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EDUCATION

Ute youth to have seats on the Colorado Youth Advisory Council



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Colorado Governor, Jared Polis signs House Bill 20-1021; Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) Membership with the addition of representatives from Native American tribes with reservations in Colorado at the State Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

By Trennie Collins

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In early January 2020, House Bill 20-1021 was introduced to the General Assembly of Colorado

adding two voting positions on the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) for representatives from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

The House Bill was signed into Colorado Law on Wednesday, Feb. 26, by Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and was the first bill signed in 2020. The bill will put the state of Colorado on the path of inclusivity to help strengthen the voice of leadership at every level of state government; which now includes youth

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NAGPRA

What about the Head Start building?

Staff report

SU NAGPRA OFFICE

The NAGPRA Office is responsible for the documentation and preservation of Southern Ute heritage and history, before and after the arrival of European immigrants, for future generations. For the last two-years, the NAGPRA Office has been involved in the discussion regarding the fate of the historic buildings standing on the Tribal Campus. Specifically, the remaining buildings from the Indian Boarding School Era. At the moment, the historic Head Start School Building (HSSB) is at the heart of the discussion.

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SU Drum archive

The Head Start Building circa 1960's. The building was still used as a school after the consolidation of the Ute Vocational School and the Ignacio Public Schools in 1955.

Bobcats State bound




Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Charelize Valdez (12) fights through midcourt pressure presented by Rocky Ford's Abi Snyder (right) and Teagan Mendoza-Werner (rear) during 2A-Region VIII Tournament championship play Saturday, March 7, inside IHS Gymnasium.

Ignacio senior Ocean Hunter (32) drives into the paint past Manco's Connor Showalter (24) during the 2A-Region IV Tournament championship Saturday, March 7, inside MHS Gymnasium.

See more Bobcats coverage on page 16.

CORONAVIRUS

Tribe proactively prepares for spread of coronavirus

By Chairman, Christine Sage

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The health, safety, and welfare of the entire tribal membership is of utmost importance to me as we navigate our way through the growing concerns related to the coronavirus disease 2019 or COVID-19. While there are no presumed nor confirmed cases on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, I have tasked the tribal organization to proactively prepare for the spread of this virus. In the last few days and at my request the tribal staff have thoroughly reviewed potential impacts to the tribal membership including health care services, accessibility to programs and direct services, tribal business, and most importantly the concerning health of our tribal elders and high-risk populations.

In an effort to reduce the exposure of the tribal membership and impacts to the tribal organization, I have restricted all employee business travel effective immediately as well as prevented outside contractors and business to be conducted on the reservation. I have made this decision out of an abundance of caution for the tribe, the tribal membership, and most importantly the tribal elders in hopes to reduce the exposure and contraction of COVID-19. I truly believe our tribal elders should be cared for and looked after; the CDC has

identified elderly and those with weakened immune systems are at a higher risk. Any loss to the tribal membership is devastating, and we risk losing our traditions, language, and culture if we do not make every effort to protect our tribal elders.

With tribal members residing both on and off-reservation, the tribe is preparing to assist the tribal membership during this time. Assistance can very depending on location, household, health conditions, etc., and in order to provide the best customer service to the tribal membership, requests should be specific.

Please continue to look for updates on the Tribal Council social media, in the Southern Ute Drum, and on KSUT Tribal Radio, in your mail, and on the tribal websites.

If you are concerned about your symptoms, please contact your primary health care provider or call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to speak to a health care professional.

CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19: Protocol recommended by the CDC

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

As the number of positive cases around the Nation and the State of Colorado continues to grow, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the State of Colorado, and local public health agencies are working to limit and slow the potential spread of this disease, and all Coloradans can help.

We advise you to stay informed with reliable sources of information and take everyday actions to protect yourself and share accurate information with family, neighbors, friends and co-workers, especially those who may have difficulty receiving or understanding the information. The following information is recommended protocol by the CDC as stated:

Promote a household plan of action:

Talk with the people who need to be included in your plan.

Plan ways to care for those who might be at greater risk for serious complications.

Get to know your neighbors.

Identify aid organiza-

tions in your community.

Create an emergency contact list.

Promote good personal hygiene and health habits for home-based action:

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home if you have the following symptoms: fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use your inner elbow or sleeve.

Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles) using a regular household detergent and water.

If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent and water prior to disinfection. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection of products.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, es-

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CORONAVIRUS

Southern Ute Tribe's travel restrictions in effect

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

As the Nation, the State of Colorado, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe continue to assess the number of positive cases of COVID-19, the Southern Ute Tribal government is restricting all employee business travel for all business and governmental entities effective immediately. Given the availability of modern telecommunications tools to conduct meetings and conferences we are adopting this restriction out of an extreme sense of caution and in the belief we can maintain near normal operations using those tools.

Until further notice, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not accept any contractors or business travelers who normally work or live outside the Four Corners

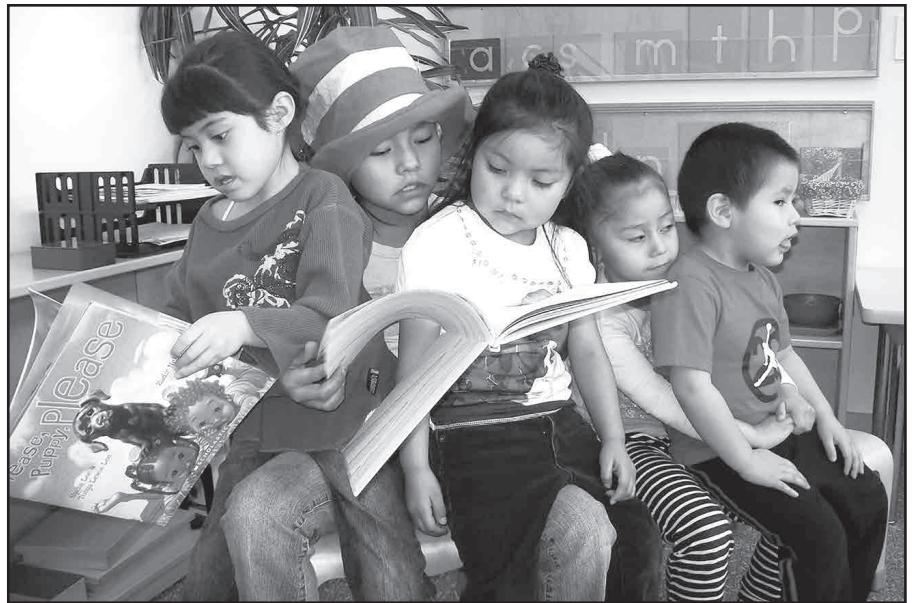
region onto the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to conduct business with the Tribe. If further clarification is needed regarding the travel stipulations or business restrictions, please contact Don Brockus, Risk Manager, for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970-563-2449 or via email at dbrockus@southernute-nsn.gov.

Staff and tribal members traveling off the reservation for personal reasons are strongly encouraged to utilize the recommended best practices for personal hygiene as recommended by the CDC to protect yourselves. Tribal employees returning from personal travel who have any reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 or who have symptoms of respiratory illness must self-report to their immediate supervisor

by telephone at the start of their next shift or sooner, if at all possible.

The current directives, being issued by the Southern Ute Tribe's COVID 19 Incident Command Team are designed to protect the elderly, those who are classified in the high-risk population for susceptibility, the tribal community and to maintain continuity of operations for our tribal government. We all share those responsibilities equally, and ask your cooperation, support and assistance in making these protective measures successful.

If you are a tribal member concerned about your symptoms, please contact your primary care provider or call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to speak with a health care professional.



Trish O'Brien – SUIMA/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Dominique Rael, Shoshone Thompson, Terena Hight, D'Vondra Garcia and Derek Sage read aloud as part of the annual celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, 2010 at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The Upper Elementary students read stories to a captive audience of Primary students.

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



Jenny Gummersall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Elementary School billboard was unveiled near Highway 550. The billboard was created in collaboration with Albuquerque artist, Sam English, the Ignacio Elementary School and Peaceful Spirit Youth Alcohol Prevention Specialist, Sonia Keller. The project was implemented to raise awareness on the impacts of drugs and alcohol in the community and promote being drug free.

This photo first appeared in the March 20, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

James M. Olguin, Director of the Southern Ute Wildlife Department, talks to a group of Colorado State University students on an annual ecology tour of the United States, looking at different management programs.

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

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.

Southern Ute Tribal Health Center, Dental & Optometry announce reduced hours

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak and the Potential for Transmission in the Four Corners Region. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's **Health Center** will be operating on reduced hours **beginning on March 16, 2020**, until further notice.

Only scheduled Urgent Care type appointments will be accepted from 7:30 am – 11:30 am ONLY

Nursing Visits from 12:30 – 4:30 pm ONLY

No Walk-ins Accepted

ALL PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS

****All suspected COVID-19 patients will be evaluated in the back-parking lot as currently required****

For all other patient care visits, please call your provider for alternate arrangements. All Specialty Medicine (psychiatry, rheumatology and nephrology) Visits will occur in the Mouche Capote Building – please check in with the receptionist as required. Pharmacy Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Only Window service will be offered, there will be no pharmacy access in the clinic building. All Behavioral Health Patients remain on the same schedule – No Sick Patients to Behavioral Health, please call your therapist for a phone consultation if you are physically ill.

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak and the Potential for Transmission in the Four Corners Region. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's **Dental and Optometry Center** will be operating on reduced hours **beginning on March 16, 2020**, until further notice.

Only Regularly scheduled patients will be accepted from 7:30 am – 11:30 am ONLY

12:30 – 4:30 pm For Urgent Care Needs

No Walk-ins Accepted

ALL PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS

NO Sick Patients Accepted at Dental, Please Schedule Your Appointment with the Health Center.

100th Annual Southern Ute Fair Dates

**Fair Events
September 18-20, 2020**

**Livestock Entries September 14, 2020
8 AM to 6 PM, Sky Ute Downs**

**All Exhibits Except Baking Entries
September 16, 2020
8 AM to 6 PM, SUCCM**

**Baking Exhibits Entries
September 17, 2020
8 AM to 6 PM, SUCCM**

**For more Information contact:
Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985**



Powwows Cancellations and Postponements

- **Denver March Powwow**, scheduled for March 20-22, 2020, has been postponed.
- **Hozhoni Days Powwow**, schedule for March 27 & 28, 2020, has been cancelled.
- **Gathering of Nations Powwow**, scheduled for April 23-25, 2020, has been postponed.

Inviting Ute Speakers For Lunch



March 31, 2020
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum,
Large Classroom

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Discussions

- **Ute Language**
- **Ute Culture**
- **Ute Educators**

For more information contact:
Culture Director, Shelly Thompson
at (970) 563-2984



Nuche knowledge



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Students in the language class focus intently on learning new phrases, food items and numbers, which were introduced that week by Southern Ute tribal elder, Lynda D'Wolf. The classes will continue into the month of April, where a test will then be given on all the materials covered since January. Classes will resume in June, focusing on sentence structure.

Southern Ute tribal elder Lynda D'Wolf passes out new materials to the Director of the Southern Ute Education Department, LaTitia Taylor and other participants of the Ute Language class, Friday, March 6. The class is held in the Chief Ignacio conference room each week, and classes are offered every Friday to tribal members, employees and community members to help them learn the Ute language.



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 Kree Lopez



SU DRUM: Trennie R. Collins

SU DRUM: Jeremy Wade Shockley

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2020 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

Ignacio, CO
May 22nd & 23rd

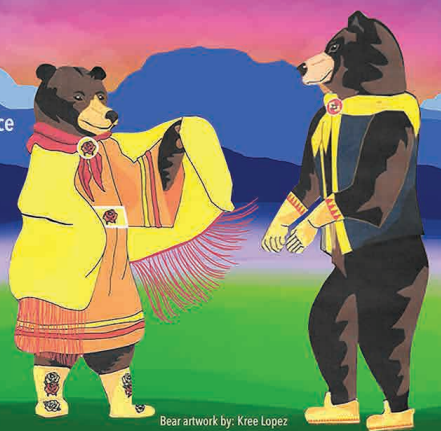
Headstaff

Head Lady: So, Ute Royalty
 Head Man: Picked daily
 Arena Director: Henry Howell
 MC: Chasen Coby
 Host Drum: Buffalo Hill
 Drum Judge: Keno White Sr.

Drum contest up to 5th place

Dance Categories

Men & Women Golden Age (55+)
 Mens (18-54) Northern & Southern
 Traditional, Grass, Fancy
 Womens (18-54) Northern & Southern
 Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
 Teen Boys (12-17) Northern & Southern
 Traditional, Grass, Fancy
 Teen Girls (12-17) Northern & Southern
 Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
 Jr. Boys (6-12) Northern & Southern
 Traditional, Grass, Fancy
 Jr. Girls (6-12) Northern & Southern
 Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
 Tiny Tots 5 & under



Bear artwork by: Kree Lopez

SunUte Rec Center
 Grand Entry 7pm Friday
 1pm & 7pm Saturday
 Registration begins 5pm-until
 end of powwow Friday night

Powwow Committee Members:

Dona Frost 970.553.9291
 Davidson Lopez 970.553.0671
 Mikki Naranjo 970.317.1740
 Jalisa Paul 970.426.9692
 Rochelle Aguilar
 Kayla Armstrong
 Patricia Leroy
 Tyla Frost
 soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

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

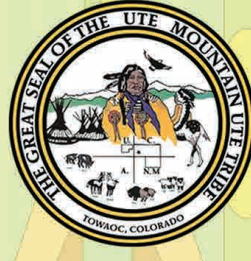
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2020 UTE NATION DAY HONORING PAST UTE CHIEFS & HEADS MEN OF THE UTE NATION

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

How do you get your family to eat more vegetables? Hide them!

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

One of the great things about Mexican food is that there are so many items that are mixed together. This includes enchiladas, burritos, tacos, etc. These are great places to add chopped vegetables because they get cooked with everything else and take on the flavors of the dish and spices. Try these quesadillas as an alternative to just a plain cheese quesadilla.

This recipe, although it does not have meat, does have protein by way of black beans along with vegetables and lots of flavor! This recipe can be adjusted to your tastes. If you have carrots, shred them in. If you like jalapenos, add them. Be creative or follow the recipe, it's your choice. Whenever you can, get the kids involved and they will be more likely to eat what they helped prepare.



courtesy Cooking Matters

Black Bean & Veggie Quesadillas

Ingredients

- 1 15 oz. can (low sodium) black beans, drained
- 1 cup (low sodium) corn, drained
- 2 zucchini squash, shredded
- 1-2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Cilantro, to taste
- 4 oz. cheddar, shredded
- 6 whole wheat tortillas

Directions

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, add oil. When heated, add onions and sauté for 3 minutes.

2. Add zucchini and cook until semi-soft, about 6-8 minutes.
3. Add spinach and cook for another 3 minutes.
4. Add garlic, chili powder, oregano, cumin, salt and pepper; stir to combine.
5. Add beans and smash with a fork.
6. Add corn and heat through, stirring occasionally, 5-6 minutes or until heated through.
7. If using cilantro, add now, stir to mix through.
8. Remove skillet from heat.
9. In another skillet, heat one tortilla, place quesadilla mixture on one side of tortilla and top with some shredded cheese. Fold over and heat on both sides. Repeat until all quesadillas are cooked.
10. Cut each one in half. Enjoy with your favorite salsa, guacamole or plain Greek yogurt.

Recipe adapted from Cooking Matters.

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: What is prevention?

Staff report
SU BEAHVIORAL HEALTH

What is Prevention?

- Prevention is the action of stopping something from happening or arising.
- Prevention can reduce the impact of substance use and mental disorders in America's communities.

What is prevention in public health?

Prevention activities are typically categorized by the following three definitions:

1. Primary Prevention: intervening before health effects occur, through measures such as vaccinations, altering risky behaviors (poor eating habits, tobacco use), and banning substances known to be associated with a disease or health condition.
2. Secondary Prevention: screening to identify diseases in the earliest stages, before the onset of signs and symptoms, through measures such as mammography and regular blood pressure testing.
3. Tertiary Prevention: managing disease post-diagnosis to slow or stop disease progression through measures such as chemotherapy, rehabilitation, and screening for complications.

Messaging and Prevention Exercise.

Ask yourself these questions and write down the answers on a piece of paper.

1. What were some of the messages you received about substance abuse when you were growing up?
2. What are some of the messages you received about wellness and emotional well-being when you were growing up?
3. What types of prevention programs do you recall participating in? What were the messages delivered in these programs?
4. How do these experiences affect your attitude and current approach to addressing substance use?

Compare your answers to the information below and write down your reactions.



History of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention.

1950's

- Drug use intensified. Heroin addiction alone hit an all-time high in urban areas.
- Scare tactics through films and speakers

1960's

- People used drugs to have psychedelic experiences. Associated with the counterculture or racial/ethnic minorities. By the end of the decade, it was a national epidemic.
- Scare tactics through films and speakers; information through films and speakers.

1970's

- Alcohol and drug use were recognized as major public health problems. War on Drugs Campaign.
- Drug education using curricula based on factual information; effective education using communication, decision-making, values clarification, and self-esteem.

1980's

- "Just Say No" campaign; encouraging youth to resist peer pressure by saying "no." Partnerships developed as the public became increasingly involved in addressing the problems of substance use.
- Parent-informed organizations to combat drug use; social skills curricula; refusal skill training; and parenting education.

1990's

- Research now examining protective factors and risk factors. The value of professionalism and training grew. Community collaborations received funding to address drug use.
- Community-based approaches to prevention; environmental approaches; media campaigns; culturally sensitive programs; evaluation of prevention programs; professional training programs.

2000-2010

- Understanding of the connections between substance use and men-

tal illness/health evolved. "Behavioral Health" encompassed both substance use and mental health problems.

- Application of evidence-based models; comprehensive programs targeting many contexts (family, school, community); data-driven decision making through the strategic planning process.

2010+

- Greater emphasis is placed on prevention and treatment for everyone. Behavioral health was integrated with primary care under the Affordable Care Act of 2010.
- Use of evidence-based practices; strategic planning process; improved access to health insurance with better benefits for mental health and substance use services and support.

Does prevention work have guidelines?

Yes, prevention work has many guidelines to help guide good decision making. Here are just a few of the guidelines:

- Prevention programs should enhance protective factors and reverse or reduce risk factors.
- Prevention programs should address all forms of drug use, alone or in combination, including underage use of legal drugs (e.g., tobacco, marijuana or alcohol); use of illegal drugs (e.g., marijuana or heroin); and the inappropriate use of legally obtained substances (e.g., inhalants), prescription medications, or over-the-counter drugs.
- Prevention programs should address the type of drug use problem in the local community, target modifiable risk factors, and strengthen identified protective factors.
- Prevention programs should be tailored to address risks specific to population or audiences' characteristics, such as age, gender, and ethnicity, to improve program effectiveness.

- Family-based prevention programs should enhance family bonding and relationships and improve parenting skills; provide practice in developing those skills; discussing and enforcing family policies on substance use; and provide training in drug education and information.

What about Prevention Science, what is that?

Prevention Science uses scientific methodology to find out what factors are causing certain problems or issues. Many of the evidence-based programming or systems have used prevention science to prevent or change major human behaviors or dysfunctions. In short, science is now behind prevention and many studies back up the findings.

Through prevention science, we now are more aware of drugs and effects on children and adolescent brains.

Prevention page 5

SASO opens doors in ELHI



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Kelsey Lansing, Cultural Outreach Coordinator for the Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) helps hosts and welcome community members to the opening of SASO's new office located in Ignacio, at the ELHI Community Center. The new office will be a place for individuals to learn about programs and resources that aim to stop sexual violence.

Speaking up now



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Speak Now Facilitator, Precious Collins gives information on what Speak Now is and how the community can incorporate it into their lives and include youth at the Speak Now training held on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at SunUte Community Center.

SUPD Detective Richard Herrera holds up a photo of drugs found on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation while discussing what he's seen in the community and how everyone can be a part of combating drugs in the community.



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.

SUIMA: Bagels & Books



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Zxander Wartman and his mom Shiann Graham enjoy a nice breakfast of bagels, eggs and sausage patties together before walking around the book fair hosted in the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's cafeteria on Wednesday, March 11.

Amonnie Johnson proudly shows off the dinosaur book that he bought during the Academy's 'Bagels and Books' event on Wednesday, March 11.



SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Engaging students with longer work periods

Staff report
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Not just at SUIMA, all Montessori schools have long, uninterrupted work periods (usually 2-3 hours), rather than having 30 minutes for each individual subject. This long time period allows children to engage with the materials deeply and reach intense concentration.

A Montessori teacher is sometimes referred to as a guide, especially at the younger age levels, rather than a teacher, and this reflects their non-traditional role.

A Montessori teacher's job is to observe the children and introduce them to the academic materials at just the right time. They are often hard to find in the classroom, as they are generally working one-on-one with a child, rather than standing at the front of the room talking to the whole group. Maria Montessori saw the role of the teacher as providing children with tools for learning, rather than pouring knowledge and facts into them.

The work in a Montessori school is child-directed. A teacher gives a child a lesson on a material he hasn't used before, but the child can then independently choose to work on it when he pleases.

If a Montessori class has 25 different students, each



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Cassidy Tahlo shows her mom Natalie Bravo which book she would like to get after they ate breakfast together during the Academy's 'Bagels and Books' event on Wednesday, March 11.

of those 25 will be at a different academic level that is observed and tracked by the teacher. Rather than giving group lessons, Montessori teachers give one-on-one lessons to each student depending on his specific level and needs. This is possible because the children largely work independently, spending much of the day practicing and perfecting work they have already been given a lesson on. On any given day, walking into a SUIMA classroom, you will find children working independently with concentration, and desire to fill their need for learning.

EDUCATION

TBK Bank: Accepting applications for TBK Scholars Program

Ten students will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships

Staff report
TBK BANK

TBK Bank, SSB announced today that it is now accepting applications for its 2020 TBK Scholars Program, which will award ten \$1,000 scholarships to hard working students seeking to make a difference in their communities.

"Applicants are asked to write an essay about how they will use their education to make a difference right here in our community," said Brandi Dunn, Director of Community Engagement for TBK Bank. "It's exciting to learn about the big dreams these students have for their futures and the passion they have to use their education to make their community better."

The scholarship program is based on the following criteria:

- A high school senior on track to graduate in the Spring of 2020.
- A current resident in a county where TBK Bank currently has a branch.
- Entering an accredited 2 or 4-year school in the Fall of 2020 as a

freshman.

- Must be able to provide documentation on high school transcripts and college acceptance.
- Must demonstrate financial need, as determined by family income level.
- Write 750-word Personal Essay Statement.

For the full list of eligibility details and to access the application, please visit <https://www.tbkbank.com/tbkscholars>. If you have any questions about the scholarship or about accepted forms of income verification, please email scholarship@tbkbank.com.

All completed applications must be delivered to a local TBK Bank branch no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

"We are excited to continue the TBK Scholars Program in 2020," said Dunn. "Training Future Leaders is one of our core philanthropic values and this scholarship program allows us to invest in our local communities by investing in local students."

This is the second year for the TBK Scholars program. Last year's recipients attended College of the Holy Cross, Fort Hays State University, Illinois State, Judson University, Otero Junior College, St. Ambrose University, The University of Texas at Arlington, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Northern Colorado and University of Utah.

2019 TBK Scholars Program recipient Emily Brodbeck recently told the company, "I just completed my first semester at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Academically, I was particularly challenged in my biology course in which I conducted my own scientific research at a nearby marsh. I want to thank TBK Bank once again for your contribution to my higher education as I work towards becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy."

TBK Bank created the TBK Scholars Program in 2019 with the goal of helping train future leaders in the communities it serves.


TBK BANK

SUIMA Events and Activities


- **March 13:** Council members come eat with the students
- **March 16:** Upper elementary students serve lunch at the Senior Center
- **March 18:** School Dance
PAG Family Night – activity is shawl making
- **March 19:** Class picture day
Little Shop of Physics (P3 and elementary level attending)
FFA Petting Zoo (toddler and some primary classrooms attending)
- **March 20:** Little Shop of Physics (P2 attending)
Bowling (elementary level PE classes)
- **March 23 – 27:** No School – Spring Break

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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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did you know?

Chlorophyll, that gives plants their green color, is very similar to hemoglobin found in the red blood cells of mammals.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/science/chlorophyll>

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UTE YOUTH: COLO. COUNCIL • FROM PAGE 1



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LaTitia Taylor, Southern Ute Director of Education speaks highly of the recognition the Ute Indian Tribes received with the signing of House Bill 20-1021.

representing both of Colorado’s Ute Tribes.

LaTitia Taylor, Director of Education for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Dustin Weaver, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Youth Employment Program Coordinator; and Jazmin Carmenoros, Chairman of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council attended the signing of House Bill 20-1021 at the State Capitol in Denver.

“The strength of Colorado and a Colorado for all really comes from diversity of our people,” proclaimed Gov. Jared Polis. “Our Native nations are a critical part of the Colorado for all and that diversity and strength we have as a state.”

The revision to Colorado Statute, 2-2-1303 would allow those two Ute representatives to be active members of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council, but also be a part of the 40-member youth board that is highly active in Colorado with subjects of such interest as: needs, education, employment, youth engagement; as well as, other issues that affect Colorado youth.

The youth serve a two-year term and must be between the ages of 14-19 to qualify and attend a Colorado high school, middle school or junior high. Youth are expected to attend four meetings yearly and will serve on a policy committee, which is dependent on their interests.

The overall mission of COYAC is to examine, evaluate and discuss the issues most relevant to Colorado youth and to formally advise and make recommendations to elected officials regarding those issues.

“It is an honor as a youth of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and for our sister tribe the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to have a seat on the Colorado Youth Advisory Council,” Jazmin Carmenoros stated. “It will give all of our youth of our tribes a voice and an opportunity that we greatly appreciate and need.”

COYAC was formed in 2008 and has had huge success with major backing from some of Colorado’s top legislators; Rep. Hugh McKean, Sen. Nancy Todd, Rep. Bri Buentello and Sen. Don Coram along with the Lt.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Rep. Hugh McKean gifts the pen that Governor Polis used to sign House Bill 20-1021 to Jazmin Carmenoros, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council chairman.

Governor Dianne Primavera who also heads up the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) and is the liaison between the state and the Colorado Ute Tribes.

“What an amazing life experience for the kids who are already on COYAC to be able to have this experience with their Native American brothers and sisters from this state. I think it is one of the more remarkable things we get to do,” exclaimed Rep. Hugh McKean.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been building youth leadership since the early 2000’s with the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) and a youth council that was originally started in 2005 under the leadership of McKean Walton, who was then with the Tribe’s Recreation Department. It was reestablished under the leadership of the late Chairman, Jimmy Newton Jr. in 2013, as the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council. The first official SCSYAC was sworn in in 2014; making that the first official step in broadening Southern Ute youth’s horizons in aspects that affect not just their own community, but the state.

Being able to interact with

Colorado State Legislators and being able to learn about issues that affect their communities and the issues that are relevant to the youth. They will also learn the fundamentals of public policy and state government. Rural communities face all sorts of disparities. Consequently, youth having a voice for their own community is a big step forward in combating the geographic isolation many of these communities face, along with many of the health issues being in a rural area can bring upon them. Positive community engagement – addressing suicide prevention and awareness among youth – is a key component for tribal communities.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southern Ute Education Department plans to promote and advertise to Southern Ute youth to join COYAC and to help foster the relationship between the state and the Tribe.

“What I see is that this will help build the relationship between the Tribe and the state of Colorado, our youth will be our adults and our leaders for this state,” said Taylor. “I just think it’s awesome that our youth, the Ute youth, will be a part of this Colorado Youth Advisory Council.”

EDUCATION

Pueblo Community College now offers courses in Bayfield

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Pueblo Community College Southwest (PCC-SW) now operates three separate campus locations in the Four Corners region, with the newest training facility operating in Bayfield, Colo.

The new branch opened its doors on Aug. 26, 2019, as a satellite campus, which operates year-round with normal business hours, Monday-Friday.

The facility is managed by two coordinators: Drew Brown, PCC Site Coordinator and Bethany Powell, PCC Assistant Coordinator. Their roles include coordinating the facility itself and the instructors, in addition to oversight of technical aspects, such as the computer lab.

PCC-SW also offers virtual classes in addition to traditional courses. “This is a big thing to highlight with any of the campuses. With virtual classes, students get to choose – it’s accessible and convenient. This offers more opportunity, and more variety, especially in rural areas,” Powell stated.

Currently, three Southern Ute tribal members are attending PCC-SW’s Bayfield branch working on attaining college degrees. PCC-SW’s



courtesy Shannon Livick

Song Mendoza and Charnele Matthews, both Licensed Professional Nurse (LPN) students, practice starting IVs during a skills lab at the PCC Southwest Mancos Campus.

hope is to foster program collaborations and partnering with the Southern Ute Education Dept. going forward.

A Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) summer course will also be offered; this is a five-week intensive certification program. Other programs offered include business certifications and early childhood programs.

“We offer certification programs and assoc. degree pathways; because we are small, we can’t offer everything – so there is PCC-SW online,” Powell emphasized. Online coursework is easier for some, especially those with kids, full work schedules or transportation challenges. PCC-SW offers free Wi-Fi, and access to a com-

puter lab. It is also a testing facility; plus PCC-SW is open to students of all ages.

PCC-SW Foundation Scholarships are available, plus other opportunities for financial aid, or payment plan options to make it more affordable. Evening classes are also offered. PCC-SW currently has around 60 students enrolled in a combination of on-site classes, and virtual or online course programs.

There are also a number of scholarships made available specifically to Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.

“Expansion is the vision of PCC-SW – reaching those rural communities and making education more accessible,” Powell explained.

Multi-Purpose Facility
Traditional Sewing Workshop

Tuesday March 17 & Thursday March 19, 2020

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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If you need an evening or weekend class please call 563-2641.
Space is limited please call to sign-up 563-2640



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18 YEARS OR OLDER.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

12-1 PM March 4, 2020

SAFETY NET | RELAPSE PREVENTION PLAN

March 11, 2020 12-1 PM

TRIGGERS

12-1 PM March 18, 2020

SELF CARE

April 1, 2020 12-1 PM

GRIEF AND LOSS

12-1 PM April 15, 2020

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE AT SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER.

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It is my mission to inspire and empower other sisters and brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty and resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives on moment at a time and rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.

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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



Vets attend Ira Hayes Powwow



Courtesy Rudley Weaver/SU Veterans Assoc.

Southern Ute Veterans Association members, Gordon Hammond (U.S. Marines) and Rudley Weaver (U.S. Navy) carry the Southern Ute Tribal flag and the American Flag at the Ira H. Hayes Veterans Social Powwow held, February 21 - 22 in Sacaton, Ariz. The powwow commemorated the 75th anniversary of the flag raising in Iwo Jima, Japan during World War II.

Creation smile upon us and give us strength...

On March 7, 2020 we heard the first thunder. This is the time we have been told of, to prepare for Bear Dance. All the planning and preparation we all do to gather, be thankful, and welcoming the new life around us.

Let us remember this also includes our individual health and mental wellbeing. Take good care to yourself so you maybe strong to deal with life and protect the ones you most dearly love. To be a good provider, a solid rock, a loving partner, a good daughter or son. All this is easier said than done, but creation loved us enough and so much, to give as a way of life; to give us the Bear Dance.

Let us value and carry on this way of life that helps in our daily lives and spans all generations. Love one another, Help where you can, and let us look towards the new year with a warrior mindset and strong heart.

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief,
Matthew J. Box

Dinner celebration at MPF



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The monthly Elders Celebration Dinner was held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, Monday, March 9. A taco bar was featured, and gift items such as ... cleaners, sanitizers and toilet paper were given out as raffle items, reflecting the current coronavirus precautions in the U.S. Southern Ute Councilman Bruce Valdez visits with Harold Millich and Lillian Seibel during the monthly Elder Celebration Dinner.



Southern Ute elders visit with one another at the monthly Elder Celebration Dinner; Arlene Millich chats with Georgia McKinley.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH-KICKOFF

SAVE THE DATE...



WHEN: APRIL 1, 2020

WHERE: SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM - QUAD

TIME: 9 AM - 11 AM

ROUND DANCE

FEATURING • Round Dance for SUIMA Children

Drum : Eagle Wing – Youth Drum Group

FOR MORE INFO CALL DSS AT (970) 563-2339

ALL AGES EVENT

WEAR BLUE

To support Child Abuse Awareness, EVERY Friday for the month of April!

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

APRIL CHILD ABUSE EVENTS:

School Assemblies
Pin Wheel Walk
KSUT Announcements
COLOR RUN
MORE TBA...

Raising awareness and prevention of child abuse and neglect. *Our Children Are Sacred.*



FOR THE CHILDREN POWWOW

SAT. APRIL 4 2020

SUNUTE RECREATION CENTER
390 Mouache Cr., Ignacio • CO

11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
POTLUCK DINNER
4 – 5 p.m.



- Teen/Junior Dance Categories: Cash Prizes!
- Hand Drum Contest: 1st-3rd Place
- Committee Specials
- Games & Prizes!

Booth Fee: \$25 inside/\$50 outside (food)

ALL DRUM GROUPS WELCOME!

Youth Drum Groups: Members must be under 18 years old, with 2-3 mentors, 18 and over, while at the drum.

Hosted by: Daughters of the Red Road and Supporting Community Members

Information: Call 970-799-7036

Email: daughtersofredroad@yahoo.com

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SOUTHERN DRUM "av piischiu" Boys



HOST NORTHERN DRUM
Iron Colt

Theme:MMIW
Missing & Murdered
Indigenous Women



"For the Children Powwow" Potluck Dinner

HEAD STAFF:

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HLD: TAYLOR

HBD: STONE THUNDER

HGD: MYL. G. RACKS

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GOODTRACKS-ALY

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER- CO

GOURD DANCE 2PM, DINNER 4PM

FOLLOW.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RAFFLES, CLEAN UP & TO HELP SERVE SUPPER

Lots of Raffles & Cake Walk

Women's Hat Dance/Men's

Shawl Dance

Potato Dance

For More Info:

Heather White Thunder

970-880-0580

Daisy Bluestar:

970-799-7036



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Bobcat send-off



Ignacio Lady Bobcat's coach, Justa Whitt leans out the side of the bus with her team as they leave the Ignacio High School to make their way to the Colorado State tournament on Wednesday, March 12.



Ignacio's Girls Varsity basketball players Bella Pena, Makayla Howell, Jayden Brunson and Charlize Valdez walk out with their team to the bus headed for the Colorado State tournament on Wednesday, March 12. Their peers and teachers line the hallways wishing them luck.

Photos by Shasta Dawn-Pena
Courtesy

PIVOT exhibit opening reception March 25 is canceled

In following with the college's COVID-19 prevention efforts, we are canceling the March 25th exhibit opening reception, to be rescheduled at a later date. We'll send notice via this email exchange, and you can also find updates on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your understanding, and please take care!
Staff, Center of Southwest Studies

PIVOT Skateboard Deck Art

Exhibit opens March 25, 2020 ~ March 2021
FREE ADMISSION

Exhibit made possible through a grant from the La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation. A special thank you to our Giving Tuesday Crowdfunding donors & Center members.

Museum Hours: Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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Seven Rivers Farmers Market

The Seven Rivers Farmers Market at The Powerhouse in Durango continues on Thursday, March 19, at 1333 Camino del Rio, the bi-weekly indoor market features farmers and vendors from the area selling poultry, meat, microgreens, cheese, eggs, jams and jellies, pickles, baked goods, honey, pottery, skincare, and crafts. The market runs from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month through April 17. Info 970-315-0589.

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Self Defense for Women

A 9-hour course taught by law enforcement. Learn how to avoid being a victim of crime and what to do when avoiding isn't an option!

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MARCH
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Monday, March 16th 6-9 p.m.
Monday, March 30th, 6-9 p.m.
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Held at:
ELHI Community Center
115 Ute Street

APRIL
BAYFIELD
Monday, April 13th, 6-9 p.m.
Monday, April 20th, 6-9 p.m.
Monday, April 27th, 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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Learn more and register on line at www.safesister.com or call 720-404-5680

Eagle Wing Drum Group

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

If you need drum sticks, we can assist

Practice dates Vary

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



BGC raise funds selling hearts



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's youth members along side Farmers Fresh staff, after they awarded them homemade candied apples; a gesture of gratitude for selling the most BGC hearts and helping them raise money for their programming.

Thunder Windy Boy holds candied apples that the BGC youth made for the Farmers Fresh staff who helped them reach their goal by selling BGC hearts during their BGC Heart Fundraiser. The fundraiser started early January and came to a close at the end of February.



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.

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**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
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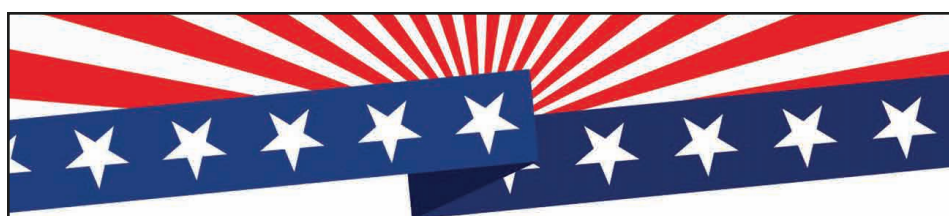
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Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy March 25th – April 1st 2020 Ignacio, Colorado

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

Dates: March 25th – March 29th 2020

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

Instructors: Southern Ute Agency/Southern Ute Tribe Fire Crew

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

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

IGNACIO COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



**APRIL 11, 2020
10 AM**

SUNUTE PARK

(FIELDS BEHIND SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER)

Games, Fun and Tons of Prizes!



ONE LUCKY BOY AND GIRL FROM EACH AGE CATEGORY WILL WIN A GRAND PRIZE!

Age Categories: 0-4 Years 5-8 Years 9-15 Years

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**Bring your own basket
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Council gets first look at KSUT’s new center



KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham emphasizes the multitude of benefits that each aspect of KSUT's new facility will provide, from updated broadcasting and recording equipment to climate-controlled workspaces.



Councilman Bruce Valdez operates the height adjustment feature on all the new workstations.



Southern Ute Councilwoman Ramona Eagle admires the beautiful window views to the east, overlooking the wetlands adjacent to the Bear Trail. Natural light filters into the new media center from nearly every room, creating a well-lit atmosphere for staff and visitors alike.

KSUT invited the Southern Ute Tribal Council to tour the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center on Tuesday, March 10, as contractors prepare the building for the final phase of construction, KSUT staff are preparing to set up state-of-the-art broadcasting equipment in coordination with Southern Ute Shared Services. KSUT board members are optimistic that the facility will be up and running by June. Tribal Council toured the entire media center, which boasts a large performance sound stage, spacious offices, individual production studios, an outdoor common area and a small kitchen facility.



Southern Ute Tribal Council Members: Marge Barry, Ramona Eagle and Lorelei Cloud listen intently as KSUT's Executive Director, Tami Graham recaps the lengthy process of fundraising that made the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center a reality; Graham also gave her heartfelt thanks to the Tribal Council for their much needed support throughout that process.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

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

Trauma Informed Youth Champions
Serving Youth — Serving the Community

AN INTRODUCTION TO TRAUMA INFORMED CARE FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH YOUTH

FREE Workshop
Thursday, March 26, 2020 — 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
5:30-6:00 PM — Welcome, Registration, Pizza
6:00-8:30 PM — Workshop

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WHAT ABOUT THE HEAD START BUILDING • FROM PAGE 1

In February of 2018, the NAGPRA Office officially requested involvement in the HSSB workgroup tasked with preparing proposals for Southern Ute Tribal Council. The NAGPRA Office submitted their request based on the historic significance of HSSB, and the other structures on Tribal Campus, from the Indian Boarding School era. During a meeting on March 7, 2019, Tribal Council gave the NAGPRA Office two directives. First, to determine if HSSB is eligible for listing on Colorado's State Register of Historic Places (SRHP) or the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The potential of either listing would determine if the Tribe could apply for state or federal preservation funds. Second, Tribal Council directed the NAGPRA Office to develop two proposals for consideration: 1) a rehabilitation proposal and 2) a mitigation proposal if HSSB is demolished.

The NAGPRA Office took immediate action and contacted the Colorado State Historical Fund (SHF) to schedule a meeting. On April 17, 2019, SHF Representatives recommended HSSB and the other buildings and the park from the Indian Boarding School era were eligible for SRHP and NRHP. SHF Representatives informed the NAGPRA Office that a letter of support from Tribal Council is required if a nomination is submitted for either the SRHP or NRHP. Further, SHF representatives explained, per state policy, a historic property or district listed on the NRHP is simultaneously listing in the SRHP. Therefore, upon the recommendation of SHF, NAGPRA supported the recommendation of nominating the Historic District (SUIT Historic District), including: the HSSB, the Girls Dorm, park, Nurses Quarters, and Dining Hall for the SRHP, while the Girls Dorm and Dining Hall could be nominated for both the SRHP and the NHRP individually.

The NAGPRA Office created a survey to collect a sample of tribal member perspectives about the rehabilitation and reuse and the demolition of HSSB. The rationale for the survey was based on the fact that all Southern Utes were directly or indirectly affected; meaning, either an individual experienced it firsthand as a student or struggles with cultural loss today, due

the lasting effects of forced assimilation. Therefore, the NAGPRA Office felt all generations needed to be consulted.

The surveys were distributed to the Southern Ute tribal membership on May 15, 2019 during the General Meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The surveys returned detailed not only the tribal membership opinions about rehabilitation or demolition, but recounted community and personal memories about the HSSB. Tribal members, for example, reflected on personal memories from the Indian Boarding School era and how the building was used for community functions: powwows, holiday gatherings, wedding receptions, basketball games, plays, youth dances, etc.

On September 3, 2019, the most recent work session was held. Those in attendance included Southern Ute Tribal Council, the NAGPRA Office, Justice and Regulatory, Risk Management, Property and Facilities Management, and Contracting and Project Management. At the meeting, the NAGPRA Office informed the group about the eligibility of the HSSB, gave their recommendation for nominating the SUIT Historic District for SRHP and NRHP, state and federal preservation funds, the results of the tribal membership survey, and the two proposals for rehabilitation of the HSSB and the mitigation measure if Tribal Council votes to have HSSB demolished.

The assessment used to evaluate the eligibility of historic properties or historic districts for listing on the SRHP or NHRP is based on the process established under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The first step to evaluate eligibility is to determine whether a historic property or historic district is at least 50-years old. The HSSB, Girls Dorm, Dining Hall, park, and Nurses Quarters were constructed between 1928 and 1930. Therefore, the HSSB, within the context of the SUIT Historic District; as well as all the Girls Dorm, park, Nurses Quarters, and Dining Hall are eligible individually or as a group for the SRHP and the NRHP.

The second step to determine whether historic properties or historic districts are eligible for listing on the SRHP and NRHP is to determine whether they are historically significant and have a high degree of

integrity. The NHPA has four-criteria of Historical significance, outlined in 36 CFR 60.4: A) The property must be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; B) The property must be associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; C) The property must embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represent the work of a master, possess high artistic value, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; and or D) The property must show, or may be likely to yield, information important to history or prehistory.

The NAGPRA Office recommended that Tribal Council nominate the HSSB within the context of a SUIT Historic District attributed to the Southern Ute Indian Boarding School. A Historic District, under 36 CFR Part 60 § 60.3 (d) of NHPA, is defined as a "... geographically defined area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development. A district may also comprise individual elements separated geographically but linked by association of history." The grounds for this recommendation was based on tribal member input and historic significance on a tribal, state, and federal level; as well as, the environmental benefits for saving buildings versus demolition.

Tribal Council was notified that the SUIT Historic District met the requirement of being older than 50-years old and is eligible for listing on the SRHP and NRHP Criteria A. HSSB and the buildings within the SUIT Historic District fulfill criteria A, because their relation to the signing of the 1868 Treaty. Article 8 in the 1868 Treaty is the first mention of the U.S. Government's intent to ensure the "civilization" of the Ute bands entering into the agreement, via education. Additionally, the mural painted by Sam Ray (funded through Government Works Project Administration, during Great Depression) and being used in the filming of "When the Legends Die" (1971). It is important to state that the SUIT Historic District is the last, salvageable example within Colorado from the



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The mural painted by Sam Ray adorns the gymnasium in the head start building, originally funded through Government Works Project Administration, during Great Depression.

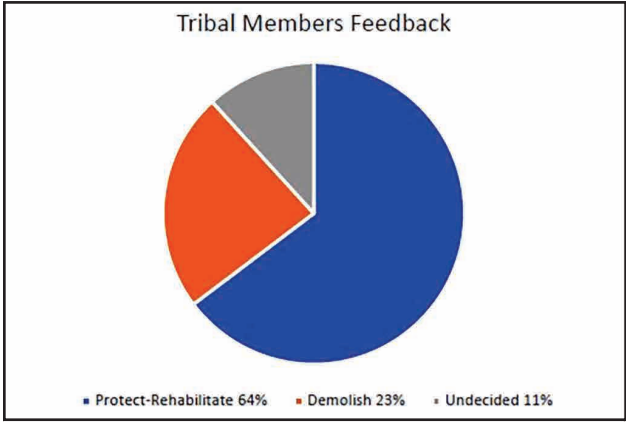
Indian Boarding School era. and was granted additional time by Tribal Council to identify and apply for grants to further record the history of the HSSB and monies available for historic preservation, while Tribal Council further discussed what should happen to the HSSB.

The NAGPRA Office identified several grants and opportunities to document additional information about the SUIT Historic District. In August 2019, the NAGPRA Office nominated the SUIT Historic District to be listed on a non-profit historic register, known as Colorado's Most Endangered Places (CMEP). CMEP is a non-profit organization, established in 1997, and requires only the notification of the property owners to submit a nomination on the behalf of a historic property or historic district.

On November 18, 2019, CMEP notified the NAGPRA Office that the nomination for the SUIT Historic District was selected for listing on CMEP. Out of 20-no-

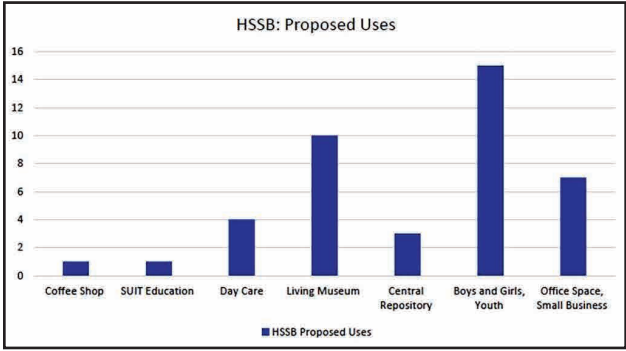
bers, about the history of the HSSB and the Indian Boarding School Historic District.

On January 31, 2020, Cassandra Atencio, Garrett W. Briggs, and Xavier Watts attended the annual conference for Colorado Preservation Inc.; during the Endangered Places luncheon, the mini documentary about the SUIT Historic District, along with the other four properties were premiered. The mini documentary was filmed by Robert Sanchez and Kevin Strong. At the luncheon, the NAGPRA Office representatives were recognized for their successful nomination in front of 500 attendees. The opening remarks were made by Dave Aguilera, CBS4 Meteorologist, who has been involved with CMEP for 18 years. The mini documentary will be available on Colorado Preservation Inc. website within the month, while a summary can be found on Colorado Preservation, Inc's website: coloradopreservation.org.



The largest concern was the presence of asbestos in the building. The two other concerns were the total cost and the history associated with the buildings within the SUIT Historic District. Tribal membership responses for future use of the HSSB best reflect a mixed-use approach (Graph 2).

miniations submitted for 2020, the SUIT Historic District was one of five properties selected due to its historic significance to tribal, state, and federal history. By being selected, CMEP helps with publicity, advocacy, technical expertise, and provides a preservation mentor, if the owner of the property, who



Numerous comments reflected a concern for preserving the historic significance of the architecture for future generations and the murals painted by Sam Ray within the HSSB, of which very few exist on the reservation. Based upon tribal member feedback, the NAGPRA Office requested

is the Tribe, determines they want to save and rehabilitate the HSSB or other buildings within the SUIT Historic District. In fulfilling their promise, CMEP staff visited the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to film a mini documentary with representatives from the NAGPRA Office and with four tribal mem-



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- Our services are entirely free.
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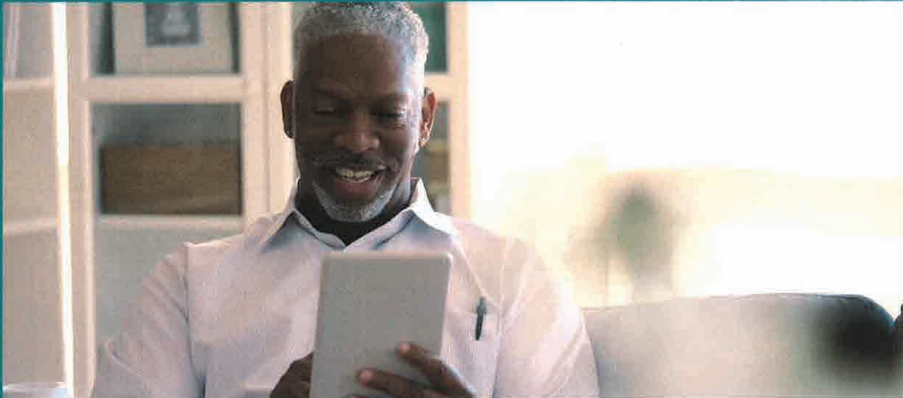
HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

- 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.



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95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.



Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home’s physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person. (This is separate from our follow-up efforts; census takers will visit all households that were invited to respond on their own and haven’t.)

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don’t live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

What to Expect in the Mail

When it’s time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you’ll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire (or to respond by phone).
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we’ll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

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April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

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285 Lakin St.

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Polly Blakenship
Construction Services
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270 Hwy 151

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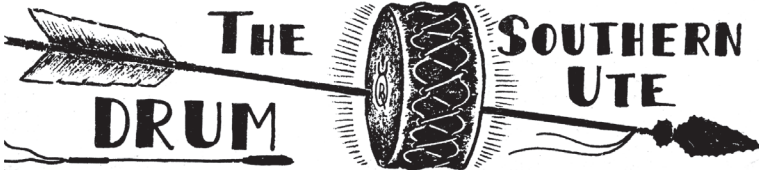
Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

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Ignacio senior Makayla Howell (1) hoists high the 2A-Region VIII Tournament championship award amidst celebrating teammates following the Lady Bobcats' 43-28 defeat of Rocky Ford Saturday afternoon, March 7, inside IHS Gymnasium.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats roaring into Loveland, Great 8

Girls on 15-game tear after regional wins

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Her team less than an hour from tip-off in the 2A-District 3 Tournament finale against explosive Ignacio, injury-wracked Margaux Lovely – benched this time by a damaged ACL in her knee – sought to find underdogs Telluride a little extra Leap Day fortune, metaphorically speaking, in her pre-game cereal snack.

“I guess you could say there’s a ‘message’ there,” Lovely laughed, digging into the ‘Lucky Charms’ box.

“Well, we might need a lot more than that,” quipped assistant coach Anna Robinson, seated next to the junior and observing the size of the player’s extracted handful.

Just when you’d think San Juan Basin League opponents had tried everything ...

Undoubtedly having seen that Feb. 29 result – Ignacio 71, Telluride 2 – the vaunted Rocky Ford squad, regular-season runners-up in the Santa Fe League and then runners-up in District 6, knew that should both RFHS and IHS pass their Region VIII Tournament semifinals tests six days later, their championship-game mentality would have to manifest itself

through hard-nosed (pun intended) junior Teagan Mendoza-Werner.

“I’ve had my nose broken seven times,” she said, explaining her transparent face shield. “Six times in basketball, once in volleyball. But I’ve only needed to have surgery on it twice.”

Putting it bluntly, the Lady Meloneers (Melo-nettes, perhaps?) knew nothing could be permitted to slow them down or take them out of their game Saturday afternoon, March 7, inside a near-capacity IHS Gymnasium if they were to replicate Wray’s 2019 overtime stunner.

The Lady Bobcats, however, emphatically made sure history wouldn’t be repeated.

After striding past 25-seed Sargent, 51-29, the previous evening in the State Championships’ Round-of-32, No. 8 Ignacio rode the play of junior guards Jayden Brunson and Charlize Valdez to a 43-28 victory over Rocky Ford and a spot in the ultimate tourney’s double-elimination ‘Great Eight’ round.

“The loss last year in overtime ... was such a disappointment,” said head coach Justa Whitt. “So to come in today and play a game like they played, and

to not really have too much ‘worry’ that we weren’t going to get the win ... felt really good.”

“We did it our sophomore year, and we get to go back this year,” senior forward Larissa Gallegos said. “I think it really means a lot to the community; it’s just a lot of love and support from them – the stands were packed today! – and that means a lot [to us].”

A Brunson three-pointer off the left wing had given the Lady ‘Cats (18-5 overall) a 5-2 lead at the end of an unnerving first quarter, but what 9-seed RFHS had feared was about to come true. Having drained three treys after halftime against the Lady Farmers (9-14), Brunson again ignited – and, to Whitt’s relief, much earlier.

“Today I said, ‘Don’t wait until the second half to do that. Please!’” joked Whitt. “And she came out ready to fire it up; that was great. She started knocking them down and that’s what started us off.”

Valdez’s first triple increased IHS’ advantage to 12-2 with 4:30 remaining until intermission, while Brunson’s second and third makes rapidly swelled it to 18-4. Rocky Ford’s Nevaeh

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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys Loveland-bound after thriller in Mancos

IHS shocks regional-hosting Jays, 58-48

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Treading a fine line between fouling out and a fourth quarter for the ages, junior guard Brady McCaw managed to more or less will the Ignacio boys out of a respected rival’s house and back into the Class 2A State Championships’ deciding ‘Great Eight’ phase.

“He did great,” beamed junior reserve Joe Garcia. “Succeeded in everything ... that’s what he did. Handled his part.”

Having already helped the Bobcats re-gain a 33-31 lead on San Juan Basin League power Mancos with 3:00 remaining in the Region IV finale’s third quarter, via five free throws in as many tries – products of two Christian Cova fouls – during a 34-second span, McCaw would erupt for 16 fourth-quarter points and finish with a game-high 24 as IHS won going away, 58-48.

(A mid-range Cova baseline jumper at the final buzzer may or may not have been credited afterwards.)

“We were able to get wide-open shots,” explained elated IHS head coach Chris Valdez. “We took some bad ones, don’t get me wrong, but hit the ones we needed to hit – that gave us leads and put pressure on them.”

“There were times we screwed up plays, and you could tell,” he continued, “but for the most part our kids worked their tails off; I was really proud of them.”

Of course, any person squeezing into MHS Gymnasium Saturday morning, March 7, could have sensed something so spectacular was in the cards; a roller-coaster first quarter, set off by three-pointers by McCaw and junior guard Triston Thompson, ended dead even at 12-12 – and only because Blue Jay sophomore star forward Connor Showalter’s bank-shot three from just inside midcourt with 1.5 seconds left was nullified by a foul committed by IHS’ Gabe Tucson prior to the attempt.

Undaunted, Mancos managed to inbound the ball to almost the exact same spot and – to the visitors’ horror – exact same player, but Showalter’s encore effort narrowly missed. Which in hindsight wasn’t a bad thing; the buzz inside the revamped building was indeed State-like, as everyone wondered what would happen next.

“I love it,” Showalter said of the playoff atmosphere and, more specifically, the aura about MHS-v-IHS. “Great competition, and it’s always a ... big crowd. Just a fun environment, honestly.”

“It’s obviously a game we look forward to, that we have our mind set on,” said Bobcat junior forward Bryce Finn. “There were good matchups,” added McCaw. “We just wanted to come out and beat them ... take home a win.”

Coming in off a 72-67 escape from Pueblo-based Dolores Huerta Prep in the previous night’s semifinals, Ignacio maintained aggressor status as the second quarter began, with senior reserve Bird Red nailing a three-pointer and senior regular Keegan Schurman imme-



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diately following with a trey from the opposite corner.

Defending their home floor, the Jays struck back and leveled the score at 18-18 and again at 21-21 via two FTs by sophomore wing Evan Sehnert and one by senior post Caden Showalter, respectively. But IHS senior post Ocean Hunter powered inside for a basket late, and the ‘Cats (18-4 overall) would go into halftime leading 24-23 after the younger Showalter managed a two-point buzzer-beater.

With momentum, MHS (19-4) started the third quarter on an 8-2 run keyed by a Sehnert triple. Having frequently burned the Bobcats from deep in each of the teams’ three previous meetings this winter, Sehnert, perhaps more so than either Showalter or the capable point guard Cova, was a must-stop target and, fortunately, would not strike again from beyond the arc.

Meanwhile, baskets by Hunter, Schurman and Garcia helped IHS rally, leading up to McCaw’s equalizing 3-of-3 trip to the stripe with 3:34 left. After McCaw then put the guests up two, Blue Jay senior guard Anthony Medina swished two FTs, re-tying the score at 33-33 shortly before Tucson converted a skittish Red pass intended for Hunter in the paint into two go-ahead points from close range just before the buzzer.

Re-enter McCaw.

Having managed nine points against the Round-of-32’s 20-seed Scorpions, he quickly banked in one-third of that number beginning the final frame against Mancos. But the No. 4 Blue Jays wouldn’t break, despite the 40-35 margin growing to 47-41 via two-point buckets by McCaw and Hunter, plus a Schurman three.

“At times – especially early in the fourth – we got a little bit sloppy on the defensive end,” MHS head coach Elijah Knepper said. “Our initial defense was really good. We forced them to take some tough shots ... credit to Ignacio’s players.”

Connor Showalter drilled

a three with 4:21 remaining, bringing MHS – victorious over 29-seed Hoehne, 70-56, in the other semi – back to 47-44, but McCaw would incredibly string together the Bobcats’ final 11 points down the home stretch.

A three-pointer upped 13-seed Ignacio’s lead to 50-44, and another to 53-44, before the red-hot right-hander sank two free throws, in response to a Caden Showalter basket, with only 39.3 ticks left. He’d add one more FT, giving him eight makes in ten total tries (IHS went 10-of-16 all told), and also net one last two-pointer – both answering Caden Showalter’s final finish – before the final buzzer unleashed a celebration not to be forgotten.

After registering 14 points against DHPH, Schurman totaled 12 points against Mancos while Hunter – who piled up a team-best 18 against the Scorps before fouling out – finished with six. Red replicated his four-point production as the Bobcat reserves outscored the Jays’ 11-0, but Thompson (13 points versus Dolores Huerta) ended up with only three points in his starting role. Slowed by seven total fouls, Finn totaled just eight points in the conquests.

“Bryce really didn’t have a big game ... never got into a rhythm shooting or inside,” said Valdez. “So those other guys picked him up a little bit.”

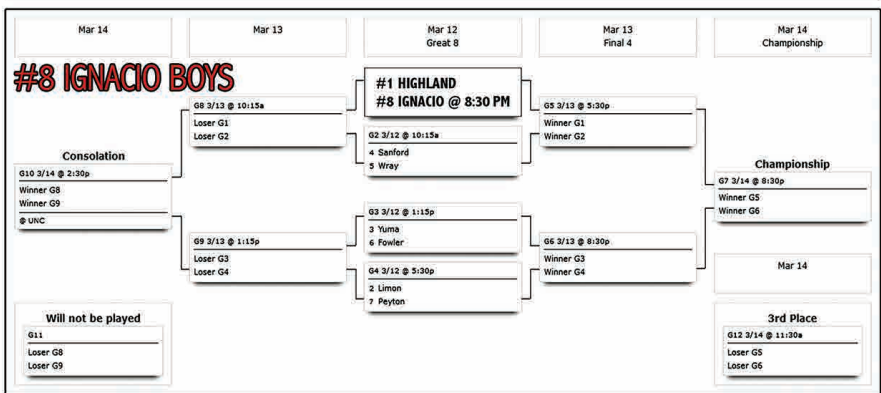
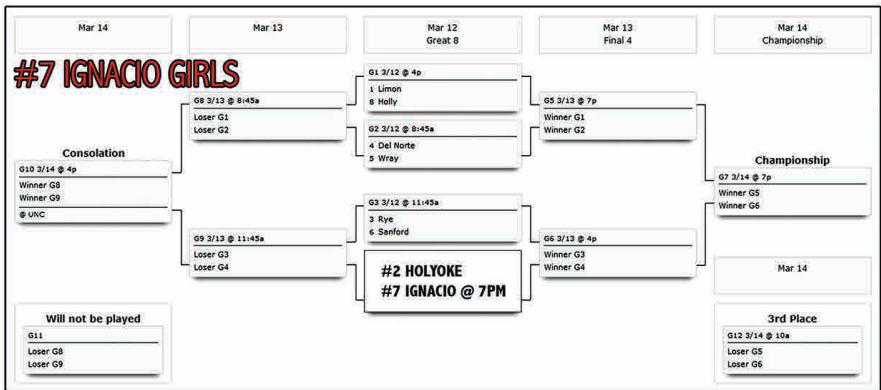
“We tell the guys, we’ve got a lot of offensive power so not every time are you going to score 18, 20,” he added. “Our guards help us be unselfish – I don’t care who scores! If we do [care], we’re never going to get where we want to be.”

Reportedly CHSAA’s career leader in double-doubles, Caden Showalter’s prep days concluded with a MHS-best 19 points against Ignacio, while younger brother Connor totaled 13.

“It’s pretty tough,” said Connor Showalter, talking about sharing the court one last time with his decorated sibling, “but me and Caden

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'Lakers' players run defense against the 'Raptors' during the youth basketball games.



'Celtics' offense runs a smart play and leaves the 'Thunder' team down the court watching as they score a layup.

Cross-court action



'Thunder' players keep up their defense and try to prevent the 'Celtics' from scoring.



Thunder Windy Boy fakes a dribble to his left then runs the ball to make a layup for the 'Sixers' against player 31.

The SunUte Youth Basketball league is in full swing, players, fans and families gather in the Community Center's gymnasium to watch the teams play ball. All morning and afternoon on Saturday, March 29, teams played tough defense and ran smart plays to get the best outcome for their teams. Cheers from parents and fans filled the gym and kept the excitement high for all the kids.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



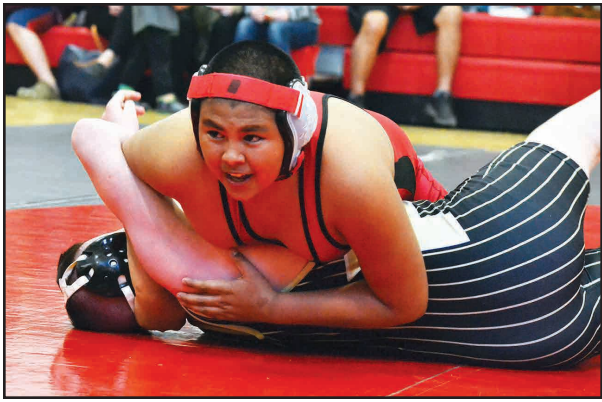
Jr. Hight powers down the court in an attempt to score a basket against the 'Bulls' players.

IMS host wrestling triangle



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Ignacio Middle School's Kyle Rima, competing at a listed 200 pounds, applies pinning pressure to Montezuma-Cortez Middle's Karston Cox during the Bobcats' March 10 home triangular, which also welcomed Bayfield. Rima's pin became official during the first of three 90-second periods, but the Panthers would win the 10-bout dual by an unofficial 35-21 margin. MCMS would then edge BMS 39-35 after 14 bouts to unofficially place first at the event. Bayfield followed in second place by rallying past Ignacio 58-48 in a 21-bout feature.



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Ignacio Middle School's Phoenix Tarver (right), competing at a listed 125 pounds, resists the escape attempt of Bayfield Middle's Nico Carvajal during the Bobcats' March 10 home triangular, which also welcomed Montezuma-Cortez. Tarver would prevail by pin, giving IMS an unofficial 30-6 advantage in the 21-bout dual, but the Wolverines would rally late to win 58-48.



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Ignacio Middle School wrestler Ambrose Valdez (left), competing at a listed 144 pounds, glances up in hopes of hearing the referee call a pin during his bout against Pagosa Springs' Chance Hart during the Bobcats' March 3 home triangular, which also welcomed Durango's Miller Middle School. Valdez's stick became official 1:22 into the second of three 1:30-length periods, but the Pirates would best IMS by an unofficial 54-26 count after 15 total bouts.

Watch the Colorado state basketball tournaments live on the NFHS Network

The state basketball tournaments will be live on the NFHS Network this week in every classification. Subscriptions, which are good for 30 days, are just \$10.99. The tournaments begin (and resume) on Thursday. In 1A-3A, Great 8 games are Thursday, the Final 4 is Friday, and championship games are Saturday. All games will be broadcast, at www.nfhsnetwork.com/playoffs/state/colorado

Steamers take Avs Cup



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

A successful first weekend of the CAHA State Championship Series is in the books with the completion of the Avalanche Cup. Thirteen division champions were crowned as 132 teams from across the state descended on Colorado's premier hockey venues for the three-day event held March 6-8. The Durango Steamers took the Avalanche Cup Championship in the 12U Division, defeating Hylands Panthers 3-2 in the Sports Stable in Superior, Colo., Sunday, March 8.

Southern Ute tribal member, and Durango Steamers', Keevin "KJ" Reynolds (#2) finished the Avalanche Cup with five points, two goals and a .857 goalie save percentage! The Steamers have won the Avalanche Cup for a second consecutive year. At right, KJ scores a goal against the Foothills Flyers at CU Boulder, Friday, March 6, defeating the Flyers 2-0.



BOXING

Diego Perez-Baker has his eye on the prize

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

“I had a feeling that I could be really good at it,” Diego Perez-Baker said, remembering his first foray into the boxing ring. Family friend, Anthony Archuleta convinced Perez-Baker to give boxing a shot, offering to help train Diego at his boxing gym in downtown Ignacio – The Ring of Champions.

Archuleta opened his arms; he was very encouraging, explained Perez-Baker. He worked on the technical aspects of training, in addition to strength and conditioning – but always focused on technique.

Unfortunately, the Ring of Champions had to shutter its doors in April of 2018, citing financial difficulties.

“I continued to train, even after the gym closed down, I started training with Elco Garcia.” While he and Garcia knew each other at the gym, they are also connected through family.

“He [Elco Garcia] fought professionally — so Elco was able to pick up on things and push me [as a trainer]. He is all-in-one,” Perez-Baker emphasized.

When I train in the gym with Elco — it is 100 percent all of the time. “Outside of the gym we can be friends, but in the gym I’m here to train you,” Garcia explained to Perez-Baker. Defining their professional relationship, and the expectations set forth by the veteran boxer turned coach.

“I run 3-5 miles a day, 5-7 days a week — for conditioning. That conditioning



courtesy Gabriela Garcia

Diego Perez-Baker (left) at Rocky Mountain Fight Night in Denver, February 15th, hosted by Colorado Golden Gloves.

is something that Garcia emphasizes in his training regiment,” Perez-Baker explained. “Keeping muscle memory strong.”

In February, Perez-Baker had his first fight since a shoulder surgery last year. I was outmatched in terms of weight, he explained, but after the fight, “people were giving me props for what I did in the ring, how well I fought. That was Diego’s fourth competitive fight since he first put on gloves two years ago – new to the sport.

The February fight was billed as the “Rocky Mountain Fight Night, hosted by Colorado Golden Gloves”, Sanction #20-32-51205. The fight can be watched on YouTube at Ghosttown Promotions under “Part 3 bouts 11 15,” Perez-Baker was the 11th fight. The fight was at 201 lbs., but Diego weighed in at 189 lbs. while his op-

ponent was 201 lbs.

Diego Perez-Baker is 24 years old and competing as an unattached fighter in the amateurs. He has four fights and one loss to his name.

His next bout is in Albuquerque, N.M., April 11. “I’m looking to fight at 180 lbs.,” he stated. “Once I have my tenth fight, I’ll join the Open Elite [class].”

Diego was born in Durango, Colo. and currently lives in Ignacio. Diego Perez-Baker is a Southern Ute tribal member; he is the son of Brandon Baker and Yolanda Perez.

“The Perez comes from my mother’s side, the Baker represents my father, grandfather and The Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” Diego stated. This year, I want to put myself in two National Tournaments — I want to see how I am against the best kids in the nation.”

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Rodriguez then managed to convert both ends of a 1-and-1 trip to the free-throw line with 2:50 left, but Brunson promptly buried her fourth long-ranger to re-inflate the home team’s cushion to a comfortable 21-6.

“We were just kind of lax, and just ... lazy. I’m glad we finally got it together,” Gallegos said. “After [Brunson] made those few we got really excited. ... We just knew we had to finish the game.”

Having already established containment of Lady Meloneer junior Meghan Saltzman, who cashed three threes the night before as part of a 15-point performance helping Rocky Ford rout 24-seed Kremmling West Grand 54-25, Ignacio sensed that only one enemy could hurt them.

Streaking up and down the court against the Lady Mustangs (13-11) to log what ended up being a regional-best 23 points, RFHS junior guard Abi Snyder went off for nine points during the third quarter, fueling a 12-1 run (which included Saltzman’s only three-ball) and shouting after each basket.

“In the locker room we just talked about how we needed more energy, and how we needed to find their shooters on defense,” Snyder said, recalling the Lady Meloneers’ halftime chat. “For a while, we found them pretty well ... and we just decided we needed to forget the first half.”

“If we stayed out on the Saltzman girl, we could stop her. From last night we could see that – and we knew this from before – she would make a couple, but ... her percentage was not very high. So we knew that wasn’t an extreme factor but we did have to keep an eye on it,” said Whitt.

“We knew from the get-go that we had to stop Snyder. We knew that she was the key to the whole team,” she continued. “We had Charlize and Avee [Aveeena Nanaeto] switch off on her, and I think we even had Jayden on her a couple times because we were getting tired! But ... to stop her from being successful, I think it rattled her.”

Valdez sank a crucial

trety to somewhat stabilize IHS’ crumbling pad at 27-22, and would drive in for a late two-pointer to leave the score standing 29-22 entering the final frame.

“That really was the key – to attack the gaps, try to get them to draw away from what they normally do,” said Whitt. “I kept telling them, ‘We have to keep driving those gaps and pull their defense apart. Make them collapse.’ Those guards up top – Snyder and Saltzman – they were looking for a steal on a pass, and so we really had to work that so they didn’t. They could have been off to the races several times if we weren’t careful.”

One senior’s summary of the skipper’s final instructions was much more succinct.

“She basically said we needed to get our lives together,” said a grinning Gallegos. “We needed to play harder, get around and stop them.”

And Gallegos, not Brunson nor Valdez to the visitors’ surprise, all but did RFHS in with a crippling three-pointer – rebuilding Ignacio’s lead to 36-22 – launched from directly in front of a raucous Lady Bobcat bench. Rocky Ford boss Mark Henson quickly called a timeout with 5:44 still remaining, but IHS steadily began milking the clock, aware they wouldn’t have to produce much more offensively.

“That’s what I told them in our last timeout: ‘We don’t have to score. Unless you’ve got a wide-open layup, we don’t have to shoot it,’” Whitt recalled. “And be patient, just use our time to our advantage ... for those things we’ve been working on all season for games we’ve been close in.”

“It’s really good to see them getting it and being able to do that.”

Following up her 12-point output against Sargent, Brunson finished with 16 points, matching Snyder – recipient of the game ball for her two-day play, as well as to commemorate her 1,000th varsity point, achieved against IHS – for the game-high.

“I’d been kind of keeping

track, but I wasn’t really too focused on it; I was just trying to be a team player and help us win,” said Snyder.

After booking a game-best 13 against SHS, Valdez again reached double figures with ten versus RFHS (21-3), while Gallegos’ count improved from four to ten. Having provided the Lady ‘Cats their first-quarter spark against Sargent with a quick six points, Nanaeto would total 13 in the wins while junior Ebonee Gomez totaled six, but senior Makayla Howell (four points against Sargent) went scoreless against Rocky Ford before fouling out with 2:26 left.

Rodriguez managed five points in defeat, but Saltzman was held to just three and Mendoza-Werner zero.

“Last night was great. We were kind of stuck in mud early in the game and it kind of went back and forth, but once we got out of the mud we ran. Ran, and ran away,” said Henson. “Tonight ... the first half was tough, but the beauty part was we felt like we played good enough defense to keep us in the game.”

“We chipped away at it, stayed confident But it turned out the other way. Ignacio started to play tighter defense, started hitting more shots, and that’s the way it ends.”

Re-seeded No. 7 for the ‘Great Eight,’ Ignacio’s first foe inside the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland was to be 2-seed Holyoke (22-1) at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12. Results against the Region I champs, whose only loss to date was by four points against Limon back on Jan. 18, were unavailable at press time.

The winning crew would advance to face either No. 3 Rye or No. 6 Sanford on Friday the 13th, while the losing bunches would fight for survival on Day 2 at 11:45 a.m. On Day 3, the girls’ fifth-place game will tip off at 4 p.m. in Greeley inside Bank of Colorado Arena at the University of Northern Colorado’s Butler-Hancock Athletic Center, but the third-place (10 a.m.) and championship (7 p.m.) features will still be played at the BEC.

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did pretty good. So it was good.”

“I’m glad I get to coach them, and nobody else [does],” Knepper added.

Medina booked eight points and Sehnert five, while Cova officially logged three points (and possibly five).

Set to travel to Loveland and the Budweiser Events Center for the final three-day event and re-seeded No.

8, IHS’ next opponent was to be high-scoring 1-seed Ault Highland (23-1) at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, but results against the Region II rulers – owners of 11 90-point games already this season, with a max of 113 achieved Feb. 25 – were unavailable at press time.

The winning side will then advance to the next evening’s 5:30 p.m. test, to face either 4-seed Sanford

or 5-seed Wray, while the losing bunches would battle for survival at 10:15 a.m.

On Day 3, the fifth-place game will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Greeley inside the Bank of Colorado Arena at the University of Northern Colorado’s Butler-Hancock Athletic Center, but the third-place (11:30 a.m.) and championship (8:30 p.m.) games will still be played at the BEC.

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

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Love your Daughter,
Mel Ortiz

Much love from your granddaughter, Mataya,
Grandchildren: Adrienne, Alicia, Avery
and Darren Rock

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

KIT CARSON PART II

In 1830 Smith sold out to Fitzpatrick. Bridger and three others who formed the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. This is the outfit that Kit signed on with in 1831. After purchasing the fur company, Fitzpatrick traveled to Sante Fe, in present day New Mexico with Smith, Jackson and Sublette. He needed to secure trade goods to take back to his men in the mountains.
Smith who decided to quit the mountains after so many narrow escapes, was killed by Comanches along with Cimarron that May. Late in July 1831, Fitzpatrick and some 40 men, including Kit, headed north up the front range to the north Platte and then west toward the Green River Rendezvous. Fitzpatrick soon returned to St. Louis, Missouri, but Kit and the others trapped the green and then wintered into Idaho Country near the head waters of the Salmon River. With the thaw, Kit and a handful of companions moved east to trap the Central Colorado streams, where they had several sharp engagements with natives, endured considerable privation and hardship, but still returned to Taos in New Mexico country in October 1833 laden with fur.

Trapping was needless to say, hard and dangerous work. Kit's friend Joe Meek left a clear account of the techniques employed by the trappers:
The trapper has an ordinary steel trap weighing five pounds, attached to a chain five feet long with a swivel and ring at the end, which plays round what's called the float. A dry stick of wood about six feet long. The trapper wades out into the stream, which is shallow and cuts with his knife a bed for the trap, five or six inches under water. He then takes the float out the whole length of the chain in the direction of the center of the stream and drives it into the mud so fast that the beaver can not draw it out. At the same time tying the other end of a thong to the bank a small stick or twig, dipped in musk or castor serves for bait, and is placed so as to hang directly above the trap, which is not set. The trapper then throws water plentifully over the adjacent bank to conceal any foot prints or scent by which the beaver would be alarmed, and going to some distance wades out of the stream, and get away.

By Joseph Rael Jr.

Correction

The Southern Ute Drum wants to acknowledge Tribal elder, Dominic Sage with EVO Sound with his contribution to the Valentines Dance on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Multi-Purpose Faculty.

The dates for the 2020 Bear Dance in Ft. Duchesne, Utah are May 8 – 11, 2020. The dates were printed incorrectly in the 2020 Southern Ute Calendar.

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Trophy trout



Zane Olguin has been out fishing on The Southern Ute Indian Reservation; with an early spring he has managed to some nice trout on lures in recent weeks.

Attention: Indian Land Owners
You are Invited;

U.S. Department of the Interior
Question and Answer Session
Topics: Land – Minerals - Royalties

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Southern Ute Agency
Ignacio, CO

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Carmela Huerta
Job title: Payroll Manager
Description of duties: Responsible for payroll processing, updates, changes and tax reporting.
Hobbies: Enjoy running, hiking, reading and spending time with family.
Family: Husband Lupe Huerta – 3 children, 7 grandchildren.
Comment: Worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for 24 years. 15 years at the Sky Ute Casino – 10 years processing payroll. Worked in accounting, auditing and the MCB/Clinic for the SUIT.



Carolyn Striker
Job title: SUIMA Curriculum Director
Description of duties: Responsibility for overseeing and supporting guides with planning, training, assessing students and communicating needs of student to guides.
Hobbies: Outside of school, Carolyn loves being active in the outdoors with her husband and dog. Skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking mountains, playing disc golf, to name a few. She also loves to read and learn new information.



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/or small business owners

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Roger Zalneraitis at 970.563.2463 or email at rzalneraitis@southernute-nsn.gov

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2020-NC-0029**

Nataya Lovato, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Angelina and Daniel Lovato on behalf of: Nataya Lovato has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nataya Precious Valencia. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **MARCH 30, 2020**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

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

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2020-NC-0030**

Nakai Lovato, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Angelina and Daniel Lovato on behalf of: Nakai Lovato has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nakai

Zane-Paul Valencia. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **MARCH 30, 2020**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

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

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2020-NC-0031**

Angelina T Lovato, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Angelina T Lovato has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Angelina Tina Valencia. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **MARCH 30, 2020**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2020.
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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. 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

Bear Dance weekend: May 22-23

- Porta Pots
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- Sound system

Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20

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ATTENTION

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SPRING WATER USERS MEETING

@ SKY UTE CASINO

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2020

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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.

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.

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

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of 1 priority event and 1 Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ETHICS COMMISSION

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

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

GAMING COMMISSION

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full Time Gaming Commission position term is 4 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 1 year and 10-month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3-year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and

confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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

WILDLIFE CULTURE EXPERT

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

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

YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

Clinical Applications Coordinator
Closing 3/13/20 – Under general direction of the Chief Nursing Officer. Maintaining the Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for the Health Department, coordinating up-grades, and providing training to all users. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

Construction Services Repairman
Closing 3/17/20 – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/ Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Detention Division Head
Closing 3/23/20 – Under general supervision of the Justice and Regulatory Department Director, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility. Pay grade 24; \$78,315/annually.

Detention Officer
Closing 3/23/20 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade17; \$17.20/hour.

Family Court Caseworker
Closing 3/13/20 – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Grounds Maintenance Worker
Closing 3/19/20 – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade13; \$12/hour.

Native Connections
Closing 3/16/20 – Under general supervision of the Program Director, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work exclusively with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. Mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Summer Environmental Programs Intern
Closing 3/31/20 – A summer work position for an enrolled Native American. The length of the summer work program is two months. Program involves working within the Air and Water disciplines within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Division. Technical aspects include working with and performing restoration resulting is a well-rounded, technical understanding of a Tribal environmental program. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

TERO Lawn Service Maintenance Laborer
Closing 3/23/20 – Performs lawn service, gardening plots, moving of heavy furniture/appliances, minor tree pruning and shrub pruning at Tribal Elders or physically challenged Tribal members who reside at their primary residence and within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Assist with spring/ fall clean up and snow plowing/shoveling. Reports directly to the TERO Division Head or delegated TERO Staff. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator
Closing 3/16/20 – Under direct supervision of the Program Manager for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, employee is responsible for assisting in the organization and facilitation of Vocational Rehabilitation services to clients/consumers within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe service delivery parameters and for providing data and office management for the department. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

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

Community Health Representative
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 clean-

ing, 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. In addition, the Grants Financial Analyst is responsible for assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

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

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

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

Public Ed. Elementary Teacher
Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian public Education Department. A Teacher in this position 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. 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. 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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.

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

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

Accounting Assistant I – Red Willow Production CO (Ignacio, CO)
Closing 3/27/20 – Under the direction of the Accounts Payable Supervisor, this position provides accounting and clerical support to the Red Willow Production Accounting Department.

Administrative Assistant (Part-time) – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)
Closing 4/3/20 – A part-time position, assisting with office, clerical, and accounting duties for staff of the Department of Energy (DOE). Maintains a positive and effective working relationship with coworkers, supervisors and the general public. Minimum Qualifications: Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member. High School diploma or equivalent is required and one year of clerical experience is required. Must have experience with typing, general filing, copying, and scanning of documents. Must have, or be able to obtain, an understanding of the processing of legal documents. Must have, or be able to obtain, knowledge and understanding of the process of organizing and updating land records for all energy projects of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have knowledge and skill using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, MS Outlook, and Internet Explorer and be willing to learn database software currently used in Energy Department. Must have strong organizational skills. Must have willingness to take initiative, assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must be able to obtain Federal Security Clearance in order to work with energy revenue and auditing records. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency

and be insurable under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)
Closing 3/25/20 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

Operations Foreman – Aka Energy Group (Platteville, CO)
Closing 3/25/20 – Assist and support the Area Manager in all aspects of plant operations. Responsible for coordination and oversight of all plant related activities, cost tracking, safety and environmental compliance, gas treating and processing, including supervision of the plant operations personnel assigned to the facility.

Senior Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)
Closing 3/20/20 – All revenue activities and producer and pipeline gas imbalance of Red Cedar Gathering Co., assuring accuracy, consistency, efficiency, and customer satisfaction; asset management and tracking and maintaining AFEs for both Aka Energy and Red Cedar Gathering; payroll review for Aka Energy and Red Cedar Gathering. Provide support to the Controller, provide timely and accurate information to other departments, management, and external parties.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online.

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

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

Chief Information Officer – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)
Closing 3/13/20 – Operations of the Tribe’s Shared Services organization (SUSS). SUSS is responsible for serving as the shared information technology service provider for the Tribe’s Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and Sky Ute Casino Resort. Reports directly to the SUSS Committee, composed of the Permanent Fund Executive Officer, the Growth Fund Executive Director, and the Casino General Manager. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in MIS, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering or related field and fifteen years diverse experience in the Information Technology industry, ten of which must be supporting: accounting, human resources or ERP systems. Must have five years supervisory experience. Must have five years experience in senior Information Technology management. Must have five years experience managing information technology systems in a business environment. Must have experience with budget preparation and compliance. Must have experience with enterprise network infrastructure and security design and industry best practices in a hybrid cloud environment. Must have experience with computer operations and help desk management. Experience in a Microsoft 365 and Azure environment. Must have knowledge of common Operating Systems such as Windows 10, Windows 2016 and Windows 2019. Must possess strong leadership and communication skills. Must have strong computer-based data management and analysis skills and troubleshooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must be able to obtain a Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support License and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) Certification. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

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

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

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)
Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles hotel guests to and from the airport as needed. Must be at least 18 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

***Player’s Club Rep (Full-time)**
Performs all administrative 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.

Busser (On-call and Full-time)
Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 14 years old, but 16 preferably. Must have reliable transportation and must be able to do basic math.

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.

FLY FISHING

Spring: Almost

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spring is rapidly approaching. And, you are probably asking, how do I know? The first indication is that by 2 o'clock in the afternoon my driveway has turned into a quagmire of mud. Next, all the Christmas decorations have been replaced with spring and summer decorations. The winter quilt has been removed to allow for a lightweight one. The snow in my back yard is now crust-ed over to a firmness that has my cigar butts staying visible. The river out back is beginning to look fish-able by noon, and Hermosa Creek has turned brown from runoff.

So, what is a dedicated, excitable fly fisherman to do? I suggest you step into the Animas River. My favorite place on the Animas River is located on the Southern Ute Reservation. It's close to town, has lots of locations to fish, and is not over-run with other fly fishers or summer rafters. I think the fifty dollars for a season license is a great investment. Don't forgot there are several rivers to fly fish on the reservation.

With my new season license in pocket, and accompanied by a good fly fishing buddy, we headed to Weasel Skin Bridge. There was no snow or ice in the parking lot, no wind, and the temperature was headed for the high 40's. This was going to be a good day, as if any day fly fishing could



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be bad. Even though there were no fish rising we both tied on dry flies, just to see if there were any real hungry, not real smart trout in the area. There weren't. After replacing our flies with something that sank, mine a green woolly bugger and his, a pheasant tail, we split up to test more water. I stayed around the bridge, and my friend headed downstream to the first area of rapids.

It wasn't long before we both had netted large rainbows. In fact, my friend said it was the biggest rainbow he had ever caught on the Animas River. After comparing notes, both fish had the same characteristics. They were large, bright brilliant colors, and a little sluggish. As if they had just

awakened from a winter hibernation.

At this point we both lite our afternoon cigars and noticed fish rising. Not just one or two, but multiple rises between the bridge and first rapids. We both went back to dries. As before. However, these fish were not remotely interested in anything that floated, regardless of its size, shape, or color. We discovered this because we both tried several different patterns. Being somewhat frustrated, we stopped casting and watched the rises more closely. What we saw were the fish feeding just below the surface. It was their backs and tails breaking the surface.

This observation brought about yet more fly changes. (Fly shops love it when this happens.) I went to a soft hackle and my partner tied on an emerger. Same story, next verse, no strikes, much less a home run. Our frustration was running high, as we tried several different patterns. We were also beginning to get cold. The warm day was now being replaced with a cold wind out of the south, and the temperature was beginning to fall.

Chilled, elated with our big rainbows, frustrated that we hadn't figured out a successful emerger or dry fly pattern, and at the end of our cigars, we called it a day. However, I've been checking the weather forecast for next week, and the predicted warm afternoons will give me plenty of opportunities to figure out the correct patterns.

Important notice regarding tribal distribution

Receiving your tribal distribution in a prompt and timely manner is of vital importance, and Tribal Members are highly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit. In the event the Tribal Offices are closed due to COVID19, and if you are not yet signed up for direct deposit, checks will be mailed and cannot be picked up in person. Please contact the Tribal Distribution Office at 970-563-2260 or 970-563-2437 to request a direct deposit form or additional information.



Bonita Peaks Ethnographic and Ethnobotanical Study

We are seeking participation in an ethnographic and ethnobotanical study of the Bonita Peak Mining District near Silverton, Colorado and the surrounding area. The project aims to document historical connections of Ute people to the region and Ute cultural knowledge of the natural environment.

If you want you to participate in the oral history interview or participate in anyway, please contact the Cultural Preservation Department at (970) 563-2983

Interviews will be

April 7, & 8, 2020

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Cultural Preservation Conference Room

Light snacks will be provided

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Sects
- 6 Willy Wonka author
- 10 Before going under the knife
- 11 Notion
- 12 Early Woodland period culture in Ohio and other states
- 13 Simper
- 15 "Absolutely!"
- 16 Black Sea port
- 17 Wine server
- 19 Acidity measures
- 22 "The Sweetheart of Sigma --- "
- 23 Long-running satirical show
- 24 People a k a Kumeyaay
- 27 ---, Straus and Giroux, publishers
- 28 Disgorge
- 32 Stately horse
- 33 Street, in Seville
- 34 " ... --- dust shalt thou return"
- 35 Melons named after a kibbutz
- 36 Gun hammer catch
- 37 First time on stage

Down

- 1 Tax-law experts
- 2 Pakistan's national language
- 3 Lascivious look
- 4 In great shape
- 5 Place to get 4 Down?
- 6 Contempt
- 7 Madison Avenue pitchers?
- 8 Bank jobs
- 9 Don ---, the only World Series perfect game pitcher
- 14 "Communist Manifesto" writer --- Marx
- 16 Autumn color
- 18 Location of Chimborazo
- 19 Common email attachments
- 20 Interruption
- 21 At peace
- 25 Environmental campaigner Thunberg
- 26 Reputedly warlike Midwestern Nation
- 29 One of the common people
- 30 Southern Vermont Abenaki tribe
- 31 Toward sunset
- 33 New England catch

Answers for this crossword will appear in March 27 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Feb. 28, 2020 crossword puzzle:

Across: 1 Miera, 6 Yaqui, 11 Grain, 12 Wheat, 13 Merck, 14 Codes, 15 Bilbao, 17 Brunei, 19 Twin, 23 Red, 24 SSE, 26 UVB, 27 Apse, 29 On spec, 31 Manana, 33 Zero G, 36 Batch, 39 Irate, 40 Likes, 41 Agnes, 42 Eliot.

Down: 1 MGM, 2 Ire, 3 Earbuds, 4 Ricin, 5 Ankles, 6 YWCA, 7 A hoot, 8 QED, 9 UAE, 10 It's, 16 Bison, 17 Bra, 18 Rep, 20 Wupatki, 21 I've, 22 NBC, 25 Enable, 28 Emote, 30 Snail, 32 Ages, 33 Zia, 34 Erg, 35 Ran, 37 CEO, 38 HST.



Scoring Night

Friday, April 3rd

Sky Ute Casino Event Center

6:00pm

Official Boone & Crockett Scorers will be on hand to score your trophy!

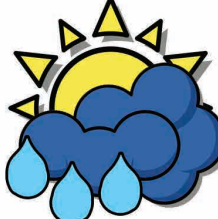


Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management
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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, March 13



49°F sunny

Afternoon showers, 100% precipitation

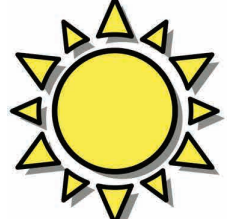
Saturday, March 14



51°F mostly cloudy

Calm afternoon winds

Sunday, March 15



57°F partly sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

