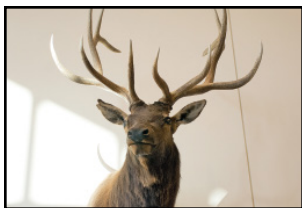




CU supports tuition bill

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Richard's trophy elk

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Wrestlers work through ‘expanded’ Rumble

IHS 0-2 in tourney’s duals, 0-3 for night

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Pandemics can apparently make for some strange mat-fellows. And at the rotating La Plata County bragging-rights triangular known as the 2021 Riverside Rumble, Ignacio High’s wrestlers found themselves hosting not only 4A Durango and 3A Bayfield as automatic opponents, but also 3A Montezuma-Cortez (co-op’ing this winter with 2A San Juan Basin Leaguers Dolores) inside IHS’ auxiliary gymnasium Thursday, Feb. 18.

With both numbers and experience not exactly fa-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Kyle Rima refuses to relinquish the leg of Durango’s Miguel Stubbs during the 2021 Riverside Rumble – hosted this season by IHS – on Thursday, Feb. 18. Rima would push the 220-pound action into a second period, but Stubbs would work for a pin 35 ticks in.

voring them, the Bobcats still managed to log a 66-6 to Durango – the spectacular of individual victories; team scores, howev-

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tribal member small business spotlight: Grant Foster

Rising Sun Crab Traps: Ocean Springs, Miss.

By Trae Seibel
SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST

What is your small business: name, services, industry?

Rising Sun Crab Traps, LLC. We cater to Recreational and Commercial Crabbers, Charter Captains and Shrimpers. We manufacture Crab Traps in three sizes, Live Crab Holding Pens, Live Fish Bait Holding Pens, Crawfish/Shrimp Traps, Eel Traps, and Pin Fish Traps in many sizes and shapes, etc.

What inspired you to start your own small business?

The crab traps I purchased in the local stores were flimsy and cheaply made. My mom and dad used to own a rabbitry and had a contract with Pel Freeze in which they had 400 working does. My



courtesy Grant Foster

Grant Foster, owner of Rising Sun Traps, LLC holds a couple of Chesapeake blue crab.

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Curbing illegal turns



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

There has been an influx of illegal and dangerous left-turns in the Cedar Point Housing Complex on the intersection of Shadow Spirit Street onto Colorado Highway 172. The illegal turn is in direct violation of multiple sections of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Traffic Code; which includes, Unlawfully Turning (14-12-101) and Failure to Obey One-Way Traffic Restrictions (14-13-105). The Southern Ute Police Department has started patrolling the area more frequently to help prevent anyone unlawfully turning left at the intersection to ensure the safety of motorists, while also maintaining the proper flow of traffic.

EDUCATION

Ignacio School District welcomes one of their own

deKay selected as next superintendent

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Ignacio School District will welcome Chris deKay as the new superintendent in July. Current superintendent Rocco Fuschetto is set to retire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. “I’m very confident that Chris will do a great job, he has my support and anything he needs help with he knows how to reach me,” Fuschetto expressed.

deKay was born and raised in the Ignacio community, he is the youngest born of 11 children and has always had strong ties to the tribal community. His father was the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Superintendent for 18 years. “I grew up in the school system here, I attended the Head Start, participated in the local rec programs and grew up in the lower agency where the current BIA building is,” deKay shared. He graduated from Ignacio

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Ignacio School District selected Chris deKay as the new superintendent, he will assume the role in July, replacing Rocco Fuschetto, who retires at the end of the 2020-2021 academic school year.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio Community Library Service Desk Manager, Ron Schermacher had the honor of cutting the ribbon on the new EV charging station in the heart of Ignacio’s Creative District, Friday, Feb. 12.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Ignacio acquires first electric vehicle charge station

ICL cuts ribbon on Level 2 dual port EV charger

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The town of Ignacio became part of Colorado’s growing electric vehicle charging network last week, with the announcement of the town’s first Electric Vehicle (EV) charge station.

Ignacio Community Library Service Desk Manager, Ron Schermacher was the driving force behind the project, and had the honor of cutting the ribbon on the new EV station in the heart of Ignacio’s Creative District.

A socially distanced, outdoor ribbon cutting event took place on Friday, Feb. 12 at the Ignacio Community Library. The event was also broadcast online via Zoom, to give those at home a chance to witness this historical moment on the Southern



Signage for the new Level 2 Dual Port EV Charge Station in Ignacio, Colo.

Ute Reservation.

The new dual port charger offers a full charge in about 4 to 6 hours, but for those looking to simply top off, significantly less time is required. The location is central to downtown, and a moment’s walk from schools,

restaurants and local merchants. Given its name, the EV charger can charge two vehicles simultaneously, at no cost to the driver – at least for the time being. Charging fees will be implemented later this year, according to ICL Director, Marcia Vining.

“By 2030, 20 percent of the projected [automobile] market will be electric,” said Schermacher.

“Additionally, the EV charge station will draw visitors to Ignacio ... and fills a spot in the charging desert,” Schermacher explained. Stating that Ignacio will now be listed on the statewide database and map, listing them among other EV charge stations in La Plata County and the Four Corners region.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Durango 9-R wins competitive grant for district's first electric school bus

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Durango School District 9-R has been awarded up to \$328,803 to purchase and install a fully electric school bus and related charging infrastructure, thanks to a joint grant application by the school district and La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). The grant, funded through the Regional Air Quality Council's (RAQC) ALT Fuels Colorado program, aims to improve Colorado's air quality by incentivizing the replacement of pre-2009 vehicles with fully electric and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) fleet vehicles. LPEA will contribute an additional \$120,000 to cover electric charging infrastructure and bus costs.

Durango School District 9-R was one of only eight grant awardees out of 38 total applicants. The 81-seat bus is expected to be oper-

ational by the fall of 2021. "This new eBus will be a great addition to our fleet for getting around in town," said Durango School District 9-R Transportation Coordinator Daniel Blythe. "We were excited to work on this proposal with LPEA and to ultimately win the RAQC grant for the bus as it is a great opportunity for the district to integrate electric vehicles into the system and to continue to explore ways to reduce our carbon footprint."

Beyond environmental benefits, the electric bus will bring tangible health benefits to students who ride the bus. Roughly 95 percent of America's school buses run on diesel and emit tailpipe pollution linked to asthma attacks, respiratory illness, and cancer. Electric buses do not emit any exhaust, thereby eliminating this health concern.

The bus will also be the first vehicle-to-grid installation in LPEA's service terri-

tory. Also known as bi-directional charging, this will allow the bus to pull electricity from the grid to charge during inexpensive off-peak hours. It will also allow LPEA to pull electricity from the vehicle onto the grid during critical times.

"This is a really cutting-edge project, not just for this area but for the whole state," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "Vehicle-to-grid installations are the future because they enable our grid to operate with a higher degree of flexibility. This will equate to big cost savings by allowing LPEA to avoid the purchase of expensive on-peak power, while aligning the charging of the bus with times of less expensive renewable generation."

This project delivers financial, social, and environmental benefits to our community, and we're grateful to Durango School District 9-R for their interest and collaboration."

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Police Department volunteered some of its staff to help with the Reading Wednesdays afternoon activity at Ignacio Elementary School on Feb. 16, 2011. Reading Wednesdays is part of the Families in School program coordinated by the Pine River Community Learning Center for parents and family members. Officer John Schnelting reads aloud to a group of students while others in the school library listened to books read by participating parents like Agatha Bison.

This photo was first published in the Feb. 25, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

20 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 20 year ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 20 years ago photo in the March 12, 2021 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

A special dance was held on behalf of Chairman Leonard C. Burch during the 3rd Annual Sweetheart Powwow. His wife, Irene, and granddaughter, Rachel, joined him while well-wishers shook his hand and showed their support and appreciation.

This photo was published in the Feb. 22, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

School Superintendent Bill Thornton and Principal Jess Medina presented the awards to the winning students of the Colorado Council's International Reading Association story writing contest held in Ignacio, Dec. 9, 1980. Local winners were Maria Trujillo, Danielle Monte, Michelle Gravestock, Brian Hight, Matthew Lambrecht, Paul Lambrecht and Leora Burch.

This photo was published in the Feb. 27, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

IGNACIO'S CHARGE STATION • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Forest Lakes resident, Guinn Unger gets the first charge from Ignacio's first EV charging station on Friday, Feb. 12. The Level 2 Dual Port EV charger is located at the Ignacio Community Library in downtown Ignacio.

The state of Colorado is actively pushing for residents to invest in electric vehicles in an effort to help offset and reduce carbon emissions across the West.

Ignacio joins other towns in La Plata County, and throughout Colorado, who are using grant funding opportunities to bolster local EV infrastructure. Just last month the town of Bayfield unveiled their first EV charge station adjacent to Town Hall, and Durango announced plans to upgrade one of their charge sites to include a pair of newer, rapid charge stations designed for ultra-fast charge times and quick turnaround.

The need for charging infrastructure caters to residents and tourists alike. With automakers focused on meeting demands for EV, rural communities will have to keep pace in regard to available infrastructure, especially if they want to attract EV owners who may be travelling from one town to the next.

There is undoubtedly a sea change on the horizon, especially in terms of new vehicles entering the market over the next decade. Consumer interests for EV and Hybrid vehicles has seen exponential growth in recent years. Companies like Tesla and Rivian are pushing new boundaries across the automotive industry, driving traditional U.S. automakers like Ford and GM to follow suite. Some of the early adopters will inevitably be



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Sharon Craig, Ignacio Mayor, Stella Cox, Ignacio Community Library Service Desk Manager, Ron Schermacher and ICL Director, Marcia Vining stand together for a portrait during the dedication ceremony Friday, Feb. 12.

fleet vehicles, used by small businesses, corporations and government programs.

"The town chipped in, we thought it would [help] bring in economic opportunity; especially as we move forward with the Ignacio Creative District, and tourism opportunities," said Sharon Craig, vice president for the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce. She also represents the town on the La Plata Economic Development Alliance Board. "We thought it was a good investment," Craig emphasized.

4CORE – The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency was also instrumental in this effort: connecting the Town of Ignacio, Ignacio Community Library, LPEA and the Colorado Energy Office in this collaboration.

4CORE Executive Director, Laurie Dickson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony

in Ignacio, along with Ignacio Town Mayor, Stella Cox.

Perhaps the star of the show was a brand new 2021 Mustang Mach E, owned by Forest Lakes resident, Guinn Unger. Unger had purchased the sports car a few days earlier and was impressed by its capable 200-mile range. Up to that point, he had only charged the car from the comfort of his own home.

Given Ignacio's proximity to Navajo Lake, the Southern Ute Museum and Chimney Rock, the EV dual port charge station will certainly be a welcome addition for tourist visiting the region.

"Ron [Schermacher] really deserves the credit, hats off to Ron," said Clark Craig with the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce.

The new EV charging station and map can now be pulled up online at the Charge Point website: <https://na.chargepoint.com>

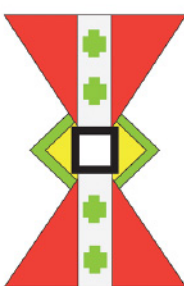
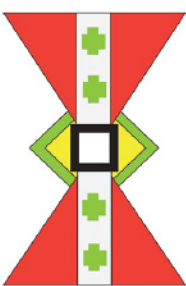




ATTENTION ALL STAFF

The Executive Office has approved for the Blessing of tribal offices and vehicles after the Sunrise Blessing is performed on March 19, 2021. This will include Permanent Fund, Sky Ute Casino and Growth Fund. Please ensure somebody is available to open the buildings, and if you would like your tribal or personal vehicle blessed please take it to the Cultural Center and Museum where the Spring Blessing will be. For information on times please contact the Sundance Chief, Byron Frost at 970-946-4061.

2021 SPRING BLESSING



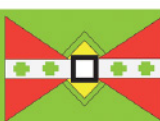
March 19, 2021

Sunrise

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum fire pit



Social distancing and masks are required



Sun Dance Dates
July 9-12, 2021

For more information contact
Sun Dance Chief, Byron Frost 970-946-4061

Announcing Virtual Fashion Show March 29 - April 2, 2021

The Cultural Preservation Department and the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is hosting a Virtual Fashion Show which is open to all Ute members and descendants. The Virtual Fashion Show is NOT a contest.

Those interested in participating may submit a maximum of five (5) photos of Ute Traditional hand-made items or regalia by mail to the Cultural Preservation Department, Special Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137 or email photos to tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov. Photos need to be sent in a JPG format. Along with the photo(s) please add a description, your name and if you would like, you may add your address, phone number and names of any individual(s) that model your item.

The Virtual Fashion Show will be on display March 29th - April 2nd, 2021 on the Southern Ute Tribal Website. The Deadline for submissions will be March 5, 2021 at 5pm.



For more information contact:
Event Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985 or
Education Outreach Coordinator for SUCCM, SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower
email sflower@southernute-nsn.gov

★★★★ Update ★★★★★

We will not be able to hold the Denver March Powwow in March 2021 because:

1. We received notification from the Denver Coliseum that they are not scheduling events for February, March, April and probably May. It is being used as a Homeless Shelter.
2. Colorado is under Orange Level mandates which means for Indoor Seated/Unseated events a maximum of 50 people are allowed.

We are hopeful with the Covid 19 Vaccination Program underway that we can have our event later in the year. As soon as the state mandates are lifted we will be able to solidify plans for 2021.



SOVERIGNTY

Standing Rock Youth Council ask Biden to shut down DAPL

Staff report
INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL
NETWORK

The Standing Rock Youth Council completed a 93-mile relay run across the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, from Timber Lake to Cannonball River – the site of the historic #NoDAPL Oceti Sakowin camp from more than four years ago.

“We did this for one simple reason: the Dakota Access pipeline is illegal. It was pushed on our community, ignoring our treaties, just like Line 3,” said Jordin Sam, member of the Standing Rock Youth Council. “To Build Back Fossil Free, Biden must shut down DAPL and stop Line 3.”

Along with the recent run, the Standing Rock Youth Council urged the President to take action in a video they released last Thursday. Across the country people uploaded photos and videos in solidarity with the youth’s call for #Shutdown-



Indigenous Environmental Network

Standing Rock Youth Council, “To Build Back Fossil Free, Biden must shut down DAPL and stop Line 3.”

DAPL solidarity actions including Los Angeles, Omaha and San Antonio.

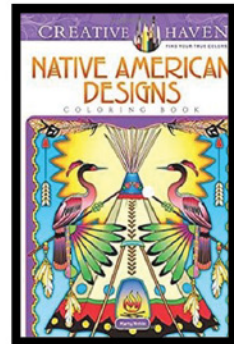
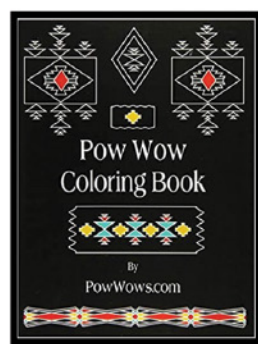
Federal Courts have affirmed that tribal treaty rights and environmental injustices and violations have occurred, and they have asked for the pipeline to cease operations while a new environmental study is conducted.

A hearing scheduled for Feb. 10 between a U.S. District Judge and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been postponed to April 9

to allow the Army Corps to decide on whether the pipeline will be shut down or allowed to operate illegally without a permit.

“We ran for the water just as we did four years ago. Biden has the opportunity to do right by Indigenous communities and must shut down DAPL and Line 3,” said Joseph White Eyes, member of the Cheyenne River Grassroots Collective. “Pushing these projects without our consent is ruining our way of life.”

Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a Book at 970-563-2641

or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Books will be mailed or delivered by Elder Services

Available March 5, 2021



Attention Tribal Members



The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department is recruiting members for the Mentor's Circle. The member should have the following:

Knowledge of the Ute Language

Have experience in working with the Ute Language

The Mentor's Circle will assist in various activities around preservation and revitalization of the Ute language under the ANA grant project initiatives.



If interested please, contact
Dedra White Eagle, Culture Education Coordinator, at 970-563-2306
or Shelly Thompson, Culture Director, at 970-563-2984.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Tweaking a TikToc recipe

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

If you have any teenagers, they are likely watching TikTok videos. My daughter will sometimes make a dish she found posted by an “influencer.” Don’t ask me what that is. But the latest dish she found is so delicious that I had to share.

One thing though, I always tweak recipes to fit my preferences or make them healthier. I used crumbled feta to catch all the herbs and spices in the nooks and crannies. Feta is a lower fat cheese and although it can be a bit tangy, once cooked in this dish it is absolutely divine!

Baked Feta and Tomato Pasta

- Ingredients:**
- 10-12oz grape tomatoes
 - 8oz Feta Cheese crumbles
 - 1/2 cup Kalamata olives
 - 3-4 peeled garlic cloves
 - 1/2 cup olive oil
 - 2 T Dried Basil (or more if using fresh chopped)
 - 2 T Dried Parsley (or more if using fresh chopped)
 - 1 T Garlic powder
 - 1 T Onion powder
 - 16 oz. favorite whole grain pasta or even over zoodles!
- Optional ingredients: sun dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, red onion

- Directions:**
- It’s so simple. This is what you will do.
 - 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 - 2. Place crumbles in the center of an



courtesy Lisa Smith

So, giving credit to the TikTok chef, here is my updated version.

Lisa B. Smith, RDN is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

- 8x11” baking dish.
- 3. Place tomatoes, olives and fresh garlic all around the crumble.
- 4. Pour olive oil over everything. Stir tomato mixture just a bit to disperse.
- 5. Sprinkle generous amounts of the basil, parsley, garlic powder and onion powder over the feta and the tomato mixture. Sprinkle enough so you don’t see much of the white of the feta. It will be at least 2 tablespoons each of the dried herbs.
- 6. Bake for 35 minutes or until tomatoes are no longer plump.
- 7. While feta/tomatoes are baking, cook your pasta.
- 8. Remove from heat and stir feta and tomato mixture to combine. This will create a moist yet somewhat chunky sauce.
- 9. Mix with pasta, cooked chicken breast, spiralized zucchini or use your imagination!

TRIBAL HEALTH

Just the facts: Forest County Potawatomi Insurance

By Erika Atencio
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greetings Southern Ute tribal membership, The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department would like to continue the effort to help individuals understand the sometimes-complex world of health. This article will cover some facts about the Tribe’s Third-Party Administrator, Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department.

The Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) is a federally recognized Indian tribe located in northern Wisconsin. In recent years, revenues from gaming and other business ventures have propelled FCPC to self-reliance and prosperity.

The Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID) is a department within the Forest County Potawatomi Community Government. FCPID was established in 1999 in response to FCPC’s need for a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) and a Health Plan Manager. FCPID is located on the Forest County Potawatomi Community reservation in Crandon (Stone Lake), Wis. Their mission statement is to be dedicated to providing superior custom-

er service and innovative administrative services to Tribal Nations.

In 2002, FCPID began processing their own claims in-house for their self-funded tribal member health plan. By June of 2003, they had assumed the administration of all the FCPC health plans including the employee health plans for the Tribal Government and Casinos.

In 2008, they began providing benefits administration solutions to other tribal nations. Today they provide health program solutions to more than 40 tribal nations. The services provided include employee health plan administration, Contract Health Services/ Purchase Referred Care administration for health clinics, Medicare Like Rates repricing, Section 506 recovery, third party billing for health clinics, custom plan designs, consulting and training for their clients’ team members.

All technology systems used to provide tribal health program solutions are HIPAA compliant along with their physical setting; all staff members are HIPAA certified. FCPID staff is covered under Error and Omissions coverage and fidelity bonded.

FCPID has provided da-

ta to stop loss carriers to assist them with understanding the positive impact of Medicare Like Rates on the Tribal health plan experience. Therefore, they have been able to maintain access to, and administration approval to multiple stop loss markets.

Over the course of providing Medicare Like Rates (MLR) re-pricing data they have identified savings over two hundred and sixteen million dollars (\$216,000,000) for their tribal clients

Thank you for your time and please look forward to the next article. The THD Benefits Team is continuing to work through the tribally issued “Stay at Home” Order. Office phones are forwarded to assist the tribal membership between 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We hope that each and every one of you are continuing to stay safe and follow the public health orders issued to help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Community readiness assessment

Substance use prevention on the Southern Ute Rez

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Talking about substance use, what it is and how to prevent it. It’s not a secret and it’s most certainly not something to be ashamed of - substance use and addiction are very real. We as Native Americans have had our fair share of substance use and addiction in our communities and even with our family members and friends.

However, we don’t hear a lot of conversation about substance use and addiction, about what they are and how to prevent them. There are many reasons behind this, but the one we’ll focus on here in this article is a lack of data or set points we as the community can use to address the issue of substance use and prevention here on the Southern Ute Reservation. How do we know what the community thinks or feels about this issue? How do we address the issue and create effective and sustainable change? Are we ready to address this issue?

One way to help us answer some of these questions is to use what is called the Community Readiness Model and the Community Readiness Assessment tool. Let’s talk about this more.

What is the Community Readiness Model? The Southern Ute Native Connections Program has been tasked to use the Community Readiness Model and an assessment tool to determine the community’s “readiness” to act on an issue, such as prevention around suicide, child abuse, partner violence or in this case, substance use. This model has been used in various Native American communities because it allows community definition of issues and strategies that are culturally appropriate. The model also allows us to build cooperation among tribal systems and individuals to increase the capacity of substance use prevention and intervention on the



reservation.

What does “readiness” mean? Readiness is the degree to which a community is prepared to act on an issue, and in our case, it will be around substance use prevention. In order to be successful, it is very important that we match our level of readiness to our intervention efforts. Our interventions or the strategies we select to address this issue must move our community forward to higher readiness levels step by step. It’s also important that we get as many sectors, departments, programs, tribal and community members involved to maximize our chances of success.

What are the dimensions and stages of readiness? When we conduct the Community Readiness Assessment for Substance Use on the Southern Ute Reservation, we are looking at six different dimensions. They are:

- A. Community efforts: To what extent are there efforts, programs, and policies that address Substance Use Prevention?
- B. Community knowledge of the efforts: To what extent do community members know about local efforts and their effectiveness, and are the efforts accessible to all segments of the community?
- C. Leadership: To what extent are appointed leaders and influential community members supportive of Substance Use Prevention?
- D. Community climate: What is the prevailing attitude of the community toward Substance Use Prevention? Is it one of helplessness or one of responsibility

and empowerment?

- E. Community knowledge about the issue: To what extent do community members know about or have access to information on Substance Use Prevention, its consequences, and understand how it impacts your community?
- F. Resources related to the issue: To what extent are local resources (people, time, money, space) available to support the prevention efforts?

The stages of readiness are as follow:

- 1. **No Awareness:** Substance use is not generally recognized by the community or leaders as a problem (or it may truly not be an issue.)
- 2. **Denial/Resistance:** At least some community members recognize that substance use is a concern, but there is little recognition that it might be occurring locally.
- 3. **Vague Awareness:** Most feel that there is local concern, but there is no immediate motivation to do anything about it.
- 4. **Preplanning:** There is clear recognition that something must be done, and there may even be a group addressing it. However, efforts are not focused or detailed.
- 5. **Preparation:** Active leaders begin planning in earnest. Community offers modest support of efforts.
- 6. **Initiation:** Enough information is available to justify efforts. Activities are underway.
- 7. **Stabilization:** Activities are supported by administrators or community decision makers. Staff are trained and experienced.
- 8. **Confirmation/Expansion:** Efforts are in place. Community members feel comfortable using services, and they support expansions. Local data are regularly obtained.
- 9. **High Level of Community Ownership:** Detailed and sophisticated knowledge exists about substance use and substance use prevention, prevalence and consequences. Effective evaluation guides new directions. Model is applied to other issues.

What is our community readiness score based on the Feb. 2021 assessment?

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program completed 19 anonymous and thorough assessments with people representing many sectors of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and community, including Southern Ute tribal members (different ages groups), tribal employees (different departments and programs), local Native Americans, and youth-serving organizations. After completing these assessments,

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Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health; 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **24/7 Axis Health System Care Hotline:** Durango, CO You’re not alone. With our 24/7 crisis services, help is on the way. Your health, we’re in this together. 970-247-5245.
- **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 or National Resources

- **Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text “TALK” to 38255. You’ll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.
- **We R Native:** Join the movement by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).

Early Detection Matters.

Get health screening tests and wellness check-ups each year at your local Urban Indian Health facility.

Watch the video and learn more at ncuih.org/wisdomkeeper



The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program welcomes all parents and caregivers

WIC is open to many incomes including working and non-working families. If you are on the Southern Ute Food Distribution Program, Medicaid, TANF, SNAP or a foster parent of a child under 5 you are automatically income eligible. For info, contact the San Juan Basin Public Health WIC program at 970-335-2018 or go to: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/wic>

WIC is **OPEN** ...and easier than ever!

Participants receive a debit card to purchase healthy foods at area grocery stores.

Due to COVID-19, WIC is holding client appointments over the phone.

Dads, WIC is for you too!

Those experiencing a loss of income may newly qualify.

La Plata and San Juan Counties: 970.335.2026
Archuleta County: 970.264.2409 ext 3002
www.coloradowicsignup.com

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DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Support for those in unhealthy relationships

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE VICTIM SERVICES

February is an important month, as it is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In our last article, “Recognizing National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month,” we touched on what teen dating violence looks like and how it can be prevented. Now we will focus on how we as friends, parents, family members and community members can support those in an unhealthy relationship.

When it comes to pre-teens and teens, it may be difficult for them to reach out for help if they are in a violent relationship. Only one-third of teens who were involved in an abusive relationship confided in someone about the violence and those who have been abused hesitate to seek help because they do not want to expose themselves or are unaware of the laws surrounding domestic violence.

If you are concerned that a friend or family member may be in an abusive relationship here are a few warning signs you might notice;

- Unexplained marks or injuries.
- Are depressed, anxious or have noticeable changes in their personality.
- Are constantly worried about making their partner angry or they are making excuses for their partner’s behavior.
- They have not been spending time or communicating with friends and family.
- Their partner puts them down in front of other people.
- Their partner is extremely jealous or possessive.

Things to be aware of when helping an abused teen. One is to make sure the timing is right to talk about the abuse when you are sharing time together. Use “I” statements when describing feelings. Let the teen know how concerned you are about their safety. Before engaging in conver-

sation think of specific examples that you want to talk about, expressing your concerns. Listen and believe in what they say. Remember to speak sensitively and with support and care. Remember, if a teen chooses to speak to you about their situation, it is up to you to remain calm and caring throughout the process. It is very possible that you will hear uncomfortable details that will upset you.

It is imperative that you are nonjudgmental by focusing on resolving the problem/behavior of the partner rather than criticizing them for their choices. Become a place of comfort for them. Welcome the teen to have some control in decisions. Build their self-esteem and empower them because their self-view may have been distorted by their abuser. Model and practice a healthy relationship in your own relationship and daily life. Help develop a safety plan for when she/he is at school and out with friends without your protection. Contact SUPD or a domestic violence shelter about procedures for obtaining restraining orders.

Avoid being critical of them or their partner. Do not blame or ask blaming questions when talking to them. Do not talk to both teens at the same time. You can be a strong source of support by finding ways to spend time together like watching a movie at home, going to lunch, or doing a fun activity. This will give you an opportunity to talk safely and

remind them that you love them. Let them know that you’re concerned and that they deserve a healthy, loving, and respectful relationship. Remind them to practice self-care as a way to build their self-esteem.

Reach out for additional help like a hotline or victim services to help develop a safety plan. Refrain from pressuring them into making decisions and remember that abusive relationships are very hard to escape from it and it is never as simple as just leave. The reasons some people stay in abusive relationships are: fear, believing abuse is normal, embarrassment or shame, low self-esteem, may have children with their abuser, lack of money or resources and cultural/spiritual reasons.

Native victims have unique barriers that they face which include geographic isolation, fear of being identified in the small community, fear of retaliation, gaps in culturally based supportive services, lack of law enforcement, historical distrust of authorities, and cross-jurisdictional issues. These are all extra issues native teens face on reservations.

Just remember to follow a few of the tips above and for further information or assistance, here are some local and national resources. Remember it is okay, not to know everything but just being that one person, the victim can come to and trust is important because they know they will always have you to be there for them.

BEE HEARD • FROM PAGE 4

our overall stage of readiness is 4.24, out of a total score of 9.99. This score puts us in the #4 Preplanning Stage. As a reminder, the Preplanning Stage is defined as “There is clear recognition that something must be done, and there may even be a group addressing it. However, efforts are not focused or detailed.”

Our goal is to increase our scores for each dimension by working with the tribal membership, community members, departments and programs. We want to create an action plan to increase our efforts around substance use prevention. We also want to complete an assessment each year to determine if our efforts are working.

Now, we must address what we are currently doing and develop a strategy to move into the next stage of readiness, which is the #5 Preparation Stage. This is defined as “Active leaders begin planning in earnest. Community offers modest support of efforts.” We need as many people as possible to help us create long-term changes for the future generations of

healthy Ute people and local Native Americans.

Community meetings are scheduled to discuss our scores and substance use prevention. To find out more about our scores and to brainstorm strategies to address substance use on the Southern Ute Reservation, please contact Precious Collins at 970-563-2487 or prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov. We will be hosting two community meetings to present our community readiness assessment scores and to also give people a chance to add their input. Dates of the meetings will be Tuesday, March 2, 5:30 – 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 4, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom.

Your input, your experience, your hopes and dreams matter in these efforts. Please help be a part of positive community change to address substance use on the Southern Ute Reservation.

References: SAMHSA Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center: Community Readiness Manual on Substance Use in Native American Communities, www.samhsa.gov.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

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

We are going virtual! For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Training:

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees, and Southern Ute Tribal Members. Let’s all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis. Please contact Precious Collins at 970-563-2487 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up.

**SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION
COMMUNITY MEETING**
TWO DATES - SAME MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 2ND - FROM 5:30-7PM
THURSDAY MARCH 4TH - FROM 5:30-7PM

TOPIC OF CONVERSATION:

JOIN THE SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM TO DISCUSS THE LATEST SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY READINESS SCORES, TALK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY READINESS FOR CHANGE AND BRAINSTORM IDEAS ON INCREASING OUR SCORES.

OPEN TO ALL INVESTED IN DECREASING SUBSTANCE USE ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION.

ZOOM MEETING ID: 636 201 2851
OR CONTACT PRECIOUS COLLINS FOR INVITE
970-563-2487 prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

HEALTHY MINDS. HEALTHY CHOICES. HEALTHY UTES.

BROUGHT TO YOU IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Southern Ute Victim Services

Hours: Available 24/7
SUVS Office: 970-563-0245
After Hours Call Dispatch: 970-563-4401

Southern Ute Police Department

Hours: 8am – 5pm M-F
SUPD Office: 970-563-0246
SUPD Dispatch: 970-563-4401
Emergency Call: 911

Ignacio Out & Equal Alliance

Website: ignaciooutandequal.org
Email: ignaciooutandequal@gmail.com
Address: P.O Box 465 Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone number: 970-306-3555

Alternative Horizons

Website: alternativehorizons.org
Email: info@alternativehorizons.org
Administrative Office: 970-247-4374
24/7 Hotline: 970-247-9619

Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO)

Website: durangosaso.org
Email: durangosaso@durangosaso.org
Ignacio: 970-563-0695
Durango: 970-259-3074
24/7 Crisis Hotline: 970-247-5400

Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center

Website: rainbowyouthcenter.org
Email: info@rainbowyouthcenter.org
Phone: 970-903-8595

Ignacio Police Department

IPD Office: 970-563-4206
Dispatch: 970-563-4401
Emergency Call: 911

NATIONAL RESOURCES

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Hours: Available 24 hours
Website: suicidepreventionlifeline.org
800-273-8255

StrongHearts Native Helpline

Is a safe domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy, anonymous and confidential.
Hours: Daily, 7am-10pm CST
Website: strongheartshelpline.org
1-844-762-8483

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Website: thehotline.org
Advocates are available 24/7
Call: 800-799-7233

Love Is Respect

They offer confidential support for teens, young adults, and their loved ones seeking help, resources, or information related to healthy relationships and dating abuse in the U.S.

Website: loveisrespect.org
Advocates are available 24/7
Text: LOVEIS to 22522
Call: 1-866-331-9474 or 800-787-3224

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

CU Boulder supports in-state tuition bill for Native American students

Staff report
CU BOULDER NEWS

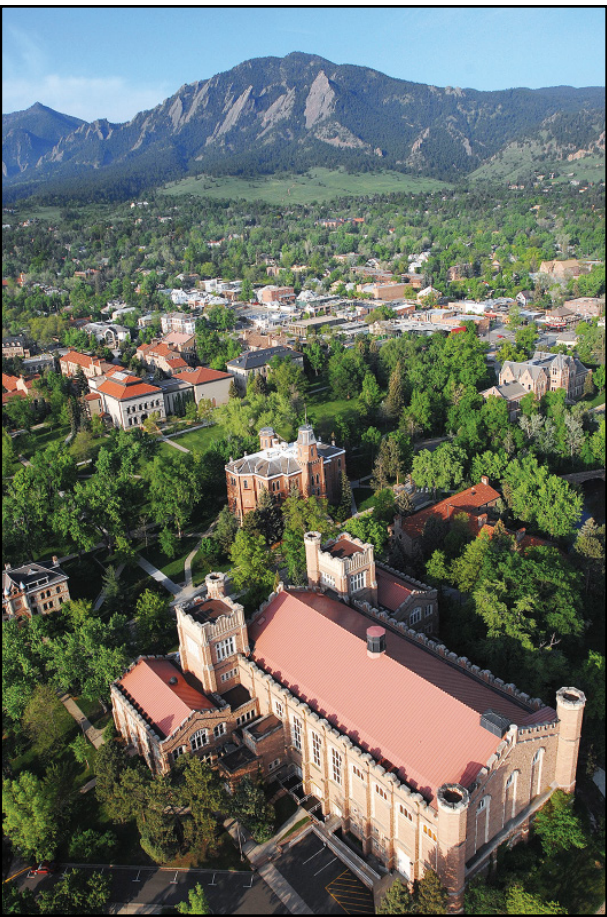
University of Colorado representatives testified before a legislative education committee last week in support of a bill moving through the Colorado General Assembly that would grant in-state tuition to members of American Indian nations with historical ties to Colorado.

Senate Bill 21-029 requires the state’s public colleges and universities to provide in-state tuition classification to American Indian students from communities with cultural, geographic and other historical ties to Colorado. Members of dozens of Indigenous groups stand to benefit if the bill passes into law.

On Thursday, the Colorado Senate Education Committee approved the bill by a 7-0 vote, and the bill will move to the Senate Appropriations Committee before advancing to the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives for further discussion. If the bill becomes law, advocates say it would increase college affordability for American Indian students and enable them to pursue their academic goals in a region many consider part of their ancestral homeland. Currently in Colorado, nonresident American Indian college students, including those from Indigenous communities with Colorado roots, are required to pay out-of-state tuition rates.

Andrew Cowell, a professor of linguistics and faculty director of CU Boulder’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, is also an expert in the linguistic tradition of the Arapaho, a people of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions with historical ties to Colorado and the city of Boulder, home of CU Boulder, the university’s flagship campus.

During his testimony before lawmakers, Cowell said, “Native American peoples were forced out of Colorado at gunpoint. This was their home, and many of them still consider it



University of Colorado

CU Boulder Campus.

to be part of their home. I work closely with the Arapaho people as a scholar, and whenever I am with them here in Colorado, they always talk about how good they feel to be here. They share their stories and knowledge of this place, and a good deal of my work has involved documenting this knowledge. The in-state tuition bill is one very important step in recognizing past injustices, and in restoring the rights of ‘home’ to these and other tribes.”

CU Regent Lesley Smith, vice chair of the CU Board of Regents, and Regent Emerita Irene Griego also expressed support for the bill, with Smith calling it “a way to improve educational equity and remedy historical barriers to education experienced by American Indians.”

Last fall, the CU system of four campuses adopted the university’s first land acknowledgement statement, describing the decision as an important step in articulating the university’s commitment to Native American students and their communities.

“As leaders of a public in-

stitution, we know how critical access to higher education is for all students and that barriers to entry disproportionately impact underrepresented populations, including American Indian people,” Smith told lawmakers. “Allowing these students to qualify for in-state tuition is just one important step we can take in eliminating the financial roadblock that out-of-state tuition rates can create.”

Griego, who served on the board for nine years, worked closely with campus stakeholders and the university administration to bring forward a resolution last fall to ask the state legislature for statutory authority to offer in-state tuition to American Indian students with historical ties to Colorado. The board passed the resolution on Nov. 12.

“We at CU recognize and affirm the ties these nations have to their traditional homelands and the many Indigenous people who thrive in this place – alive and strong,” she said. “We also acknowledge the painful history of ill treatment and forced removal that has

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SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Being with family is what matters most



courtesy Lorena Richards

De’Vra Richards, daughter of Lorena Richards is getting help from her big brother, Joseph Garcia as she builds her volcano for the SUIMA Family Night.

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

As spring break approaches, many people start thinking about what to do with the family, whether it is traveling, skiing, or staying home. Of course, the Coronavirus has changed the way we enjoy time together. Since the virus appeared, our day-to-day lives have been upended and what was a normal routine, turned into a different “new-normal” so that we can all stay safe.

Through all of this, being with family is what has mattered most. While the Coronavirus may have brought hardships for many families who are facing illness or the loss of a loved one, this has also been a once-in-a-lifetime chance to re-examine the way we’ve been living and shaking some things up so we can try new adventures.

Since the pandemic started, families are getting more time outdoors and experiencing nature; some have purchased exercise equipment; parents are teaching their children how to cook; and riding bicycles have become a passion for many. When it comes to schooling, an ordinary week, (pre-COVID), was usually filled with running around, dropping kids off, hurried workdays, rushed dinners, and evening meetings or games.

Often, it felt like we didn’t have enough time to do anything! Now, our calendars have opened up. Yes, there may be a plethora of emails, but checking them at home has afforded us the chance to connect as a family, help with homework, binge watch episodes of old sitcoms or just a chance to talk.

Here at SUIMA, we



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Malia and Shayne White Thunder, daughters of Heather White Thunder, help each other with their STEM project (volcanoes) during the SUIMA Family Night.

have been enjoying the way the Parent Advisory Group Family Nights have changed. While we provide whatever supplies are needed, the families have joined through a virtual platform. The first time we did this, it was uncomfortable, but our most recent one would be an example for how we morphed an in-person event into an online event that is now full of energy and laughter. Our topics for this school year have included Ute Language Bingo, pumpkin carving, Christmas stocking decorating, storytelling and volcano making. While one way isn’t better than the other, it just shows that we have all become resilient and have refused to let the coronavirus get us down.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The staff who is being spotlighted for this edition of the Drum, understands how family can adapt to whatever comes her way. For five years, Ms. Juana Hendren has worked for the

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Before she joined us as a primary level teacher, she worked at the Head Start.



Juana Hendren
Primary Teacher

Juana enjoys spending time with her family by fishing, camping, and going to the movies (when we used to be able to do that!) Along with her son Timothy, Juana has four brothers, her parents, 16 nieces and nephews and two great nieces and two great nephews. Family is very important to her as you can see!

Ms. Hendren says that the best part of working at SUIMA is the students and her great coworkers. Her favorite quote is, “to thine own self be true.” Juana also has some good advice, whether you are a student or an adult: Always do your best; ask for help when you need it; and make time for things you enjoy every day. Thank you, Juana, for being part of the SUIMA family.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- The **SUIMA kitchen staff** will be providing a bag of goodies to go home every Friday so that students may have snacks during the school week.
- **Parent Advisory Group meeting:** Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m.
- **Spring Break:** Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 19.
- **Parent Advisory Group Family Night:** Wednesday, March 24 at 6 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline Reminder
Applications due March 1st, 2021

LPEA is offering nine college scholarships from \$500 to \$28,000 in value.

All graduating high school seniors, including GED graduates, residing within LPEA's service territory are eligible to apply.

More details at lpea.coop/scholarships

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Meetings

Virtual Family Nights will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. via the WebEx link sent via Remind text messaging to SUIMA families.

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MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH END OF SCHOOL
MARCH 9
APRIL 13
MAY 11

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had a profoundly negative impact on Native nations.” Griego also said, “It is incumbent upon institutions in Colorado, especially CU, to put action behind our words. A critical action step is to ensure we are providing educational opportunities for Native students, faculty and staff and advancing our mission to understand the history and contemporary lives of Native peoples.”

For his part, CU Boulder Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano expressed gratitude for the testimony provided by Cowell, Smith and Griego, and called the bill “a symbol of the university’s commitment to supporting the cultures, lives and communities of Colorado’s first residents.”

“Each one of our campuses is located on lands that were historically inhabited by these great nations,” DiStefano said. “It is right and long overdue that we strengthen the ongoing presence of these communities at CU Boulder, Colorado’s flagship campus.”

College-aged students who are members of American Indian tribal communities are far less likely than other students to be enrolled in a higher education institution, with only 19% enrolled in college in 2016, compared to about 41% of the total college-aged population, according to recent census data cited in the bill.

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High School and continued with his Bachelor’s of Art Degree at Fort Lewis College before starting his career in education.

Over the last 25 years deKay has worked within the school district as a teacher, coach, principal and most recently served as the Ignacio School District’s Curriculum Director and Assessment Coordinator.

As superintendent, deKay has stated that he will continue to work closely with the local Southern Ute Education Department as well as the Johnson O’Mally and the Title VI Indian Education Committee. “I want to develop my own strong working relationship with the Southern Ute Tribe similar to the one Rocco has already created and I recognize that the way to do that is through open, honest and regular communication.”

By working together, the Ignacio School District and the Education Department assist Native American students and Southern Ute tribal descendants with their educational successes.

These programs and departments currently serve 247 Johnson-O’Mally students and approximately 140 enrolled Southern Ute students in the Ignacio School District.

Through an interwork agency agreement, the School District alongside the Education Department are operating under strict COVID-19 guidelines and hope to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by offering virtual tutoring services and distance learning resources.

“I have worked with Chris for over 10 years now and we have always worked together well,” LaTitia Taylor, Southern Ute Education Director stated. “I think he will have a smooth transition into the Superintendent office and continue to honor the working relationship that the Tribe has with the School District already.

His first plan of action as the new superintendent is to establish a common vision to get a better understanding of what the school board and stakeholders expect. This common vision will be a set of actions that will be promoted in the community and give the community the chance to be heard as well.

Addressing some of the issues that his predecessor has worked to overcome, deKay wants to continue to improve the District’s overall attendance rates, increase parent involvement and help the District navigate the restrictions of COVID-19. “I want to improve systems that we already have in place, I want to come in and make things better each year for all students and staff,” deKay explained. “I care deeply for the community and I want to see the success of our students and I look forward to getting started ... and excited to make a difference.”

Materials by mail from the Ignacio Community Library

Mailing materials is a service designed to offer library materials to patrons with disabilities or medical conditions that prevent them from visiting the library. We are also offering it to anyone staying home during the times of Covid-19.

- available to all ages
- items are delivered through the mail
- available to anyone within a 10 mile radius of the library
- completely free to the patrons

All you need to do is fill out a form to enroll in the program!
Please call 970-563-9287 to learn more.

Southern Ute Education INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Open to K-12th grade Southern Ute Tribal Members, 1st Descendant & JOM Remote & In-Person Students/Families in Bayfield and Ignacio schools.

Program will start mid-February 2021

Has COVID effected your Academic success?

•Grant funded to support students and families due to the effects of the COVID Pandemic.	•Incentives based on student progress toward •improved attendance, •improved grades
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Contact 970-563-0237 for sign up:

Teacher Contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-2nd : Denise Krispin• 3rd-5th: Dorian Romero• 6-8th: Julie Stone• 9-12th: Damon White Thunder	Bayfield students Contact: Lisa Pratchett 970-749-6704 lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov
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Sample Incentive Items:

•Cooking Kits/Family Dinner	•Beading Kit
•COVID Care Packages	•Gift cards
•Color Book Set	•School Supply Kits
	•Outdoor Gear

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people.

6 ft

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK

One-hour Virtual Meetings

Contact: Linda K. Baker
Southern Ute Tribal Council Member

Office: 970-563-2407 • Mobile: 970-553-0491
Fax: 970-563-0396
Email: lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov

SUIMA Family Nights

+ UPCOMING SCHEDULE +

MARCH 24	+ UTE BINGO
APRIL 21	+ FAMILY TREE
MAY 19	+ TBD

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VIRTUAL FAMILY NIGHTS WILL BE HELD FROM 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM. THE MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.

JOM Tutoring Invitation - Middle School

You’re invited to get some help with your schoolwork and homework!

I can help you remotely and in-person (*by appointment only).

You can reach me many different ways.

School Email and Google Hangout — tarchuleta@ignacioschools.org

You and your parents/guardians can also email me at my work email — tarchuleta@southernute-nsn.gov

If you are a JOM students and are behind on your work, please contact me so we can get you the help that you need. I will also be reaching out to you through your parent/guardian’s emails and student school emails, so just look for that message from me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Miss Tori Archuleta - JOM Tutor



COMMUNITY AIDE

Community donations more than double in 2020

Staff report
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 2020, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado infused \$3,996,727 million into Southwest Colorado’s non-profit community. Those grants are broken down as follows:

- \$2,299,518 was granted from Community Foundation Funds to nonprofits, of which 30% was disbursed from the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)
- \$1,553,264 was donated from the public to Community Foundation fiscal sponsorships and projects, including \$987,427 to the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)
- \$54,000 was granted through Scholarship Funds for educational purposes
- \$89,945 was granted through Community Foundation projects, such as the 9-R school staff appreciation initiative, the Reimagined Community Concerts in Durango and the Rise & Recover grant in Pagosa Springs

Grants were disbursed across numerous sectors in all five counties of Southwest Colorado and beyond. The top three sectors that received funding were human services, education, and arts and culture. “The generosity of our community members during the pandemic in 2020 was tremendously heartfelt and also quite effective and impactful for our local nonprofits,” says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. “Many nonprofits in Southwest Colorado have benefited from government re-

lief efforts and philanthropic grant making, and they are managing well through this emergency. We are pleased to see many organizations landing solidly on their feet.”

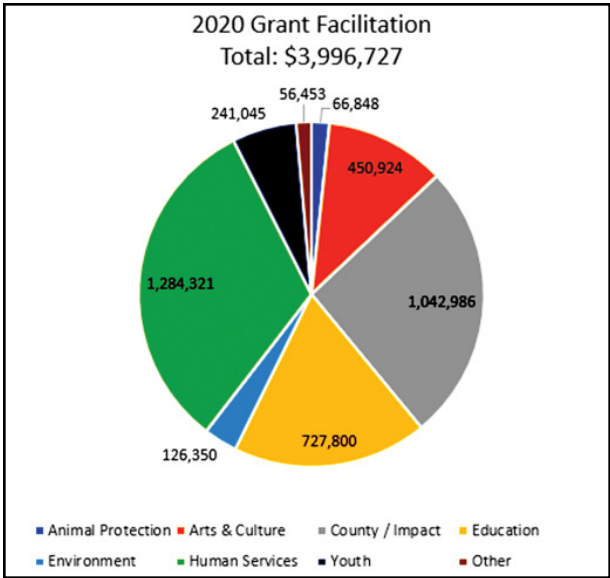
Donations to the Community Emergency Relief Fund, both dollars held in reserve from 2020 and ongoing donations received in 2021, will continue to be disbursed to organizations as needed, particularly those assisting with housing and food security. The human services sector received the most funds from the Community Foundation in 2020, totaling \$1,284,321.

“The needs of our most vulnerable neighbors were amplified during the pandemic,” says Wrinkle. “Therefore, much of our rapid-response funding went to nonprofits assisting with basic needs, such as food and housing security. Those types of organizations will remain a focus of our funding, as well as supporting the recovery of a wide array of local nonprofits.”

The education sector received the second highest level of Community Foundation grants last year at \$727,800. Education will continue to be a focus of the Community Founda-

tion’s work in 2021. “Our funders value educational endeavors as a priority, especially now, with schools so dramatically impacted by the changes the pandemic has brought to our educational systems,” says Wrinkle. “In 2020, we rallied our friends of the foundation to infuse \$37,000 into local restaurants to purchase \$50 gift cards for every staff member at Durango 9-R and Animas High School. These appreciation gifts were given to more than 700 educators and support staff and are just one creative example of how the education sector is benefiting from the Community Foundation. We will have other big education initiatives in 2021, including a youth internship program and facilities support for local schools. We are excited to share those plans soon.”

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado manages \$7.3 million in investments and is home to more than 60 donor advised funds, organizational funds, designated funds, scholarship funds, fiscal sponsorship funds and field of interest funds. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ICL now offers streaming video through Overdrive

Staff report
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Ignacio Community Library is returning to our regular hours in March! We’re so excited to be back to full hours and full staff and looking forward to seeing all of you here in the future.

In March our knitters and our two book clubs will be resuming meetings, and we’re hoping that programs will continue to return throughout the springtime.

We’ve been doing some virtual programs with other local libraries that are available to view through the ICL website and on YouTube. Check out www.ignaciolibrary.org for these. We even have some Story Times created by ICL staff for families to watch at home. Also, for those folks with young children at home, ICL has purchased a subscription to two Scholastic websites that children enjoy. Watch and Learn Library and ScienceFlix are accessible for free through the library’s website.

For those of you not yet venturing into public spaces,

ICL offers digital materials. We have streaming videos through Kanopy, e-books and e-audio-books, magazines and videos through Overdrive. All you need is your library card to use these platforms on the device of your choosing. If you don’t have a library card you can get one through the website without coming into the library.

Another program we’re excited about is our Materials by Mail. This program, free to our patrons, allows delivery and return of library materials through the postal service to individuals who are unable to come to the library in person. A call to our adult services staff will be all you need to get started with this program. Based on your suggestions and interests, Library staff will choose materials to send and will work with you to get the items you are most interested in.

ICL staff continue to provide tech support on an individual basis. This can be help with your computer, various software, or with accessing our digital materials.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling the library service desk. ICL also offers basic business services such as copying, faxing, and notary services.

This is just a basic overview of what your local library offers you. The library has much more than this as we offer educational support, fun family activities, and upcoming programs. We hope you will take a few moments to see the many other types of items and services that are available right down the street by checking out our website, signing up for our newsletter, and following the library on Facebook.

Most of all we so look forward to again serving you in person soon.



TRIBAL MEMBER SMALL BUSINESS • FROM PAGE 1

dad had a regular job and my mom built 90% of those traps on her own. So, when I complained about the crab traps, she said ok son, let’s build you some traps. We purchased a roll of vinyl coated wire and used stainless steel hog rings. My mom researched a bit on how to make a good crab trap and we made six of them. A man was watching as I pulled them out of the water and ran over to us asking where we got those traps and I said we made them. He then said I will take six! We delivered them that evening and Rising Sun Crab Traps, LLC was born.

What have been some of the challenges you’ve encountered in building your business?

Just starting out using basic tools, then upgrading to hydraulic air compressor tools. Dealing with not only recreational buyers, but then the commercial buyers took notice of our traps. We even make traps for Jay Paul Molinere who is also Native American from the show “Swamp People.” Starting out making just six traps to taking an order for 400 Commercial Crab Traps from a crabber in Texas who had his traps picked up and hot shot delivered. My mom adver-

tises or us and runs the business as well as buys the supplies. She can also build a crab trap faster than any grown seasoned trap maker I have ever met. She works beside me, and my dad helps too. It is a family-owned business, and we are proud of our work and stand behind it. I am Facebook famous and once walked in the grocery store and a guy said, “hey your Rising Sun the Crab Trap Maker.” Lol, my mom made me famous, but our work has made us who we are.

What is the vision for your business? How would you like to see it grow?

Our vision would be to own our own manufacturing shop and hire employees so we could go big. There are only two other large crab trap builders in our area. I would also like to sell not only our products, but the wire, floats, hog rings, tools and rope

needed to make Crab Traps.

What support would you like to see offered by the Tribe to its small business owners or prospective entrepreneurs?

I wish the Tribe would financially back us and support us more. Especially those of us who have ventured into the big world and do not live on our Reservation.

What short piece of advice could you provide to an aspiring tribal entrepreneur?

If you have a dream and you enjoy doing something, research it and go for it. The rewards are tremendous!

How can tribal members and members of the community support your small business?

You can support us by liking our Facebook page: Rising Sun Crab Traps, LLC.





RECOVERY TALKING CIRCLE

FREE TO ALL IGNACIO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

RED FLAGS IN RELATIONSHIPS
12-1 PM Feb. 18, 2021

CRIMINAL THINKING ERRORS
Feb. 25, 2021 12-1 PM

RATIONAL THINKING RULES
12-1 PM March 4, 2021

ROOTS OF ALCOHOLISM & ADDICTION
March 11, 2021 12-1 PM

CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN FOR ZOOM INFORMATION.

Mission Statement

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 one moment at a time and rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.

You don't have to do it alone, we can do this together.

-Marvina Olguin | Peer Recovery Coach

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SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

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2021 Lake Capote season dates, weekly schedule, and operating parameters

2021 LAKE CAPOTE SEASON
Opening Day: Thursday, March 4, 2021
Closing Day: Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021

LAKE OPERATING HOURS
Days Open: Thursday – Sunday (+ Holiday Mondays)
Baitshop Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

NOTE: Per the Stay Home Order, which remains in effect, the Lake will be operating under the same general COVID related restrictions that were in place during 2020.

- Closed to general public. Only enrolled Southern ute tribal members and accompanying, immediate family allowed for camping, fishing, and day-use.
- Limited 4-day week – gate is closed Mon., Tue., Wed. (except holiday Mondays).
- Social distancing and face masks required.
- No boating allowed. Fishing from shoreline and docks only.
- Some services/facilities may be limited for safety reasons.

Contact the Lake Capote Manager 970-883-2273 or Wildlife Office 970-563-0130 for more information, or go to the Lake Capote website at www.lakecapote.com/



When Utes come together



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ignacio Mutual Aid Co-Founders, Precious and Trennie Collins, help load boxes of food that will be delivered and distributed to the Ute Indian Tribe in Fort Duchesne, Utah and other local Native communities. The food disbursement was a collaboration between Ignacio Mutual Aid, Ignacio Out and Equal Alliance, Four Corners Food Coalition, Good Samaritan in Cortez, Colo. and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.



A cargo van was packed full of over 100 food boxes that included: meatballs, chicken, milk, yogurt, onions, bluebird flour, squash, water and peanut butter, plus a few other goodies.



Braiden Weeks, who works for the Ute Land Trust, a non-profit created by the Ute Indian Tribe, loads his van full of peanut butter, Saturday, Feb. 13, which will go to families who live within and around the Ute Indian Tribe Reservations in Utah.

GARDENING

What is vermicomposting and how do I start?

By Denee Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If composting is not right for you, vermicomposting can be a great option for you! Vermicomposting basically means composting with worms. Vermicomposting still allows you to reduce kitchen waste, creates a great soil amendment, and provides nutrients and good microorganisms to your soil. If you have kids, they are also a great gardening project to get them involved.

Vermicomposting starts with the right type of worm. Regular earthworms found in the dirt outside are the not the best worm because they take longer to break down materials and do not like living in small spaces. Your best bet are Red Wigglers. Red wigglers reproduce fast and double in number about every two months, if given the right conditions. You can actually order red wigglers online or if you have a friend with some extra worms, you can ask for a handful. I ordered mine online and they came to my doorstep within a week.

While you are waiting for your worms, you can work on making a home for them. Red wigglers need a good home to create their compost. They like damp and dark conditions, but also need air because they breathe through their skin. There are many ways to cre-

ate a worm bin and you can make it as cheap or expensive as you want. The easiest and cheapest way is to get a large dark-colored storage bin or Styrofoam ice chest with a lid. Drill many holes into the lid to allow air. Next, fill the bin with damp worm bedding. The worm bedding is not only a home for them, but also the worms actually eat the bedding alongside your kitchen scraps. Bedding includes shredded cardboard, straw, non-glossy newspapers, or peat moss. The bedding must be damp, but not overly wet. If you can imagine a damp sponge after you've wrung it out, it is perfect.

Next, place the worms in the bin and cover them with some bedding. Let them settle in for a week and let them get used to their new home. Now you are ready to start feeding them your kitchen scraps! You can feed the worms almost any types of kitchen scraps you would a regular compost pile. Feed them fruit and vegetable peels, crushed eggs shells, and used coffee grounds and tea. Remember, the worms like foods that are soft, cut into smaller pieces and moist. Sometimes, I run my kitchen scraps in a blender with a little water. Make sure to cover the food with the bedding to cut down on pests and to help the worms find the food.

You also need to be careful

about not feeding them the wrong types of foods. Never place any oily or greasy items, animal products, milk or dairy, meat, salty food, citrus, and onions. These may be harder to breakdown, may cause a very bad odor or downright harm them.

Red wigglers can eat about half their body weight each week. This means if you have about two pounds of worms, they can eat one pound of food each week. Because they reproduce quickly, it is a good idea to check on them at least once a week to make sure they have enough food, and the bin has not dried out. You also need to add more bedding occasionally because they eat that too.

I have had my two worm bins for years now and I love having them. They make a great addition to my garden. I keep them in my garage and when I need some nutrition for my soil, I harvest the vermicompost and mix it in the soil near my plants. I even use it for my houseplants. Vermicomposting gives you all benefits of regular composting, but you use less space and can sometimes be quicker to breakdown. Have fun!

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



photos Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

Vermicomposting is very beneficial for you soil and garden. It is full of nutrients and good microorganisms. Leftover kitchen scraps are a great way to reduce kitchen waste and is food for your worms.

Durango Farmers Market is now accepting vendor applications for the 2021 season!

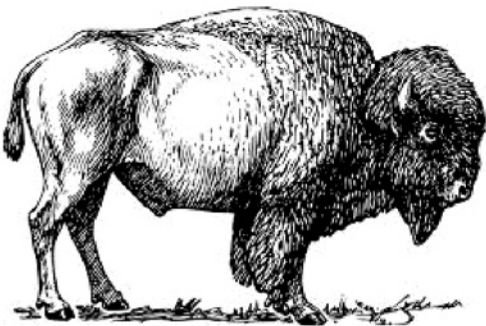
We are encouraging family farms that grow their own produce or raise their own animals to sign up as agricultural vendors. Other vendor categories include: Ready to eat food, value added food products, service and artisan vendors. All applications, rules and regulations can be found on our web site: www.durangofarmersmarket.com. Deadline to apply is Monday, March 1.



Due to the "Stay At Home Order" Office hours are limited
Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
By appointment please call 563-0130

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Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed
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Five pounds of bison meat per SUIT tribal member household, per month.



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CORONAVIRUS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Tribal Vaccination Events

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

vaccination event are required to register at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) Vaccination Sign-Up Link provided below.

1st Dose (Pfizer) Vaccine Event

March 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Only first doses will be administered at this vaccination clinic to individuals ages 16 and over. Indian Health Services (IHS) has provided a limited number of Pfizer vaccine for the following eligible individuals:

- IHS Vaccine Eligibility
- Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and members of their immediate household
 - IHS-eligible beneficiaries who reside in SUHC Service Area and members of their immediate household
 - Tribal employees and insured dependents

Individuals interested in the first dose

SUCH Vaccination Sign-Up Link | <https://tinyurl.com/y2bmk652>

2nd Dose Booster Vaccine Event

March 4, 10 & 11, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Individuals who received their first dose at a tribal vaccination clinic are required to attend a tribal booster event. Your appointment can be found on the COVID-19 vaccination card provided to you after receiving your first dose. Appointments were also scheduled similar to the day and time of your first appointment.

For example: If you received your first dose on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m., your booster appointment will be March 4 at 2 p.m.

CORONAVIRUS

How Coloradans can prepare for the COVID-19 vaccine

Staff report
NEXTFIFTY INITIATIVE

As Colorado enters phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine priority plan, many state residents are wondering what the next steps are for them to get their shot.

Currently, Colorado is between phase 1A and 1B, which means that highest-risk healthcare workers and individuals are all being vaccinated, and Coloradans age 70+, moderate-risk healthcare workers, first responders and frontline essential workers have started to receive the vaccine. That doesn't guarantee, though, that a health facility near you or even your own provider will have access to doses – the national rollout and delivery of doses has fallen behind initial expectations.

As Colorado moves into phase 2 in the spring, people aged 60 to 69 and other essential workers will be targeted to receive the vaccine. Phase 3 is expected to start this summer, which will grant the general public access to the vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be open to all residents of Colorado for free, regardless of medical coverage. Also, as of January 18, the Public Health Department of Colorado sent a notice to vaccine providers that identification cards are not required to receive the vaccine in support of undocumented residents, those experiencing homelessness, or others without access to ID. Remember the promise of “free” – if anyone asks you to provide credit card or other financial information while talking about the vaccine, it is a scam, and state officials urge you to report them.

There are more than 474 vaccination locations across the state of Colorado with most counties having more than one provider. To learn more about the closest location to you, check online.

When the time comes, in most cases, hospitals will reach out to their qualified patients. In other facilities, individuals may sign up to be contacted about scheduling their vaccination. Another option throughout Colorado is the Safeway pharmacy. Local Safeway pharmacies are working with public health agencies to organize vaccination clinics for groups as soon as phase 1B. Further information about Safeway's vaccination clinics can be found on their social media platforms.

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If you have a regular primary care provider, it doesn't hurt to call them and see if they are keeping wait lists or contact lists in the event they receive vaccines directly. Local safety net clinics, churches and others have also been hosting vaccination events when supplies are available, so keep informed through your local media.

The most important steps to take before getting the vaccine are to continue to slow the spread of the disease by closely following public health guidelines including physical distancing, wearing a mask and washing of hands. State health providers recognize the frustration felt by Coloradans waiting for vaccines to become available. With the availability of vaccines, there is hope that life will return to some level of normalcy. They say they share this frustration, and are asking for clarity from federal vaccine experts on supplies and timing. It's going to take a strong dose of patience, as Colorado works to distribute the vaccine as quickly, efficiently and fairly as possible.

NextFifty Initiative provides funding to local organizations and programs that champion resources, education and services for older adults.

For more information about their funding visit www.next50initiative.org.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Vaccination Events

Both @ Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

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For questions, you can reach the Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.





TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 CHALLENGE

Together, we fight COVID-19



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

CLOSED

to all visitors in accordance with the “Stay at Home” Order issued on March 25, 2020 which remains in effect until further notice.

Tribal members who require entry to conduct business with a tribal department must call ahead to schedule an appointment with tribal staff. If you have arrived for your scheduled appointment, please call the tribal department or staff to notify them of your arrival. Tribal staff will allow access only under these circumstances. All visitors and staff are expected to comply with the tribal public health order requiring the use of appropriate face covering while inside the building. Please practice social distancing and other public health guidelines.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

“Together, we will fight COVID-19”

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The Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center is available from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by dialing 970.563.0214.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center Hours

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

ALL PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS 970-563-4581.

- **S.U. HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Daily.
Covid-19 Testing: Mon. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Lab hours: Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
- **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
- **DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits are no longer being offered; Patients will be treated via tele-medicine.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** All appointments will take place via tele-medicine. SUHC staff will be calling patients to make arrangements for service.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

CORONAVIRUS INFO

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus and the Southern Ute Tribe online at www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute



CORONAVIRUS

State COVID-19 call center wait times reduced to 11 second

State added staff to increase access to information

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Since Feb. 1, the COVID-19 call center has been operating at 24 hours per day, 7 days a week and since its launch on January 25 the state has quadrupled the number of call center representatives. There are now 200 staff taking calls. This has reduced the average wait time to 11 seconds, on average. Staffing continues to increase and adapt to meet demand.

The call center handled 3,346 calls yesterday and is handling an average of 1,715 calls per day. Information and guidance pro-

vided by the call center is available in English and Spanish, as well as in other languages using an interpretation service.

“We’re excited to be able to help Coloradans navigate getting a COVID-19 vaccine and answer their questions,” said Alex Barba, Chief of Staff, Disease Control and Public Health Response Division at CDPHE. “With more staff members answering phones and 24-hour service, we are able to get to a lot more people much faster.”

This call center staff is trained to answer questions like, “Is the vaccine safe?” “What are the phases?” “Where can I get vaccine?”

and “How do I sign up if I don’t have internet?”

To reach the call center, call 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926). Callers can choose to receive a courtesy callback instead of waiting. If they do so, it will show up as that same number. Coloradans with internet access could also use covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine. Continue to stay up to date by visiting: covid19.colorado.gov.

COLORADO Department of Public Health & Environment



CORONAVIRUS

Some states are failing to track COVID-19 data for Native Americans

Staff report

URBAN INDIAN HEALTH INSTITUTE

The Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) released a report today that graded all 50 states on the quality, collection, and reporting of COVID-19 data as it relates to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The report states that poor data collection standards implemented by states has resulted in a substantial gap in understanding the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on people of color across the U.S., specifically American Indians and Alaska Natives.

“This is a data genocide on Native people,” said Abigail Echo-Hawk, director of UIHI. “American Indians and Alaska Natives are dying at disproportionate rates and decision makers don’t even have accurate data to ensure we are properly funded and resourced.”

The UIHI report graded states based on four categories: if American Indian and Alaska Native populations were included on state dashboards; the percentage of cases with complete racial information on state dashboards; the percentage of confirmed cases reported from states to the CDC; and the percentage of confirmed cases with complete racial information on the CDC database.

The poorest score came from Texas, followed by New York, New Hampshire, Maryland, and West Virginia, respectively. They all received an overall grade of “F.” Minnesota, Vermont, Maine, and Arkansas were the only states that received an overall “A” grade.

The accumulative grade of all 50 states was a D+.

“It is unacceptable for states to exclude us from the data, including my home state of Maryland,” said

Kerry Hawk Lessard, executive director of Native American Lifelines. “States need to be held accountable for their actions. Indigenous communities are working day and night to address the pandemic, but some of the largest barriers are the ones out of our control.”

It is required by the CARES Act that states across the country collect race and ethnicity in COVID-19 data, but many states have not collected or reported it accurately. In February 2021, the CDC reported that 48% of race and ethnicity was missing from COVID-19 vaccination data.

Echo-Hawk provided a briefing to the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis about the current state of COVID-19 and vaccinations in Native communities, as well as the data issues that have continued throughout the pandemic.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
970.563.0214

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

If you are sick self-isolate. If your symptoms get worse call your healthcare provider. Tribal members & Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of February 23, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

173	Positives
142	Recovered
7222	Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

61	Positives
55	Recovered
2	Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Vaccine is Available

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

Eligibility Includes: Southern Ute tribal members, IHS-beneficiaries residing in SUHC service area, members of both households, tribal staff & insured dependents.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWT-VANI COVID-19 "TOGETHER WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

Can a COVID-19 vaccine give you COVID-19?

NO

No parts of the vaccine can cause disease in our bodies, but they do give our immune system guidelines to build the tools that fight the virus.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Effective Public Health Orders

Stay at Home Order

YOU CAN:

Care for Family & Pets

Buy groceries or supplies for your home.

Obtain medical supplies

Engage in banking

Go to work or get things from work

Exercise and engage in non-group activities

Get or buy educational supplies

Maintain or buy things for the household

Face Covers Required

Indoors and Outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible

Both orders remain in effect until further notice.

SOUTHERN UTE COVID-19 CALL CENTER - 970.563.0214 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box.

Alcohol and Substance Use During COVID-19

Feeling scared, sad, depressed, anxious and alone is normal at this time. Some may cope with these strong feelings and stress by increasing their use of commercial tobacco, alcohol, and/or other substances. Teens, in particular, may be at risk for substance use to deal with isolation from friends, boredom, and stress.

Alcohol and/or substance use can make COVID-19 illness more serious

Alcohol and other substance use can:

- weaken the heart, lungs and other important organs
- weaken the body's ability to fight diseases
- negatively affect sleep
- increase increase anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues.

All of this wears a body down, making it easier ot get sick. Inhalants weaken the lungs. This is true whether someone is smoking, vaping, using e-cigarettes, or any other way inhalants enter the body, including second-hand smoke.

If you are in recovery or struggling with substance use:

Know that this is a stressful time, and it is ok to feel anxious, concerned or worried about staying sober.

Reach out to your healthcare provider and any sponsors or loved ones.

Connect with virtual treatment and recovery programs. Write a list of your contacts. Share that list with someone you trust.

Take medicine as prescribed and continue therapy, treatment, or support appointments when possible.

Do things that boost mental health and wellness. For some ideas, see "Staying Safe and Mentally Well During COVID-19."

Get immediate help in a crisis.

- Call 911
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990, or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

To help someone in recovery or who struggles with alcohol or substance use:

Check in to see how they are and remind them that they are loved and supported.

Find ways to help them deal with their stress. Encourage them to use alternative ways to deal with stress and strong feelings during this difficult time.

Help connect them to virtual treatments, recovery programs, and support groups.

Connect with them by phone, video, or brief meetings while wearing masks and keeping social distance.

Help connect them to virtual treatments, recovery programs, and support groups.

If soap and water are available for handwashing, consider removing or limiting hand sanitizer in the home.

Be aware of difficulty with recovery during this time.

- Social isolation, added stress and emotions, and changes in routine can trigger use.
- Health care services may be limited, including treatment, testing, peer-support groups, syringe service programs, and access to naloxone.

For more information:
drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/comorbidity/covid-19-resources

Effective January 22, 2020 Source: NIDA



BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

IHS boys flog Farmers, blast Miners

Wins bump Bobcats back into top-10

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Impressed, yes, but even more so irked by Telluride’s diminutive backcourt players’ ability to drive the basketball into the paint, Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez said there was still much work to be done for his squad – despite a 66-34 rout of the Miners – to truly solidify itself as one of Class 2A’s elite.

“Defense,” he noted. “We’re letting people penetrate too much and things like that. And they were missing their point guard! When they have (senior Jack Courter) they’re going to be a lot better team – and we’ve got to play them up there in the last game of the (regular) season.”

“We knew that they were a capable team despite what their record was,” added IHS senior forward Bryce Finn.

Following THS senior for-

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Ignacio’s Joe Garcia, left, and Dylan McCaw battle Telluride’s Chris Betz (34) for a rebound inside IHS Gymnasium during SJBL action Saturday, Feb. 20.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady ‘Cats log four wins in one week

IHS primed for clash with Cedaredge

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

All but running on fumes by the time tipoff against Telluride came around Saturday afternoon, Feb. 20, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats – playing their fourth game in five days – still couldn’t just gear down and reduce speed to conserve fuel.

“Whether we’re tired or we’re at a hundred percent, we just don’t know how to stay still,” senior guard Charlize Valdez said, following a 62-15, never-in-doubt rout of the Lady Miners. “When we pulled back at halftime, they got a few quick shots off of us, so we were like, ‘No matter how tired we are, we have to be ... in a press, be up quick because we can’t stop moving!’”

“Last night I was pretty tired,” admitted senior guard Jayden Brunson, alluding to her status following IHS’ 49-36 home win over non-league 2A Sargent, which itself came on the heels of IHS’ 2/18 overtime win over 3A Pagosa Springs. “It’s hard playing with only five (regulars), but we knew this was the last game of the week, we knew what we needed to get done, so we just came out and played like we know how.”

Brunson’s first three-pointer of the game and one from Valdez helped Ignacio (7-1, 4-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) race out to a 15-0 lead before THS junior Li-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Solymar Cosio looks to shoot over Telluride’s Lulu Pumayalli (42) during SJBL play Saturday, Feb. 20, inside IHS Gymnasium.

la Renke netted a two-point-er with 2:28 still left in the opening eight-minute quarter. With plenty of time in which to inflict more damage, the Lady ‘Cats – ranked No. 13 in the week-starting CHSAANow.com Class 2A girls’ poll – went on a fresh 10-0 spree, capped by Brunson’s second trey, and entered the second stanza ahead 25-2.

“I was happy to see her hitting some threes today, for sure,” said head coach Justa Whitt. “She’s kind of

struggled the last couple days getting her shot off, so that was good to see her strong again.”

Helped by six combined points from young reserves Harmony Reynolds, Solymar Cosio and Maci Barnes, the Lady ‘Cats dashed into halftime in complete control, 37-5 – as opposed to their shaky 21-20 advantage at the same juncture over SHS, Ignacio’s opponent in last sea-

Lady Cats page 16

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Media Protocols: 2021 Regular Season/State Championships

Staff report
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

As the state level dials are easing, some reminders are in order for media coverage of regular season and CHSAA playoff events.

Under the definitions provided by the state, essential personnel include players, coaches, officials, athletic trainers and personnel necessary to run the event (scorekeepers, clock operators, security, game and gate personnel.) All others will be considered under the capacity limits as determined by the local health jurisdiction.

Media must comply with local check-in procedures.

Media wishing to attend regular season contests should contact the host athletic director for information on how that can happen.

Media wanting to cover state championship events should contact Bert Borgmann (bborgmann@chsaa.org) and Laikyn Cooper (lcooper@chsaa.org). State playoff media protocols will be announced closer to the actual events. Games held at local sites (i.e., basketball first and second rounds) will be determined by the local host school under the capacity limits allocated by their health jurisdiction. Media should expect that there will be limitations placed on numbers at the state events.

Masks are REQUIRED: The wearing of masks or appropriate face coverings is required at all CHSAA events.

Should a media person be allowed to cover a regular season event, that media person should follow all social distancing requirements (6 feet distance between themselves and others) in addition to the restrictions established in the CHSAA Media Handbook

For basketball, photos may be shot from the ends of the court (if room is available). Photographers should be a minimum of 10 feet off the playing court to allow both officials and players enough

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WRESTLERS WORK RUMBLE • FROM PAGE 1

tacle’s defending champs – and later 42-16 to BHS. In between those duals, Ignacio faced M-CHS/DHS and went down 42-6.

One of two ladies comprising IHS’ first-ever girls’ ‘team,’ Faye Hackett’s second-period pin of a Dolores competitor at 120 pounds would – if counted, on top of Cayle McCoy’s forfeit win at 106 – shrink said spread to 42-12. Hackett would also pin teammate Lexy Young in an exhibition included during Ignacio-v-Bayfield.

Junior heavyweight Jeremy Roderick booked Ignacio’s lone win versus DHS – a pin 0:32 into the second against Brett Franklin – but would then lose by pin (0:43 into the second) to Dolores’ Joe Summers. Pinned 35 ticks into the second at 220 by Durango’s Miguel Stubbs, but without a Panther/Bear foe in the second dual, Bobcat Kyle Rima would then notch a win (apparently in Roderick’s place) against Bayfield – pinning heavyweight Jordan Sands 1:06 into the first period.

The Bobcats also tasted triumph versus the Wolverines at 113 pounds, where Devante Montoya built up a large lead on Avery Mitzlaff and then polished him off via pin 51 ticks into the second

period, following a three-point near-fall. Three take-downs of Morgan Hastings propelled Keaton McCoy to a 13-1 major decision at 138 pounds – leaving the sophomore 1-2 at the event, with earlier losses to Durango’s Payson Albrecht (at 145) and M-CHS’ Austin Featherman (at 138) both coming via third-period pins.

Challenging Demon Ben Belt, Panther Wes Atcity and Wolverine Deegan Barnes, Bobcat Wrestling newcomer John Riepel went 0-3 across the board at 152, while fellow varsity rookie Kaleb Welker went 0-3 in two first-period defeats at 170 and one at 182. Each pinned twice, Cayle McCoy and Devante Montoya both finished the evening 1-2 overall.

Aided by 24 forfeit points in the upper weights following 160-pounder Tyler Woodworth’s rally-starting 4-0 decision over Kobe Prior, and 120-pounder Kealan Clifton’s pin of Jonathan Chapman in the tournament’s final bout, Durango managed to erase a 27-0 deficit, deadlock the dual at 39-39, and ultimately repeat – by way of fewer forfeits conceded – as Rumble rulers.

The Demons completed a 3-0 ‘southwest sweep’ of sorts by also downing Montezuma-Cortez/Dolores 42-33.

GOOD PREPARATION

Made about as ready for the Rumble as could be, the Bobcats had previously seen action Saturday, Feb. 13, at a tri held at M-CHS. Defeated 27-24 later in the day by fellow SJBL’ers Dove Creek, IHS grappled first with the meet-hosting Panthers/Bears bunch – which started things off doubling up DCHS, 36-18 – to a 30-30 draw, in which Roderick pinned Summers and Keaton McCoy stuck Atcity.

The night before, Ignacio had traveled east to Del Norte for a ‘triangular’ contested more in round-robin fashion. What with low personnel numbers this winter resulting in DNHS joining forces with Monte Vista, and Center with Blanca-based Sierra Grande (who’d already previously merged with San Luis Centennial), the entire meet consisted of 13 bouts.

With Roderick’s booming takedown slam of Center’s Chase Padilla – probably the night’s most energizing maneuver – leading to a second pin of as many C-SG heavies, and Keaton McCoy pinning MVHS’ Khegan Gunter at 145, the ‘Cats claimed three of the nine bouts in which they participated.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

rSchoolToday selected as CHSAA’s digital platform partner

Staff report
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOC.

rSchoolToday has been selected as the digital platform partner by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA). After a thorough vetting process which included three other prominent companies in the high school athletics/activities space, CHSAA chose rSchoolToday for the 3-year contract to deliver 1) Coaches Certification & Education, 2) Transfers & Waivers Management, 3) Forms Compliance, and 4) Roster Eligibility to CHSAA’s 365 high schools and a growing number of Colorado’s 1,000 middle schools.

“It’s been a real joy al-

ready to work with such a visionary organization. We’re excited to bring that next level of service and paperless efficiency to CHSAA and its member schools. Rhonda Blanford-Green and her team have been amazing, and we feel honored to have been chosen from the “A list” of other top providers in the high school space. We see so many great things we can do together, and we look forward to delivering big-time for them with the initial Platform!” Ray Dretske, President and Co-Founder, rSchoolToday

“After three years in this space, we have realized how important a robust electronic platform is to the ecosystem of the CHSAA and how we continue to interact and

do business with our membership. Bar-setting Associations seek equally respected partners and we believe our partnership with rSchoolToday will expand the reliability of technology and support to our membership, where they are, and where they are going.” Rhonda Blanford-Green, Commissioner, CHSAA

rSchoolToday is a 27-year-old, Florida-based software company providing an integrated suite of 25 cloud-hosted Software and Mobile App solutions to the K-16 education market. rSchool’s Sports Management Platform includes the most widely adopted Athletic Scheduler on the market. rSchool currently serves over 8,700 schools and Educational Associations.

Youth Spring Soccer
Register Online @ www.ourbayfieldparks.org

Registration Deadline: March 13
League Game Dates: April 17 – May 15
Practices: Will begin the week of April 12

- **FUN TEAM SOCCER (AGES 4-5):** Tuesday nights from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. at Eagle Park, Bayfield, CO. Fun Team Soccer is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet and dribbling a soccer ball. Through fun games and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. There are no games at this level and practices are once a week for 5 weeks.
- **CLASSIC YOUTH SOCCER (5-15 YEARS OLD):** League will focus on fun and skill development building towards the next age group. Shin guards are required for all players and cleats are optional. Teams will practice once a week with games on Saturdays for 5 weeks.
- **KIDS EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT:** Follow the bunny trail on the first ever Bayfield Parks and Rec Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Giant eggs will be hidden in business windows on Mill Street and in Joe Stephenson Park and Eagle Park. Participants will have between March 31 – April 7 to locate the giant eggs and complete a word search that can be turned into Town Hall for an entry into a drawing to win prizes at www.ourbayfieldparks.org



HUNTING

Richards shares history of trophy bull elk

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Harvested in the autumn of 1977, Southern Ute elder Howard Richards Sr. got his bull in the Picnic Flats area of the Southern Ute Reservation during rifle season.

"It was one mile north of the Thiery Cabin," he recalls. "At the time that was the largest bull harvested by the Tribe." A six-by-six bull elk, with a Boone & Crocket score of 350 and 4/8th. Picnic Flats is on the west side of the reservation, commonly known as the "Dry Side." Elk population were just making their way onto Southern Ute lands during those early years.

"It was the mid '70s when elk first started coming in to that Picnic Flats area," Richards said. "I saw that bull that morning, the sun was barely coming up. I could see the tip of his antlers; they were so silver looking. I decided I wanted it, so the next day I went after it and got it!"

Richards donated his trophy mount to the Tribe. "It went along with them for presentations," he said. "It's got a lot of history to it, that mount. Probably the first that was harvest in the picnic flats area."

It also traveled with the Southern Ute Wildlife Dept.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

A bull elk harvested by Howard Richards Sr. adorns the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch building. The elk mount recently had its fur cape replaced. The original fur had begun to deteriorate with age after 42 years. Howard's daughter, Krista, harvested an elk and provided the new fur cape for her father's mount.

on numerous Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation seminars, workshops and banquets; going to places like Albuquerque, Salt Lake, and Phoenix. "It made its way around the western part of the U.S as a showpiece for the Tribe. Not a lot of people knew about it, and a lot of the older tribal members that knew about it have passed on."

After 42 years, it needed to be cleaned up, the cape was getting old and shabby.

Howard's daughter, Krista Richards, who is an avid hunter herself, skinned one of her own elk with her father's project in mind. The

large elk hide was carefully treated and set aside for Howard's elk mount. Together they made the journey to Pagosa Springs, Colo. where Mountaineer taxidermy used Krista's new hide to refurbish Howard's elk bust.

The piece was finished late last year and returned to its home in the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch administration building, where Richards served for many years on Tribal Council.

"Had to get him a new coat, make him look good," Richards remarked with a chuckle.

TRIBAL OBITUARIES



February 14, 1937. She went to high school at East High School. She worked as an accountant for Vigil Services for 20+ years. She enjoyed beading and baking for the family. She also enjoyed taking pictures of everyone smiling. Lilly J. Price was a Second mother to many people. It was never a doubt that'd she make everyone smile and laugh around her.

Lilly J. Price is survived by her sister, Nancy Vigil, one niece and two nephews: Debra Lyons, Louis Vigil, Claude Vigil. She is preceded in death by her many great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

Lilly's Funeral Service were held at on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Chapel, Committal Service followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, CO.

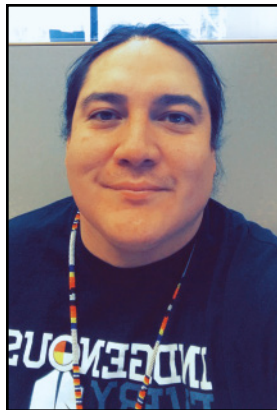
Memorial donations may be made in Lilly's name to:

PRICE – Lilly J. Price, 84, of Arvada, CO, passed away on Feb. 16, 2021 at Gardens on Quail in Arvada CO.

Lilly J. Price was born in Fort Sumner to Frutosa Rivas and Claude Price on

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Chance Ward

Job title: NAGPRA Assistant with the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department.

Description of duties: Assist NAGPRA Coordinators in the preservation and protection of Tribally and culturally significant resources for future generations. Process incoming NAGPRA mail on project notifications and data into database. Assist on archaeological field work, artifact identification, and other cultural knowledge.

Education: I graduated from Fort Lewis College in 2018 with a B.A. Specializing in Southwest Archaeology, NAGPRA, and Cultural Anthropology.

Hobbies: I am an Indigenous Archaeologist. I also do CRM work and enjoy being outside, hiking and camping

all summer long. I enjoy reading books and watching documentaries on Netflix. I like to fish. I'm a hunter. Traveling to new places. I'm also getting better at snowboarding.

Family: My father is Will Ward Jr. My mother is Cindy Red Bear. I have one brother and three sisters. I have one daughter named Adriana.

Tribe: I am enrolled with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. I am Mnicoujou and Hunkpapa Lakota.

Comment: I am pleased to join the Southern Ute Tribe and Cultural Preservation Dept. My Tribe, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, has a cultural connection with the Utes. In 1906, four hundred Utes' were unhappy with the opening of their lands to white settlement and set out to find a new place to live. They were arrested near Gillette, Wyoming by the U.S. Army 6th Cavalry. My tribe helped the Utes and they came to live on my reservation near Thunder Butte, South Dakota. In 1908, the Utes returned to their homelands. I am happy to continue that friendship between our tribes. Wopila.



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If you weighed 100 lbs on Earth, you would weigh only 38 lbs on Mars!



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Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272 or jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.



ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

Southern Ute Veterans Association Annual Meeting

Virtual meeting via WebEx

March 17, 2021

1200 hrs. – 1300 hrs.

email: bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov for WebEx invite

OR

Join by phone: +1-415-655-0003

Meeting number: 145 923 5904

2021 Season Schedule for Lake Capote

Season Dates: Thursday, March 4 through Sunday, Oct. 31

Days Open: Thursday – Sunday (+ Holiday Mondays)

Baitshop Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

NOTICE: Due to COVID-19, access to Lake Capote at this time is open only to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate family.

All visitors must check-in at the Baitshop window for permitting. Please continue to practice social distancing while visiting Lake Capote and stay 6 feet away from others.

Also, please note the following:

- Fishing has been restricted to shoreline and docks.
- No boating allowed at this time.
- Camping is permitted.
- The Baitshop is closed to foot traffic, but limited sales are available through the window.



If you have questions, please call the Lake Capote Manager at 970-883-2273 or the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Thank you for understanding.

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Drum Deadline

Next issue
Mar. 12

Deadline
Mar. 8

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

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CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

Training Dates:

March 22nd – April 2nd, 2021

Monday-Friday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Limited Space – 12 participants Maximum

Location: PCC-Bayfield Site
110 East South Street
Bayfield, CO 81122

For registration form and additional information, contact:
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a 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 one priority event and one 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.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; and Hold weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email at dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@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 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 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.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – JOM has two (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235 or by email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; and You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled with JOM program). Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee. What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

ELECTION BOARD

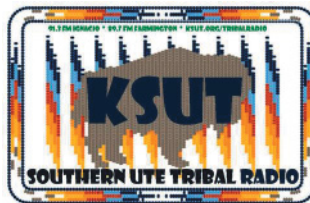
Closing 4/23/21 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member AND one (1) Alternate Board Member. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter.

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- Visit the new KSUT Tribal Radio website at www.tribalradio.org and download the Radio Rethink app to your favorite mobile device.

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-0180-CV-PR
Crystal Watts Lucero Hanson, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **March 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons

interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of February, 2021
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No: 2020-0133-CV-DV
Mercedes Thompson vs.
Kyle Thomas Thompson

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for **DIVORCE** before the above named Court on **March 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM**.

Paula Trujillo, Southern Ute Tribal Court
February 19, 2021

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT Court Hearings now on Zoom

Tribal Court is pleased to announce that we have moved from Webex to Zoom for court hearings, a more user-friendly platform! Below you will find the weblinks to each judges' courtroom. Please consider saving them to your desktop for future hearings; the same links will be used each time.

JUDGE WHISTLER

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16193457773>. To join by telephone, dial: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-646-828-7666 or 833-568-8864 (Toll Free) **Meeting ID: 161 9345 7773**

JUDGE MOORE

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Once you have entered the meeting you will be placed in a "waiting room" where you will remain until the clerk begins the hearing and invites you in. Please be patient and allow a moment for this entry. If there are any changes, interested parties will be notified of the changes by the Court.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.

****Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.**

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| • Distribution Friday, April 30: | NOON, Friday, April 23, 2021 |
| • Distribution Thursday, May 27: | NOON, Monday, May 24, 2021 |
| • Distribution Friday, July 30: | NOON, Friday, July 23, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29: | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 |
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| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9: | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20: | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 27: | NOON, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 |

Finance Department



DROP-BOX

The Finance Department has installed a mail drop-box to accommodate tribal membership needs for delivery of Finance-related documents or payments to the Finance Department. The drop-box is located at 365 Ouray Drive, on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. Documents that can be deposited into the drop-box include:

- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program applications
- Tribal Distribution documents
- Tribal Credit loan documents
- Accounts Receivable check payments
- Other Finance-related documents
- **NO CASH PAYMENTS** can be put in the drop-box

The drop-box will be checked at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All documents received in the drop-box will be stamped with the date they are received. For payments on customer accounts, the payment will be posted to the customer account on the date it is received (if received by 5:00 p.m.), and a receipt will be mailed by US Postal Service to the customer. All documents deposited in the drop-box will be forwarded to the appropriate tribal staff for timely processing.

If you have questions for Accounts Receivable/Customer Account please contact the Cashier at 970.563.0110; if you have questions for Tribal Credit please contact Tribal Credit at 970.563.4744; and if you have questions on the Tribal Distribution/COVID Relief Grant Program please contact the GL Manager at 970.563.2443

TREASURER'S

PANA-QARU 'URU 'APAGHARU



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qaru 'uru 'apagharu "Money Talks" Financial Year 2020 Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council

Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



SOUTHERN UTE FORESTRY Firewood for Southern Ute members

The 2020/2021 firewood season began Oct. 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. Firewood will only be distributed (made available for pickup or delivery) Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during COVID-19 Phase 1 restrictions. To qualify for the firewood program, you must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member 18-years or older and have a means (firewood place or wood stove) to burn firewood at your primary residence. In order to qualify for delivery, you must be a Tribal elder and live within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (a copy of the approved procedures is available upon request from the Forestry Division). For questions call 970-563-4780.





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.

Automation Technician I Trainee – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/5/21 – Trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring and on the job experience for up to two years in order to learn and be responsible for the completion of daily operational and technical assessment of automation related tasks, including contractor EHS oversight and assisting Lease Operators in planning new projects Minimum qualifications: Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. Must have basic computer skills including ability to use databases. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under RWPC’s vehicle insurance policy. Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Apply online using the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Tribal Members Only link

Land Records Analyst III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 3/9/21 – Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Works independently, follows existing processes with minimum supervision. Provides a wider

scope of support to more senior level staff. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor’s degree in Business, Accounting, Finance or other relevant discipline and four years’ experience doing title examination, title research, curing title, working with land and/or legal documents in an oil and gas environment; OR an Associates Degree and six years’ experience doing title examination, title research, curing title, working with land and/or legal documents in an oil and gas environment; OR a high school diploma or equivalent and a eight years’ experience doing title examination, title research, curing title, working with land and/or legal documents in an oil and gas environment is required. Experience with leases, title opinions, and state statutes is required. Must have an understanding of general legal terminology and concepts relevant to land and title work, be able to determine and compute ownership interests from analysis of instruments of conveyance, have advanced computer skills in a Windows environment with word processing and spreadsheet programs including extensive formula building skills, strong analytical skills and proven high level of attention to detail, ability to work in a fast-paced environment, to use judgment to determine relative priorities of projects, and to keep several projects moving forward simultaneously and a willingness to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment is required. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Red Willow Production Company vehicle insurance policy and pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org or ceyetoo@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of Feb. 22, 2021

- Recreation Center, Weight Room Attendant/Main – Closing 3/19/21
- Child Development Center, Part-time Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Counseling and Treatment, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Finance, Accountant (2) – Open Until Filled
- Judicial Services, Bailiff – Open Until Filled
- Mineral Audit, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Firefighter / Paramedic – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Relief Propane Driver – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Propane Driver – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Prevention, Registered Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Program/White Mesa, CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Shelter, Full-time/Part-time House Parent – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Preservation Case Worker – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Case Worker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Recreation, Part-time Director’s Assistant – Open Until Filled

Position Announcement
Digital Media Specialist – Native Lens

KSUT Tribal Radio, in partnership with Rocky Mountain Public Media, is seeking a self-motivated Independent Contractor in the role of Digital Media Specialist for Native Lens, a collaborative storytelling project, inviting Native American and Indigenous storytellers to create and submit short video mini-documentaries. Information can be found at www.nativelens.org
Our ideal candidate has a demonstrated background in social media outreach, engagement strategy development and implementation, can work with minimal guidance, has a flexible schedule, and an established network working with Native American and Indigenous organizations and individuals.

Independent Contractor Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Social content: Run and maintain all Native Lens social media channels with scheduled posts and updates.
- Social monitoring: Community management and monitoring of Native Lens digital channels, including responding to comments and questions in a timely manner.
- Social listening: Help internal team understand key audiences and improve campaign strategies by accessing the full spectrum of conversation around the community, brand, and relevant topics.
- Social engagement: Become an advocate for Native Lens in social media spaces, engaging in dialogues and answering questions where appropriate; develop and expand community and/or influencer outreach efforts beyond owned channels.
- Social reporting: Monitor, track and report on feedback and online communications; provide reports to internal team.
- Proactively encourage new online submissions and respond or forward inquiries as appropriate.
- Capture and share relevant engagement conversations with internal team members.
- Document processes and report to internal team on updates.

Required skills and background:

- Experience working with Native/Indigenous communities and customs.
- Proficient in social media outreach
- Proficient in searching via keywords using a variety of search engines.
- Experience developing and implementing engagement plans
- Experience with Microsoft Office products.
- Basic graphic/image editing knowledge (resizing, rotating, searching).
- Basic video trimming skills for in-platform.

Independent Contractor shall commence, perform, and complete services and be compensated by KSUT for such services in the following manner: \$1,400/month for a minimum of six months, unless otherwise negotiated. It is estimated that approximately 10-15 hrs./week will be required to complete the tasks outlined above.

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references by March 1, 2021.
to: Sheila Nanaeto, KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, sheila@ksut.org.
Preference will be given to qualified Native American applicants in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Employment Rights Code. Appropriate verification of Native American status is required. Other than the aforementioned, Federal Law requires that all applications be considered without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin.

KSUT Tribal Radio: KSUT Tribal Radio was founded in 1975 by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a means of communication with tribal members. KSUT is now an independent non-profit organization and has two distinct FM signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Tribal Radio. Based in Ignacio, Colorado KSUT Tribal Radio serves the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Jicarilla Apache and portions of the Navajo Nation with its terrestrial signals, and streams its signal at www.tribalradio.org

Rocky Mountain Public Media: Rocky Mountain Public Media is a non-commercial media organization and Colorado’s largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and the parent company of Rocky Mountain PBS (RMPBS), KUVO JAZZ and THE DROP. Rocky Mountain Public Media has more than 90,000 members representing every county in Colorado and reaches 98 percent of the state’s citizens through television, radio and digital platforms. www.rmpbs.org

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

Director of Investments

Closes 2/26/21 – Participates in the oversight and management of the endowment portfolio and works closely with the CIO, Investment Analyst, and Investment Operations Manager to carry out job duties. Monitoring existing investments and diligence of new investment opportunities. Will also participate in investment research/analysis, liquidity management, asset allocation, risk management, and performance reporting.

Emergency Family Services Program Coordinator

Closes 3/4/21 – Under general supervision of the Tribal Services Department Director, administering the Southern Ute Tribal Emergency Family Services (EFS) Program. After meeting EFS eligibility criteria, clients may receive financial assistance with Utility, shelter and food to overcome emergency circumstances that pose an imminent threat to their health and/or safety. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Health Clinic Receptionist/Scheduler

Closes 3/2/21 – First line of communication for health center. Interface with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provide clerical/administrative support. Greet patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time)

Closes 3/4/21 – Ute Members Only (Southern, Ute Mtn., or Northern). Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Dept. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Senior Detention Officer

Closes 3/5/21 – 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 grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Water Resources Technician

Closes 3/4/21 – Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Air Quality Analyst

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Caseworker II

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Clinical Supervisor

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

Community Health Representative

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

Coordinator of Ute Curriculum

Open Until Filled – Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including students at the local school district, and the community. Working with the Ute Language Teachers, and parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials to assist in learning and retaining the Ute language and culture. Assists all students in reaching the goals and objectives of SUIMA and the Education Dept. Incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction. Position paid on the Education Scale.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – 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 grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Family Court Caseworker

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

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

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

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Plumber

Open Until Filled – Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, piping and fixtures. Must be capable of both small and large scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Public Education Tutor (Part-time/Temp.)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Position pays \$30/hour.

Security Officer

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

Substance Abuse Program Lead Therapist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. Will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program, including CAC-I/ CAT and CAC-II/CAS counselors working to achieve CAC-III/CAS credentialing. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

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

TERO Business Hours

**8 a.m. – 12 noon • Monday – Friday, unless a Tribal/Federal holiday
Call 970-563-0117**

If you come to the TERO office, wear a mask, temperature will be taken upon entry.



IHS BOYS FLOG FARMERS • FROM PAGE 12

ward/center Hayden Tealdi's game-opening basket, the Bobcats – still stoked over slamming non-league 2A Sargent 64-23 the night before – responded by rapidly building up a 17-6 pad by the first quarter's close. Capitalizing on a size advantage over opposing juniors South Livermore and Declan Jodlowski, Ignacio senior guard Brady McCaw booked layups on consecutive cuts to the hole, and Finn then followed with a three-pointer and just 27.4 seconds left.

That gave IHS' inside-outside duo 15 combined points in the quarter, en route to 38 when all was said and done Saturday afternoon, Feb. 20, inside IHS Gymnasium – capping a three-game, three-win week kicked off by a wild 68-50 triumph on the 16th over unbeaten No. 3 Mancos (Ignacio was No. 13 in the week-starting CHSAANow.com 2A poll).

"It's been a really long week," grinned Finn, who paced all players with his 23 points. "I hit a couple threes when I was open – it was nice to hit a three; I hadn't really hit one in a couple of games. We were just trying to play team ball, get the best open shots we could."

"And we'd go to the mismatches because ... that kid who was on Brady is like a foot smaller than him, and then for some reason Telluride had (Tealdi) on Gabe (Tucson) instead of me," he continued. "They had their 34 (senior Chris Betz) on me, and he wasn't strong enough to guard me in the post. We were just looking to take advantage."

A McCaw breakaway layup, resulting from a steal at the other end by senior Joe Garcia, would max out Ignacio's first-half advance

tage at 29-14 with 2:46 left before intermission, but the visitors weren't about to wilt. Getting five Livermore points via a three-pointer and sneaky two-point slash through the lane, plus a Tealdi two, the Miners rallied back to 29-21 at halftime.

"We weren't surprised they were making that run on us," Finn said. "We just had to keep our composure; we knew that we were a better team An eight-point lead at halftime isn't where we wanted to be ... then we lost it a little bit – making sure we hold onto leads is important."

Beginning the third quarter with another bucket, Tealdi extended Telluride's run to 9-0 before McCaw (15 points) netted Ignacio's first second-half deuce. Not long after, following a Livermore free throw, Garcia (4 points) cashed a statement-making corner three which rebuilt the Bobcats' lead to 11, 35-24.

Finn promptly cleaned up a missed shot the next trip down, and McCaw then flew to the cup for another indefensible layup and a swelling 39-24 lead. Senior center/forward Dylan Labarthe then scored inside with 3:54 left, and went to the foul line for a bonus FT. He'd miss the attempt, but Tucson alertly put the rebound up and in – essentially making for a 4-point play.

A quick Finn spin to the rim then gave the 'Cats 13 unanswered points, and his subsequent, successful 2-and-1 with 2:33 remaining extended the Bobcats' burst to 16-0, and stretched the score to 48-24 before Livermore (14 points) somehow slipped past all sentries to again strike from close range.

"We had our fastest guy – Brady – on him and he still sneaks in there ... usually off

of a switch," said Valdez, "and that was the problem. And when he'd get in there he has the ball fakes, the up-and-unders So we've got a lot to work on."

Ultimately leading 50-26 after the game-changing third quarter, Ignacio (7-2, 5-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) more or less cruised to victory, helped by six of Labarthe's 12 total points. Finn's night ended after a three, giving IHS a 61-33 lead with 2:29 left, and JV call-up Zane Olguin concluded the contest with a two-point take just before the buzzer.

Slowed by four fouls, Tealdi still totaled nine points and THS (0-7, 0-6) also got six points from Betz.

Reported counts from the victory over SHS showed Labarthe leading the 'Cats, who stormed out to a 19-2 lead during the initial eight minutes, with 12 points. Finn and Garcia each logged 11, and McCaw also reached double digits with his ten.

Up next, Ignacio will welcome Ridgway on Saturday, Feb. 27, for a 1 p.m. tip, and then host Mancos Tuesday night, March 2, for what will be a heated rematch. Regular-season play is then slated to end Thursday, March 4, at Dove Creek.

Results from the Bobcats' 2/23 trip to Dolores, were unavailable at press time.

"A 40-point win and then a 30-point win We're going to try to keep our momentum going in Dolores, give them our best shot," stated Finn. "We've got to go in there playing our game ... and then get Ridgway at home; we want to have a better game against them too."

Ignacio had downed DHS 50-39 back on Feb. 9, but then narrowly dodged the Demons on the 13th, 57-52.

LADY CATS LOG FOUR WINS • FROM PAGE 12

son's 2A-Region VIII semifinals held on the same IHS Gymnasium court.

"We were all tired, especially against Sargent," Valdez said. "We had a rough beginning ... and we really had to overcome all that. Each game we're coming together more, getting more in shape, figuring out our dynamic everywhere."

During the third quarter Renke managed four of her eventual team-high eight points, but IHS countered with junior Avaleena Nanaeto recording seven and Brunson five, to breeze into the fourth up 52-11.

"Our goal was to come out and finish strong, even though we knew it was going to be a fairly-easy game," said Whitt. "But ... we needed a fairly-easy game after the last two nights – the girls were pretty tired (against Sargent) and barely made it through. But I think they got some good rest, then came out refreshed and ready to go."

"In Mancos ... I think everyone was a little timid at the beginning, but once we got going we got right into it and did what we had to do," Brunson (20 points versus Telluride, 12 vs. Sargent) said, referring to Ignacio's 48-25 win Tues., Feb. 16, at

Mancos. "But Pagosa was the big one for us; we were down at the half, trailed the whole time and we fought our way back."

Including six of IHS' eight points in OT, Brunson racked up a game-high 14 against PSHS while Valdez scored 13 points in a 43-37 win; senior guard Adelyn Dozier and junior guard Kiera Torrez paced the potent Lady Pirates with ten apiece.

"Your endurance has to be way up to be able to keep playing the whole time," Brunson continued. "But we all pushed through and ... that showed us no matter who we play this season we can win any game if we really want it."

Nanaeto finished with 13 points against the Lady Miners (1-6, 0-3 SJBL), while Valdez backed up her game-high 16 against the Lady Farmers with 11 against THS. Senior center Shelcie Gosney totaled 13 points in the two victories.

Senior Melena Krownapple booked four points for Telluride in defeat, while junior Mary Willis posted a SHS-best 12.

"After the Mancos game We knew what was ahead of us," said Valdez. "Pagosa ... they were such

good competition. Sargent also – we could recognize some of them, but we were like, 'Where did we play them? It's been so long!' – but now we're excited ... for what's ahead."

Most immediate will be a showdown versus non-league Cedaredge on Friday, Feb. 26. Ranked fifth in the updated CHSAANow.com poll, released Mon., Feb. 22, the Lady Bruins (9-1 overall as of 2/22) will meet the Lady 'Cats – bumped up to No. 11 – a day after hosting Western Slope League rival Paonia, which had stunned CHS 29-27 back on Feb. 13.

Getting CHS-at-IHS underway, the junior varsities will square off at 4 p.m., with the main event slated for 6.

"That's going to be a big one for us – just keeping our heads in the game, executing our offense, making sure our defense is where it needs to be," Brunson said. "The rest of the season, we've just got to keep pushing it if we want to get where we need to be when it comes time for [State] tournament play."

Results from IHS' scheduled 2/23 trip to Dolores were unavailable at press time.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across	Down
1 Second largest of the Three Bears	1 Most easterly tribe of the Iroquois
5 Secreted	Confederacy
11 Norse supreme god of war	2 Small penguin
12 Clue is about a miner's channel	3 Desert illusion
13 Rustler's target	4 No ifs, --- or buts ...
14 Solemn promise	5 It covers Congress
15 State where some Native Americans are Inuit and some not	6 Entirely
17 Repose	7 Big tequila brand
18 Hair today, gone tomorrow?	8 Animal skin
19 Yale or Harvard, for example	9 Heartbeat traces, for short
21 Boat spines	10 Insect repellent
23 Chambers	16 The Hindu --- mountain range
27 'It's --- Quiet' (Björk hit)	20 --- Horse Motorcycle Rally
29 Bolt partner	22 Novelist --- May Alcott
30 Aleutian island, the westernmost point of the US	24 Like some dips
33 Chest pain	25 Group once known as the Wolf tribe of the Lenape
35 The Utu Utu --- Paiute Tribe	26 Affirmed
37 The --- Boys (in "Peter Pan")	28 Flip US cay askew
38 Hollow space in birds	30 "Jumpin' Jack Flash, it's --- ... " (Rolling Stones)
39 Nuu Nay Nu ---, Goo-aww-avee-get 2017-18	31 Fool
40 Passionate	32 Gross minus net, to a trucker
41 Gave the once-over	34 Adhesive
	36 Scottish hat

Answers for this crossword will appear in March 12 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Feb. 12, 2021 Crossword Puzzle
Across: 1 Misc, 5 Caddo, 10 Iswa, 11 Onions, 13 Club, 14 Niggle, 15 Semites, 17 Gat, 18 Nos, 19 Ain't, 20 Taper, 23 Credo, 24 Edit, 25 WIA, 26 Tie, 27 Soaping, 31 Odd lot, 33 A man, 34 Narita, 35 Hasp, 36 Salon, 37 Opts.
Down: 1 Mics, 2 Isle, 3 Swum, 4 Cabinet, 5 Cones, 6 Anis, 7 Dig, 8 Doggie, 9 On land, 12 Set-to, 16 Tor, 19 Arapaho, 20 Teton, 21 Adidas, 22 Piedra, 23 CIA, 25 Wotan, 27 So to, 28 IMAP, 29 Nast, 30 GNPs, 32 Li'l.

Air Quality in real time!

Friendly reminder – you can visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division Ambient Air Quality Monitoring page to find updates on air quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.

The link to the Tribe's Air Quality Stations:

www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

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Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Feb. 26



43°F sunny

Saturday, Feb. 27



47°F sunny

Sunday, Feb. 28



47°F mostly sunny
Chance of showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

