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Christmas is in the air

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*The Southern Ute Drum: Winner of 14 Native American Journalist Association awards in 2021!*



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

The annual Tri Ute games, hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were held in Ignacio, Colorado. This two-day event took place at the SunUte recreation facility on July 20-21, 2009 which hosted basketball, swimming, co-ed volleyball and a hand game tournament.

## HEALTH & FITNESS

# SunUte celebrates 20 years of dedicated service to the tribal community

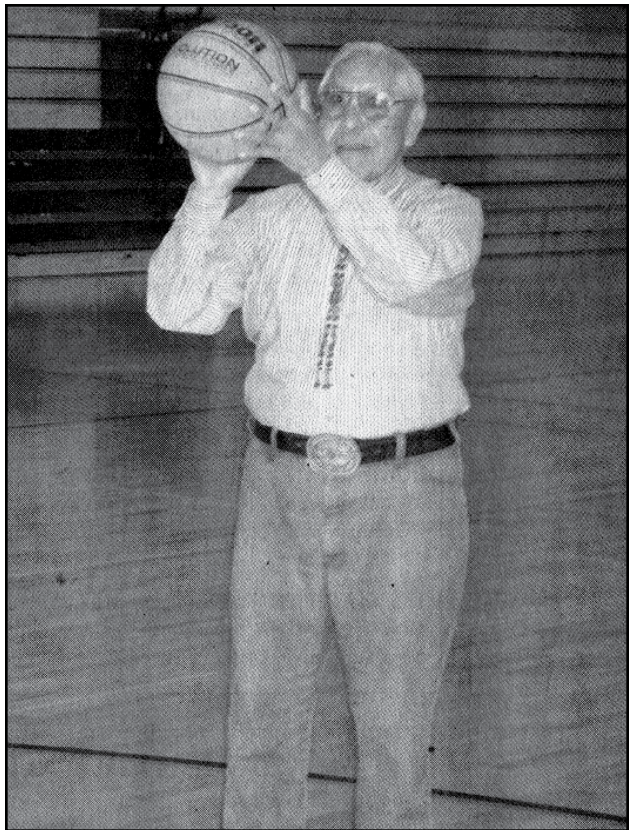
McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The SunUte Community Center is kicking off the month of December with a 20-day celebration to honor the center’s two decades of operation. In 2001, SunUte opened their doors to the Southern Ute tribal membership, staff, and surrounding communities.

“We decided instead of having like one big event to celebrate, we chose to spread it over 20 days, because what we found is people can’t always make one big event-- then we don’t get to celebrate with everyone,” SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth stated.

For the next 20 days, SunUte is going to host different events and challenges every day, there will even be a raffle for mem-

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Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch was asked to make the first basket in one of the basketball goals in the SunUte Community Center Gymnasium at the close of the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

## Choker making at SUIMA



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Keyon Alston, Max Veneno, Sibrya Larry, Osias Goodtracks stand proudly with their traditional Ute choker necklaces. The chokers with made during a special cultural activity, where members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council paid a visit to the SUIMA student’s classroom to share cultural knowledge first hand. Council Members Linda Baker and Marge Barry helped students complete their individual projects; the activity was held, Friday, Nov. 19 in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

# 2021 Run-Off Election



## CANDIDATE STATEMENT Vanessa P. Torres

Maiku Pino Nuuchi  
My name is Vanessa P. Torres I am a candidate for this year’s run-off election. I would like to first thank all tribal members for exercising their voice to be heard by voting. It is very imperative for our members to be involved in this process. I want to thank all my supporters for having the faith in me, I am most grateful, thankful, and very humbled.

I have represented the Tribe on the Ten Tribes Partnership, as well as the Tribal Leader’s Forum, and the Boys & Girls Club. While in this ever-changing world we are continuously learning how to adapt to the new norms with this pandemic we’re in. It is a challenge for our Tribe to keep our members safe and to provide the services for our membership. As we may not know what the future will bring us in the next year and thereafter.

We continue to have challenges regarding the issue of our sovereignty, water rights, land, housing, employment, broadband, language revitalization, climate change, drought, and inflation.

We do have financial benefits from revenues; however, we need to look ahead to the next twenty years, we also need to consider thinking beyond that. It will be part of my responsibility to work with the elected members to prepare for the next 20 years in which we will face the challenges that will be more critical to the Tribe and the membership.

As a candidate I realize there is much work to be completed as we move forward on behalf of our tribal membership. We all need to work together to make positive changes for this moment and for our future generations.

The Tribal Council will need to think of innovative ways to benefit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the tribal mem-

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENT W. Bruce Valdez

Hello tribal members, my name is Bruce Valdez. I am 59 years old and the son of the late Sylvia T. Valdez and Shirley M. Esparza (Washington), as well as the father of two sons. I was born in Durango, Colo. and grew up on the Southern Ute Reservation. I grew up in a big family with many brothers and sisters. I come from a traditional family of Sundancers. I have danced 12 years for the people and my family.

I graduated from Ignacio High School in 1981. Immediately after graduation, I enlisted in the United States Army. During my time in the military, I learned numerous valuable skills about leadership, and working with people from various ethnic backgrounds while serving overseas in Germany. My enlistment ended in June of 1985 with an Honorable Discharge, at which time I returned to the Southern Ute Reservation. Upon returning home, I worked in numerous jobs before starting my career in Oil and Gas development with Arco Oil and Gas. In 1987, I began working with Red Willow Production Co. where I worked my way from Senior Lease Operator to Vice President of Operations. During my time with Red Willow, I trained and supervised many employees which included Southern Ute tribal members as well as members of our community.

After my years of employment with Red Willow, I was elected by Tribal Council to become the Executive Director of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. I held this position for just over 10 years, during which time I worked for the tribal membership as well as for Tribal Council. In this position, I was accountable and responsible for overseeing all the directors, companies and departments of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. I served as the Chairman of

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## Flagg retires from Casino



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Chairman Mel Baker and Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez present Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager, Charley Flagg with a Pendleton blanket at Flagg’s retirement celebration, Thursday, Nov. 18. Flagg worked in the Justice & Regulatory Department before moving to the Casino. Southern Ute tribal member Andrea Taylor will assume the responsibility of General Manager role at the Sky Ute Casino Resort; Flagg mentored Taylor for two years, to ease in the transition of the new role. Tribal Council thanked Flagg for his many years of service and commitment to the Tribe.



# Casino: Flagg retires



Charley Flagg and Council Member Marge Barry exchange memories and laughs from their years of service together in the Division of Gaming during the farewell reception Thursday, Nov. 18.



Southern Ute tribal member Andrea Taylor will assume the responsibility of General Manager role at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Charley Flagg mentored Taylor for two years, to ease in the transition of the new role.

Photos by Lindsay Box  
Southern Ute Council Affairs



Southern ute Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly thanks Charley Flagg for his commitment to the Tribal organization. Flagg worked in the Justice & Regulatory Department before moving to the Casino.

## Changing of the colors



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Commander Howard Richards Sr., Treasurer Bruce LeClair, and Rod Grove take down a tattered flag at the Ignacio Community Library on Friday, Nov. 19. Flag protocol, particular to the American Flag, specifies a flag must only be flown at night if lit and replaced if the condition of a flag become worn or tattered.



Southern Ute Vietnam Veterans, Rod Grove and Howard Richards Sr. carefully fold the retired flag into the traditional triangle for stowage — the Southern Ute Veterans Association would summarily burn the retired flag in accordance with flag protocol.

The Southern Ute veterans Association donated a brand-new American Flag to the Ignacio Community Library. Howard Richards Sr. and Bruce LeClaire are seen here, hoisting the new flag into position.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member and fancy feather dancer Greg Bison shows his skills to students at Ignacio Elementary School on Tuesday, Dec. 2, as part of a series of performances for Native American Heritage Month.

This photo was first published in the Dec. 2, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

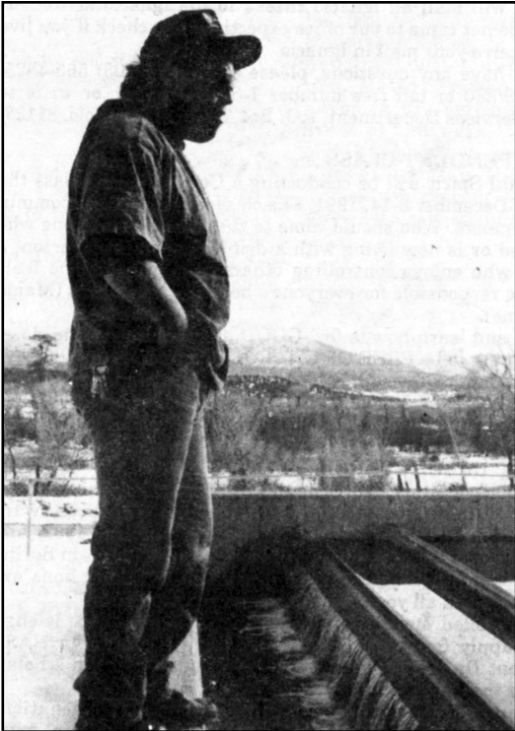


Jimmy Newton/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

The Southern Ute Higher Education Department invited members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council to pay the staff a visit on Friday, November 17, 2001. After arriving at the Higher Education office building, Department Director LaTitia Taylor spoke on the progress of tribal members in post-graduate programs. Council also toured the building and received staff reports.

This photo was published in the Nov. 30, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Lane Eskew/SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Water Operator Bill Weaver inspects the weir at the water plant. At the time, the he Ignacio area used about 650,000 gallons of water per day, which was pumped from the Pine River.

This photo was published in the Dec. 2, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Leonard C. Burch takes his oath of office from Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Ray deKay at a special ceremony held at the council chambers on December 1, 1981. This was Chairman Burch's 16th year on council as chairman.

This photo was published in the Dec. 4, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





courtesy Denver Art Museum

Southern Ute Historic Preservation Officer, Garrett Briggs was among those who spoke to attendees at the ribbon cutting for the exhibit opening of Home | Land at the Denver Art Museum, Sunday, Oct. 24. In his remarks, Briggs thanked the Ute traditional knowledge holders — Cassandra Atencio, Elise Redd, and Helen Munoz, whom were involved in the project.

DENVER ART MUSEUM

Exhibit opening of Home | Land

Staff report  
DENVER ART MUSEUM

The exhibit opening of Home | Land coincided with the Opening Celebration and Free Day at the Denver Art Museum on October 24.

Garrett W. Briggs, Southern Ute Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), explains that the exhibit “... Home | Land recognizes the Ute and other Native Nations who maintain cul-

tural connections to these regions, whose ancestral and historic homelands are now in and around Denver, through their creation stories, oral history, ceremonies, and family relationships, which are preserved and perpetuated through the creation of material culture and regalia that are made from and symbolically representative of the landscape.”

While Ute Mountain Councilman Darwin

Whiteman gave the invocation, Briggs spoke at the ribbon cutting and summarized the exhibit and recognized and thanked the Ute traditional knowledge holders (Cassandra Atencio, Elise Redd, and Helen Munoz) involved in the project.

Other Tribal representatives in attendance were Cassandra Atencio, Southern Ute Deputy THPO, and Councilman Alston Turtle, Ute Mountain Indian Tribe.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE

Reflecting on the life of Leonard C. Burch

LCB Day events cancelled for 2nd consecutive year

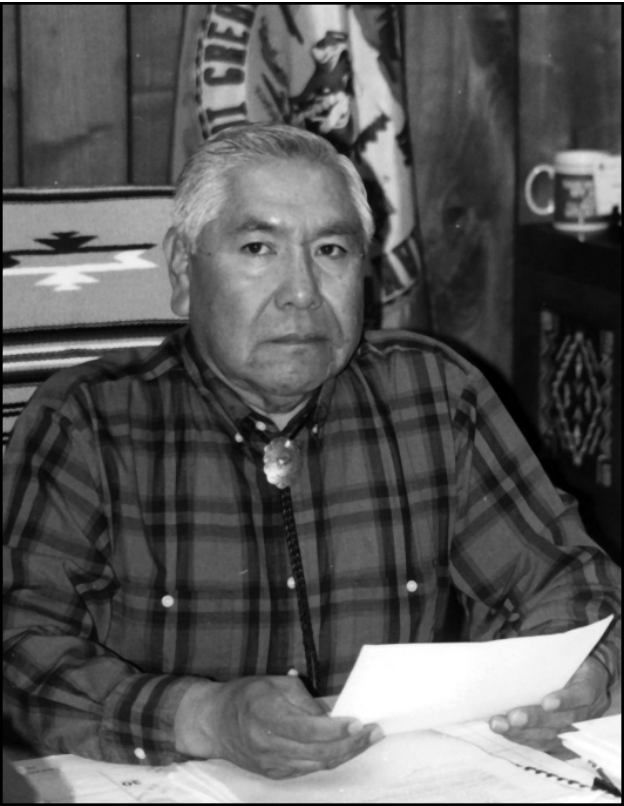
By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Leonard C. Burch Day – This day of recognition, first established on Dec. 10, 1996 by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, is celebrated as a tribal holiday every December.

In 2020, La Plata County Commissioners elected to officially recognize Dec. 10, as Leonard C. Burch Day throughout La Plata County each year.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Tribe’s Safer-at-Home status, it was deemed necessary to cancel this year’s Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run for a second time, which was set to take place over the Leonard C. Burch holiday weekend.

“Our family has decided to cancel all LCB events scheduled for Dec. 10, for this year due to COVID-19. We are on a Safer-at-Home order put in place by the Southern Ute Tribe and we need to keep everyone safe,” daughter Leonora Burch explained. “Remember to stay connected with your loved ones and tribal elders. Thank you for all your work and dedication to these events. We all hope to return next



SU Drum archive

Chairman Leonard C. Burch is photographed in 1993 in his office during his re-election campaign for the Chairman position.

year. We want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a great New Year!”

Burch was known for his strong cultural ties to his Ute traditions, his visionary leadership in his role as the Tribe’s longtime chairman and unparalleled dedication to family, communi-

ty and the many friendships he cultivated along the way.

The Burch family introduced the annual Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run in 2011 in an effort to bring the community together, educate and recognize the accomplishments of the late Chairman Burch. Leonard C. Burch is survived by his wife Irene Burch and seven daughters, who come together each year as a family to organize the walk in honor of their father.

According to a statement published by the Burch family, “Mr. Leonard C. Burch served was elected to the Southern Ute Tribal Council at the young age of 32 in 1966 and served for Chairman for 28 years. Under his leadership, the Southern Ute

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*Singing in the New Year!*  
*Nuuchiu Style!*

Multi Purpose  
256 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO

2022

Starts: 6:00 p.m. December 31, 2021  
Ends: midnight January 1, 2022!

Pot Luck Dinner  
Bring a dish  
and come and sing!

For more information,  
contact Alex Cloud  
(970)442-1013

*Merry Christmas!*  
& Happy New Year!

*Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner*  
*Curbside To Go Meal*

Open to Members of all Three Ute Tribes  
Start time: 11:00 A.M.  
\*Limited number of meals. First come, first serve\*  
Saturday, December 11, 2021  
Sky Ute Casino Event Center Parking Lot  
Enter from casino entrance, exit on to CR516

Southern Ute Elders and Tribal Members with disabilities who are unable to attend may sign up for home delivery by contacting:  
Southern Ute Elder Services (970)-563-0156

For more information, please contact:  
Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/Events Coordinator  
(970) 563-2988



SU Drum archive

Leonard C. Burch accepts the Oath of Office for the Chairman seat on Dec. 1, 1987.

SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
IGNACIO, COLO.

In observance of the tribal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will close December 10, 2021 for Leonard C. Burch Day. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, December 13, 2021.

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department

**Southern Ute Fair**  
**September 9 - 11, 2022**

In preparation for entry to the Southern Ute Fair Exhibits, the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department will continue to offer classes for youth and adults from now until August 2022.

Come practice your craft and get ideas for your entry!

For more information contact:  
Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306  
Harvey Frost, III., 970-563-2983



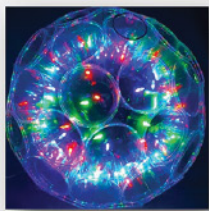


# Multi-Purpose Facility Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday December 11, 2021  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Spaces are limited - \$40 Indoor \$30 Outdoor



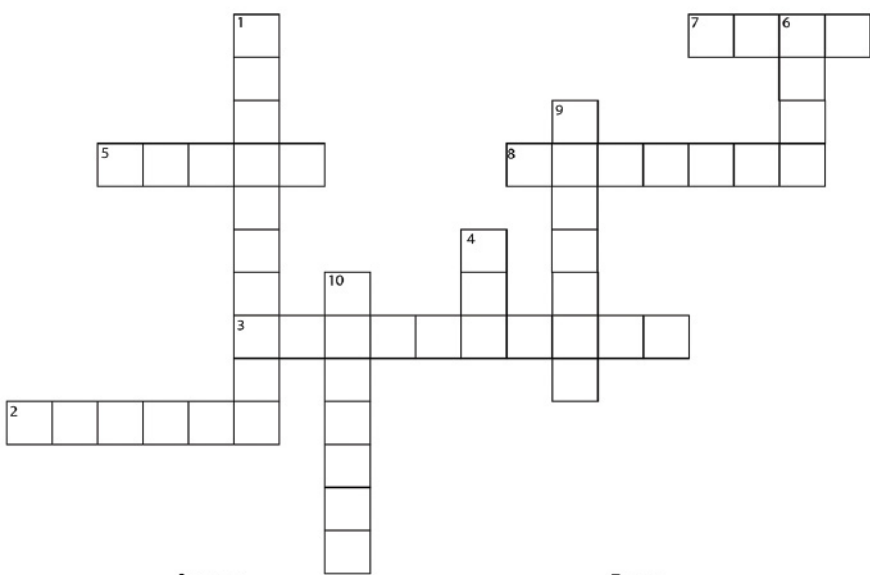
Solo Cup Light Ball - with Sandy Seibert  
Holiday Wreath - with Evalyn Russell  
Christmas Ornaments - with Elise Redd  
Classes limited to 10 people

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 protocol in effect  
Masks are required for everyone. Please social distance

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
call for more information 970-563-2640



## Ute Crossword Puzzle



- Across
- 2.) an object you cut with
- 3.) this person is your younger male family member
- 5.) it's part of the reptile family; often mistaken for rattlesnakes
- 7.) it purrs
- 8.) a family pet that wags its tail
- Down
- 1.) an animal with yellow eyes and known for his tricks
- 4.) clothing worn regularly
- 6.) where one lives
- 9.) an animal with big ears and hops; it is a relative to the rabbit
- 10.) a person that would be considered the backbone of their family

Use your Ute Dictionary to assist you in finding your answers. Bring your answers into the Cultural Preservation Department and you will be entered to win a prize.

There will be one puzzle a month with two prizes. The next Drum issue will provide the answers with explanations.

The Southern Ute Pow Wow Committee would like to show our appreciation to the Southern Ute tribal membership in doing your part to stay safe and healthy through this pandemic by giving each enrolled Southern Ute tribal member a FREE t-shirt!

GRAB YOURS!!

When: December 3rd

Where: SunUte Community Center

Mouache Room

Time: 9am - 2pm

Must bring Tribal ID

Free Offer



We have small sizes too!

Must bring child's Tribal ID



Enrolled tribal members who live off the reservation may contact:  
Mikki Naranjo - 970-563-2441  
Rochelle Aguilar - 970-563-2990

## HERITAGE PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is seeking local Pow-Wow dancers interested in public performances.



Dancers will be selected based upon the number of participants needed and the style of dance needed for that event. Please note that we will have a diversified program with different styles of dancers which means that we will only need a limited number of participants per style. We will work to rotate people from our roster and update the roster as interest increases or decreases.

If you want to be added to our roster of available dancers, please contact:  
Marvin Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator, and specify which styles you dance.  
970-563-2988 | mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov

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# GIFT SHOP SALE

Pottery 40% off!

Kachina Dolls 40% off!

25% off everything else except books!

Sale runs until December 31st  
For more information call 970-7563-2982

## Special Hours



SOUTHERN UTE  
Cultural Center & Museum

# Ute Speaker Coffee & Light breakfast

DECEMBER 9, 2021  
10:30AM-12:00PM  
ELDORADO RESTAURANT



Ute Speakers have asked for a forum for Ute only conversation, come join our Ute only conversational brunch.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:  
CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT  
CRYSTAL RIZZO, 970-563-2306  
SMELLY THOMPSON, 970-563-2984





HEALTHY RECIPES

Leftover turkey and wild rice soup

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

Leftover turkey? Try this warm, inviting, and healthy soup. Being able to make use of leftover turkey (or even chicken) plus the extra carrots, celery and onions and fresh herbs you have on hand for the holidays makes sense. Everyone will enjoy this delicious recipe.

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



courtesy Happy Healthy Mama

Turkey and wild rice soup

- Ingredients**
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or butter
  - 2 carrots, chopped
  - 2 celery stalks, chopped
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 8 oz mushrooms, slice
  - 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 2 tablespoons flour (or cornstarch for gluten-free)
  - 5 cups turkey or chicken stock or broth
  - 1 tablespoon fresh chopped thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried)
  - 1 teaspoon fresh chopped rosemary (or 1/2 teaspoon dried)
  - 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 cup uncooked wild rice
  - 3 cups cooked shredded turkey or chicken
  - 1/2 cup half and half
  - Salt and pepper to taste

- Directions**
1. Heat oil or butter in large stock pot.
  2. Add carrots, celery, onions, and sauté for about 5 minutes.
  3. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté for an additional 3-5 minutes.
  4. Add flour and stir to coat about 1 minute.
  5. Add stock, thyme, rosemary, Worcestershire, and wild rice.
  6. Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook for 30-40 minutes, stirring occasionally.
  7. Add turkey and simmer uncovered for an additional 15-20 minutes or until rice is cooked.
  8. Stir in half and half.
  9. Add stock as needed for preferred consistency.
  10. Add salt and pepper to taste.
  11. Serve and enjoy!

Serves 6-8  
Nutrition per serving: 288 Calories, 9g Fat, 26g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 25g Protein

SUNUTE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS • FROM PAGE 1

bers to enter once a day to win different prizes for any age. “The biggest theme of our 20 year is gratitude and thanking people, thanking the people that were on council for the last 20 years, people that served as Executive Officers, and everyone that supported SunUte over the past 20 years,” Duffy-Wirth said.

Paying respect to those before, Duffy-Wirth wanted to thank Southern Ute Tribal Members, Marge Borst, Alex Cloud, Byron Frost and Brian Frost who worked together to make the fitness center a reality. After the closure of the ‘Pino Nuche’ Building in 1990, they worked together to approach Tribal Council and get their support for the opening of a new recreation center.

“Our vision is endless opportunities for all,” Duffy-Wirth shared. “What that did when we came up with that vision, it knocked the ceiling off of our building – we can do anything; we are here for the community.”

Since the opening of SunUte, thousands of people have hosted events in the building. Most notably, hosting tribal powwows, sports events, celebrations, and trainings.

Working hand in hand with staff, tribal members, and leadership – SunUte continues to grow and evolve in the fitness and recreation world to accommodate the needs of the community.

“It seems surreal to have worked here for more than half as long as the building’s been open and to fill the rest of the years with being a member, there have

been changes to the building, but it still feels like a second home,” SunUte Fitness Director, Abel Velasquez stated.

“We have so much programming, you know everything from childcare to life-saving trainings,” Duffy-Wirth explained. “We’ve taught over 105,000 swim lessons over the years, we teach CPR and First Aid to hundreds and hundreds of people, and now we’re even offering 24/7 access for the members!”

Over the years, SunUte has made advancements in all their programming and most recently the addition of the Píinu Núuchí Skate Park. The skate park was designed by the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and construction of the park was completed in the spring of 2021.

“The skate park wasn’t just SunUte’s project, when I was asked to be a part of it, I told myself I want to get this done and I want to get this done right – so it’s not like we’re making stuff up as we go, we used what people have given and we used their stuff to build [it],” Duffy-Wirth said.

SunUte offers a variety of league and tournament style sports through their recreation program. SunUte currently offers over ten different group exercise classes, ranging from LesMills Fitness, Zumba, Yoga and Water Grooves classes. Through the SunUte Fitness program, trainers are available to help members through their workouts and even offer an active kid care program to get kids moving too.

Even through the unknown

barriers and unexpected troubles that the COVID-19 pandemic brought, SunUte worked to keep the community healthy and safe.

“I mean, lots of heavy work was done [during the] year that we were closed for COVID. I think where we are right now is rebuilding trust with our community,” Duffy-Wirth stated. “But what we have come to appreciate is you know, a lot of people will come in and out the doors, both members and staff. And I think everybody brings something to the table. Sometimes it’s an opportunity for us to learn something. And for us to grow. Sometimes it’s joy, sometimes it’s sorrow-- but everyone that’s come in has had an impact on this building – EVERYBODY.”

For 20 years now, the community center has been dedicated to serving the tribal membership and the surrounding communities, by offering a safe and welcoming environment with quality customer service and knowledgeable staff.

“I mean it honestly means a lot to be a part of this building and this team – it was huge news to the community when this place opened when I was a kid, everyone wanted to be here, we wanted to come swimming, we wanted to play basketball, we wanted to do whatever was offered here, so now it means it a lot to me to be a part of SunUte now and helping it move into the future.” Velasquez stated.

SunUte plans to reach out to Departments and Divisions that have helped SunUte for the next 20 days to say a big thank you!

IF YOU HAVE A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM AND HAVE RECEIVED A PFIZER OR MODERNA VACCINE, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET A THIRD DOSE. CALL THE SUHC AT 970.563.4581 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

MICHELLE ROBERTSON, SUHC PHARMACIST

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20 Year Celebration  
Upcoming events and challenges

- Small get together at SunUte for all past employees to thank them for all they have given over the past two decades – Friday, Dec. 3 from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
  - A luncheon honoring all past Southern Ute Tribal Council members and Executive Officers from the past 20 years – Thursday, Dec. 16, 11:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.
  - Walk-through hallway event to honor the membership through a permanent photo display – Thursday, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
  - SunUte Member vs SunUte Staff Challenge, call Abel Velasquez at 970-563-2651 for info.
  - 20 miles in 20 days, call Abel Velasquez at 970-563-2651 for info.
  - Dodgeball challenges during noon ball, call Virgil Morgan at 970-563-2652 for info.
- Raffles for each time you participate in any of the above to win “Very Cool Prizes.” Throughout the month, SunUte will also offer their members tasty treats!

Welcome Back Open House

LOCAL BABY & MATERNAL CARE RESOURCES

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 9TH

11AM—2PM

CAPOTE ROOM  
SUN UTE

390 MOUACHE CIR,  
IGNACIO CO 81137

SHAWMARIE TSO  
(970)-563-2163

Come join Shining Mountain Health and Wellness at our open house. We will be providing information from local resources. To keep our community safe, we will have a max capacity of 20 people in the room at a time, and will be required to wear masks for those 2 years or older when not eating. Thank you so much for understanding, as this lets us continue to host events.

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION

HONORING YOU

A PHOTO DISPLAY TO HONOR THE SOUTHERN UTES AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR VISION.

DECEMBER 16 2021 4PM- 6PM

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Help us celebrate our 20 year anniversary by joining us for refreshments and viewing our new photo displays that now adorn the halls and walls of SunUte Community Center.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.





SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani pe’ekwatu - Eagle’s Nest

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI INDIAN ACADEMY

As we continue to stay as healthy as possible, thank you for wearing your face coverings, helping with the temperature checks, and keeping your son or daughter home if he/she is sick or if a family member is sick.

With Thanksgiving (kwi-yutukamuataghochi) behind us, SUIMA students are eagerly anticipating Christmas. The upper elementary students are organizing ways to bring holiday cheer to the school by doing random acts of kindness and planning activities during Holiday Spirit Week.

The Native American Heritage Honor Walk was held on Friday, Nov. 19 – the turnout was phenomenal. The weather cooperated, the energy from the crowd was positive and all the students had a wonderful time.

Throughout the month of November, SUIMA encouraged all students, staff, families and departments to participate in wearing roses for the last week of Indigenous Month. Together, we have all shown our proud heritage by wearing tradi-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Krissy Velasquez begins the walk with her child and niece, Gia, Friday, Nov. 19, honoring Native American Heritage Month. Smiles were abound throughout the walk!

tional regalia, beaded necklaces, rockin’ our moc’s, enjoying our young drum group, participating in an awesome walk and wearing scarves and roses. Thank you everyone for showing

your pride and supporting our students.

All progress reports have been sent out with our second trimester beginning on Nov. 18.

Nuu’apaghapi – Ute phrases

‘umu ‘aghavaatumanakway – Where are you from?  
Nu piinuvaa kanigyatu – I live in Ignacio.

Upcoming events:

- December 1-10: Online winter registration is open on our website: [www.suima.org](http://www.suima.org). There are two spots available in Infant classroom, six spots available in the toddler level, and several in the elementary level. There are NO spaces available in the early childhood/primary level. Parents will be called on Monday, Dec. 13, for confirmation/denial of acceptance.
- Dec. 9: School photos – Individual and class. Yay!
- Dec. 10: No School – Leonard C. Burch Day
- Dec. 13-17: Holiday Spirit Week
- Dec. 14: Parent Advisory Group virtual meeting
- Dec. 20-31: Christmas break

CYBER SECURITY

Holiday travel and technology

Staff report

THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM



Have you ever been on a trip and realized that you forgot to pack something important? It’s easy to overlook things during the hustle and bustle of traveling, especially during the holidays.

Unfortunately, cybercriminals take advantage of this busyness to target holiday travelers. Their goal is to catch you off guard when or where you least expect it. Don’t let cybercriminals ruin your holiday plans!

Follow the tips below for safe travels:

Secure your devices when they are not in use.

Never leave your phone, tablet, or computer unattended. Try to take your device with you wherever you go. If you do need to step away, lock your device. Then, ask a trusted friend or family

member to keep your device safe while you’re gone.

Use strong passwords.

Use strong passwords for all your devices, apps, and services! Don’t forget to include the apps and services that you only use while traveling, such as hotel websites and translation apps. For added security, many apps allow you to use biometric identifiers instead of a password. If your device has a fingerprint scanner or facial recognition, set up this feature before leaving on your trip.

Beware of public Wi-Fi networks.

Always disable the option to automatically connect

to Wi-Fi networks on your phone, tablet, or computer. Instead, manually choose which network you’d like to join. Only use Wi-Fi networks that you know are safe, and never connect to random hotspots.

Use a VPN when connecting to your organization’s network.

If you need to work while traveling, make sure to use a Virtual Private Network, or VPN. VPNs create a private network and encrypt your internet activity to protect your information from cybercriminals. Using a VPN is especially important if you connect to a network in a public place, such as a coffee shop or airport.

Fall concert heralds the season



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary second grade students sing songs about the changing season and fill the elementary cafeteria with smiling faces as they dance the evening away at their annual fall concert, Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Santa Letters Are Back!

Starting Nov. 17 stop by the Ignacio Community Library and pick up your Santa letters to let him know how your year was. He always likes to hear from kids and find out what you would like for Christmas this year. Santa’s Mail box will be set up at our library book drop. We will send them to the North Pole through our library courier. Make sure and put your name and mailing address on the letter so he can write you back.

In collaboration with ...

Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group and Afrem Wall

Drum Practice Schedule:

Monday, October 25

Monday, November 8

Monday, November 22

Monday, December 6

Monday, December 20

POT LUCK/PRACTICE SUIMA CAFETERIA 6:30-7:30 P.M.

PARENT PARTICIPATION WILL BE HONORED TOWARDS YOUR PARENT COMMITMENT CONTRACT.

Daisy Bluestar  
E mail: [dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Phone: (970)563-2710

Volunteers & Youth Welcome!!

Southern Ute Education Center

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Latitia Taylor - Tuusaghawawichichi  
Director of Education

Mari Jo Owens - 'Akakanavemamachi  
Principal of SUIMA

Support Cultural Knowledge And Traditional Growth

Invitation to: EVERYONE!

Join us in Supporting our Youth in Being Proud To be Indigenous.

Fancy Friday

Wear something of Your Culture and Join us with Ute Culture!

Culture Day

Every Friday!

Parent participation will be honored towards your Parent Participation Contract. Volunteer to share Culture Topics to SUIMA students,

If you'd like to Volunteer, or if you participated in Fancy Friday please send photos to, and contact:

Daisy Bluestar  
[dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov)  
(970)563-2710

Est. Friday October 12, 2018





# Drumming at SUIMA



Afrem Wall presented to SUIMA students on Fancy Friday, Nov. 19. The academy's Ute Culture and Language class regularly brings in guest speakers to present on various topics related to Ute traditions, culture, and language. Students took turns at the drum, practicing how to drum and staying in rhythm. Older students assisted the younger primary students.



Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly enjoys spending the morning with SUIMA students while listening to Ute origin stories, Friday, Nov. 19. Prior to her election to Tribal Council, Dr. Oberly spent several years at SUIMA teaching Ute language and culture.

Photos by Lindsay Box  
Southern Ute Council Affairs



SUIMA Upper Elementary students assist SUIMA Primary students during their turn at the drum.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

# NextEra Energy scholarship program for Native students

**Kamran Zafar**  
NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES

NextEra recently announced a scholarship program specifically for Native students in partnership with the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC). The NextEra Energy Scholarship Program will provide 15 scholarships, each valued at \$5,000 per year, for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in the fields of energy, environment, and cultural sus-

tainability and preservation. With this scholarship program, NextEra hopes to support Native students in their ongoing studies and to recognize the work of tribes that collaborate with us on our renewable energy projects. To that end, we would greatly appreciate any help you can provide in identifying students or programs within your Tribe that may be interested in this program. We are very excited about this scholarship pro-

gram and want to connect with as many Native students as possible. The application period for the first round of scholarships opens on January 1, 2022 and will be available through the AIGC website: [www.AIGCS.org](http://www.AIGCS.org). A press release about the scholarship program is available here: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/american-indian-graduate-center-unveils-nextera-energy-scholarship-program-301407728.html>.

## Native American Heritage walk



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

SUIMA Native American Heritage Month Walk organizer, led the way for SUIMA students, faculty, and families with her own children, Friday, Nov. 19.

Students and their families bundled up for the brisk walk honoring Native American Heritage Month. Renae Sage prepared for the walk with her grandchildren, Friday, Nov. 19.



## Ignacio School District Strategic Plan Development




Parents, Students, Community partners, and Ignacio School District Staff. The Ignacio School District will be developing a 5-year strategic plan over the next several months. It is vital for the district to gather input and feedback from community stakeholders. The first element of the plan is a survey that will assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within our school system. It is very important that you complete the following questionnaire. Survey window will close on Dec. 10, 2021. We will collect and analyze the data in late December. Starting in January, we will begin having public meetings to develop a mission statement and create a strategic matrix that we hope to have completed in June of 2022. If you have not taken the survey, please do so: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/ignaciosdco/community/surveys?language=en>





**ThinkNew**

Students can apply to win a \$15,000 study abroad scholarship to a New Zealand University! Learn more and apply at <https://bit.ly/3KLgwnB>!

#ThinkIndian #NativeAmerican #Scholarships #EducationIsTheAnswer





**PARENT ADVISORY GROUP**  
**PAG MEETING**  
Tuesday, Dec. 14  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting link sent via Remind text messaging to SUIMA families.  
JANUARY MEETING - JAN. 25, 2022



**THURSDAY DEC. 9TH**  
Come dressed in your best! Photos will be taken at the beginning of the school day!



Students will be sent home with ordering and pricing information.

For more information, contact:  
Maria Rivera at (970) 563.2749  
Illene Chavez at (970) 563.2700



**KIYA'NAY**  
HOW TO TELL SOMEONE TO SMILE IN UTE:



# N7 Night honors Native athletes at FLC



Heritage Dancers from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe dance during a special halftime performance at Fort Lewis College's Nike N7 Games.



Fort Lewis College Women's Basketball guard, Charlize Valdez sports the infamous turquoise jersey during the Nike N7 games while driving to score at the goal.



Chris, Cindy, and Charlize Valdez are filled with excitement after the Women's Nike N7 Game at Fort Lewis College. The Skyhawks won their game against Northern New Mexico College.



Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute veterans brought in the flags for the opening of the Nike N7 Basketball Games inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman, Marge Barry wraps her niece Daya Thompson in a hug while watching the Nike N7 Basketball Games inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium.



Fort Lewis College Board of Trustees member, Adam Red and daughter, McKayla Red smile while watching the Nike N7 Basketball Games.

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



## 20 YEARS OF SUNUTE

### MEMBER VS. STAFF CHALLENGE

**WHEN**  
Dec. 1st— Dec. 20th, 2021

**WHERE**  
**SunUte Community Center**  
Fitness Floor, Gym, Group Ex. Room, Pool, etc.

**FEATURING** • Robin Duffy-Wirth • Sage Frane • Kelsey Frost  
• Margaret Manzanares • Aaron Denny • Tara Vigil  
• Abel Velasquez • Eliyah Lucero • Roman Vasquez • Will Hacker

**BRING IT ON!!!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE TRAINER'S DESK AT (970)563-2651, OR STOP IN AND TALK TO A TRAINER TO SIGN-UP!**

**HERE IS YOUR  
CHANCE  
TO CHALLENGE  
ONE OF  
SUNUTE'S  
STAFF  
MEMBERS!!!**

**SIGN UP AT THE  
TRAINER'S DESK.**

**20 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION!**



Leadership from both the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes attended the Nike N7 Basketball games.



## Elders gather for conversation



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose facility held their Sip, Chat & Chew community event Friday, Nov. 19 – MPF Volunteers, Terry Box (right) and Stephanie Fasano (left) help put the finishing touches on a Thanksgiving themed meal for attendees.



Southern Ute elder Evelyn Russel enjoys a conversation with friends from neighboring tribes. The community event is social and encourages participation from sister tribes.

Food was served up by Southern Ute Growth Fund employees. Growth Fund Director Shane Siebel gave the blessing for food and introduced himself to those in attendance.

## Pie making at the MPF



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Hunter Frost and Kelcie Whammers cut the topping of their pie crust at the pie making workshop at the Multi-Purpose Facility, Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Marie Carel, Multi-Purpose Administrative Assistant, checks on the pumpkin pies as they bake during the pie making workshop at the Multi-Purpose Facility, Tuesday, No. 10.



## Yeast rolls from scratch



Denise Thompson leads the Cultural Preservation Department's Baking Class on how to make yeast rolls from scratch, Monday, Nov. 22 at the Southern Ute Education Building's kitchen.

McKayla Lee/SU Drum



### BOOSTER DOSES NOW RECOMMENDED

Many people who are already fully vaccinated against COVID-19 should now receive another dose to stay protected. Getting a booster dose can help protect you, your family, and your community from COVID-19.

You should get a booster dose if you:

- Are 18+ and received your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago.
- Received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

Because COVID-19 is spreading quickly throughout the state, Colorado is a high-risk place to live and work. Anyone who is 18 or older who would like a booster and is due for one should make a plan to get one. We encourage you to speak with your health care provider if you have any questions.

You can get any type of vaccine for your booster dose. It doesn't have to be the same type as the doses you already received.



GO GET A BOOSTER DOSE TODAY!

Find out where at [COVID19.COLORADO.GOV/VACCINEFINDER](https://COVID19.COLORADO.GOV/VACCINEFINDER).



## Multi-Purpose Facility Tamale Workshop



Wednesday December 15, 2021  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Space is limited - Please call to reserve your spot

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 protocol in effect  
Masks are required for everyone. Please social distance



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call for more information 970-563-2640

## Multi-Purpose Facility Cookie Exchange



Friday December 17, 2021  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Bring your favorite baked cookies, and recipe to share.  
Tea and coffee will be provided.

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Call for more information 970-563-2640





W. BRUCE VALDEZ • FROM PAGE 1

the Growth Fund Management Committee, Chairman of GFMC LLC and Chairman of Southern Ute Shared Services Committee. I retired from this position with 22 years of hands-on management and supervisory experience. I also have experience in personnel management, financial planning

and implementation. I also served as the alternate voting member of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes. After retiring from the Southern Ute Growth Fund, I decided I would like to use my knowledge and experience to give back to the membership by running for Tribal Council.

I am respectfully asking for your vote for another term. If elected, I will continue working with the Chairman and Tribal Council to continue moving our Tribe forward while serving the membership.

Respectfully  
W. Bruce Valdez

VANESSA P. TORRES • FROM PAGE 1

bership to do what's in the best interest for the young people to the elders as we face the challenges by working together with the people who are the policy makers.

As a council person I would like to continue to work for the Tribe in a manner where we spend the money/funds wisely to keep the departments running effectively and efficiently. I will continue to do so if given the opportunity to serve a full term in making sure we manage our money and resources in a proper way which benefits the Tribe and the membership.

As most of you know I truly support in seeking assistance with Substance Abuse/Drug Abuse and Mental Abuse in our tribal and local community that have been hit hard with these addictions that effects our members, the housing issues, and families. We need an inpatient treatment center for our members, as

well as a sober living program to assist the individual and families with support and guidance. Mental health is another issue we need to address on the reservation. We send our adults and juveniles out of the area to assist in their treatment, where these places do not practice cultural sensitivity.

We are in need of housing for our membership here on the reservation to assist them and be able to provide ample, affordable housing. We also need to assist our membership who live on fee lands, allotted lands, and off the reservation.


There is also an issue for housing for staff members, at times we have lost valuable employees due to no housing in the area because the cost of living as risen. We also need to think of ways to assist tribal members who have criminal history. We all make mistakes and we should be able to assist our tribal members who

need the help or who are homeless, we need to find innovative ways to assist.

This past year has given me an opportunity to be able to learn and grow within my position and learning about our Tribe. This year I've gotten my feet wet so to speak and I am willing to learn and continue to be the voice for the people. Everyone starts somewhere in a position learning and evolving in their careers. I am asking to give me the chance to continue to remain on Tribal Council to be your voice. I am compassionate, I listen and I learn along the way. Together we can make positive changes.

I humbly ask for your vote on Friday, Dec. 17, to continue to do the work to help benefit the good of the Southern Ute Tribe and the membership.

Toghoyaqh,  
Vanessa P. Torres



### Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2021 Run-off Election

ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT

The Election Board has determined these dates for the upcoming Run-off Election according to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Constitution and Election Code.

**Run-off Election – Friday, December 17, 2021 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**held at SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, CO**

Notice of Election–	Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Voter Registration Deadline–	Wednesday, December 08, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline–	Wednesday, December 08, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline–	Thursday, December 16, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

**Tribal Council Candidates:**  
**Vanessa P. Torres**  
**W. Bruce Valdez**

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2728/2729/2730    Email : election@southernute-nsn.gov  
Off Reservation Tribal Members Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303


### Southern Ute Indian Tribe Run-Off Election 2020

#### COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & VOTING DAY PROCEDURES

Due to COVID-19 and winter coming up, the Election Board will be supervising and administering the **Southern Ute Indian Tribe Run-Off Election 2020** at SunUte Community Center, Ignacio CO.

- Voting will take place inside SunUte meeting rooms as in previous elections due to winter conditions
- 2 voters in the polling place at one time.
- Temperature check will be conducted upon entering Voting area at SunUte Community Center.
- An "X" will be located outside on the sidewalk next to the meeting room outside doors, marking every (6) feet where voters will stand when more than one voter is present.
- We ask all voters to please wear a mask. If you do not have one we will provide a disposable one for your use.
- Sanitizing of the voting booths will occur throughout the day, please be patient.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for your use, please sanitize before coming to the election area.

The counting of the ballots will be a closed session, only the board members and personnel assisting the board in this process will be allowed for safety due to it being in an enclosed area.



Election Board: 970-563-2303 or ext. 2305/2729/2728  
Off Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN INDIAN TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION DECEMBER 17, 2021

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER NOTICE - VOTE FOR ONE (1)**

☐ **Vanessa P. Torres**

☐ **W. Bruce Valdez**

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

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### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2021 RUN-OFF ELECTION ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming Run-Off Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

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### RUN-OFF ELECTION

Friday, December 17, 2021 – 7 A.M. to 7 P.M held at SunUte Community Center

NOTICE OF ELECTION  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE - Wednesday, December 8, 2021 by 5 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE - Wednesday, December 8, 2021 by 5 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE - Thursday, December 16, 2021 by 5 P.M.

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Off-Reservation Tribal Members: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION 2021

### Friday, Dec. 17, 2021

### Candidates

### Vanessa P. Torres • W. Bruce Valdez



# Vote VANESSA P. TORRES

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL DEC. 17, 2021


### LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY

### VISION

### EXCELLENCE THRU EXPERIENCE

## VOTE W. Bruce Valdez

### FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL



"No Promises — Just Results"

**December 17, 2021**  
**Your Vote Counts!**





Christmas time on campus



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Drum Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez spent time unwrapping decorations and stringing ribbon on to the Christmas tree that stands in the Hall of Warriors, Tuesday, Nov. 30.



Southern Ute tribal member, Deichman Dean Hudson, Jr., helps string Christmas lights on the tops of trees ahead of the holiday season on Tuesday, Nov. 23. The Grounds Maintenance crew has decorated multiple buildings on tribal campus.

Thanksgiving meals to-go



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation staff, Cassandra Atencio and Kree Lopez help Southern Ute tribal members check in for their to-go Thanksgiving meals, Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Councilmember, Vanessa Torres hands a to-go Thanksgiving meal to Fidel Velasquez's family during the curbside event, Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Are you up for a holiday challenge?  
Then enter our

GINGERBREAD MAN  
DECORATING CONTEST

Pick up a Gingerbread man from the library  
starting November 17 and take it home to  
design your own!

- Bring it back to the library by December 12th
- Gingerbread will be on display for public vote
- Winners broken down by age groups

470 GODDARD AVE. | (970)563-9287 | IGNACIOLIBRARY.ORG



*Meet & Greet*  
with  
**W. Bruce Valdez**

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**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL  
COUNCIL CANDIDATE**

Saturday, December 4, 2021  
12 P.M. to 3 P.M.  
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility  
256 Ute Rd., Ignacio CO 81137

★ ★ ★  
Covid Protocols will be followed. Please wear a mask.



**6th Annual Christmas  
TOY DRIVE**

December 3rd — December 21st, 2021

New toys under \$ 10.00  
Please **DO NOT** wrap gifts  
Look out for us on December 23!

**Drop Off Locations**

- SU Growth Fund
- Red Willow
- SunUte Community Center
- SU Permanent Fund (all buildings)
- Ignacio Community Library
- Farmers Fresh
- Family Dollar
- Taste of Christmas Event
- Southern Ute Tribal Curbside Christmas Dinner

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**IGNACIO  
COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY**



**HELP US  
FILL THE BUS**



Bring a toy when you come get your food for the Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner curbside meal pick up and help get toys to youth in our community!

**BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY!**

**DECEMBER 11, 2021**

**11 AM- 2 PM**

**SKY UTE CASINO RESORT  
EVENT CENTER PARKING LOT**





**THE POLAR EXPRESS**

Southern Ute Tribal Member Families

**TRIBAL MEMBERS:** Sign up your immediate family at SunUte Front Desk (no phone registration please)

Two Trips Offered

December 20th, 2021 train departs at 6:50 pm  
(Registration deadline: Dec. 18th at 5:00 pm)

December 21st, 2021 train departs at 6:50pm  
(Registration deadline: Dec. 18th at 5:00pm)

Cost \$15 per ticket (regular price \$59)  
(LIMITED space available, must specify which day you are signing up for)

These tickets are purchased in advance. If you RSVP and cancel within 48 hours of the trip or don't show you are responsible for paying the full price of the ticket -\$59 each.

For more information contact Recreation 970-563-2660 or 970-563-2652







Chairman, climate change



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Chairman Melvin J. Baker testified, Thursday, Nov. 18, to the Select Committee on Climate Change, "Tribal Voices, Tribal Wisdom: Strategies for Climate Crisis" and spoke of the Tribe's legacy of self-determination as it related to energy development history, business acumen, environmental stewardship, and its groundbreaking Coyote Clean Power Project with 8Rivers Capital, LLC.

The House of Representatives hearing features tribal leaders from other tribal nations and groups to learn how tribal communities implement sustainable practices.



Choker making class



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

With two expert crafters, SUIMA students were able to learn two ways to tie off their choker in class, Friday, Nov. 19. Students chose their own colors and patterns to create unique chokers. This was the first activity which participants enjoyed with Tribal Council. The Tribal Council hopes to look into other culturally enriching activities to do with students. Council Member Linda Baker shows students how her mother and grandmother taught her to complete the choker.

Council Treasurer Marge Barry also worked on her own choker, alongside SUIMA students and staff. The activity was held in honor of Native American Heritage Month.



DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT December 13 & 14th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center Parking Lot



STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FRIDAY MORNING Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

TREASURER'S PANA-QARÜ 'URÜ APAGHARÜ



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qarü 'urü 'apagharü "Money Talks" Quarterly 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.



Save the Date 2021 General Election Swearing In Ceremony Ms. Lorelei Cloud Tuesday, the seventh of December two thousand twenty one 9:30 a.m. WebEx Event

Tribal Council seeking Elders participation!

5-7 Elders to help with Committee of Elder Bylaws



Photo Courtesy of Southern Ute Drum Archives

Southern Ute Tribal Council is seeking 5 to 7 Tribal Elders to review and revise the Committee of Elders by-laws. This will be a volunteer group.

How to Participate

- Participation is voluntary
If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sunshine Whyte at (970) 563.2319 or via email at whyte@southernute-nsn.gov
DEADLINE: Friday, December 10, 2021

Questions

For questions related to the Committee of Elders please contact Council Member Ramona Y. Eagle at (970) 563.2402





SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of November 17, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

392 Positives  
265 Recovered  
42 Breakthrough  
15,614 Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

152 Positives  
113 Recovered  
3 Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!

Fully vaccinated persons can also schedule a 3rd dose Pfizer/Moderna and 2nd Janssen Booster!

Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 18 years of age and older (5 years and older for Pfizer). IHS-eligible patients will receive priority when scheduling.

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

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

Get your kids protected just in time for the holidays!

Children ages 5 and up are now eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinated means they can look forward to holiday activities and seeing at-risk family they missed last year, like Grandma and Grandpa! Protect all generations of your family by scheduling your child's free COVID-19 vaccine appointment at covid19.colorado.gov/kids-vaccines.



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

Activities discouraged while in 'Safer at Home' Order Phase II, Level 2

The Tribe tightens restrictions, moves to Phase II "Safer at Home" Order, Level 2 effective October 2, 2021.



Visit loved ones if you are sick



Visit non-household members in a congregate care setting



Discontinue use of face coverings when required



Discontinue social distancing



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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Care for Family & Pets



Buy groceries or household supplies



Obtain medical supplies



Engage in banking



Go to work or get things from work



Exercise or engage in non-group activities



Get or buy educational supplies



Maintain or buy things for the household



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Booster Vaccines

COVID 3rd Dose Booster Dose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have now approved booster shots of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for select individuals. This is in addition to the group of people who are already eligible and receiving Pfizer boosters. The new approval from the FDA and CDC allows individuals to "mix and match" and get different vaccine types for their booster other than the vaccine they originally received. The Southern Ute Health Center will also begin to administer the booster for Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen vaccinations.

The Southern Ute Health Center has scheduled the following COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for the months of October and November. Please call (970) 563-4581 to schedule your appointment.

Who Is Eligible?

- 65 years +
- Individuals 18-64 with underlying health conditions
- High risk workers
- Living or working in a congregate care setting

Vaccine Name	Eligible Age Group	When can I receive my booster dose?
Pfizer	65 years and older 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Six (6) months after your 2nd dose.
Moderna	65 years and older 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Six (6) months after your 2nd dose.
Janssen	65 years and older 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Two (2) months after your 1st dose.

Upcoming SUHC Vaccine Clinics:

Please call the SUHC for availability and to schedule your appointment.



November 24 December 1, 3, 14, 15, & 16

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at (970) 563-4581 Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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CORONAVIRUS

What you need to know about COVID Variants

The Omicron Variant

Staff report  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

The Omicron Variant of Concern has been detected in the United States. CDC is following the details of this new variant.

Information about Variants: Viruses constantly change through mutation and sometimes these mutations result in a new variant of the virus. Some variants emerge and disappear while others persist. New variants will continue to emerge. CDC and other public health organizations monitor all variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 in the United States and globally.

The Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than the original SARS-CoV-2 strain of the virus that cause COVID-19. Vaccines remain the best way to reduce your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

Things You Need to Know

- New variants of the virus are expected to occur. Taking measures to reduce the spread of infection, including get-

ting a COVID-19 vaccine, are the best ways to slow the emergence of new variants.

- Vaccines reduce your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 booster doses are recommended for individuals who are 18 years or older.

Vaccines

While vaccines reduce your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19, we don't yet know how effective they will be against new variants that may arise, including Omicron.

Symptoms

- All previous variants cause similar COVID-19 symptoms.
- Some variants, such as the Alpha and Delta variants, may cause more severe illness and death.

Masks

- Wearing a mask is an effective way to reduce the spread of earlier forms of the virus, the Delta variant and other known variants.
- People who are not fully

ly vaccinated should take steps to protect themselves, including wearing a mask indoors in public at all levels of community transmission.

- People who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask indoors in areas of substantial or high transmission.
- People who are not fully vaccinated should take steps to protect themselves, including wearing a mask indoors in public at all levels of community transmission.
- Wearing a mask is very important if you or someone in your household
  - Has a weakened immune system
  - Has an underlying medical condition
  - Is an older adult
  - Is not fully vaccinated
  - Has a light icon

Testing

- Tests used to detect COVID-19 may not tell you which variant you have.
- As new variants emerge, scientists will continue to evaluate how well tests work to detect current infection.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

COVID-19 Holiday Guidance

The holiday season is a time spent gathering with loved ones and to celebrate reconnecting with friends. Unfortunately, we continue our fight against COVID-19. The Tribal remains in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2 which limits personal gatherings to no more than 20 persons to protect the health of the tribal membership. Please celebrate the upcoming holidays together but from afar. Here are some tips to celebrate a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Southern Ute Tribal Council would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Merry Christmas!

Túukrismes! Merry Christmas!



Share a meal with your immediate household members only. If you must prepare a meal for others, call and arrange a time to deliver the meal while limiting close contact.



Connect with loved ones by calling or Facetiming as a way to catch up and celebrate in a safe, virtual way. Exchange gifts before the holiday by dropping presents off at the front doorstep when family members are home.



Be sure to wear your face covering when shopping for the holidays. Continue to practice social distancing and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 "Together, we will fight COVID-19"

Designed and Published by Lindsay J. Box

The Tribal Offices will be closed for the holiday on Friday, December 24 and tribal offices will resume normal operations on Monday, December 27, 2021. For more information or updates visit the Tribal website, SU Drum, and social media.



Southern Ute Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids!

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Please contact the SUHC at (970) 563.4581 for questions and to schedule an appointment!





## REFLECTING: LEONARD C. BURCH FROM PAGE 3

Tribe emerged from relative poverty to become a major economic force in the Four Corners region and the largest employer in LaPlata County. Fueled principally by successful development of the Tribe's natural gas resources, the Burch era saw countless examples of community development and improvements in education and health and social programs available to tribal members."

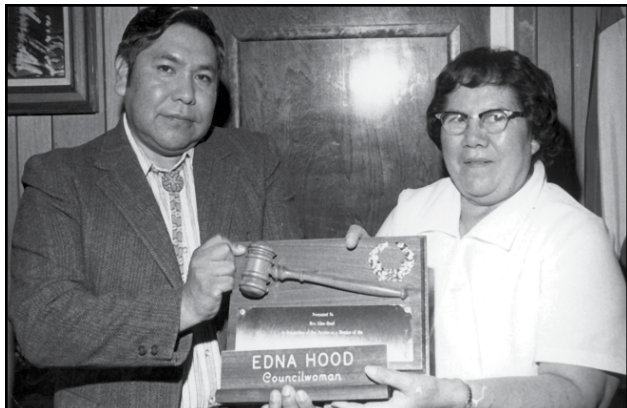
### These are just a few of Mr. Burch's outstanding achievements:

Mr. Burch was invited by five separate United States Presidents to attend conferences on Indian policy at the White House.

During his tenure he appeared innumerable times before Committees of Congress on matters affecting the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southwestern Colorado.

He successfully obtained passage of federal laws permitting the Tribe to consolidate land holdings within the reservation and address complex jurisdictional issues. The gaming compact between the State of Colorado and the Tribe and a taxation compact among the State of Colorado, the County of LaPlata and the Tribe were each negotiated during his tenure in office.

In the later years of his career, he worked closely with other members of the Tribal Council to establish and implement successful financial investments both on and off the reservation. The financial progress of the Tribe has been widely touted as a model for Indian tribes



SU Drum archive

Former Councilwoman Mrs. Edna Hood received an engraved plaque and her old council nameplate from Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch at her last meeting on Tribal Council.

throughout the country.

He helped forge a coalition of Indian and non-Indian water users in southwestern Colorado to advocate for construction of the Animas-LaPlata Project, a water storage facility built by the Bureau of Reclamation as part of a settlement of the Tribe's water rights claims. In recognition of his role in this regard, he received the Citizens Award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

As an Air Force Veteran, Mr. Leonard Burch was honored to lead the Walk of Warriors every Memorial Day.

He received numerous awards in recognition of his lifetime achievements and contributions, including:

The Durango Area Citizen of the Year Award (1997)

The 15th Annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award (2002)

The Council of Energy Resource Tribe's Achievement Award (2002).

"Throughout his life, Mr. Burch remained respectful of the culture and tradition-

al ways of the Ute people," his family stated. "He participated continuously in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sundance as both a dancer and Sundance Chief and he supported programs to preserve the Ute language and the Tribe's museum."

Leonard C. Burch retired from his remarkable political career at the end of 2002; he passed on in August the following year. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe dedicated the newly built Tribal Administration Building in his name. Inscripting a set of bronze plaques with the inscription, "In memory of Leonard C. Burch, 1933-2003, Former Chairman, Council Member, Sun Dance Chief and Great Visionary - Thank you for your leadership, dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of your people."

### EDITORS NOTE

Segments of this article were previously published in article titled - "In recognition of Leonard C. Burch," - Friday, Dec. 4, 2020.



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BOBCAT BASKETBALL

IHS Basketball getting underway in La Jara

Boys and girls on cusp of 2A's top-tens



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto (35) dribbles along the sideline during last season's opener at non-league Sanford. Nanaeto will be one of the Lady Bobcats' leaders this season, her senior campaign.

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Officially in the practice gym since Nov. 15, Ignacio Basketball will finally get the 2021-22 campaign underway with highly-rated boys' and girls' varsities taking the court.

Ranked No. 10 in the preseason CHSAA Now, com Class 2A poll released just before Thanksgiving, Chris Valdez's gents will first tip off out in La Jara at 3A Centauri's Dec. 2-4 Mountain Top Classic, then recharge for a week to battle non-league Crested Butte – their Round-of-24 opponent beginning last season's State Tournament – in neutral Telluride on the 11th.

But as the schedule presently shows, that could be all for the Bobcats until 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play begins Jan. 6 at home versus Dove Creek, with the Southwest Classic – this winter hosted by Bayfield – then following on the 7th and 8th.

Senior point guard Gabe Tucson (11.9 points per game last season) is expected to be the sole returning starter from last winter's potent squad which, despite a finalizing 71-39 loss at Limon – now the afore-

mentioned rankings' No. 1 crew – in the State Tournament's 'Great Eight' phase, finished 14-3 overall, 10-0 against all league opposition and 8-0 versus the SJBL's 2A teams.

"We really didn't match up size-wise with them; I was pretty much our tallest player and I'm only six-two, then Limon has guys that are six-five, six-six – that really hurt us," graduated senior Bryce Finn (14.5 ppg) had said. "And the way they pressed the ball was crazy; we just kind of fell apart."

Key reserves Eppie Quintana and Dylan McCaw are expected to top the list of all vying for starting roles.

The Lady Bobcats, meanwhile, will hit the MTC as the preseason rankings' second-highest 'Others Receiving Votes' team – behind Burlington and initial No. 10 Yuma – and, like the boys, will then clash next with CBCS inside THS' MinerDome.

Three days later, however, Ignacio will travel to 3A Pagosa Springs, then visit 3A Bayfield on the 17th before pausing for the Christmas/New Year's holiday break and resuming Jan. 6 versus DCHS.

Needing to replace the First Team All-SJBL back-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (3) orchestrates the offense during last season's opener at non-league Sanford. The only one of last season's starters able to return this winter, Tucson will be the Bobcats' on-court leader.

court of graduated seniors Jayden Brunson and Charlyze Valdez as well as Second Team inside presence Shelcie Gosney – that trio combining for nearly 31 ppg – the Lady 'Cats completed their COVID-condensed 2020-21 logging a Round-of-24 victory over Hoehne before falling 49-40 at Rocky Ford and finishing 10-5 overall (6-2 SJBL, 5-1 2A SJBL).

Fortunately IHS should return senior Avaleena Nanaeto (5.7 ppg) and junior Laci Brunson (8.1 ppg), plus senior Monika Luceiro – lost for all but the first 7:31.2 of last season due to a damaged right Achilles tendon – as new head coach Tony Gomez takes charge of predecessor Justa Whitt's high-speed, but limited-bench squad.

"Get maybe one or two breaks a game for at least, maybe, 30 seconds?" Valdez joked.

Posts Harmony Reynolds and Solymar Cosio will hopefully both return to again provide promise in the paint.

TOURNEY SCHEDULES

Centauri Athletic Director Jesse Shawcroft's information regarding the Moun-

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Pontines a proud CCGS All-State pair

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When Alexis Pontine tossed up the first serve of the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games' Class 2A Volleyball showcase match Sunday morning, Nov. 21, the fact it didn't produce a point wasn't important.

What was, was the fact Ignacio's senior co-captain had prolonged her Fall 2021 season long enough to be able to show off the wicked jump-serve feared by 2A/1A San Juan Basin Leaguers. Because for much of the Volleyscats' inspired run to the CHSAA State Championships, it had been altered to more of a hop-serve.

SJBL opponents probably couldn't tell something was off. Pontine, meanwhile, knew.

"When we went to Dove Creek I had this big mass come up behind my knee," she recalled while still inside chosen CCGS site Fossil Ridge H.S. "And it started bruising, was really painful; the whole back of my knee was, like, black – it was really gross. An ultrasound showed the mass, but when I got my MRI done it was gone ... because it had popped."

"They thought it was some kind of cyst ... and it popped. So, yeah, it'd been better."

But certainly not as strong as the joint appeared in Colorado Springs, then nine days later up in Larimer County – where her first two aces not only embarrassed 2A-Blue, but gave 2A-Red their first leads in the 'best-of-three' (all three games, however, were guaranteed) at 13- and 14-12.

Unfortunately, Red –



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alexis Pontine (15) cuts a kill shot tight to the net and over Wiggins' Rachael White (2) during the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games' Class 2A Volleyball showcase Sun., Nov. 21, at Fossil Ridge H.S. in Fort Collins. Pontine and the 2A-Red team--coached by IHS' Shasta Pontine and Dolores' Gina Hollen – unluckily fell 25-27, 20-25, 25-27 to 2A-Blue.

coached by IHS' Shasta Pontine and SJBL rival Dolores' Gina Hollen – would lose a hard-fought opening stanza 27-25, via a successful set dump by Wiggins' Rachael White and then a tip by Holyoke's Kristin Vieselmeyer.

And though Red would bounce back in Game 2, taking a quick 4-3 lead via a kill by Limon's Trista Marx, the one-off squad would eventually fall behind 2-0 in the contest. Alison Woodhams of freshly-minted State Champion Sedgwick County spiked a White set to bring up game point, 24-20, and after Blue's Tabor Flanagan (Greeley Dayspring Chris-

tian) managed to dig a Pontine nail, White placed another set dump into a vacated corner.

"I thought it was really fun – especially playing with new people you've never played with, or you've always played against," said Woodhams, who attends Ovid Revere – which combines talents with Julesburg to form the formidable SC co-op, known mostly in recent years for 8-man football dominance. "So, it was a pretty cool experience to play with those girls."

"Just playing with people who love the sport as

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Bayfield Adult Indoor Soccer

Adult Indoor Soccer

Indoor Coed soccer at the Old Middle School Gym on Monday and Thursday nights, possibly Sundays pending number of teams. Games are 5-on-5, there must be 2 females on the floor at all times. Registration deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. Registration fee is \$300 per team. League begins on Jan. 10, 2022. Register at [www.ourbayfieldparks.org](http://www.ourbayfieldparks.org)

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TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**FROST** – On November 26, 2021, our mom, Shirley Frost, left to go home. She was born on June 28, 1934, to the late Bird Red the late Nana Eaton Red. She was born and raised in Ignacio, Colo., and she grew up on the family farm. Shirley attended the Ute Vocational School and graduated. She then attended Business School in Denver and received her certificate of completion.

Shirley then returned to back to Ignacio and worked first at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the finance office. She was there for several years then left to work for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe again, working in the finance office. The Indian Health Service (IHS) was her third employer where she worked as a Medical Records Technician. She worked for the IHS for over 25 years before retiring in March 1995.

Shirley was married to Stanley Reed Frost, who passed away in 2020. They had four children, Vernon, Vivian, Michael (deceased), and Cheryl. Mom also had a son, Byron James Red, Sr., who passed away. They had seven grandchildren: JoGenia, James, Byron Jr., Devin, Cameron, Kelsey, and Marysa; and, eight great-grandchildren: Manuel, Kyla, Roo, Trevor, Sage, Anthony, Birdie, and Lane.

Mom was the second to the youngest child. All her brothers; Levick, Melvin, Virgil & Raymond and one sister, Doris Thompson, passed away, except one sister, Effie Red Monte, who is going strong at the age of 91. She was the caretaker of both her parents until they passed away.

Mom was a wonderful mother. She was happy, joyful, full of life, laughing, joking. Very rarely would you see her angry but when you did, you could feel it across the land. She loved to bake, quilt, beadwork, dance, sing, and take care of her family especially the grandkids.

She traveled with her parents and children to various ceremonies throughout Indian Country, attending Sundance, Bear Dance, powwows, and fairs. She was chaperone for her daughter who was Miss Southern Ute and Miss Indian Colorado. For mom, the ceremonies were life. She said it wasn't culture. It wasn't tradition. It was just life. The Ute way of life and everyone had to participate.

Visitation was on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at Hood Mortuary Chapel. A rosary was recited on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and burial at Ouray Cemetery, in Ignacio.

Correction

In the article "Group Exercise instructors encouraging health and fitness at SunUte" of the November 19 issue of the Drum Beth Santistevan's name was misspelled.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

BAKER FAMILY GRATITUDE

The family of the late Randy J. Baker, Sr. would like to express gratitude to all who assisted and offered food, encouraging words, and prayers during our time of loss.

We are truly thankful to have such caring family and friends who came together from near and far.

The family would also like to thank the Durango VFW Post 4031, Mr. Tim Watts, the Southern Ute Veterans Association, the Southern Ute Singers, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Andrew Gallegos & Crew, Matthew Box, the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility and Chapel employees, Hood Mortuary, and all those that contributed to Randy's services. A special thanks goes to the Charvarillo Family of San Felipe Pueblo, Leora Lucero, Lynnette Sage, Geneva Gomez, Ernestine Maes, and Marvin Smith for the food preparation and services at the memorial service.

Everyone's kindness and generosity made a great difference to us during this difficult time. May the Creator continue to bless each of you and your families.

Marlene and Madilenia  
on behalf of the Baker Family

SCHEDULE YOUR GIFT

Now is the time to schedule your gift to the Ute Indian Museum. As we get ready for the biggest giving day of the year, Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, Dec. 7, we reflect on how the past couple of years have tested our ability to fulfill community needs. Similar to several nonprofits, Ute Indian Museum has come through with your help, while we weather these diffi-

cult times together. We can't keep Colorado history alive without you!

Despite these challenges, our organization is strong, and reached more than 8,400 individuals through our programming in 2021, welcoming visitors with exhibitions and programs connecting the past with contemporary Ute life and culture.

Because of your generosity during Colorado Gives Day 2020, we will begin constructing a Naturescape Park. This unique community resource will instill early literacy skills, a renewed interest in child-led creative play, and an invitation to exercise and learn while spending time outdoors. Your 2021 donation will provide funding for wayfinding and sculpture trees throughout the Naturescape Park for community benefit. These items are essential to completing the project.

Join us for Colorado Gives Day 2021! We value your generosity now more than ever. Coloradans are counting on us. Schedule your gift today to the Ute Indian Museum, and post the "I Gave Early" badge across your social platforms to encourage others to do the same, or make your donation on Dec. 7.

In addition, your gift counts toward earning all 10 History Colorado institutions a part of the \$1.6 million Colorado Gives Day Incentive Fund. All participating Colorado Gives Day nonprofits earn a percentage of the fund. So, the more donations we raise, the more we receive from the incentive fund!

Your support and generosity of any kind is appreciated now more than ever.

With sincere thanks,  
CJ Brafford  
Director, Ute Museum

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Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021  
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970-563-0100

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The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a friendly reminder that shut offs will take place on **December 1, 2021**. Customers enrolled in the automatic deduction should contact Tribal Finance to verify your deduction reflects the newly adjusted rate. Please contact Edith Muniz at 970-563-5501 or Wahleah Frost at 970-563-5506.


Payments can be processed in the following ways:

- Online at [www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill](http://www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill)
- Southern Ute Utilities Drive-thru
- Over the phone with a credit/debit card
- Via Wells Fargo Bill Pay, Ignacio branch.
- Tribal Deduction through the Finance Dept.
- Mail to Southern Ute Utilities Division,


P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137

- Over the phone: 970-563-5500
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUHA), Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Please contact the SUHA at 970-563-4575 for more information. Utilities can also be covered through this program.

The Utilities Division Drive-thru Window and Waste Transfer Station are NOW OPEN Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and CLOSED on Sundays. The Waste Transfer Station is also open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Utilities Division Lobby remains closed until further notice. The office can be reached by dialing 970-563-5500.



#### Outreach Notice- SEASONAL FIRE JOBS



### Los Pinos Fire Protection District

#### Duty Station- Ignacio, Colorado

Applications should be received by: **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 5PM**

Los Pinos Fire District and its Wildland Division are looking to fill SEASONAL Fire Positions. You can expect to work 6 months generally from April to October. Pay scale is \$16.72-\$19.53 DOQ/DOE. The work unit consists of private lands surrounded by Federally managed Tribal Trust lands, BLM as well as USDA managed Forest Service lands. This is a fast-paced busy unit that supports local, state and national responses. We support all hazard events as well and welcome dynamically qualified individuals.

For more information about the job, unit or an application please contact Wildland Fire Coordinator John Gilbert at 970-563-9501 or [Jgilbert@lospinosfire.com](mailto:Jgilbert@lospinosfire.com) or visit [www.lospinosfire.com](http://www.lospinosfire.com).




### Attention Tribal Membership, preparation for upcoming cold temperatures:

**Construction Services Division would like to remind everyone to plug in their heaters at your pump house and heat tape to your water lines to prevent any freeze-up on your home this winter. Also, if you have not serviced your furnace please contact Construction Services at 970-563-0260 if you need assistance.**

### Southern Ute Tribal Admin. Office Closures

Dec. 10 – Leonard C. Burch Day;  
Dec. 24 – Christmas; Dec. 31 – New Years Eve


### CREATE YOUR FUTURE



# Wildland Firefighter Certification Training at PCC Southwest

## Coming Spring 2022

Contact us for more information.  
**Bethany Powell at 970.385.2098**



**Pueblo Southwest Community College**

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### Worth it.



## Pueblo Southwest Community College

# Agriculture program

Learn the latest in precision agriculture technology and earn a certificate to be a licensed drone operator. Work with animals on your family's farm or become a veterinarian technician, gain understanding in crop production, drought mitigation and the future of farming around the world. Or learn about our food systems and the ways agriculture is changing to meet a global demand during a changing climate.



Earn a degree and prepare for a career in agriculture through PCC's Agriculture program today. Science, technology, innovation, animal and soil health and the importance of understanding the role agriculture has played in our lives since the settling of human populations.

### Spring 2022 classes begin January 17.

For more information, email [Heather.Houk@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Heather.Houk@pueblocc.edu) or call 970.564.6230.

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## Represent Your Community

**The Board of County Commissioners invites residents of La Plata County to apply for vacancies on these boards & commissions:**

- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Review
- Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances
- Community Corrections Board
- Core Services-Therapeutic and Life Skills Committee
- Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee (*resident of District*)
- Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission
- Extension Advisory Committee
- Fire Code Board of Appeals (*seeking design, fire protection engineering, industrial safety, general contractor and general or business professionals*)
- Historic Preservation Review Commission
- Ignacio Community Library District Board
- Lake Durango Water Authority (*customer of Lake Durango Water*)
- Living with Wildlife Advisory Board
- Lodging Tax Panel
- Long-Term Finance Committee
- Multi-Event Center Commission
- Pine River Public Library District Board (*resident of library service area*)
- Planning Commission
- Southwest Basin Roundtable
- Southwest La Plata Library District Board (*resident of District*)
- Undesirable Plant & Rodent Advisory Committee (*owner of 40+ acres*)
- Wildfire Advisory Board

*These volunteer positions are advisory only. Visit [www.co.laplata.co.us/apply](http://www.co.laplata.co.us/apply) for specific board member requirements, position descriptions and applications. Please return applications by December 28 For more information, please call (970) 382-6219.*

## SUIT EPD Cost-share Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Cost-share program (CSP). Deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2022. The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Los Pinos Watershed. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at 970-563-2295 or [skem@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:skem@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information or to have an application mailed to you. Applications are available online at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/11/Application-Cost-Share-Pine-Watershed-2022.pdf>

## Tribal Forestry Wood Program

The Forestry Wood Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is in full swing as we are heading in to the third month of providing wood to the Tribal Membership. Mondays and Wednesdays are wood pick-up days and Tuesdays and Thursdays are wood delivery days. Please make sure you call in advance of these days to ensure your order is put in to the Fuels yard. Please call 970-563-4780 to order your wood. Thank you.

## 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 5pm on Tuesday

- Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 9: NOON, Monday, Dec. 6,
- Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 23: NOON, Friday, Dec. 17,
- Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 30: NOON, Thursday, Dec. 23

## KSUT Public Radio Tribal Media Center Director

KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit organization, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in SW Colorado, seeks a Tribal Media Center Director with strong leadership, management and multimedia skills. The KSUT Tribal Media Center Director is responsible for overseeing and managing all administration and programming for the newly developed Tribal Media Center (TMC). Essential duties and responsibilities include: Working collaboratively with existing TMC partners and foster new organizational partnerships. Research, write and administer grants including reporting, to support TMC programs and projects. Project lead for Native Lens storytelling project: [www.nativelens.org](http://www.nativelens.org) Management and oversight of existing collaborative TMC projects including Native Braids: ([www.nativebraids.org](http://www.nativebraids.org)) and Dream Warriors: ([www.dreamwarriors.co](http://www.dreamwarriors.co)). Planning, organizing and implementing projects, programs, trainings and work sessions to include other Native American media organizations. Coordination of multi-media training opportunities for Native American youth. Oversight of part-time youth engagement coordinator. Coordination with KSUT staff for dissemination of produced content on KSUT platforms. Maintaining archive of media files for future use, digitize content for content retention. Performing other duties and special projects as assigned. Qualifications include: Minimum three years broadcast and/or multi-media experience; Minimum two years in administration or management; Experience developing and implementing budgets; Experience working with a broad spectrum of individuals and communities, including Native American and/or Indigenous communities; Proficient in multi-media equipment and systems, including recording, video, editing and uploading produced files for distribution on media platforms; and Computer literate. Compensation: This is an exempt, salaried position and includes a benefits package. Wages will be negotiated depending on experience. Hours will be 40 per week, although some weeks may require more than 40 hours depending on events. KSUT Public Radio: KSUT 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](http://www.tribalradio.org) KSUT Four Corners Public Radio serves five counties in Southwest Colorado and Northwest New Mexico including Durango, Bayfield, Silverton, Pagosa Springs, Farmington, Aztec, Mancos, Cortez and unincorporated areas in between. In October 2020, KSUT began broadcasting from the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, a state-of-the-art 5,000 sq. foot facility in Ignacio, Colorado. Tribal Media Center: The development of a Tribal Media Center, a key component of KSUT's comprehensive plan, builds on our last 45 years as an invaluable service to Native Americans in our region. The KSUT Tribal Media Center, in partnership with other Native-focused organizations, will offer multi-media training and production opportunities resulting in unique and compelling storytelling content. Additional TMC offerings to include: State of the art broadcast training for tribal representatives and Native media organizations from across Indian Country; Recording and sharing of historical family recollections of music, language and stories; Performance and recording studio for production of professional, high-quality recordings of contemporary and traditional Native artists; and Safe storage of oral history and other audio archive. 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. To apply: submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references by November 17th to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) Full job description available at: <https://www.ksut.org/employment-opportunities>

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### TERO COMMISSION

Closes 12/20/21 – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest from Southern Ute Tribal Members for One (1) Alternate Commissioner; to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, three (3) year terms and they are compensated positions. Applicant must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal Member Alternate: Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2021. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

### ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for “Member-At-Large” and One vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality, Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 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. Questions? Call 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 Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Mique! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. This committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. This will also require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. This committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. So please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137, and at [soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov).

## KSUT is your Radio Station! KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976.  
KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916).

– photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

### KSUT Board of Director Duties:

- Advance KSUT's mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving Ignacio and the Four Corners community
- Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
- Participate in fundraising and community events
- Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
- Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

### Desired Skills:

- Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.
- Board Member Term:**
- Board member will serve a three-year term.

To apply, submit a letter of interest to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director  
Email: [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255

Worth it.



The Business Associate of Arts degree with designation is part of PCC's Business Management program and has a **guaranteed transfer plan** to all public Colorado colleges and universities.

This degree is available **fully online**. You have the flexibility to attend full time, part time, online or in the classroom. The online courses are **much more affordable** compared to online offerings at other institutions and **eBooks are readily available** for the course content.

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**Spring classes start Jan. 17. Contact us for more information.**  
Mancos 970.564.6201 | Durango 970.385.2020 | Bayfield 970.385.2098





SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

GPMC seeks Tribal Member At-Large Committee Member

Staff Report SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

The Southern Ute Growth Fund Management Committee (GPMC) is seeking a Tribal Member At-Large Committee Member to assist in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund.

This committee member position was established by the Tribal Council and serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations,

updates, business plans, and attends GPMC meetings, Tribal Council meetings and work sessions, and Growth Fund general membership meetings.

Lorelei Cloud, former Tribal Member At-Large Committee member described why she liked being on the committee as, “knowing I had a voice for the membership, and that I was making decisions that would benefit the membership. Being on the committee, I learned what was going

on at the Growth Fund and I was able to answer questions from the membership to fill the gap between the membership and the Growth Fund.”

Candidates for this position must be enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and need to apply online at [www.sugf.com/careers/](http://www.sugf.com/careers/) by selecting the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Tribal Members only link and then select view current jobs. This position will close on Dec. 13, 2021.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online. Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137 TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

Set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the AV Lead System Engineer. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and wearing the appropriate uniform at all times.

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. Pulls the containers, and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

Event Staff (On-call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

\*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time/Temp)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests.

\*Surveillance Agent II

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment. Maintains video/audio surveillance of Table Games, Cashier's Cage, Slot Machines, Count, sort and money rooms, vault, entrances, outdoor grounds, parking lots, stairs, and more.

\*Surveillance Supervisor

Ensure the safety and welfare of the guests and employees at all times by providing continuous monitoring of the Casino operations internally and externally. Ensuring that Surveillance Agents' and Surveillance Technicians' training is up to date and responsible for the training of new Agents.

\*Surveillance Video Technician

Installing, repairing, and performing preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV cameras, recording devices, upgraded equipment, and related wiring on property. Technical troubleshooting using basin electronic testing equipment.

\*21 years of age or older to apply.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Executive Office Manager

Closes 12/15/21 – Provides administrative support to TMHB Department Director. Maintains office systems to ensure the efficient operation of the Tribal Health Dept. Acts as Liaison between Tribal Council, Executive Office, Directors, and Tribal Staff. Responsible for managing information to Department Directors, Tribal Staff, Tribal members, the Southern Ute Health Center, and the public. Presents a positive and professional image to Tribal Council, Tribal employees, Tribal members, and the public. Pay grade E12; \$45,236.26/year.

Purchasing Clerk

Closes 12/6/21 – Performs purchasing duties to include processing requisitions, travel requests, and purchase orders. Assists in warehousing, central receiving, Tribal campus deliveries, and general office assistance. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Social Worker

Closes 12/7/21 – 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 E14; \$54,517.63/year.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – Regular part time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; \$13.47/hour.

Air Quality Analyst I (Part-time) – So. Ute tribal member only

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager. Performs administrative, technical, and clerical support for the Tribal Air Quality Program and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Position is for an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E12; \$45,236.26/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

Building Maintenance Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmen-

tally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E11; \$41,456.65/year.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Starts at \$26.21/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour with a \$400 sign-on bonus.

Media Technician (Part-time) – So. Ute tribal member only

Open Until Filled – Part-time position only for the duration of a grant project; position is contingent on grant funds. Creating audio and video documentation of language very specific to grant project requirements. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade N16; \$32.33/hour.

Patrol Officer I

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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer II

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. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment. Pay grade N13; \$23.81/hour.

Payroll Manager

Open Until Filled – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

TEAM Worker – So. Ute tribal member only

Open Until Filled – 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.

Tumbling Tots/Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities for the Tumbling Tots Program at Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Dept. sporting events. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For full job opportunities and full job descriptions, apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4545/4517. Administration: 535 Candelaria Drive, P.O. Box 800, Ignacio, CO 81137

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) is hiring for the following: Addiction Specialist/Program Coordinator, Bus Driver, Clerical/Dispatch, Monitoring Technician Substitute, PV Program Coordinator, Substitute Teachers, and Teacher Assistant

GPMC Tribal Member At-Large – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 12/13/21 – Assisting in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as established by Tribal Council, and in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Financial Plan. Serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GPMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. Reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. Apply online using the Southern Ute Growth Fund, tribal members only link.



## FLY FISHING

# Receiving and giving

By Don Oliver

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As Christmas draws near and 2021 comes to a close, I've thought about some of the events that have happened this year, some involving fly fishing and some not. Some have been good, some bad, some hoped for, and some a surprise. The bad, hoped for, and a surprise can be summed up in the following; covid has been with us almost two years, there's a new President, and we have the same ole self-centered, stale mated Congress. To avoid a heated argument, I'll ask everyone to decide, for themselves, which items go into the different categories.

For me, and I hope you, fly fishing fits into the good category. So, what good things did I receive from fly fishing this year? I was able to travel to several new locations to fly fish for trout, bass, and saltwater fish. My fly fishing associate was able to help keep me upright, and when I wasn't upright, helped to pick me up. She also kept me humble, on several occasions, by catching way more fish than I did. I felt safer and had more fun. I was able to buy good cigars for the areas I was fly fishing, and have a good single malt at the end of the day.

I found I was still able to focus on casting and catching and, therefore I, blocked out all the news of the world. Being able to laugh, all day, at all sorts of



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things, as I was casting kept me on the water. I also received the ability to accept the fact, due to old eyes, that using size-16 flies would be more common than using 18's and smaller. All-in-all a good year of receiving. But what about giving? After all, isn't Christmas supposed to be about giving?

So, what are some of the time, talent and treasure, (3T's) for fly fishing we can give in 2022? I like taking my time and talent to help anyone wanting to either learn to fly fishing, or sit on the bank and drown worms. To work with others, I suggest you seek them out, don't just wait for a call from someone. Finding oth-

ers to help with fly fishing is really easy. Stand in a river and watch for someone struggling, then gently offer some unsolicited advice. Or, if someone asks you what fly your having success with, offer them a couple. I have a friend who helped his neighbor's sons learn to cast standing in their driveway. Then took them to a pond to use their new skills to catch fish.

Let's say, for whatever reasons, you don't have the time or talent to help someone with fly fishing. There's always the last T of the 3T's, Treasure. There are any number of non-profits, local, state, or national, that use fly fishing in their missions. They are always in need of treasure to help achieve their goals. If you're not aware of any non-profits just google "fly fishing non-profits" you'll find people needing your help.

As we end 2021 and start a new year I want to thank each of you for reading my columns. I also appreciate the positive comments many of you have made about the columns. That is truly a great gift to receive. Next, I will once again leave you with my annual politically incorrect statement. I wish everyone Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid al-Adha, and, of course, Merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then may whatever touches your heart with hope be with you for all of 2022.

## IHS BASKETBALL UNDERWAY • FROM PAGE 1

tain Top Classic shows the Lady 'Cats were to face 2A Sargent on Day 1 at 7 p.m., with the winner advancing to meet either 2A No. 4 Rye or 2A Olathe at 2:30 p.m. the next afternoon. The IHS-SHS loser would get the RHS-OHS loser at 11:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Ranked No. 5 in Class 3A's preseason poll, CHS along with Rocky Ford, 4A Durango and 2A No. 8 Cedaredge round out what should be a very competitive girls' field, with Day 3 placing games set to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Ignacio's boys were to square off against Sargent's at 8:30 p.m. on Day 1, with the winner then facing the Rye-Olathe winner at 4 p.m. on Day 2. The Bob-



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Benched last season alongside injured, and since-graduated, Ebonee Gomez (left), now-senior Monika Lucero (center) discusses her healing right Achilles tendon with trainer Shelby Sangster prior to a game inside IHS Gymnasium. Lucero is said to be ready for a return to action this winter.

cats-Farmers loser would get either the Thunderbolts or Pirates at 1 p.m. on Day 2. With the same additional schools filling out the boys' bracket as the girls', Day 3's placing contests will get underway at 10 a.m.

### CHSAAnow.com Class 2A Girls' Basketball Preseason Poll (11/22)

1. Limon
2. Holyoke
3. Wray
4. Rye
5. Sanford
6. Sedgwick County (Julesburg/Ovid Revere)
7. Fort Collins Heritage Christian
8. Cedaredge
9. Oak Creek Soroco
10. Yuma

#### Others Receiving Votes:

Burlington, IGNACIO, Del Norte, Rocky Ford, Akron, Calhan, Meeker, Rangely, Fowler, Aurora Lotus School for Excellence, Wiggins, Center, Hoehne, Colorado Springs School, Mancos.

### CHSAAnow.com Class 2A Boys' Basketball Preseason Poll (11/22)

1. Limon
2. Wray
3. Yuma
4. Peyton
- T-5. Denver Christian & Sanford
7. Mancos
8. Wiggins
9. Holly
10. IGNACIO

## PONTINES PROUD CCGS PAIR • FROM PAGE 1

much as you do ... it's just an amazing feeling," Pontine agreed, "and I'm super honored to be picked to play in the All-State Game."

Game 3 again saw Blue dash out to a 4-0 lead before Red – minus DHS' Erin Brown, who was on the bench but unable to play due to a booted lower left leg – powered ahead to take a 14-12 lead on back-to-back kills by Fowler's Emily Flansch. That advantage would steadily grow to as great as 23-17 after Blue setter – and Dolores Lady Bear – Kamri Willbanks surrendered a point via a shaky set, and White then sent a swing wide.

But beginning with a Woodhams kill Blue began pecking away as Red began pressing, each one of its seniors hoping to taste even a partial victory one last time. Pontine was no exception, but was substituted out in favor of Oak Creek Soroco's Peyton Parker after a third failed attack – coupled with two other Red errors – allowed Blue to pull even at 23.



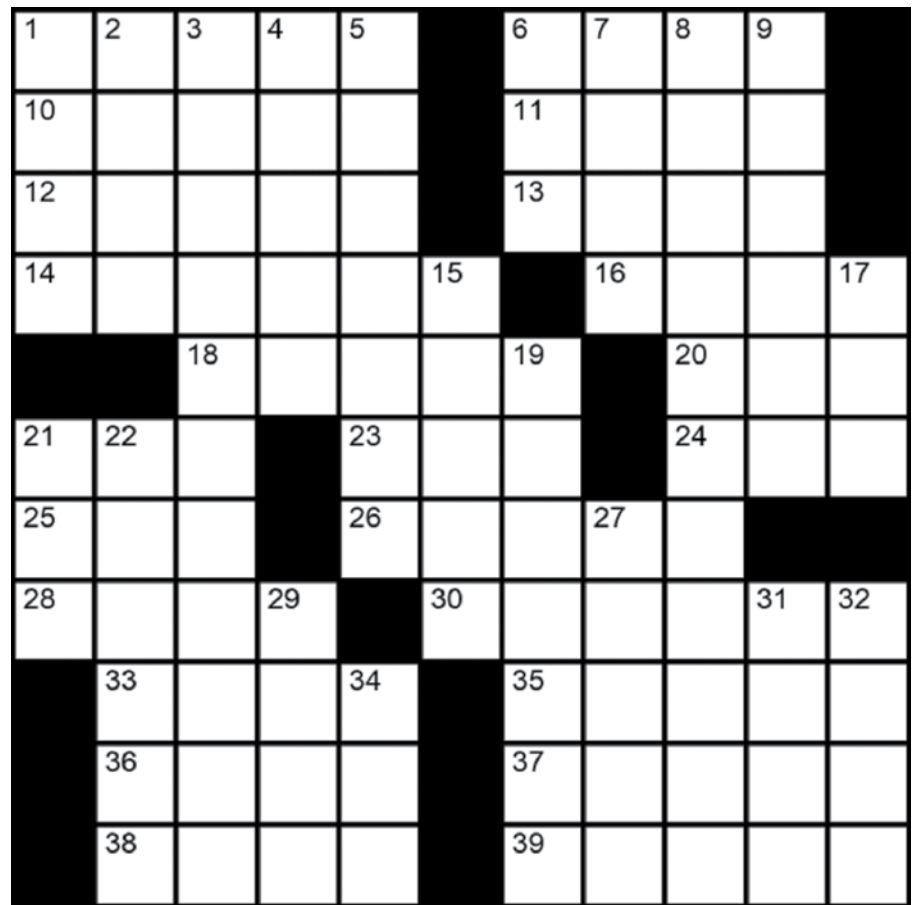
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Ignacio's Alexis Pontine stands between Rye's Gracie Pfalmer-Graham (14) and Kremmling West Grand's Alex Schake during player introductions preceding the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games' Class 2A Volleyball feature Sun., Nov. 21, at Fossil Ridge H.S. in Fort Collins. Pontine and mother/IHS head coach Shasta Pontine were named to the 2A-Red team.

Sargent's Gabby Jones then hit out of bounds, giving Red one chance at claiming the game up 24-23, but consecutive Woodhams put-aways regained Blue the momentum – ultimately producing a 26-25 lead via a Jones kill, and then a 27-25 sweep-clinching win when Red setter Morgan Elarton (Rye) accidentally netted a pass.

"It being such a close and competitive game was great; going past 25 ... in two sets was super-cool," said Pontine. "I feel it would be a lot more if Erin was playing – I wish we could get more girls from our league up here – but I feel like we (Southwesterners) represented pretty good. It was fun, you know, playing your last high-school game with people like that."

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



#### Across

- 1 Relating to seaweeds, for example
- 6 Cellphone system
- 10 Cuerno --- 18th century Comanche chief
- 11 "I sense bad news"
- 12 Anishinabe chief
- 13 Bad aroma
- 14 Aspirin and ibuprofen, for example
- 16 Angeleno's air pollution
- 18 Condescend
- 20 Sets in the living room
- 21 Pippen
- 23 Acapulco article
- 24 Computer reseller, briefly
- 25 Scale syllables
- 26 Scrabble pieces
- 28 Cowboy yells
- 30 Metal once used by Native Americans for weapons
- 33 "Common" ailment
- 35 Once known as the Nuwuvu
- 36 Gray with age
- 37 Races round, making up the back forty
- 38 "And you'd better be --- ten o' clock!"
- 39 Compliant ones

#### Down

- 1 "--- calling!"
- 2 Staying power
- 3 Beanery sponger turns and eats mashed soya
- 4 Fess up
- 5 Direct to the exit
- 6 Sticky substance
- 7 Advanced degs.
- 8 Ample space
- 9 --- Tuesday, just before Lent
- 15 Animated hedgehog
- 17 Loser to R M N in 1972
- 19 Mexican doves
- 21 Willy
- 22 China's answer to calisthenics
- 27 Part of a period
- 29 Thick slice
- 31 Fencing sword
- 32 Coarse file
- 34 Teetotal

Answers for this crossword will appear in December 17 issue of the Drum.

#### Answers for November 19, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Soot, 5 APBs, 9 Dutch, 10 Slot, 11 Elate, 12 Torah, 14 Buy, 15 Chiwere, 17 CIO, 18 Move, 19 Unsharpened, 23 Tapa, 24 Sin, 25 Evensen, 27 ABM, 30 Saw to, 31 Occur, 33 Jeep, 34 Lards, 35 Odds, 36 Eras.

**Down:** 1 Sulu, 2 Otay, 3 Oct, 4 The CIA, 5 Asti, 6 Plowmen, 7 Bore on, 8 Starve, 9 Deb, 13 Heed, 16 Horse, 17 Chanted, 19 Utes, 20 Navajo, 21 Spewed, 22 Pinole, 26 Sops, 27 Acra, 28 Buds, 29 Mrs, 32 Car.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Dec. 3



Mostly sunny 58°F  
Calm afternoon winds

Saturday, Dec. 4



Sunny 57°F

Sunday, Dec. 5



Sunny 57°F

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