetables will play with each other. That is, there are plants that do better in the cold of spring or fall and others in the heat of summer. Depending on what you plan to grow, you need to work around each type of exciting now that spring

is around the corner. You want to get planting as soon as possible and you plant a bunch of lettuce, broccoli, sugar snap peas, and other cold-tolerant plants. But it starts heating up and now you realize there's no room for the tomatoes, squash, and pumpkins. So, make sure you plan smartly, and you leave room for the warm-weather plants.

Growing vegetables can be as easy or hard as you make it. But what matters most is that you start. I once heard a seasoned gardener say, "You sow wisdom the first year of gardening." – this cannot be truer. In the first few years, you learn from your plants, your soil, your weather, and your environment. If something doesn't turn out the way you want, the good thing is that another spring and summer will arrive, and you can try again. What is most important is you start and don't give up!

Denee Bex is a Registered Dietitian and advocate for healthy traditional diets and home-grown foods within Native American communities. She can be reached at [Denee.Bex@gmail.com](mailto:Denee.Bex@gmail.com).

Local Resources

- **So. Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- **So. Ute Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **St. Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave., Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI), 970-759-3633.
- **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:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

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CORONAVIRUS

Current Coronavirus risk is low for Colo. and N.M.

Staff report  
SU HEALTH CENTER

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and local public health are working together, following federal guidance, to assess travelers returning from China to determine the need for monitoring, quarantine, or other restriction of movement and activities.

Basic things you can do to protect yourself from this and other viruses include washing hands with soap and water and covering your mouth when you cough/sneeze.

While we understand that new viruses like this can be worrisome, Colorado and New Mexico have no cases and the risk of COVID-19 for both states are currently low. Risk is based on exposure. People at higher risk are:

- People who have traveled to China within the last two weeks and have symptoms.
- People who had direct close contact with someone who was confirmed to have the COVID-19.
- Like any other virus, no identity, community, ethnic, or racial group is more at risk for getting or spreading COVID-19.

Not all coronaviruses are COVID-19. There are many kinds of common coronaviruses currently circulating in Colorado, New Mexico and the U.S. that cause respiratory illness. These coronaviruses are not COVID-19. There also are many other kinds of respiratory illnesses (such as colds and flu) circulating right now.

It is normal in situations like this to have cases under investigation, even when the risk is low and there have been no cases. That's because health care providers are on the lookout for symptoms and members of the public have a heightened awareness.

- Colorado's Public Health Department has investigated several Colorado cases so far, all with travel history to China or close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. CDC testing has confirmed all those tests as negative for the coronavirus disease 2019.

COVID-19 IN CONTEXT WITH INFLUENZA

While we understand that new viruses can be worrisome, the risk of coronavirus disease 2019 for Colorado and New Mexico is currently low. In order to contract the COVID-19 people must be exposed to another person who has it. Right now, Colorado and New Mexico have no cases and the number of cases in the U.S. is still small. However, it is cold and flu season right now and people are much more likely to encounter those viruses.

CDC estimates that to date, the current flu season in the U.S. (Oct. 1, 2019 - Feb. 1, 2020) has resulted in between 22 million - 31 million illnesses, between 210,000 - 370,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 - 30,000 deaths. CDC 2019-2020 Flu Season: Preliminary Burden Estimates

- A typical flu season in Colorado and New

Mexico will see thousands of hospitalized cases and sometimes several pediatric deaths.

PREPAREDNESS

Though Colorado and New Mexico have no cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and though the risk to most people is low, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe knows we need to be prepared.

We are working closely with the local Public Health Department to ensure our response is proactive, strong, and collaborative.

WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO

People who are worried about this, or any respiratory virus, like the flu, can protect themselves by practicing everyday actions:

- Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Getting a flu shot if you haven't gotten one this year.

FACEMASKS

Currently, CDC does not recommend the use of facemasks or respirators among the general public. While limited person-to-person spread of COVID-19 among close contacts has been detected, this virus is not currently spreading in the community in the United States.

**If you are not sick:** Members of the general public in the United States DO NOT need to use facemasks. CDC does NOT recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.

- Masks should be reserved for people who are sick, so they can protect others from getting infected.

**If you are sick:** (i.e., people with confirmed or possible COVID-19 infection, including patients under investigation who do not need to be hospitalized; and people with confirmed COVID-19 infection who were hospitalized and determined to be medically stable to go home):

- You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. This will help protect the people around you from getting infected.
- Facemasks should be used once and then thrown away in the trash.
- If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who are in the same room with you should wear a facemask, but they should also limit the amount of time they spend in the same room with you.

If worn properly, a facemask helps block the spread of respiratory viruses by the wearer from spreading to other people and surfaces.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

The federal government has implemented quarantine procedures for travelers returning from China.

- U.S. citizens returning from Hubei Province in the past 14 days will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine period at one of four designated military bases: Travis Air Force Base, Miramar, Lackland, and Omaha.
- U.S. citizens returning from the rest of mainland China in the past 14 days will be allowed to enter the country through one of 11 airports. At those airports, travelers will have a proactive entry health screening, followed by 14 days of monitored self-quarantine.
- Foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have traveled to China within the last 14 days will be denied entry into the U.S. at this time.

The CDC is working with state health departments to notify anyone who was sitting on a plane with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19. If you are at risk, your local or state public health agency will contact you.

ALL travelers from China will be given CDC's Travel Health Alert Notice, educating those travelers about what to do if they get sick with certain symptoms within 14 days after arriving in the United States.

NATIONAL PICTURE

The best way to stay up to date on what is happening in the U.S and to stay current on travel information is to visit CDC's website: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)

CORONAVIRUSES

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others circulating among animals including camels, cats, and bats.

Some coronaviruses are common and regularly cause illness in the U.S. in the fall and winter. These viruses spread through coughing or sneezing, much like the flu. Symptoms may include fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath.

Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people, such as has been seen with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). These viruses have caused outbreaks internationally and have been known to cause severe illness.

COVID-19 spreads from person-to-person. It has been known to cause disease ranging from mild to severe, including disease resulting in death. Most cases of severe illness are still limited to mainland China.

If you have questions or are concerned with your current health status and/or symptoms, please contact your primary health care provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to speak with a Health Care Professional.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Dental welcomes Dr. Nylund

Staff report  
SU HEALTH CENTER

Dr. Justin Nylund is committed to giving every patient the dental experience he would want himself. He had several bad dental experiences as a kid and grew up afraid of going to the dentist. Nylund is committed to helping you achieve and maintain your highest possible oral health. He does all he can to ensure pain-free dentistry during every procedure. Nylund cares about you as a person and takes time to explain all your treatment options in order to educate you to make the best decisions for your specific needs. He firmly stands behind and has a warranty for all the work he does.

Nylund's commitment to excellence is shown by doing over 1,100 hours of continuing education in nine years compared to the 135 hours required by the state. He has completed the Christensen Continuum and has been asked to mentor other dentists participating in the trainings in Provo, Utah.

One accomplishment he is proud of, is completing The Kois Curriculum. The goal



of Kois is to use science to improve the level of care and treatment outcomes.

He is carrying on a family tradition in dentistry as the tenth dentist in his family spanning four generations! Growing up, Nylund was intrigued by his grandfather's decision to take root in the small town of Rogers, Ark. where he practiced dentistry for over 40 years until his retirement in 1986. And just like his grandfather, Nylund has spent the last nine years maintaining dental health and improving the smiles of citizens in Taos, N.M.

Justin Nylund was born and raised in Dallas, Texas where he attended the Episcopal School of Dallas. Following graduation

from high school, he then moved to Memphis, Tenn. to attend Rhodes College.

Nylund received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery degree from the prestigious University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. Upon graduation, he attended a one-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency in Alamosa, Colo. While in Alamosa, Dr. Nylund gained valuable experience in oral surgery and endodontics, and he also developed a passion for pediatric dentistry. He has also participated in several dental trips in the border towns of Mexico, as well as provided dental care through Indian Health Services, in both North Dakota and Minnesota. Nylund has called Taos home since 2010. He and his wife Patricia, enjoy spending time with their two young daughters. He is excited to be returning to Colorado to raise his daughters.

*Dr. Nylund will be seeing patients on a part time basis starting April 2, please call the dental clinic at 970-563-4719, ext. 2368 to schedule an appointment.*



### THE FLU & YOU

**What is influenza (the flu)?**

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. At times, it can lead to death.

**Who should get a flu vaccine?**

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine, especially if you are at high risk for complications, or if you live with or care for someone who is high risk for complications.

**Your family may be especially vulnerable to the flu.**

Influenza poses a greater risk to certain people, including pregnant women, children, and elders, who are all at high risk for flu-related complications. In fact, pneumonia and flu are a leading cause of death among Native elders. The flu also can cause certain health conditions, including diabetes, asthma, and heart and lung disease, to become worse. Pneumonia and bronchitis are examples of serious flu-related complications, which can result in hospitalization and sometimes even death.

**The influenza vaccine is safe. You can't get the flu from the flu vaccine.**

People have been receiving flu vaccines for more than 50 years. Vaccine safety is closely monitored annually by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Hundreds of millions of flu vaccines have been given safely to people across the country for decades.

The viruses in the flu shot are killed and the viruses in the nasal spray vaccine are weakened, so neither vaccine can cause the flu. A flu shot can have mild side effects, such as soreness or swelling where the vaccine was received, a mild fever, or aches. Mild side effects of the nasal spray can include runny nose, headache, sore throat, and cough. Any side effects you experience are not contagious to others and should disappear within 2 days.

**When should I get a flu vaccine?**

It's difficult to know when flu activity will peak. So vaccination before December is best to ensure protection. However, even getting vaccinated in December or later can be protective because influenza disease can last as late as May. It takes 2 weeks after getting the vaccine for your body to develop an immune response against influenza.

**Why do I need to get a flu vaccine each year?**

You need a flu vaccine each year because influenza viruses are always changing and immunity wanes over time. Each year, experts identify the influenza viruses that are the most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season. Your flu vaccine protects against those viruses. It does not protect against other viruses (such as colds or stomach viruses) or against very different influenza viruses not in the vaccine.



#### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF THE FLU

People sick with influenza feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever\* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (very tired)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

\*Not everyone with the flu will have a fever. You can be sick and contagious without running a temperature.

#### HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE FLU

- Get a flu vaccine each year.
- Stop the spread of germs, including influenza viruses:
  - Cover your coughs and sneezes
  - Wash your hands often
  - If you're sick, stay home
- Take antiviral drugs if they are prescribed for you.

#### PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE.

#### WHERE DO I GET A FLU VACCINE

- Your local healthcare facility (even if you don't have a regular doctor or nurse)
- Mobile and community-based immunization clinics that visit many locations
- Pharmacies and grocery stores where available

Ask your Community Health Representative (CHR) or Community Health Aide (CHA) for more information.

Local Information

### Southern Ute Health Center

970-563-4581

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING INDIAN COUNTRY HEALTHY

Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO







LCB winners awarded



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Sisters: Lisa Burch, Lynette Sage and Leora Lucero present Meonahan “Joe” Howell and Myla Goodtracks their prizes for winning in the Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest earlier in the fall. Prizes were presented during Ute Language class at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Friday, Feb. 21.

Council reads to students



photos Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Students were so excited to see the Southern Ute Tribal Council including Council Member Ramona Eagle at the February Reading Wednesday event. Tribal Council has dedicated time in their schedules to read to the various SUIMA classrooms to lead by example, how important reading is for a child’s development.

One of the best ways to spark your child’s development is to ask questions to your child about the book you are reading. Students from SUIMA Primary 2 classroom ask Tribal Council Treasurer, Lorelei Cloud to explain a part of the book being read, on Wednesday, Feb. 19.



PAG Family night at Academy



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Elise Red helps Kristean Velasquez trace the outline of her son’s foot onto hide. Red taught the moccasin making class for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s family night on Wednesday, Feb. 19.



Quanah and Tabatha Lansing work together to make moccasins for their son Ethan during the Academy’s family night on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Concentration, key to development

Staff report  
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Dr. Maria Montessori believed that children have an inner directive for self-learning and that concentration is the key to their development. At the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, the students have three hours of open, uninterrupted time to choose independent work, become deeply engaged, and repeat their work until they have mastered it. There are no bells to signal a change in routine.

The students and teachers (guides) work in unison during the morning: sometimes individually or in small groups. A work cycle of three hours allows the child adequate time to become involved in their work, to observe and then become engaged in an activity. This is part of what makes our school special. An interruption, no matter how beneficial it to be, disturbs the growing development of the child’s



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Council Member Marjorie Barry has a captive audience with SUIMA Primary 2 classmates during Tribal Council’s Reading Wednesday.

concentration and focus. Our school takes care to keep, and interrupted time for learning.

SUIMA Events and Activities

- March 9 - 12 – We will be holding our annual **Book Fair**.
- March 9 – **PAG**. Snuggle Up with a Book before PAG and get a stuffed animal (while supplies last).
- March 11 – **Bagels and Books** in the dining hall from 7 – 8 a.m.
- March 11 – **Council members** will come **read to students**.
- March 12 – **Book Fair** with food, presentations, and a bake sale from 3:30 – 6:30 pm.
- March 13 – **Council members** will come enjoy **lunch with students**.



### 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

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. These cards are labled front and back, to be used as flash cards.

kh	q	s
g	'	ay
gh	qh	oy
Front		
s	so	q
sarichj	dog	qoqh
ságharḡ	white inan.	panaqarḡ
sigwanachj	grey hawk	sághaqatamḡ
múusachj	cat	'eakarḡ
		yellow inan.
ay	I, eye	'
təu'ay	it is good	'aqhotḡ
maykh	Hello, say	pa'amanuni
'atəmaykh	saying well	'eakarḡ
təkay	eating	'ipichj
		red clay paint
oy	boy, toy	qh
toghoyaqh	it's good, thanks	qoqh
toghoy	straight, good	toghoyaqh
mamasaghoyvuchj	little old woman	'aqhotḡ
		think inan.
		chaqhachin
		my younger brother
		gh
		ságharḡ
		'akaghary
		'aghochj
		pagha'ni
		white inan.
		red inan.
		dish
		walking about
Back		



# Shreddin’ the slopes with SUIMA



Ski and snowboard instructor, J.C. McKinny helps the younger group of students find their flow on the bunny hill.



Keyon Alston and father, Justin Alston share a moment together on the slopes during the SUIMA field trip.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Cassidy Tahlo, Leandro Litz Jr. and Sakarii Goodtracks listen intently to their snowboard instructors.

***The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy shuttled their students to the slopes of Purgatory Resort for a fun filled day of snowboarding, Tuesday, Feb. 18. The youth split into two separate age groups for lessons on the bunny hill. Instructors worked with students to get a feel for snowboarding and guide them down the hill. SUIMA staff provided a picnic lunch on the slopes, and parents were encouraged to participate in the youth activities.***



Purgatory snowboard instructors, Chad Avery and Micah Odoms — both Native American — were proud to have had the opportunity to teach the young snowboarders from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.



Sakarii Goodtracks finishes a “sledding” run on her snowboard just for fun.



Saniyya Valdez gets off to a good start with the help of Purgatory snowboard instructor Micah Odoms.

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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## SunUte welcomes Jiu-Jitsu



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu World Champion, Farrell Dodge instructs Dimitri Burch on proper fundamentals at the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu class held at SunUte Community Center on Feb. 11.



Takoda Armstrong and partner Robin Duffy-Wirth work on basic fundamentals of Jiu-Jitsu.

## Jungle gym boxing



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Jungle Gym member, Sam Post gets pointers about her punches from coach Garcia during the boxing class on Friday, Feb. 7.

Audrey Mesich listens intently as boxing coach, Vincente Garcia gets participants ready with a simple warm up routine during the first boxing night at the Jungle Gym in Durango, Colo. on Friday, Feb. 7.



## Emphasizing the unexpected



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Nicole Coughlin, Risk Containment Specialist with IMA Inc. leads a multimedia presentation and violent intruder response training at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose facility, Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Thursday, Feb. 13. This mandatory training was made available to all employees of the Southern Ute Permanent Fund, under the direction of the tribe's Risk and Emergency Management team working in partnership with the Southern Ute Police Department.

## ATTENTION NAIG ATHELETES, PARENTS & COACHES MANDATORY MEETING!!!

When: March 5th 2020

Time: 6:00PM

Where: Multipurpose Facility

Light snacks will be provided.



For more information please call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214

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## Community Presentation on Trauma on March 12

Southern Ute Museum classroom, 5:30-7:30 p.m., dinner provided

Hosted by the Defending Childhood Initiative-Trauma Informed Systems of Care Grant Presentation by Native Children's Trauma Center at the University of Montana, hosted by Tribal Court and other Tribal Departments.



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Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.  
Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.

Held at:

ELHI Community Center  
115 Ute Street

### APRIL BAYFIELD

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.  
Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.  
Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.

Held at:

Upper Pine Fire Protection District  
515 Sower Drive (By Lewis Mercantile)

\*Courses are limited to 12 students. Pre-registration is required.

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# Archers take aim



Shawn Yazzie lends a hand with setting up 3D targets in the indoor rodeo arena. The archery shoots take place at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



Feather fletchings add a dash of color to an archer's quiver.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Alex Pena takes aim with a traditional bow; both traditional and compound bows are encouraged.



Tyson Thompson shares his archery knowledge with young archer Thunder Windyboy during target practice.

**Indoor archery kicked off at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Feb. 12, bringing the community together for this non-competitive social event. The program features an indoor range with 3D targets ranging from small critters and hay bales to life size elk. Archers of all ages are welcome to practice, volunteer and participate. The program is made possible through a collaboration between: SunUte Community Center, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, and Southern Ute's Finest Archers. Archery sessions are scheduled throughout the month of March, taking place in the Fairgrounds' rodeo arena every other Wednesday.**



Veronica Pinnecoose knocks an arrow on the range, choosing the traditional bow as her preferred equipment.



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**ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS**

Southern Ute Veterans Assoc. Annual Meeting  
March 4, 2020 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
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## A Close Up look in D.C.



The entire Close Up staff, students and teachers take a photo together while visiting Capitol Hill on their third day in Washington, D.C.



Elijah and Kalynn Weaver present their Tribal Nation Action Initiative to members of the National Congress of American Indians. Members were encouraged to ask the students questions about their plan and the feasibility.



Lexy Young and Kalynn Weaver trace outlines of faces and names that are etched into the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

**Photos by McKayla Lee**  
The Southern Ute Drum

### CLOSE UP • FROM PAGE 1

portunity to create a Tribal Action Initiatives plan. This plan addresses their concerns, and is even presented by them to tribal leaders, political experts, and policymakers at NCAI during their general session in D.C.

Their agenda was not only filled with educational adventures but also with unique experiences. Youth had the opportunity to attend a play at the Ford's Theater where president Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. They had access to more than three visits with congressional representatives with the option to ask pressing questions about legislation, they were all encouraged to participate in fun and unique peer-led political activities and were all able to experience the uniqueness of the Close Up program together as peers.

"It was interesting to me how all the youth at Close Up worked together to learn and help each other find ways to solve problems in their communities," Youth Advisory Councilman, Elijah Weaver expressed. "It was also awesome to meet a lot of other tribal youth during this educational program." The students were all encouraged to engage in workshops with other students from different tribal communities and discuss the most pressing issues facing their communities. "I now understand that almost every nation or tribe experience the same problems in their communities, but they are still fighting and looking for ways to handle them," echoed SCSYAC Secretary, Lexy Young. They were also given the opportunity to create a Tribal Action Initiatives plan. This plan addresses their concerns, and is presented by them to tribal leaders, political experts, and policymakers while on Capitol Hill.

By using issue-centric, nonpartisan curriculum the program has been designed to provide participants with a stronger understanding of government institutions, history and current issues, and their roles as citizens. Close Up can even help students locally by providing professional development for

educators, and classroom resources. Ultimately Close Up's goal is to engage and inspire every person, young or old to find their voice and to help develop critical skills for youth in tackling the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

This program is just one of many that have helped the youth council understand the importance of Tribal Governments, history, political processes and the skills of leadership. By attending and participating – the program not only helps them grow as leaders, but it also allows them to be more involved within the tribal, educational and academic communities. "I have learned so much on this trip, everything from politics to how an office is run," Young stated. "Close Up has helped me grow out of my comfort zone—it's truly been an eye-opening experience, not only for me, but for everyone who attended."

The Close Up teachers, staff and volunteers wished the best of luck to all the students and during the banquet dinner and shared sentiments of support. Each staff member expressed that they hope the youth will take away lessons from the program and will share them with others and use them to improve their own lives as well as the lives of people in their communities.

Much like the Close Up application process, to become a council leader there is a lengthy and in depth application that each potential council person must complete before being appointed. Currently there are seven seats that make up the Southern Ute's Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, which is open to all eligible Southern Ute youth ages 11-17.

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



Lexy Young and Elijah Weaver work together to create a Tribal Nation Action Initiative that would help them and their peers to impact their community in a positive way. Their initiative is designed to find ways to keep youth off of drugs in their community.



Sarafina Chackee, Marcus Archuleta, Kalynn and Elijah Weaver group together for a photo in front of the Lincoln Memorial. This was the students last day to explore the National Mall and visit the historic memorials.



Kalynn Weaver and Sarafina Chackee take their time reading and learning while visiting the Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum was one of three that the students visited during their trip.





# Tribe meets with Archuleta



photos Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage listens to Archuleta County Commissioners and executive staff ask questions related to the newly approved Tribal Traffic Code. The Tribe shared the plan for upcoming community meetings to discuss how the new code might impact non-Natives within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. The dates for those meetings are still being determined.

Council Member Marjorie Barry and Archuleta County Attorney and Paralegal reminisce on what the county and reservation used to be like. The intergovernmental meeting took place on Monday, February 24, and will continue bi-annually.



# FIRE DISTRICT SEEKS SUPPORT • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Captain of the Los Pinos Fire Dept., Jim Owens preforms chest compressions as part of a training exercise on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Assisting in this emergency situation, members of the fire department each take on a role; Paramedic Justin Shoopman (not pictured), Intermediate Kevin Griego, Firefighter/EMT Dakota Ballew, and Firefighter/EMT Nico Hensley make up the five-man crew essential to saving lives in the event of a medical emergency.

increase needed to maintain a fully staffed fire station meeting the established guidelines congruent to the higher rating. If the rating gets dropped by any number of points, insurance premiums for homeowners and business go up.

The Ignacio station receives an average of 2-3 calls per day, most of which are EMT service based, rather than firefighting. Response time is critical. “When you’re in the middle of an emergency – [perceived] time takes forever,” Childress emphasized.

The Los Pinos District currently operates an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance, which is required to have a trained Paramedic on board, in addition to better equipment and medications. Surrounding districts, such as Durango, Pagosa Springs and Bayfield also operate ALS level ambulance services. The alternative is a BLS or Basic Life Support level ambulance. Depending on the nature of the emergency, the services provided by ALS could easily mean saving one’s life – especially in a rural community where hospitals are located in far flung neighboring communities.

Wildland [firefighting] has become a huge situation in our community,” Los Pinos Fire Chief Tony Harwig explained. “we have a wildland crew, we hire five people each summer. Then they are

hired out [for national deployment].” This method is used all across the country and enables fire departments to cover the payroll when regional fires are not the priority, sharing resources with each other as needed.

Training costs have also risen for most rural fire districts since each crew must maintain proficiency across a variety of disciplines ranging from, medicine and hazmat to structure fires and wildland fire fighting.

If the Los Pinos Fire District was to lose funding for current levels of service, one option is to go back to an all-volunteer fire department. If voters go to the polls and approve a mill levy increase, the vision is that the District can maintain career firefighters, and build a hybrid solution using a volunteer force to cover those additional needs, including basic staffing. With fully staffed fire stations, response time is quicker. “The bar is perfection. Paid or unpaid,” Harwig emphasized.

“The spirit of volunteerism is not dead. It is alive and well. It’s just that the world around it has changed; we occupy our time, everyone has busy schedules,” noted Childress.

The Fire District would still need seed money to train volunteer firefighters, but instead of pursuing a full 250-hour all-encompassing program, Los Pinos hopes to

“specialize,” enabling volunteers to take on one or two aspects of the total training and break it down into manageable time commitments. “We have the trucks and the stations. We need the people,” Harwig said.

Los Pinos is in a unique situation apart from other rural districts in the state of Colorado; they serve a mix of Tribal land, Forest Service land and the Ignacio School District, which all fall into a tax exempt status – therefore the district relies heavily on the funding that comes from residential and commercial land to support its services.

Los Pinos feels confident that if the taxpayers vote for a mill levy increase to support the Fire District, then the existing services will continue with the help of volunteers to sustain a hybrid model – working alongside career firefighters and staff – to serve the community as a whole in the best way possible.

“We should be able to handle two emergency calls [at the same time] without calling for help – that’s just being a responsible organization,” Childress stated. “We can’t go back to an all-volunteer station and still run EMS with Paramedics. The tax increase is a direct reflection of service.”

Call the Los Pinos Fire District with questions at 970-563-9501. Website: [www.lospinosfire.com](http://www.lospinosfire.com)

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# Duran recognized for his accomplishments in the field of radiation science

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Mike Duran is a teacher, researcher and team leader recognized for his work at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in Northern New Mexico. He is acknowledged for his outstanding contributions to science and technology, particularly in the field of radiation.

Duran graduated from Ignacio High School and went on to be the first Native American student to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. He then moved on to completing his Master’s Degree at Colorado State University in Health Physics and is now certified by the American Board of Health Physics.

As Duran began his teaching career, he reflected on his grandparents and parent’s inspiring careers in the education field. A past colleague of his encouraged him to take over two of his teaching classes at the Northern New Mexico College. The classes included the recruitment of more students to consider the program and sharing his personal experiences of working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Duran continues to teach in the evenings at the college even today. “Having the opportunity to help change people’s lives is why I do this – preparing them for their occupational career goals and guiding them to operate in a high-level workplace.”

His passion for the sciences can be pinpointed back to when he attended the American Indian Science and Engineering Society’s summer program at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo. “I have been very fortunate – not only do I receive support from my tribe but my family’s background in education has motivated me to continue researching and teaching,” Duran stated.



courtesy Los Alamos National Laboratory

Los Alamos National Laboratory Health Physicist, Mike Duran helps Alejandra Loya-Munoz with surveying a dose-rate meter at the Spectrometer of Materials Research.

Upon graduation, Mike became a Research Assistant at the LANL where he joined the Radiation Protection group. Moving his way up the chain, he is now the Radiation Protection Manager for the Radiological Control Technicians (RTCs). This means he plays a vital role in ensuring that the laboratory, environment and general public are all safe from potential radiation hazards.

In addition to the hard work he does at the lab, he is responsible for increasing and inspiring more local graduates to work at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. For the past 25 years, Duran has been collaborating and building the Northern New Mexico College’s RTSc associate program for radiation protection. The program has not only increased the number of students in the field, but has also built a diverse team that contributes to LANL’s success.

“The lab is a great working environment, my co-workers are excited and passionate about their work,” Duran explained. “It is also a great opportunity for students to learn from mentorships and it is a privilege to see them succeed.”

According to the same program that Duran attended in his youth, the LANL

is one of the top 50 STEM Workplaces for Native Professionals. Duran constantly supports the lab’s mission to “Solve national security challenges through scientific excellence.”

They are also known to specifically recruit Native Americans for any position as well as retain them and place them in management positions.

Duran expressed his support for all youth, especially Native youth to follow their passions and pursue higher education. “Who would’ve imagined I would be here today? I can only say that the work I do is so rewarding not just for me, but for the students I teach too,” Duran said. “There are always new things to learn about.”

Through the Southern Ute Education Department, enrolled tribal members can receive full time scholarships covering the cost of tuition and provide a living stipend. The application is accessible online or can be picked up at the Southern Ute Education Department. The deadline for completed full-time applications is in July each year.

Duran also is encouraging anyone interested in the LANL to reach out to him or his family for educational tours of the labs or for general questions.

# Elder Celebration Dinner

# AllUte EldersAre Welcome!

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

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

Monday March9<sup>th</sup>,2020

SouthernUteMulti-PurposeFacility

Sponsored by:

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If you need a ride, please contact Elder Services for transportation (970)-563-0156

In the event of a funeral, the Elder’s Dinner will be rescheduled.

For more information, contact: Morgann Box at (970)-563-2349





## 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.

### 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.



## Multi-Purpose Facility's Senior Breakfast



Friday March 6, 2020

MPF 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

All Community Seniors Welcome



Call for more info: 563-2640

## Sip, Chat & Chew Potluck



Friday March 13, 2020

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Multi-Purpose Facility  
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Test your knowledge play "Ute Trivia."

All Utes (UMU, NU, SU) families welcome, all ages.  
The Main dish is pork chops, with beans and frybread.

Drinks, side dishes and desserts are appreciated

Door prize donations welcome  
call 563-2640 for more info.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

## The importance of testing for Radon at home

Staff report  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### What is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that is released when rocks and soil breakdown. Radon is measured in picocuries per liter (pCi/L). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have set the "actionable level" at 4.0 pCi/L, which means radon concentration in a home should not exceed that level.

### Where is it found?

Radon is naturally occurring and found everywhere. The average radon level outdoors is about 0.4 pCi/L, and indoors is 1.3pCi/L. The EPA considers La Plata and Archuleta counties Radon Zone 2 which means on average, indoor radon levels range from 2.0 to 4.0 pCi/L, while Montezuma county is considered Radon Zone 1 with indoor radon levels that are typically greater than the 4.0 pCi/L actionable level.

### Should I be concerned?

Elevated radon levels are something that should be addressed whenever possible.

The EPA says, "Radon causes more than 20,000 deaths from lung cancer each year in the U.S.," and recommends having your home tested if you are concerned.

### How does it get in my home?

Typically, radon moves up through the ground towards the air. Often times, buildings create a natural vacuum of low pressure which can draw radon into the home through the foundation, construction joints, cracks, wall cavities or crawlspaces.

### What does radon testing look like?

Testing typically occurs during winter months when windows are regularly kept closed. This gives an accurate representation of radon levels in the home. During a test, a continuous measuring radon monitor will be placed in the lowest livable level of the home and set to run for 72 hours. Following the conclusion of the test, the Environmental Programs Division (EPD) will notify the homeowner within two business days of the results.

### How often should I have my home tested?

There is no recommended frequency for radon testing, but the EPA suggests testing if your home has not been tested to your knowledge or you have recently renovated or altered your home since the last test.

### What do I do if radon in my home exceeds the EPA actionable level?

Nearly 1 out of 15 homes exceed the recommended actionable level according to EPA. The EPA says, "most home can be fixed for about the same cost as other common home repairs." If your test results exceed the recommended actionable level, the General Assistance Program (GAP) can provide you with informational resources.

### Where can I find more information?

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to schedule a radon test for your home, please contact the Environmental Programs Division GAP Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff at 970-563-2256 or email aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov.

## Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

**To order detector contact**  
Randi Rock  
Tribal Housing  
970.563.4710  
285 Lakin St.

**To schedule installation contact**  
Polly Blakenship  
Construction Services  
970.563.2500  
270 Hwy 151

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

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

### Safety Tips

#### Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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

#### Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

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

#### In the event of an Emergency

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401

## Help Shape Our Future

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe supports Census 2020!

Filling out the Census, means you are making sure our voice is heard, ensuring a bright future for our community and our children!

For more information go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

United States Census 2020



TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council defends the Indian Child Welfare Act

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

In 1978, Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Congress enacted ICWA in response to a nationwide crisis: the wholesale removal of Native American children from their families by state child welfare agencies. As many as 35 percent of Native American children had been separated from their families and placed in adoptive families, foster care, or institutions. ICWA has gone far to remedy the widespread harms that these policies enabled, ensuring that tribes are directly involved in the placement of children who are either tribal members or eligible for membership.

Today, however, ICWA is under attack. In 2017, the state of Texas filed an action challenging the constitutionality of ICWA. The Tribe has been directly involved in fighting back this challenge, working with the Native American Rights Fund in reviewing arguments and participating in briefing. Tribal Council authorized the Tribe to join 325 other tribes and 57 tribal organizations in a brief supporting ICWA. While Texas was initially successful in the federal district court, the challenge was rejected this past summer by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Louisiana. However, the full Fifth Circuit decided to review the case again and heard arguments in January 2020. No decision has yet been made.

To further gain support for ICWA, Tribal Council authorized communications with the Governor of Colorado, requesting that he show his support for ICWA in the face of this challenge by Texas. On Jan. 30, Governor Polis did exactly that. A copy of the letter from both Governor Polis and Lieutenant Governor Primavera in support of ICWA is published below.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Social Services is available as a resource for tribal families who reside both on and off the reservation. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services will be the main contact for any other jurisdiction that may have an enrolled child (or one that is eligible for enrollment) that has been removed from parents or caretakers. Evangeline Gray, Social Services Caseworker II, can be contacted at 970-563-2336 or via email at [egray@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:egray@southernute-nsn.gov).

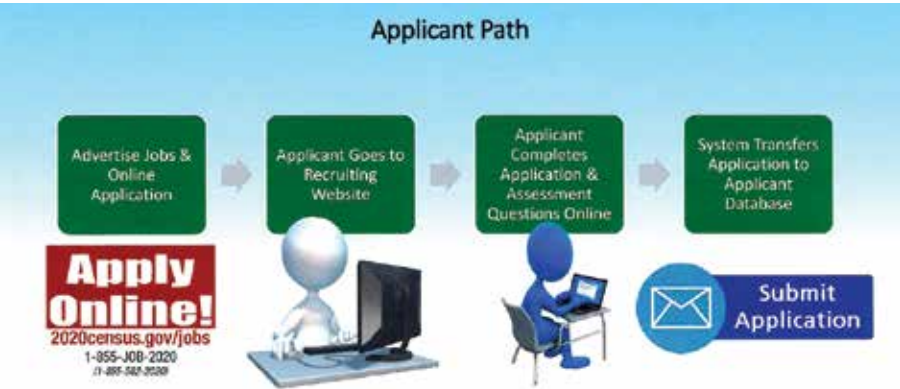
What Positions Do We Recruit?		
What positions do Area Census Offices recruit for?	What will they do?	Nationwide Estimated Jobs at Peak in Year 2020
Recruiting Assistants (RAs)	Get the word out about jobs and assist applicants who have issues completing the application. They work in the Field.	Several 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.

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"We, Ute will all be counted"

Our people, our nations, and our futures depend on each one of us to complete the census form!

For more information go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)




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2nd Annual

# Small Business Townhall

Thursday, March 26, 2020 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility  
Dinner will be provided!



**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**  
Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs and current small business owners

**WEB-EX EVENT INFORMATION**  
Registration link: <http://bit.ly/2OMnAR0>  
Registration password: sutm

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Contact Roger Zalneraitis at 970.563.2463 or via email at [rzalneraitis@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rzalneraitis@southernute-nsn.gov)

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# Fishing frenzy

Marlon Mitchell of Pagosa Springs shows off his Bass; Mitchell won first place in his category, with the prize bass weighing in at 5.38 lbs.



Devra and Adrian Abeyta fish together with their daughter, Vesper Abeyta at Lake Capote.

Craig Reinhart and Sue Joe help man the bait shop at Lake Capote during the Fishing Derby. Sue Joe has been a longtime volunteer, helping to facilitate the Ice Fishing contest each spring alongside her husband.



**The Lake Capote Ice Fishing Contest returned to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Saturday, Feb. 15. drawing over 125 participants from around the region to compete for the coveted prize categories. Awards for the biggest fish go out to youth and adult categories for bass, trout and catfish. Warming trends in spring weather leading up to this year's tournament caused fears of a cancellation, never-the-less ice conditions remained stable and safety was not an issue as the fisherman set out to catch their limit on Saturday.**

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Jack Frost Jr. and grandson Phillip Velasquez spend the day together fishing, the dynamic duo are regulars when it comes to fishing at the lake.

## WATER RESOURCES

# PRIP: Dr. Morrison Canal rehabilitation project

By Pete Nylander  
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The Dr. Morrison Canal is the largest canal within the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP), which serve 3,100 irrigable acres. 2,250 of these acres are tribal lands and 850 acres are non-tribal. The Canal has failed approximately one mile downstream of the canal heading, making irrigation water undeliverable, and impacting 34 tribal irrigators and 12 non-tribal irrigators. In addition to direct impacts to irrigators off the Dr. Morrison Canal, there are ancillary impacts to the Dry Creek, Goodnight, Potter Pierce, Dale, and Town Ditches which all receive return flows from the Dr. Morrison Canal. The Goodnight Ditch also provides raw water to the Town of Ignacio for lawn and garden irrigation.

The Southern Ute Water Resources Division (WRD) is working to address the current failure and rehabilitate a historically problematic section of the Canal with a long-term permanent fix. Over the years, there have been many repairs to this reach of the ditch by both the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Southern Ute WRD. The repair includes piping approximately 4,100 feet where it is perched on a steep hillside and has failed multiple times. Two 48" pipes will be installed along the problematic reach of the ditch along with concrete inlet and outlet structures, maintenance manholes, an emergency spillway, and drainage to



courtesy SU Soil and Water Conservation

Dr. Morrison Canal Rehabilitation construction. Removed corroded pipe in center background, removed concrete inlet in left foreground, and Dr. Morrison Canal in left background.



courtesy SU Soil and Water Conservation

Dr Morrison Canal at failure looking downstream.

address seepage issues.

The construction for the project will be completed by WCA Construction, LLC; a Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) approved construction company. WCA Construction is highly qualified, having completed the construction of multiple large water resources infrastructure projects. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3.39 million dollars, with the BIA providing \$1.5 Million dollars through P.L. 93-638 funding and the remaining funding is sourced from the Animas La-Plata Project (ALP) Resource funds.

The construction for the project has begun,

and WCA Construction is prioritizing the failed upstream segment currently preventing water delivery. The pipeline will be constructed as far as possible downstream until the spring irrigation season begins, around April 15, when the construction will be halted to prevent interruptions to irrigation. Construction to finish the rest of the project will recommence at the end of the irrigation season around September 30.

*If any irrigators or the public have any questions, please feel free to contact the Southern Ute Water Resources Division at: 970-563-9482.*



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

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

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

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

Instructors: Southern Ute Agency/Southern Ute Tribe Fire Crew

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

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

## LAKE CAPOTE 2020 SEASON

Thursday, March 6

The lake will be open Thursday – Sunday.

Beginning Monday, April 6

The lake will be open 24/7 through October.

To reserve a campsite, visit our website: [www.lakecapote.com/campground](http://www.lakecapote.com/campground).



## A Southern Ute Utilities Reminder

### Proper Trash Etiquette for Transit Waste Customers



#### WRONG !



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

#### CORRECT !



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

Southern Ute Utilities Division 16360 Highway 172 Ignacio, CO 81137





BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Tucson’s seven treys boost ‘Cats in Blanca

*IHS avenges loss to Mancos at SG, 66-46*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Frequently cornered, whether by design or by defenders, Gabe Tucson had no problem shooting his way out of a tight spot Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, in Blanca, Colo.

His first three-pointer increased a growing Ignacio advantage to 8-2 early in the first, his second swelled it to 15-6 late, and his third – an immediate response to an enemy timeout, attempting to prevent Class 2A’s No. 6-ranked crew from rebuilding a double-digit lead – unfortunately proved to 1A Sierra Grande that his left hand was the hottest inside the Panthers’ fieldhouse.

Knowing full well the possible ramifications of a difficult 69-57 loss at No. 7 Mancos just three days before in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League’s most-anticipated rematch this winter, and thus knowing the importance of simply concluding regular-season work on the up, Tucson swished a spectacular seven treys all told and totaled 23 points as the Bobcats won 66-46.

“It felt good to be back in the zone, trying to help the team out,” said Tucson, relieved to again be a factor offensively after being blanked by both the Blue Jays and 1A No. 10 Ouray Trojans (whom IHS clipped 75-67 Sat., Feb. 15).

“Last-minute, I put him in there and he’s still able to play like that,” head coach Chris Valdez said, alluding to a decision to start the sophomore in place of junior Triston Thompson, who did not travel. “He’s a good player, could start for just about any team. So I’m



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Ocean Hunter (32) brings the ball into the paint during non-league action Friday, Feb. 21, at Blanca-based Sierra Grande.

never afraid of not having one of our guards; somebody else will step up. I thought he did a great job.” Tucson’s fourth triple went in the scorebook just before halftime as IHS’ 17-7 first-quarter lead ballooned to 34-17. Sparked by junior guard Caleb Scharsch’s seven third-quarter points, Matt Lucero’s Panthers managed to stay somewhat afloat by securing the stanza 14-13, though Tucson’s lone two-pointer sent the game into its final frame with Ignacio well ahead, 47-31.

Regardless, the Southern Peaks Leaguers continued to battle, aggressively driving into the lane in hopes of either drawing contact or converting circus-style shots in traffic. Raising Valdez’s ire, SGHS clawed back to 54-42 via an Isiah Chairez breakaway layup with 2:45 remaining, and ultimately as near as 56-45 before Tucson coldly canned a three and junior post Bryce Finn promptly followed with a

fine 14-foot deuce. “We get ahead by half-time, then all of a sudden we start looking in the rear-view mirror ... and they’re coming back on us,” said Valdez. “We’ve got to stop doing that because if we don’t, we’re not going anywhere. You know? We’ll be done. Hopefully we’ll get by districts, but we’ll be done at regionals if we don’t step up and start playing the game right.”

“We want to just accept the fact that we lost to Mancos, get better from that game and just move on. Then face [Mancos] again,” Tucson said. “Keep pushing the ball ... and don’t rest.”

Booking eight points down the stretch, Finn finished with 12 points against Sierra Grande, after having exploded for twice that many (20 of those 24 came after intermission) inside MHS Gymnasium in view of a capacity crowd.

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BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady ‘Cats again trump top-level talent

*Valdez’s swipe-n-score stuns Pagosa, 36-35*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Finding ways to fell foes short or tall, great and small, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats will enter the post-season performing like a ranked team they would have deservedly re-became at the expense of a ranked team most others envy.

Scoring the last two of her eight points Friday evening, Feb. 21, junior guard Charlize Valdez managed to steal the ball from a visiting Pagosa Springs player (reportedly senior Teagan Stretton) scamper the length of IHS Gymnasium’s court unchecked, and convert the takeaway into an electrifying go-ahead basket late in the fourth quarter.

“What was most amazing about that,” said IHS head coach Justa Whitt, “Charlize dribbles the ball off her foot, loses it, and nearly falls down but is ... chasing the ball. She was our last guard with a few fouls to spare, so she knew she had to get a [clock-stopping] foul. But as luck would have it she got the steal and the bucket instead!”

“I saw she crossed over to my right, and I tipped the ball away, and she fell,” Valdez explained. “I was all alone and made a layup. It was crazy, and such a good end to the game.”

However, roughly twelve seconds – an eternity for the Lady Pirates, at the time Class 3A’s No. 4 in the week-starting (and, unfortunately for Ignacio, last regular-season) CHSAANow. com polls, and coming in off an Intermountain League title-clinching, Senior Night home win less than 24 hours earlier over Bayfield – still



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avaleena Nanaeto (35) reels in a rebound over Mancos’ Kasey Wallace during SJBL action Tuesday, Feb. 18, at MHS.

remained inside the deafening venue.

A non-factor offensively against the Lady Wolverines, senior Hailey Griego managed to pile up a game-best 19 points, but the vaunted visitors were unable to generate even a potentially tying free throw try before the buzzer and lost 36-35 to the 2A/1A San Juan Basin’s best.

“This was so huge for us,” Whitt said. “This was the game where it all came together. Our defense was phenomenal, we played as a team and together, and I think this game will really help carry momentum into next week.”

Despite scoring their second-fewest points in a game

– behind only their 35 at 3A Cedaredge back on Dec. 13 – yet this season, the Lady ‘Cats managed to clinch a second win over top-10 resistance in as many recent tries (the first a 61-56 upset of non-league 2A Del Norte on Feb. 11), and book their 11th consecutive victory overall after racing out to a reported 14-5 first-quarter lead against the surprised invaders.

Wes Lewis’ ladies capably kept Ignacio (14-5 overall) from running away during the second, however, and went back into the locker room at halftime trailing 23-16.

A strong third-quarter

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Grizzlies player #14 gets ready to pass the ball into his teammate who is heavily guarded by Thunder players.



Ryan Naranjo goes up strong for the jump fade during a tough offensive game for the Grizzly’s.



Hornets players: Orion Watts and Osias Goodtracks guard Rockets player Keyon Alston as he goes up for a shot in a close game.

Youth ballers rock the court

Youth basketball players took to the court at SunUte Community Center to show their skills and play ball with their team, Saturday, Feb. 15, after weeks of practice. The youth players enjoyed the ongoing excitement and thrill of parents and spectators cheering them on from the sidelines.

Photos by Trennie Collins  
The Southern Ute Drum



Lakers players heavily defend the Bulls players trying to get down the court.





Crowning glory



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

At halftime of the Ignacio High School boys' Feb. 15 varsity basketball game versus Ouray, the school's SnowComing 2020 Winter Royalty was announced and presented to all inside IHS Gymnasium. Senior Bird Red (23) was named King and, flanked at left by her uncle Tim Ryder, senior Helaina Taylor a beaming Queen.



Named Senior Class Royalty, 1st Attendants, seniors Keegan Schurman (2) and Larissa Gallegos enjoy the announcer's punch line while being presented during IHS' SnowComing 2020 Winter Royalty ceremonies held at halftime of the Bobcat boys' Feb. 15 varsity game versus Ouray.



Watched at right by escort/freshman Eppie Quintana, senior Makayla Howell bursts into laughter as senior Ian Weinreich realizes his error in sash placement during IHS' SnowComing 2020 Winter Royalty presentation. Weinreich and Howell were named Senior Class Royalty, 2nd Attendants.

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“We turned the ball over way too much ... something we can’t do in close games,” he said, reflecting on the loss. “Gave up 12 points on offensive rebounds off free throws, about 20 points in transition – stuff we know we should do better, and that we just didn’t do.”

“They’re always a tough team to play because of their size,” Finn continued, alluding to 6’5” senior Caden Showalter (12 points) and 6’4” sophomore brother Connor (25 points), “and they’ve even got that other kid ... who can shoot the ball real good [sophomore Evan Sehnert, who made four threes and totaled 14 points] – another element we just weren’t prepared for.”

“I’m sure we’re both looking forward to districts, and the championship game ... if all goes well.”

Kept scoreless at Mancos before fouling out with 5:46 left, junior guard Brady McCaw bounced back well against SGHS (7-12 overall) with 14 points, while senior guard Keegan Schurman netted six points against each side. Senior post Ocean Hunter totaled seven points in the contests, while junior post Dylan Labarthe totaled nine coming off the bench.

Denied a converted fourth-quarter free throw by his team’s official score-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Triston Thompson (11) tries driving around Mancos' Connor Showalter (24) and into the lane during SJBL action Tuesday, Feb. 18, at MHS.

keeper, Panther senior Isreal Martinez in fact scored a team-high 15 points against IHS, with Scharsch (14) and Chairez (11) joining him in double figures.

Standing 15-3 overall, 9-1 against all SJBL opposition (7-1 against the loop's 2A members), the 'Cats will begin the post-season Friday, Feb. 28, at neutral Montezuma-Cortez H.S. as the 2A-District 3 Tournament's No. 2 seed, as No. 1 MHS (16-3, 10-1, 7-1) concluded regular-season action on the 21st winning 59-46 at Telluride.

“Tough place to play with the altitude, and they’ve got a really scrappy team,” Mancos skipper Elijah Knepper said, of playing in the Miners’ house. “It’d be really nice to kind of rest up for a week be-

fore we have to play again, but I’m looking forward to postseason play; it’s a lot of fun down the stretch.”

Ignacio will first square off with 3-seed THS (7-12, 5-6, 3-5) in the 8:30 p.m. game on the tourney’s first night, with MHS having met either 4-seed Ridgway (3-5 2A SJBL) or 5-seed Dolores (0-8) – pit against each other in a 2/25 ‘pigtail’ play-in game at RHS – earlier in the evening. The winners will then battle for the championship on Day 2 at 2:30 p.m., with the losers contesting third place at 11:30 a.m.

“We need to improve on our defense, our transition defense,” said Valdez. “Transition defense is really our big thing, and we’ve got to attack the basket – be physical to the basket – then finish.”

BOBCATS WRESTLING

Ignacio grapplers share 35th at State

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With only three qualifiers in the mix, Ignacio’s success at the 2020 CHSAA Class 2A State Wrestling Championships would have to be gauged individually, rather than as a team against perennial powers like Wray and Rocky Ford.

That suited heavyweight Randy Herrera just fine.

Starting off the three-day spectacle about as well as could be hoped for inside the intimidating Pepsi Center, the senior pinned Yuma sophomore Lars Sims in an elapsed 4 minutes, 52 seconds. Unfortunately, eventual State Champion Remi Lucero of La Jara-based Centauri awaited in the quarterfinals, and the Falcon senior would notch a pin.

Not as easily as in a first-round stick of County Line [Wiley/McClave] sophomore Chase Stolzenberger, however; Stolzenberger lasted just 51 seconds, while Herrera survived 1:03 into the third and final two-minute period. It would be the longest any foe would endure; title-bout opponent Peyton Froman, a junior at RFHS, lasted just 2:41 before succumbing via pin.

Meanwhile, Herrera would next face Cedaredge junior Derek Sanchez, once the division’s top seed but victim of a first-round upset. Shocked by the setback, the Bruin rapidly recovered and pinned Peyton senior

Samuel Leary in just 40 seconds – meaning Herrera would no doubt encounter on Day 2 a man on a mission in consolation-bracket, second-round action.

Able to push CHS’ big from start to finish, Herrera’s season would end – but not before a full six regulation minutes had elapsed with only four points scored against him. Denying Herrera as much as a single tally, Sanchez’s strange tourney run was then abruptly halted in the consolation quarters as Burlington junior Isaac Mantey pinned him in 3:51.

IHS sophomore 152-pounder Tyler Barnes had the hard luck of drawing 1-seed Tyler Collins of WHS right off the bat on Day 1, and lost by pin 22 ticks into the second period (just a junior, Collins would go on to win the state championship 6-0 over Paonia senior Zeb Etter, and end the year standing 34-1). Barnes’ State appearance was quickly cut short – Centauri freshman Erik Mestas pulled out an 8-3 win in the first round of consolation-stage work – but, like Herrera (16-11), Barnes (18-17) nonetheless finished the season owning a winning record.

As did freshman Keaton McCoy. After beginning the Championships losing by 16-0 technical fall to Ault Highland senior Dante Chiricingo, the 126-pounder earned an injury-default win over Walsenburg John Mall junior Zander Ross in first-round

consolation-bracket action.

McCoy’s solid rookie season, however, then came to an end when Sedgwick County/Fleming sophomore Hayden Burr notched a pin 12 seconds into the second period. Burr would press on and place fifth and wrap up his winter an impressive 41-8; McCoy finished a most promising 24-16.

All told, Ignacio totaled seven team points and would tie Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence for 35th in the classification’s final standings. Helped by Collins’ aforementioned title push, Wray piled up a winning 162.5 and left second-place Rocky Ford (123.5) well behind. Cedaredge (98), Highland (95.5) and Centauri (91) rounded out the top five.

Amongst San Juan Basin League squads qualifying at least one individual, Norwood topped all with a 29th-place 16.5 points, helped by sophomore Jarret Sinks’ fourth-place finish at 106 pounds. Sophomore 160-pounder Chase Moore’s survival into Day 3 (he was eliminated one win short of placing) helped Mancos total five points and finish 37th, but senior 220-pounder Bryan Escarcega’s injury-default loss in the first round of consolation prevented Dolores from scoring at least a point, while freshman Jayden Sanders went 0-2 at 132 as Dove Creek’s lone representative.

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surge regained PSHS (15-4, 9-1 IML) a slim 29-26 advantage entering the final frame, forcing IHS’ players and coaches to perform with purpose and limit chances for – in particular – Griego, senior center Elsa Lindner and junior sniper Adelyn Dozier (four three-pointers, 16 points versus BHS).

“We were focusing on the back-door defense because they have two girls that are six feet [tall], and they’re tough matchups,” explained Whitt. “Our rotations were quick, and while we got into some foul trouble, we got through it. It felt like Pagosa was in the game because of free throws, but our defense was the difference tonight.”

In all, the Lady Pirates’ scoring was distributed between only five individuals and the Lady Bobcats’ between seven. Makayla Howell paced the winners with 11 hard-earned points, while Larissa Gallegos sank two three-pointers and registered eight points in aiding her fellow senior against superior height in the paint. Sophomore Avaleena Nanaeto managed four points.

Senior Taylor Lewis is supported Griego well for PSHS with her ten, but Dozier, backup guard Kori Lucero and reserve post Molly Graham were each held to two and Lindner zero. Limited to only two treys and seven total field goals, Pagosa Springs shot a saving 19-of-24 (Griego 11-14, Lewis 4-6) from the charity stripe while Ignacio struggled at 4-of-11.

In a 44-18 romp at 2A Mancos three days before – Ignacio’s 11th triumph in 11 total SJBL tests – Gallegos had pumped in a game-high



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ignacio's Charlize Valdez (12) dribbles back to the basket to make a layup after stealing the ball from the Pagosa Pirates offense. Valdez's layup won the game (35-36) and the crowd went wild inside the IHS gymnasium on Friday, Feb. 21.

16 points, and both Valdez and junior Jayden Brunson joined her in double figures with ten apiece. Slowed by four personal fouls, Howell was actually kept scoreless by the Lady Jays (paced by sophomore Rhiley Montoya’s five points).

Up next, the Lady 'Cats will begin postseason play at the neutral-site 2A-District 3 Tournament (Feb. 11-14, Lewis 4-6) from the charity stripe while Ignacio struggled at 4-of-11.

evening, Feb. 24; 4-seed Ridgway (3-5) and 5-seed MHS (3-5) were to play a 2/25 ‘pigtail’ game, with the surviving side’s reward a third clash against IHS.

Earning the No. 2 seed, Telluride (3-5 2A SJBL) will meet 3-seed Dolores (3-5) on the 28th in the tourney’s 7 p.m. game, with both victorious Day 1 crews advancing to the next afternoon’s 1 p.m. championship. The losing sides will contest third place on Day 2 at 10 a.m.

See the 2020 Colorado 2-A District Tournament schedule and KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM coverage on page 17.

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STARWHEELS

March Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♊ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Ponderous SATURN transits into the air sign of AQUARIUS on the 21st. This event is a BIG DEAL. It will signify a major change in the way Astrologers interpret its influence. It may have you silently turning your thoughts to future plans. It’s alright to discard the old ideas, and pursue more innovative ventures. Be mindful of SATURN’S rules. Primarily they are to respect your elders. Do what you can to help them with their daily needs. They may enjoy being with friends and relatives. Kindness is rewarding.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Lighten up ARIES. The dark cloud that might have been hovering over you lately may soon disappear. On the 5th, and 6th, the MOON rolls through the sunny sign of LEO. It’s a mood changer, and you can rely on some of your favorite activities to pep you up. The NEW MOON slips into your sign on the 24th, and 25th. It’s a time of renewal and self-satisfaction. Cancel out cranky thoughts and actions. This is not the month to dwell on what’s already been done. The SUN returns to your sign on the 19th. Smile.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

It’s been said that MARCH comes in like a Lion, but not for you TAURUS. Your beautiful planetary ruler VENUS, comes to visit on the 4th. It will stay through the end of the month. This planet has a magnetic power of attraction and will draw in attention, and kindness. Financial practicality will rule. You can give yourself permission to go out and enjoy a delicious dinner. Then sit back for the rest of the month and watch MARCH go out like a sweet little lamb. Calm, relaxed, and very comfy.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Considering how long your thoughts have been in a state of confusion, this might be the perfect month to clear away hesitation. Your zippy little planetary ruler MERCURY enters the lively sign of AQUARIUS on the 4th. Don’t start cheering yet GEMINI it’s actually retrograding. Forward movement will begin on the 9th. As you probably already know, its springtime. Dream up some new plans and set them into motion. There are adjustments to make regarding domestic matters. Keep your intentions private!

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Howdy MOON KIDS. Welcome to MARCH the month of changes, and interesting events. To begin with your sign ruler the MOON bursts forth in all her Super Moon glory on the 9th. Hold on, let’s go back to the day before. On the 8th our extra hour of daylight returns. You may want to fire up the grill and put your culinary talents to work. Your sign is known in the astrological community as one who nurtures others. It’s a planetary gift. Each of us are born with special gifts of some type.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

The month of MARCH has some worthwhile rewards Lions. Do something enjoyable on the 6th, and 7th when the MOON passes through your sign. On the 8th Daylight Savings Time begins. Next up is St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th. The BIGGEST, and maybe the happiest event occurs on the 19th when the SUN enters the sign of ARIES and launches the VERNAL EQUINOX. More commonly known as the first day of SPRING! It’s a day meant for singing, dancing, and drumming. Little LEO’S will like it as well.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

The emphasis this month will be connected to your personal aspirations. The FULL MOON in your sign on the 9th will support that same initiative. The main purpose is to add pleasant, happy hours spent with loved ones planning summer outings. Lively banter is bound to erupt into laughter while discussing these plans with family or friends. There’s just no substitute for a good laugh. We all need some of that on a daily basis. Treat yourself to a time out during a work day. Breathe fresh air, and inhale sunshine.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Most LIBRA folks have an artistic eye. The areas of your talent might include paintings, beading, quilting, making moccasins, or preserving the art of making a cradle board. Your abilities are numerous. The more imagination you put into your art, the better. The 1st through the 18th is favorable for items made indoors. Daylight Savings Time arrives on the 8th. Just think of all the outdoor projects you can generate with longer days. Natural beauty surrounds the whole area. You are an air sign, look skyward.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

There’s plenty of planetary action to keep you busy this month. The CAPRICORN powerhouse grouping of MARS, JUPITER, PLUTO, and SATURN prevails. This dynamic group is methodical, organized, and highly dutiful. Relationships with neighbors, siblings, and relatives are important. Conversations with them can be rewarding. You have a knack for expressing your opinions with compassion and caring. Spousal relations may have opposing views. Clear and honest discussions might be helpful.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Money matters may receive a helping hand from a favorable planetary grouping on the 8th. MERCURY gets active again on the 9th when it turns direct. By the 16th it slips into the sign of PISCES. It might stir family conversations that have yet to be resolved. Do your best SAGGIES. Diplomatic honesty can be productive. It’s better than bonking them over the head with blunt, hurtful statements. Choose your words carefully, and with kindness. There’s an old sweet saying, “you can catch more Bees with honey.”

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

You have plenty of planetary company in your sign. MARS, JUPITER, PLUTO, and SATURN have gathered there. They are making it a point to remind you to take care of yourself. They also want you to have fun. VENUS connects with URANUS on the 8th they offer excitement. A SUN/NEPTUNE combo on the same day amplifies your motivation. MARCH is usually filled with action. Get ready to change your routines. It’s similar to spring cleaning. Just grab a broom and sweep the old ones outside.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Take note AQUARIUS, on MARCH 4th MERCURY breezes into your sign. It may quickly influence your travel thoughts, and plans. This busy little planet connects with VENUS on the same day. Upon waking your first instinct might be to go do something totally self-satisfying. SATURN enters your sign on the 21st and might put delays on your objectives. Furthermore MARS bursts into the picture on the 31st and links with SATURN this is when you will need to have mucho patience, determination rules.

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Correction

In the Feb. 14, 2020 issue of the Drum, Autumn Smith was misidentified as Larissa Gallegos.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

BREAKING CYCLES

Hello, my name is Frank Richards. I’m a Southern Ute tribal member. I’m 40 years old and a father to two boys and one girl.

I have suffered from mental illness since my late teens. I would turn to alcohol, drugs, and prescription pills to escape reality, to “fit in” with my peers and sometimes just to be cool. I would shut my problems out with them. If I hadn’t pushed my problems to the back of my mind, I would have been a better person and made better decisions.

Looking back to my late teens and early 20’s I’ve come to realize that I didn’t have mental support from “friends” and even some family members. If I did, the problems I faced back then would have been easier for me to say no to drugs, pills, or alcohol. It’s very important as young men to get help as

soon as middle school. That’s where the peer pressure starts, puberty and bullying.

It is possible to break cycles and to change. I’ve been clean for 13 years and no longer run to alcohol. We should be strong enough to take care of ourselves and our mental health. As men, society and social media play a big part in our lives. It’s showing us men to hide our feelings and emotions. It’s OK to go seek help, to show emotions and to simply be human.

With the support from my wife and kids, my parents and a few close friends, this journey hasn’t been easy but I’m here to tell you that change is possible. All you need is support, faith and love.

Sincerely,  
Frank Richards

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We truly appreciate what a wonderful community we have during this difficult time. Jaryn will be dearly missed.

Lisa R. Burch, Shayleen M. Watts, David E. Watts and immediate families (Burch and Watts).

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Dated this 14th day of February, 2020.  
BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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BY THE COURT, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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In the Estate Of,  
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Dated this 7th of February, 2020  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

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Southern Ute Tribal Members are you interested in a homesite or agriculture assignment?

## 45-Day Notices of Availability

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

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

Under Section 29-2-105 of the Land Assignment Code, public notice is being given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from Southern Ute tribal members eligible for a tribal-land homesite assignment. There are 3 available lots in Cedar Point Sub. **Eligibility Requirements:** Tribal members who 1) are pre approved for a loan through Tribal Credit or other financial institutions; 2) are eligible under the Land Assignment Code; and 3) submit an application with a homesite development plan and loan pre-approval letter. Tribal Council will assign these homesites on a "first pre-approved process". The applicant who first meets the three eligibility requirements will get the first choice on the available homesites. **Selection Process:** Tribal Council will assign these lots to applicants on a "first pre-approved" process. Applicants who meet the above eligibility requirements get the first choice on the available lots. The sooner you complete and submit all the necessary paperwork to be pre-approved for a home mortgage, the better opportunity you have to get the parcel of your choice. Contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Housing Department to initiate the process at 970-563-4710. Submit all comments or objections in person or by mail to the Lands Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. All comments or objections must include your name and a date. If you have any questions call the Lands Division at 970-563-0126. For financing assistance, contact the Southern Ute Tribal Credit Division at 970-563-2458 or any independent financial institution. The Housing or Lands Division staff are available by appointment to show applicants the available lots.



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**Posting Period**  
**Start: Jan. 24, End March 9, 2020**

Under Section 29-2-105 of the Land Assignment Code, public notice is being given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from Southern Ute tribal members eligible for a tribal-land homesite assignment. The land is described as a tract of land located n near the La Plata County Airport in Sec 20, T. 33 N., R. 8 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, La Plata County Colorado, containing 2.27 acres, more or less. **Eligibility Requirements:** Tribal Members who 1) are eligible under the Land Assignment Code and 2) submit an application with a homesite development plan. **Selection Process:** The selectee for this tract of tribal land will be determined by a "Drawing". Cards will be provided at the department, which will

include the name, address, and contact number of the Tribal member. Applications shall be reviewed by the Lands Division to ensure that the Tribal members requesting an assignment meet the eligibility requirements. After the 45-Day Posting period has expired, a date for the drawing will be requested and scheduled, before Tribal Council, as soon as possible. A "primary name" and a secondary name will be drawn. The secondary name will be drawn in the event the "primary" Tribal member declines the land at any time after the drawing. The "primary's" documents formalizing the assignment will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment. Tribal members submitting comments or an objection over this land being made available for assignment may do so by mail to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. All comments or objections must include your name and a date. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the land. For further information related to the posting or the land, please call the Lands Division at 563-0126. The Tribal Housing Department is available for assistance in drafting a homesite development plan at 970-563-2720.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Salon retail Space at Sky Ute Casino Resort

Sky Ute Casino Resort  
P.O. Box 340  
14324 Hwy 172 North  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
ATTN: Jessica Dunbar  
970-563-1351

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Salon Retail Space at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Sky Ute Casino Resort, located at 14324 Hwy. 172 North in Ignacio, CO 81137 until March 15, 2020. Proposals received after that time will

not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Jessica Dunbar for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-1351 or [jessica.dunbar@Skyute-casino.com](mailto:jessica.dunbar@Skyute-casino.com). Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Powwow Committee

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

### Bear Dance weekend: May 22-23

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

### Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20

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

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## Hay for Sale to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division has a limited amount of hay for sale to Tribal members. The hay is 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. There are 78 3x4x8 large square bales that weigh approximately 1100 pounds each. The price is \$80/bale. This hay is available to Tribal members only and on first come first served basis. Contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900 for more information.

## House for Sale • Asking \$174,000

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

## 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](http://www.bgcus.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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

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

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

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

**Custodian**  
Closing 3/2/20 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

**Gaming Administrative Assistant**  
Closing 3/2/20 – Provides Administrative Support to the Director of the Division of Gaming in maintaining the budget and procurement, as well as providing secretarial and clerical support to the entire Division and the Gaming Commission. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

**Education Assistant**  
Closing 3/9/20 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction, providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

**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.

**Victim Advocate**  
Closing 2/28/20 – Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

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

**Community Health Representative**  
Open Until Filled – 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.

**Court Information Analyst**  
Open Until Filled – 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.

**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).

**Grants Financial Analyst**  
Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

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

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

**Physical Therapist (PT w/ benefits)**  
Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

**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. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. 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.

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

**Speech/Language Therapist (PT w/benefits)**  
Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. An employee in this position 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](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) for full job details and to apply online.

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

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

**Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/6/20 – 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. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance or similar discipline plus seven years relevant full-time work experience in the oil and gas industry including progressively responsible and varied assignments and five years in accounting. Must have experience with basic accounting tasks including processing of accounts payable and accounts receivable, management of AFEs, reconciliation of general ledger accounts, bank reconciliation and cash management, development of financial statements, and management and regulatory reporting. Must have basic understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes, including, but not limited to: joint interest owner accounting, royalty payments, depreciation and depletion methods, asset impairments and asset retirement obligations. Must have five years supervisory experience in a business office environment including experience in hiring and training personnel. Must have demonstrated strong attention to detail and accuracy in the workplace. Must have demonstrated ability to reconcile issues and solve problems in accounting or finance data records and computations. Must have proven ability to work with others in a team oriented environment to develop processes and solve problems. Must have solid computer experience including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid drivers' license and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

**Financial Reporting Manager - Growth Fund Accounting/Finance (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/6/20 – 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. This position is responsible for 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. Must have supervisory experience. 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.

**Reservoir Engineer I – Red Willow Offshore (Houston, TX)**  
Closing 3/9/20 – Entry level position that requires a general understanding of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation principles. Works under close supervision as a member of a multi-discipline team to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Involved in project evaluations and supporting internal processes associated with reserves evaluation, budgeting, approvals, and post-appraisals.

**President and COO – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)**  
Closing 3/13/20 – Provides leadership on day-to-day activities of Red Cedar, including administrative and supervisory oversight to employees and project activities. Responsible for achieving established P&L and complying with environmental, safety, and commercial requirements. Directs company activities to achieve approved goals and objectives; provides recommendations and reports to the Red Cedar Management Committee; authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval; serves as company spokesperson in external relations; works with other business enterprises to identify and capture business opportunities. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Geology, Business, or other industry related field and 15 years progressively responsible and diverse experience in the oil and gas industry; OR Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Geology, Business or other industry related field and a Master's in Engineering, Geology, or Business Administration and 10 years progressively responsible and diverse experience in the oil and gas industry is required. Must have seven years supervisory experience within the oil and gas industry with increasing responsibility. Must have computer experience with working knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing, specifically Excel and MS Word. Must also be fully competent in MS PowerPoint for presentation material. Must have detailed knowledge and understanding of natural gas treating, gathering, compression, and processing including natural gas liquid (NGL) extraction. Must have high level experience in business development work with good negotiation skills. Must have detailed knowledge and experience with budget preparation and compliance. Must have detailed knowledge and experience in commercial contracts related to midstream oil and gas business activities. Must have understanding of basic accounting methods, project economics, and financial statements including the ability to develop economic models to evaluate a project, or evaluate existing models, and determine project risks and rewards. Must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Tribal Officials, Tribal staff and managers, Kinder Morgan and Growth Fund management and staff, coworkers, BIA, outside agencies, partners, and the public. Must have the ability to reconcile differing viewpoint and build consensus solutions. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under Red Cedar's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history check and pre-employment drug test.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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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)**  
Performs all representative functions of a Players Club Representative, 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.

**\*Slot Operations Floor Person**  
Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Job knowledge and the ability to "self-start" are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the online Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests. Must be at least 21 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, minimum of 1 year of customer service experience required.

**\*Night Auditor**  
Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers, promotes the Casino hotel to the guest throughout all stages of the guest's stay. Answering phone calls, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services. Register, modify and cancel guest reservations. Determines a guest's reservation status and identifies how long the guest will stay and reconciles daily charges to be added to the guest folio. Assists guests by completing registration cards, assigning rooms and accommodating special requests whenever possible. Must be at least 21 years old and have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have six (6) months previous experience in motel or hotel operation required as front desk or night auditor. Strong computer skills required; knowledge of hotel program software preferred.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

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**.





# Do the Cupid shuffle




Participants in the “Cupid Shuffle” contest show off their best moves to compete for first place on Friday, February 14 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The dance also featured a cake walk and a round dance contest which featured a variety of music.

Maria Rivera poses with her grandmother Mary Inez Cloud, her daughter Jaelyn Alston, and son Charles Alston after having a dinner hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility before lights went out for the dance on Friday, February 14.



Dance attendee Daisy Bluestar picks out some baked goods from Patty Mickey who was selling sweets separate from the concession.

Photos by Fabian Martinez  
The Southern Ute Drum






**"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

Boys and Girls Club of SUIT 970-563-4753

Southern Ute Police Department 970-563-4401

Sexual Assault Services Organization 970-247-5400

SUIT Division of Social Services 970-563-2339

Axis Health-Durango 970-247-5245

Daughters of the Red Road daughtersoftheredroad@yahoo.com  
Southwest Rainbow Youth swrainbowyouth@gmail.com  
Voices of our Sisters voicesofoursister@gmail.com

## The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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- Across**

  - 1 --- y Pacheco, Ute land mapper
  - 6 Pascua --- Tribe, Arizona
  - 11 A bit of 12 Across, for example
  - 12 Plains crop
  - 13 Pharmaceutical blue chip stock
  - 14 Cryptographers make and break them
  - 15 Port of Spain
  - 17 Sultanate on Borneo
  - 19 --- Heroes (God Boys)
  - 23 --- River, where Mouache Utes were attacked by Kiowas and Arapahos
  - 24 Atlanta/Miami direction
  - 26 Beach hazard
  - 27 Altar area
  - 29 With no assurance of profit
  - 31 Tomorrow in Tijuana
  - 33 Astronauts experience it
  - 36 Baker’s product
  - 39 Boiling mad
  - 40 Finds pleasing
  - 41 The Eve of St. --- (Keats poem)
  - 42 “The Waste Land” poet T S ---
- Down**

  - 1 Studio known for Leo the Lion
  - 2 Anger
  - 3 Daubers mess around for iPods
  - 4 Castor-oil plant poison
  - 5 Spat spots
  - 6 Blue Triangle women’s group
  - 7 --- and a holler
  - 8 The end of a proof
  - 9 Abu Dhabi is its capital
  - 10 “ ... for what --- worth”
  - 16 Source of food and much else, nearly exterminated in the 19th century
  - 17 Auto grille covering
  - 18 Agent, briefly
  - 20 National Monument which means “tall house” to the Hopi
  - 21 --- changed my mind
  - 22 “Will and Grace” network
  - 25 Make possible
  - 28 Act theatrically
  - 30 Shelled slowpoke
  - 32 Matures
  - 33 New Mexico Keres Pueblo people
  - 34 Unit of energy
  - 35 Hurried
  - 37 “Forbes” profilee
  - 38 “The buck stops here” monogram

Answers for this crossword will appear in March13 issue of the Drum.

**Answers for Feb. 14, 2020 crossword puzzle:**  
**Across:** 1 Ark, 4 CGS, 7 Cos, 10 DUI, 11 Tea, 12 Arc, 13 USO, 14 St Lucia, 16 Lewd, 18 Wanted, 19 Tsar, 20 E-mails, 21 Adler, 23 Shekel, 26 Mesa, 30 Libels, 31 Step, 32 In a spot, 34 HRT, 35 Mgr, 36 Hoe, 37 Ave, 38 Seb, 39 Inc, 40 Nor.  
**Down:** 1 Adult, 2 Ruses, 3 Kiowa, 4 Cts, 5 Get well soon, 6 Salome, 7 Cacti, 8 Oriel, 9 Scads, 15 Unarms, 17 Drakes, 22 Delphi, 23 Slims, 24 Hinge, 25 Ebarb, 27 Ethan, 28 Servo, 29 Apter, 33 TEC.

## HELP WANTED Easter Egg Hunt

### Ignacio Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Community Easter Egg Hunt has gotten bigger and better each year. More kids and families involved mean more eggs and prizes given out.

Could you help us by supplying bagged, individually wrapped candy, Easter egg baskets, sports balls, hula hoops and other fun items to be placed into eggs or given out as prizes or prize baskets

**We need prizes for these groups of kids**  
**Ages: 0-4 5-8 9-14**

You can drop your contributions off at the Southern Ute Police Department front desk.

Thank You Very Much for Helping our Kids and our Community.

We need them by **Friday, April 3rd.**

For info contact Don Folsom , Nick Sanchez 563-2889  
Community Resources SUPD

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Feb. 28



50°F sunny  
Calm afternoon winds

Saturday, Feb. 29



54°F mostly sunny  
Variable afternoon winds

Sunday, March 1



51°F partly sunny  
30% Chance of snow/rain

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

