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Southern Ute seasonal harvest

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Cloud returns to Southern Ute Tribal Council, takes Oath of Office

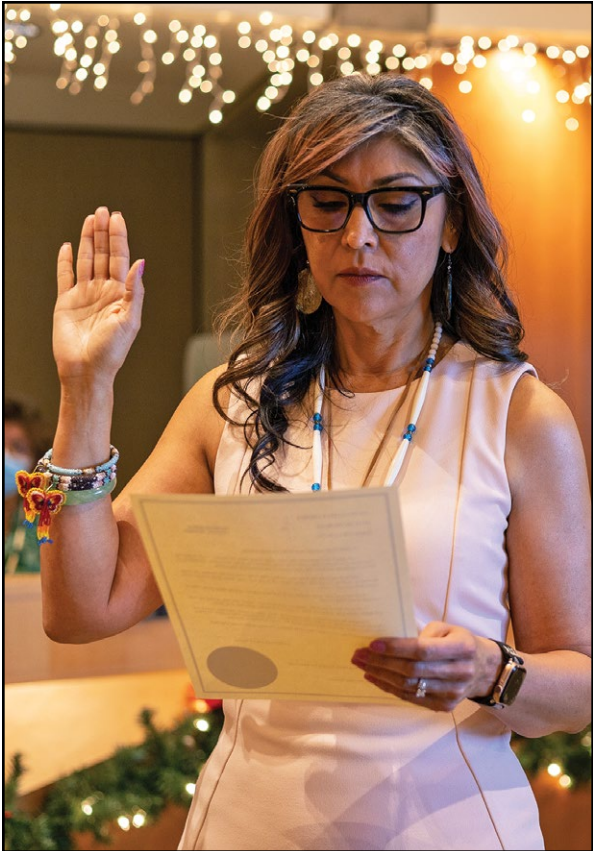
Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Lorelei Cloud successfully received a majority of the votes cast in the 2021 General Election held on Friday, Nov. 5. According to the Southern Ute Tribal Election, the two Tribal Council candidates receiving the majority of votes will be elected to the Tribal Council; Cloud was the only candidate to receive a majority of votes cast.

The Southern Ute Election Board confirmed the following election results:

Office of Tribal Council No. of Votes
• Vanessa P. Torres – 145
• Lorelei Cloud – 155
• W. Bruce Valdez – 133
• Cedric Chavez – 74
• Lindsay J. Box – 97

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Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs
Newly elected Southern Ute Council Member, Lorelei Cloud takes her Oath of Office, Tuesday, Dec. 7, after solidifying her seat during the General Election.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Yammer mobile app is a component of the recently launched “Southern Ute Tribal Member Experience.” Yammer is a private social network, similar to Facebook, but not available to the general public.

COMMUNICATIONS

Introducing the ‘Southern Ute Tribal Member Experience’ web platform

SUSS to discontinue existing tribal member portal

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Tribe unveils the “Southern Ute Tribal Member Experience,” a modern web platform packed with features tailored for tribal members. The rollout includes an updated Tribal Member website, a tribal email account, tribal alerts, and Microsoft Office 365. The project was a collaboration between Tribal Council Affairs, Tribal Information Services, and Southern Ute Shared Services.

The Tribe is pleased to announce that these new features are already available to the membership, and tribal members are encouraged to create their personal account and set up their profiles online – if they haven’t done so already. The new platform will replace the existing Tribal Member Portal, which goes offline

at the end of this month. “The project began with Tribal Council Affairs,” said Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Lindsay J. Box. “We identified that as an area we wanted to improve – to make it more of an experience, more interactive.” When the pandemic hit, the need was more immediate, the emphasis on digital communication became a priority. “[We needed to] develop an app to get immediate information to the membership,” Box emphasized. “We relied heavily on virtual programs during COVID.” “Tribal Council approved retiring the older Tribal Member Portal site as the new Tribal Member Experience will take its place as the information hub for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members,” stated Box. “The contents of the older site have been restored to

the new site, which has been live since September.” “This idea started over a year ago, the main idea was to make it more secure,” explained Dana Kopf, web systems supervisor with Southern Ute Shared Services, whose team is the lead on this project from an IT standpoint. “Occasionally the Tribe posts very sensitive documents, that are just for tribal members. The [old] security was good, but not as good as it could be. So, with the new portal, we are using multi-factor authentication to verify that the login to the website is secure. That decision was made in coordination with Tribal Council Affairs, and Tribal Council, with security as the primary motivation.” “It’s a modern website, and modern websites require

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Biologists, Danielle Austin and Aran Johnson set the rehabilitated cubs loose in the HD Mountains, where they are expected to hibernate until spring.

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Tribe releases bear cubs into the wilderness

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Earlier this month, inter-agency collaboration between CPW and the Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division saw two bear cubs released back to Southern Ute land after a stay at the Frisco Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, according to a press release from Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Southwest Region. “The cubs stayed at the Frisco Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, where they had minimal human interaction while they grew bigger and stronger until they were ready to be released back into the wild on Friday, Dec. 3.”

The cubs were then returned to Aran Johnson and Danielle Austin with the Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division for reintroduction into the wilderness within Southern Ute lands.

“Because the bear is such an important wildlife species to the Utes, it was also important for us to work with spiritual leaders of the Tribe, to ensure the animals were handled in a good way and blessed on their journey ahead,” emphasized Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head Steve Whiteman. “That cultural aspect of our relationship with wildlife is



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box provides a blessing over the bear cubs before they are returned to the wilderness, Friday, Dec. 3.

very important to the Wildlife Division.” “We do that with other wildlife in certain situations,” Whiteman added. “We want to do this in a culturally appropriate, culturally sensitive way – as these animals are sent off for survival in the wild.” Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box provided a blessing over the cubs before they were returned to tribal lands, for a release in a remote section of the HD Mountains. “Ute people believe the kwiyaaghatti (bear in Ute) are relatives, and the annual Bear Dance was gifted to them from the bear. Ute traditional teachings strictly forbid harming a bear,” said Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist. According to a press re-

lease from Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Southwest Region, it started in late July when a tribal homeowner called the Southern Ute Wildlife division to report an orphaned bear cub that had been hanging out around their home. Another orphaned cub was also in the surrounding area. Aran Johnson, a biologist with the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, set out to trap the first of the two bears so they could be sent to CPW’s Frisco Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center near Del Norte. “These young cubs, when they were captured, we determined that they were too young to survive on their own, and in order to not habituate them to human food sources, it was necessary to

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Ignacio lights up the town!



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

‘Light Up the Town’ Night Parade was the kickoff of the ELHI Community Center and the Town of Ignacio’s Taste of Christmas events. Santa aka Edward Box III spread holiday cheer down Goddard Ave.

More Taste of Christmas photos on page 11.



CLOUD RETURNS TO COUNCIL • FROM PAGE 1



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The Honorable Judge Scott Moore was happy to conduct the Oath of Office for newly elected Southern Ute Council Member, Lorelei Cloud, Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Lorelei Cloud has previously served two terms on Tribal Council. In her first term she served as Vice-Chairman, and in both terms, she served as Tribal Council Treasurer. Cloud served as the Chairman of the Permanent Fund Investment Committee and the Tribe’s Audit Committee. While in office, she advocated for tribal water rights and represented the Tribe on the Ten Tribes Partnership, serving as Chairman from 2017-2018.

During Cloud’s year out of office, she maintained her commitment to tribal water rights, serving as a member of the Water and Tribes Initiative and the Indigenous Women’s Leadership Network (as Co-Chairman).

“I am deeply honored to be elected once again by the Southern Ute tribal mem-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The swearing-in ceremony, brought visitors from other tribal, local and state offices including Ute Indian Tribe Business Council Member, Christopher Tabbee.

bership, to be their voice on Tribal Council. I look forward to making decisions which yield maximum benefits for our people,” stated Council Member Cloud.

Cloud is a true advocate for Ute language, traditions, and culture; actively participating in cultural events and traditional gatherings.

She has four children (three daughters and one son) and three grandchildren.

The second Tribal Council seat will be determined by a run-off election to be held on Friday, December 17, 2021. Candidates in the 2021 Run-Off Election are Vanessa P. Torres and W. Bruce Valdez.

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modern security,” Kopf said. “There are additional benefits, Yammer is a private social network, similar to Facebook, but it’s not in the public eye,” Kopf said. “It’s a way for tribal members to participate, comment, post or give constructive feedback – out of the public eye. Yammer is available on the website and as a smartphone app. “The Yammer app is a component of the ‘Southern Ute Tribal Member Experience,’” Box said.

The profile creation is part of the account set up under the Microsoft 365 platform. When a tribal member sets up an account it comes with a personal login, an email account and permissions to look at SharePoint and access the Yammer app, all under one profile.

“We wanted build an integrated platform,” Kopf said. “It’s Microsoft 365 with custom features. It’s a way for tribal members to have an official NAME@so-ute.com email address. They get the Microsoft Office suite – Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Eventually we want to offer TEAMS as well. Yammer is more one way communication, to like and comment; TEAMS offers a full experience – with video, chat, and audio features.”

“The other thing that we built is an alert sign up, where tribal members can enter their phone number to receive text alerts, such as closure notifications,” he said.

This platform will also provide SUSS with a method to build secure forms, and ultimately a more interactive experience for Southern Ute tribal members. SUSS will continue to offer new digital resources and technology updates to facilitate the overall online experience.

A focus group of tribal member volunteers met with SUSS and TCA in July to provide direct feedback on the topics of accessibility, navigation, user-friendliness, aesthetics, security, notifications, design and Microsoft licensing.

That input from tribal members was also considered as the new platform was finalized. The Tribe gave an in-depth presentation on the transition to the

new platform at the General Meeting held in September of 2021.

“This program will also benefit tribal member entrepreneurs,” Box said. “It’s more secure with the two-factor authentication.”

“There’s a feedback feature that will remain at the top of the page,” she said – emphasizing that the site will continue to improve and evolve with tribal member input and future updates.

What is available today?

Tribal Member Experience features that are now available include:

- Tribal Member website – Modern mobile friendly website with social/collaboration features including content, calendars, announcements, etc.
- Outlook email – Enhanced access to a tribal email account, contacts, and calendar from any device.
- Tribal Alerts – Subscribe to SMS text alert channels from Tribal Council Affairs and Tribal Information Services.
- Office 365 – The latest Microsoft Office web applications including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote.
- Getting started resources – We want to make sure you have the best possible experience with getting started. Plan on up to 30 minutes to review the resources on the Tribal Member Experience welcome page: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/> that are outlined below. We strongly encourage you to sign up for a Training Session or a Support Session to make the most of these new features.
- Quick Start Guide – step by step process to request, set up, and use your Tribal Member account.
- Video Guide – follow along the step-by-step process to request, set up, and use your Tribal Member account.
- Account Request Form – to request your new Tribal member account.
- Training Sessions (recommended) – join us for a scheduled training session (virtual or in-person).
- Scheduled Support – schedule an in-person or virtual one-on-one support session if you have questions or need help.
- Support Team – the SUSS Tribal Member Experience team is trained and available to help with onboarding, training, etc.

The old Tribal Member Portal will be retired on December 31, 2021. Please contact Lindsay Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970-563-2313 or lbox@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions or concerns.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal elder Byron Frost was among those honored during the 10-year anniversary celebration at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. Frost and his son, Brian Frost, were credited with the early conception of the recreation facility as a healthy place for tribal members to workout.

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



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

With a little help from the Los Pinos District, Santa Clause arrives during Ignacio’s 2nd Annual Parade of Lights on the evening of Dec. 14, 2001.

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



Lane Eskew/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute Police Chief Elwood Kent receives four new radar guns from the Service Unit. The Southern Ute Police Department received the new guns to help combat reckless driving and limit the amount of accidents that occurred within the reservation boundaries.

This photo was published in the Dec. 18, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

A group of Ignacio school students sang Christmas carols for Southern Ute staff members at the Tribal Affairs Building.

This photo was published in the Dec. 18, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Support for children



For many decades, Council Member Ramona Eagle has created stockings for both Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute foster children – to remind them of the support and love they have within the tribal community.



Tribal Council took a few mornings to decorate stockings for children; Council Member Marjorie Barry shows off her stocking, Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs



Council Member Linda Baker carefully selects decorations for her stocking for tribal foster youth, Tuesday, Dec. 7.



Southern Ute Tribal Council assisted Ramona Eagle with her annual preparation of stockings for tribal foster children, Tuesday, Dec. 7. This stocking was made by Council Member Vanessa Torres.

Tribal Christmas Dinner, to-go!



Ute tribal members from all three sister tribes attended the annual Tribal Christmas Dinner (to go) on Saturday, December 11, including Tribal Elder Franklin Thompson and his niece Briana Olguin.



Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly adds candy to the bags to be given out during the curbside dinner, the annual dinner program was cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs



A small but strong team – Tribal Council and the Cultural Preservation Department greeted tribal cars picking up their Christmas dinners, packed to go by the Casino, Saturday, December 11.

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For questions or to RSVP, please
contact Crystal Rizzo at 970-563-2306.



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send them to the rehab facility where they could grow older and be fed in a manner where they don't associate with human food sources or see people," Whiteman said. "I think their chance of survival this winter is quite good, and that wouldn't have been the case had we not intervened."

After months at Frisco Creek under the care of CPW's Michael Sirochman, the two cubs were successfully released by Southern Ute Wildlife Biologists, Danielle Austin and Aran Johnson. Once set free – the bear cubs wasted no time in setting off into the wooded areas in the HD mountains in a remote section of the Southern Ute Reservation.

One technique used by the rehab program is to fatten up the bear cubs ahead of their wintertime release date, then by depriving them of their food sources days ahead of their release, the bears instinctually shift their minds and bodies toward hibernation. Biology kicks in and bears – in most instances – will immediately seek a sheltered location in the wilderness to winter until next spring; sheltering themselves in downed timber or a rocky outcrop where they feel safe and protected.

"From a big picture standpoint," Whiteman explained. "We as the Tribe, have a great relationship with Col-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Once released, the bear cubs wasted no time in setting off into the wooded areas in the HD mountains in a remote section of the Southern Ute Reservation.

orado Parks and Wildlife, where when we recover orphaned or injured wildlife from tribal lands, we can work with CPW's rehab facility in Del Norte to ensure those animals can survive, and recover from their injuries – if they are injured."

"Our perspective is that this is their home, and we need to bring them back to their home. It's not limited to just the bears, [we've rescued] mountain lion kittens, also injured hawks and eagles have been rehabilitated and returned to tribal lands here," Whiteman said. "I see this as a strong relationship with CPW to help keep our wildlife populations healthy."

Reflecting on a successful release, Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist, Aran Johnson felt fortunate that these bears could be effectively rehabilitated and returned to

their natural habitat – which he described as a best-case scenario for both the bears and the Tribe.

"For me I think this is one of those rare positives in human-wildlife conflict," Johnson said. "We often deal with the negative; homeowner complaints, animal-vehicle collisions [where wildlife doesn't always survive], it's a rare thing when we get to rehab an animal, bring it back, and have high hopes for its survival – it's a highlight."

"It's an extra special thing with a bear, being able to work closely with Matthew Box and send those bears off with the blessing of the Bear Dance Chief," he added.

"We love a happy ending and interagency collaboration to benefit our wildlife!" stated Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

HERITAGE PERFORMERS

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



SU DRUM | McKayla Lee

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Healthy holiday spiced nuts

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

This is a quick and simple recipe that will impress your family and friends! Don't let the list of ingredients intimidate you ... most of them are spices located in your cupboard. Don't have all of them? Use what you have on hand, and it will still be tasty or add a few to your shopping list.

Most of the ingredients are what is termed "anti-inflammatory," meaning they have properties that promote health through their antioxidant effect.

Chronic inflammation in the body can produce negative health effects. Eating anti-inflammatory foods is one way to help combat the damage produced by chronic inflammation.



courtesy Happy Healthy Mama

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

Healthy Spiced Holiday Nuts

Ingredients

- 6 cups raw nuts (unsalted/unroasted) such as pecans, walnuts, cashews, almonds, pistachios
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350.
2. In a large bowl combine all nuts.
3. Add olive oil and stir to coat.
4. Add each spice directly into nut mixture, stirring between each one to coat.
5. Place nuts on sheet pan and bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.
6. Let cool and serve or place in baggies for a homemade gift.

Servings per recipe: 24
Serving size: 1/4 cup
Nutrition per serving: 221 Calories, 19.4g Fat, 9.4g Carbohydrates, 3.1g Fiber, 6g Protein.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: The holidays and alcohol

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The holidays can be a joyous time of the year. It is a time for reflection, gratitude, love, and service. For many, the holidays can also be a stressful and depressing part of the year, leading to increased alcohol related arrests and deaths. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), fatalities involving alcohol were up 9% in 2020 despite less traveling due to the pandemic (NHTSA, 2021). Data shows that 40% of highway deaths during the holidays are alcohol related (National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and

Alcoholism, 2021).

Many people who end up in jail, the hospital, or even the morgue due to excessive drinking may not fall into the category of "alcoholic." While alcohol use and sales increase during this time of year, this can also be due to alcohol use coinciding with celebration. Those who may not drink excessively most of the time can in fact indulge too much at a Christmas party, or on New Year's Eve, and this can lead to poor decision making. In those situations, it is strongly encouraged to plan their drinking and do it in a safe manner. This most of all involves having a safe and sober ride home, or plan to stay

where you're able to sleep it off. However, it is also important for those "sleeping it off" to recognize that it is very common to wake up still impaired or intoxicated if not enough rest has been achieved, leading to possible DUI or a vehicle accident.

Struggles with mental health, including depression and anxiety, are direct results of increased alcohol consumption during the holiday season (Fort Behavioral Health, 2021). The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that "over 25% of Americans report feeling more depressed during the holiday season" (CDC, as cited in Ancar, 2021, np).

THE GOOD NEWS: While alcohol consumption increases, recovery from alcoholism increases as well. Attend any recovery meeting hall and the number of attendees is much higher during the holidays. The number of newly sober individuals increases, along with a strong presence of those who became and remained sober during the holiday months.

For those who are struggling, or know somebody who is struggling, there is help during this holiday season. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health division if you have any questions or need support: 970-563-5700.

Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavioral Health Division, 4101 CR 222 Durango, Co 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 or dss@southernutensn.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Department:** Anonymous Tip Hotline Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number 970-563-4401.
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO, 970-759-3633
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social, and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State or National Resources

- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line – SW Colorado:** 970-247-5245 or Text 741741
- **Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and a 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

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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. Our positivity rates are staying low and thankfully we have had little disruption to our school. Please remain diligent and cautious over the Christmas Break.

Thank you to Krista Richards, Shiri Howell, and Maria Rivera for overseeing our student and class picture day. Thank you to McKayla Lee and the Drum for letting us use your lighting and backdrops and thank you to Sun-Ute for allowing us to use a corner of the gym for our photoshoot. A day for retakes is being planned; more details will be forth coming.

The upper elementary students planned the school dress themes during Holiday

Spirit Week. Staff and students dressed up like elves, the grinch, and with crazy sweaters! The students will have a day to swim with Santa – burr! It will be cold, but lots of fun! And we even had a visit from Santa, who was accompanied by the SUPD Community Officer.

There will not be an Eagle’s Nest article in the next edition of the Drum, so look for us in the new year. Enjoy your holiday break and have fun as you celebrate being with family and friends this year.

Tumiikukh kwanachi – Eagle of the Week

Aeden Pierce Richards is a third grader who has been at SUIMA since he was in the infant room, which began in 2013!

His favorite food comes from someone very special to him. It is his Grandpa Howard’s delicious stew. Yummy!

Aeden enjoys reading, learning and being challenged academically. His favorite book series is Dog Man.



Aeden Richards Third Grader

His Ute name is Pukurachi, which means “Little Horse.”

Aeden’s favorite activity is drawing. He particularly enjoys drawing characters from various video games.

Aeden is a smart, bright and amazing ‘aapachi who loves his family very much, enjoys spending time with friends, is willing to explore new things – even if they are scary, and is proud of his heritage. Learning the language and understanding more about his culture is very important to him.

Nuu’apaghapi – Ute phrases

Our Nuu’apaghapi for this edition is actually a song which was written by Ute Mountain Ute elder, Betty Howe.

The SUIMA students have been practicing this Christmas song so that it can be provided to the tribal membership during the Christmas holiday.

Bethlehem Christmas Song by Betty Howe

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Ya wey yo ... o ... o
Ya wey, wey ya, hey yo ... o ... o
ʔuwastə tawi tamuʔinivattə.

Wey ya ... a ... a, wey yo ... o ... o
Ya wey yo ... o ... o
Ya wey, wey ya, hey yo ... o ... o
ʔuwastə tawi maagharuvattə.

English

The Creator of this Earth’s son
Was born in Bethlehem.
He cares for us.
He frees us.

Wey ya ... a ... a, wey yo ... o ... o
Ya wey yo ... o ... o
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He cares for us.

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He frees us.

Upcoming events:

- Dec. 20-31: Christmas break, No School
- Jan. 1, 2022: Students return to school

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Happy holidays from Ignacio Elementary School

By Ashley Johnston
IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is such a blessing to serve as the principal for our wonderful school community. Our move from Texas was a little overwhelming at the time, but we were welcomed with open arms and are grateful for the friendships we have made. We are happy to call Ignacio our home and I look forward to supporting the growth of our students and staff at IES.

It’s been a great feeling to begin to open our campus again to families to participate in some of our Bobcat Assemblies and our Fall and Winter Concerts. While it’s been a slow process, we are looking forward to even more opportunities to welcome visitors in to support our students and staff. The support we’ve received from our PTO and Community Partners including the Ignacio Community Library and Boys and Girls Club has been invaluable. We look forward to continued opportunities to build strength within our community through our school and community partners.

I would also like to recognize a special student group that has been working to BUILD relationships amongst our students. Our Ignacio High School Wood Manufacturing Program gifted our school four small picnic tables for our little Bobcats to enjoy and they are currently building four playhouses as gifts for our community to enjoy. According to Molly Turner, IHS Wood Manufacturing Instructor & SkillsUSA Advisor, “Students



courtesy Ignacio School District

Students constructing community playhouses for the Ignacio High School Wood Manufacturing Program.



Ashley Johnston
Principal
Ignacio Elementary School

are learning the basics of construction and framing through this service-learning project.

The playhouses are gifts to the community. One is for Ignacio Elementary School, two are for The Community Tree House, and the final one’s placement is yet to be decided. All the materials have been donated by the La Plata Homebuilders Association.

tion, Alpine Lumber, Studs Lumber, and Builders FirstSource. The students involved in the project are excited for their playhouse to get used by the elementary school kids and are calling it The Bobcat Clubhouse.” This is such a wonderful example of partners coming together to support our community, many thanks to Ms. Turner and our IHS students.

Please be on the lookout for our IES Family Newsletter that will highlight all of our November and December happenings and important information about upcoming activities and events. We’re sure to have some fun photos from our Spirit Week Activities and Dress-up Days! We will share this to our families through our Dojo App as well as Facebook, so please be sure to follow us.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Upcoming events

- December 20 – 31: Christmas Break (No School)
- Character Counts Trait for January: Trustworthiness
- Jan. 3: Back to School
- Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- Jan. 19: End of 1st Semester

Homeschool Science Workshop

Bring your home schooler to learn about energy transfer at The Powerhouse Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Grades k-5, registration information can be found on powsci.org.

TUTORS

Johnson O’Malley (JOM) and the Southern Ute Education Department are looking for 3 tutors. 1 for Bayfield and 2 for Ignacio School Districts.

Part-time tutors wanted \$30/hr

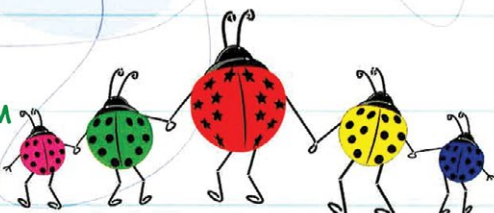
Apply online @

Careers - Southern Ute Indian Tribe
(southernute-nsn.gov)

Public Education Tutor.

Amazing opportunity to support children and young adults in their educational goals.

For more information contact Chairman of JOM committee Hilda Burch @970-563-2291



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: ddbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov
Phone: (970)563-2710

Volunteers & Youth Welcome!!

PERMANENT FUND

Rivera joins Internal Audit team

McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Internal Audit team gained Jamie Rivera on Monday, Nov. 22. Rivera will be working with Southern Ute Tribal Council, tribal departments and divisions, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and the Growth Fund to perform audits, assurance, advisory and other non-audit services.

Rivera is the daughter of Steven Rivera and Adriana Weaver; she grew up in the Ignacio and Farmington area. She graduated from the University of New Mexico with her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from the Anderson School of Business. “When I graduated, I came back to work for the Tribe, I started out working for TIS [Tribal Information Services] then I moved to the Legal Department as the legal assistant and now I am working with audit as an associate internal auditor,” Rivera stated. “I’m very grateful for the tribal scholarship and for getting my education, so I did want to come back and contribute what I had learned by returning and working for the Tribe.”

The Internal Audit Department and the employees adhere to a stringent code of ethics by incorporating objectivity, integrity, and confidentiality within each audit



Jamie Rivera
Auditor
Southern Ute Internal Audit

“Jamie has an incredible education and work background that will complement our audit team”

activity performed. Some of the tasks that Rivera will perform include, audit and assurance activities, as well as the examination of records and other evidence for the purpose of providing an objective assessment of a program. Advisory and non-audit services include activities such as assisting, facilitating, or performing agreed-upon activities with process owners in order to achieve organizational objectives, to improve efficiencies and effectiveness, or to achieve a de-

sired outcome. “As a new auditor, a focus for Jamie will be developing her skills that will help her succeed as an auditor, Jamie will also cross train with senior auditors to get her up to speed on the various audit engagements that we are performing,” stated Internal Audit Director Brian Bex.

Only three weeks into her new position, Rivera has already started training and shadowing senior auditors with fieldwork and general audit reporting. “I wanted to try something new, so when this position first opened, I was allowed to shadow the department to get familiar with the work and through that I instantly became interested because I had seen firsthand how important the work they do for the Tribe is,” Rivera said. “All the responsibility that comes with the job is very important because it helps the tribal government and tribal entities run more effectively.”

“Jamie has an incredible education and work background that will complement our audit team,” Bex stated. “I believe that Jamie exhibits the traits that are inherent for an auditor.”

For more information about the Internal Audit Department Contact Director, Brian Bex in the LCB Bldg. with inquiries. Email: bbex@southernute-nsn.gov Phone: 970-563-2310



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Fresh snow blanketed the Ouray Memorial Cemetery and the freshly placed wreaths, Dec. 29, 2020, in Ignacio, Colo. Weeks earlier, volunteers from the national nonprofit organization, Wreaths Across America, displayed a set of wreaths in Ouray Cemetery near the Chief Ouray and Buckskin Charley Memorials to honor those veterans who were laid to rest in the cemetery.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Senate passes resolution recognizing Dec. 18, 2021, as “Wreaths Across America Day”

Staff report
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution introduced by U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King designating Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, as “Wreaths Across America Day.” A convoy of volunteers will travel from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery to lay Maine-made balsam wreaths at the headstones of American veterans interred there.

“Wreaths Across America is a powerful demonstration of respect and appreciation for our veterans – both those that we’ve lost and those still with us,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “We are so proud that this heartfelt expression of

gratitude originated in our great state and has become an enduring symbol of our nation’s gratitude for veterans’ valor and sacrifice. This resolution remembers and honors America’s veterans this holiday season, while also teaching younger generations of the sacrifices that have been made to secure our freedoms and to defend our liberty.”

The general public can register to participate in Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery. Thousands of volunteers are expected to lay the wreaths at the graves of each American veteran. In addition to Arlington National Cemetery, volunteers will place wreaths at 3,100 locations nationwide.

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization’s mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreathsassamerica.org.



TRAVEL ADVISORY

For emergencies, please call the Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch at 970.563.4401





WINTER DRIVING TIPS

INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE

when driving on icy or snowpacked roads.



SunUte celebrates employees



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Former Community Center Director, Kip Coso, current SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth share a hug with Stacey duPont during the appreciation and celebration reception for former employees on Friday, Dec. 3.

SunUte is celebrating 20 years of operation, and to thank their former employees, an event was held on Friday, Dec. 3 at the Community Center. Former front desk attendants, Shiri Howell and Krista Richards attended together.





HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING

Ideas for staying on track with your diabetes meal plan:



Plan your holiday meal to include colorful veggies; raw or cooked, in salads or soups.



Offer healthy beverages like infused water with sliced citrus or cucumber.



Include sacred plants like a traditional corn dish, or a locally grown food.



Try a fruit dessert like berries with whipped cream, or traditional stewed berries.



Enjoy carbs like whole grain breads or potatoes, try to limit to 1/4 of your plate.



Include traditional foods like seafood and meats that are special to your family or tribe.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

State of the library

Staff report

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

It seems to be the thing to do, a recap of the past year. And oh, what a year. But as I look at this past year, I must say I'm proud of our library community, our staff and our patrons. From being closed briefly to numerous restrictions on how and when we gather, we've taken some hits. The good news is that we've come through it quite well. We managed to continue to offer services when many others were still closed. Our patrons were thoughtful, considerate, and understanding of any restrictions we imposed for the safety of our staff and patrons.

Many of our programs were still held; we hosted summer reading, adult book clubs, and continued to offer our many business services. Families picked up hundreds of the Take & Make kits to work on at home and participated in



numerous maker events and contests. It was wonderful to have groups come to the library and be able to gather outside. It was so heartening to see renewed friendships and relationships as folks gathered during the music series over the summer months.

Materials went flying out the door! Books and movies, audio books and children's materials came and went in rapid succession. Our courier was busy bringing books in from all around the state and folks were reading, reading, reading!

At this time, we're already looking forward to spring and summer, to getting together and hosting all manner of events. We hope to help you weather the coming winter months with plenty of good reading and viewing material to cozy up with when the weather outside is indeed frightful. As we put 2021 behind us and gaze into 2022 it is my hope that we continue on with grace for each other, a helping hand when we need it, and a chance to be even more of what community truly is.

Books & Brews Book Club!

If you like coffee and you like books, then this book club is FOR YOU! We meet once a month on the first Friday of every month for coffee and a good chat around our book of the month. Check out the flyer below to learn more on our next meeting! Stop into the library to pick up this month's book – email Dorothy at dwilliams@ignaciolibrary.org for more info on this program. Hope to see you there, happy reading! 470 Goddard Ave., 970-563-9287 ignaciolibrary.org



did you know?

Reindeer and caribou are the same animal and are a member of the deer family. They are called caribou if they are wild and reindeer if they are domesticated.

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/>



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



Lego Gingerbread House Contest

Make a Lego gingerbread house and bring it to the library for display! If you do not have Lego at your home, you can use the Lego at the library to make your house.

(No mixing of the library and personal Lego!)

Entries are due by Monday, December 20, 2021.



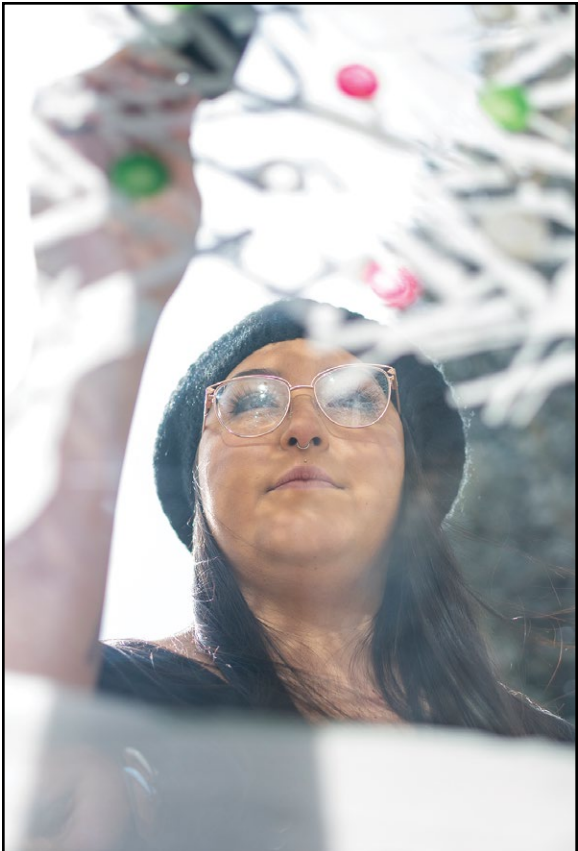
(970)563-9287 | 470 Goddard Ave. | ignaciolibrary.org

'Tis the Season ...



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Tribal Information Mail Clerk, Roman Seibel works on outlining the festive deer on the TIS windows on Monday, Dec. 6.



Tribal Information Service's Administrative Assistant, Samantha Maez paints the windows with a decorative Christmas tree on Monday, Dec. 6.

Renew Your BGC Membership

Starting
Monday, December 20th
Southern Ute Tribal Members/
First Descendants

Starting
Tuesday, December 21st
Open to the General Community

As of **Friday, December 31, 2021** all Boys & Girls Club memberships are expired. Boys & Girls Club annual memberships will be due by **Friday, January 14, 2022**. Starting January 17th, any members with an expired membership will not be able to attend Club until memberships are renewed. You can receive all paperwork at the Boys & Girls Club office or online. Payments can be made online with a card or in person with cash or check. Registration will be capped and a waitlist will be created, so it is recommended to register early. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Boys & Girls Club at (970) 563-4753.

In person club will start
Jan 3, 2022



Members will be required to
attend at least 3 days/week

Multi-Purpose Facility
Yeast Bread Class



With Lucy Olguin

**Wednesday December 22, 2021
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Space is limited, 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**



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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.

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.

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

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

2021 SOUTHERN UTE
Run-Off Election

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.



Vanessa P. Torres
Southern Ute Council Candidate



W. Bruce Valdez
Southern Ute Council Candidate



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
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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!

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

Emergency Broadband Benefit
Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic



What does it mean to be fully enrolled?

Apply:

Contact Provider:

1

You've applied and been approved
for the Emergency Broadband Benefit
at www.getemergencybroadband.org

2

You've selected a participating provider
and completed the necessary steps to
begin new service or confirmed with your
current provider that you have been
approved for the EBB program and
they've confirmed you will now receive
discounted service

INFO AND QUALIFICATIONS: FCC.GOV/BROADBANDBENEFIT

Vote
VANESSA P.
TORRES

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL
DEC. 17, 2021



End of Term Celebration



Current Tribal Councilwomen, Ramona Eagle and Linda Baker wrap Vanessa Torres in a Pendleton blanket on Friday, Dec. 3, Tribal Council Affairs hosted the End-of-Term Celebration for both outgoing Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez and Council Member Torres.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker and Councilwoman Marge Barry drape outgoing Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez in an embroidered Pendleton at the End-of-Term Celebration on Friday, Dec. 3. The event, which followed the Tribe's COVID capacity restrictions, welcomed a small group of tribal staff, visiting dignitaries, and family of each Council Member.

Mountain lion documentary



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Ice River Films and Numan Films meet and greet with Tribal Council, Monday, Dec. 13. The crew spent the weekend with tribal elder Muz Pinnecoos and tribal member War Casias filming traditional aspects of hunting, while on a mountain lion hunt on the Southern Ute Reservation.

The crew provided the Council with tobacco to thank them for giving them permission to spend the weekend on the reservation and film the hunt. The documentary will be released as a part of a series set to air sometime next year in Canada. Tribal staff who are also assisting with the project will also receive access to the film for educational and cultural preservation purposes.



Council hosts Sip Chat & Chew



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Council Member Vanessa Torres welcomes Ute Mountain Ute elder, Helen Munoz, to the Sip Chat & Chew sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Chairman Mel Baker and Council Member Ramona Eagle, along with other members of Tribal Council, serve the elders and guests attending the Sip Chat & Chew.



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!

Three columns of holiday advice: 1. Share a meal with immediate household members only. 2. Connect with loved ones by calling or Facetime. 3. Be sure to wear your face covering when shopping.

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.

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE. Includes Southern Ute Indian Tribe seal and details about council updates on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

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
December 21st, 2021 train departs at 6:50pm
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



Light parade brings Christmas cheer to Ignacio



Council Member Marjorie Barry makes some final adjustments to the Tribal Council and Sunshine Cloud Smith Advisory Council light parade float, Friday, Dec. 3..



Oolcu Buckin and her daughter O'hozhoni Larry ride in the 'Light Up the Town' Parade on the Three Feathers Trucking float.



Native Santa waves to his fans during the Christmas Light Parade, Friday, Dec. 3.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs



KSUT Tribal Radio's – Rezolution Radio Hour host, Robert Ortiz, and his family ride along Goddard Ave. during the 'Light Up the Town' Parade.



Council Member Vanessa Torres smiles while untangling Christmas lights!

The ELHI Community Center and the Town of Ignacio worked together to bring back the annual Taste of Christmas celebration and 'Light Up the Town' parade on Friday, December 3. Through the collaborative efforts of the community, businesses, and families the annual light parade was a huge hit and even featured a special appearance from Santa—who arrived via a helicopter flight. After the parade wrapped up, the Ignacio Community Library hosted a gingerbread man contest, letter writing to Santa and photo booth. The Christmas Bazaar and "Fill Your Bowl" fundraiser was held at the Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center inside the ELHI building. Dozens of community members showed their support throughout the night and celebrated the holiday season together.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum

A Taste of Christmas at ELHI



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Journii Nez of the Boys and Girls Club takes a last minute look over Juana Hendren's display of crafts and goodies. Juana's little helpers, not pictured, Timothy Paiz and Amiyah Martinez were on hand to help sell the goodies of hot cocoa, cookies and other Christmas sweets. The ELHI Community Center hosted its annual Taste of Christmas event at the ELHI Building and collaborated with the Ignacio Library for this year's celebration, Friday, Dec. 3.



Josiah Miller stands in front of his family's arts and crafts stand. The stand featured Jemez drums and jewelry sold by Kay Tsosie and Gavin Mora of Jemez Pueblo, N.M.

Anthony Box shows a few of the bowls that were handcrafted for the "Fill Your Bowl" event hosted by the Dancing Spirit Art Gallery during the annual Taste of Christmas celebration.



Sky Ute Casino Resort employee, Maylon Newton throws candy canes out to parade spectators during the 'Light Up the Town' Parade.



Southern Ute Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant, Kayla Wing walks behind her department's float and hands out candy to kids and families during the 'Light Up the Town' Parade.



CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH urges community to receive booster vaccinations

COVID-19 hospitalizations, fatalities continue to surge

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Amidst an ongoing surge of hospitalizations and deaths caused by COVID-19, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) strongly urges all adults to receive a booster dose of vaccine as soon as eligible. All adults should receive a booster dose either six months past finishing an initial two-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two months past receiving the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine. Receiving a booster is shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness, and clinics with ample supply of all three vaccine types are widely available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties.

According to State of Colorado data, people who are fully vaccinated and receive a booster are 47.5 times less likely to be hospitalized than someone who is unvaccinated. Individuals who are fully vaccinated and received a booster shot are 9.7 times less likely to get COVID-19 than unvaccinated people, and 3.3 times less likely than people who are vaccinated without a booster.

Intensive care units are near capacity in both La Plata and Archuleta counties and health care is strained across Colorado amidst an ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations driven by the Delta variant. In SJBPH's jurisdiction, 28.2% of the total fatalities among COVID-19 cases throughout the pandemic have occurred in the past three months (62.5% for Archuleta County and 23.8% for La Plata County). In Southwest Colorado, more than 90% of COVID-19 hospitalizations have occurred with residents who are not fully vaccinated. Case rates for both counties remain comparable to the highest levels observed at any time during the pandemic, with Archuleta County currently among the highest in Colorado.

With Colorado's Tier 3

Hospital Transfer Plan in effect, COVID-19 patients can be transferred out of the region and there may be significant delays in transferring patients due to hospital capacity issues or the need for higher levels of care. Infections, severe illness, hospitalizations, and death continue to be highly concentrated among the unvaccinated population and these residents are urged to begin their initial vaccine series as soon as possible.

Preliminary laboratory studies released today by Pfizer and BioNTech indicate that a booster dose of Pfizer vaccine may significantly increase protection from severe disease caused by the Omicron variant. Although more research and population-based studies are needed to know the extent to which the Omicron variant could evade existing immunity, these preliminary laboratory studies are positive indicators that vaccination and especially boosters will continue to be effective at preventing severe disease. Two cases of Omicron have been confirmed in Colorado as of Dec. 8, although wastewater monitoring in Boulder County indicates more cases may be present. The Omicron variant has not yet been confirmed locally.

"The CDC now urges all adults to receive a booster dose as soon as eligible, and locally we've made that really easy and convenient for people. We have ample supply of all three vaccine types, and there's wide availability of vaccine clinics and providers that can quickly get you in and out for your booster. We're currently in a serious Delta surge, and we're learning more about the Omicron variant every day. Whether it's Delta or Omicron, the best thing you can do to protect yourself is get fully vaccinated, get your booster right away, and wear a mask inside businesses and public indoor spaces," said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH. "If you receive a positive test for COVID-19

and may be at risk for severe illness, please sign up for the monoclonal antibody treatment bus that the State has provided our community. It's free and residents can self-schedule online. The treatment has been shown to be highly effective at preventing hospitalization for people who get COVID-19," Jollon continued.

CDPHE's monoclonal antibody mobile unit is located at the La Plata County Fairgrounds (2500 Main Ave, Durango), next to the COVID-19 community testing site. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

You may be eligible for treatment if you have tested positive for COVID-19, your symptoms started within the last 10 days, you aren't hospitalized or on oxygen due to COVID-19, and you are at risk of getting very sick without treatment. Eligibility for treatment is for people 12 years of age or older. The treatment is free and no referral is required. Monoclonal antibody treatments have been shown to be effective at preventing hospitalizations among individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and are considered high risk for severe illness.

Eligible individuals can sign up for treatment at the mobile unit by self-scheduling on an online platform provided by CDPHE. As part of the appointment making process, patients will complete a screening form to determine eligibility for the therapy. At the time of the appointment, a health care provider from the mobile unit will review the screening form and must provide authorization for a patient to receive this therapy. According to CDPHE, the on-site review of the screening questions and authorization to receive treatment will occur in just minutes, in most cases.

More information about monoclonal antibody treatments, eligibility, and CD-

SJBPH page 13

Testing for Omicron



photos Lindsay Box/SU Drum

Southern Ute Council Member, Linda Baker leads by example by testing for COVID-19 which helps identify positive individuals in our tribal community.

SunUte staff have volunteered for every mass testing/vaccination event and also manned the COVID-19 Call Center! Robin Duffy-Wirth and Elijah Lucero hand out forms to individuals getting tested!



Mobile vaccine clinic



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic paid a visit to the Southern Ute Tribal Campus on Thursday, Dec. 16, in the form of a large tour bus. In collaboration with San Juan Basin Public Health and the state of Colorado, the Mobile Vaccine Clinic is free to anyone wanting to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose, COVID vaccine booster or Flu vaccine. The bus will be parked at 109 Capote Drive in Ignacio, near the Southern Ute Dental and former KSUT building, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Thursday, Dec. 16 through Sunday, Dec. 19. You can visit <https://www.mobilevax.us/clinics> for more information.

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

Keep updated with the San Juan Basin Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard.

<https://sjbpublichealth.org/sjbph-data-dashboard/>



VACCINE MOBILE BUS

NEXT STOP

Tuesday Dec. 21, 2021, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ELHI Community Center
115 Ute St., Ignacio, CO.
81137

<https://ignacio-1221-cdphe-mvu8.youcanbook.me>



Vaccines are free, and no ID, insurance, or appointment is needed!



VACCINE MOBILE BUS

NEXT STOP

Wednesday Dec. 22, 2021, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Ignacio Community Library
470 Goddard Ave.
Ignacio, CO. 81137

<https://ignacio-1222-cdphe-mvu8.youcanbook.me>



Vaccines are free, and no ID, insurance, or appointment is needed!



CORONAVIRUS

CDPHE Monoclonal Antibody Treatment unit extended in Durango

Booster vaccine now authorized for 16 and 17-year-olds.

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s (CDPHE) mobile unit providing monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 has been extended through Dec. 23. Monoclonal antibody treatments have been shown to be effective at preventing hospitalizations for people who test positive for COVID-19 and are considered high risk for severe illness.

CDPHE’s mobile unit is located at the La Plata County Fairgrounds (2500 Main Ave, Durango), next to the COVID-19 community testing site, through Thursday, Dec. 23, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Treatment eligibility is for people 12 years of age and older who have tested positive for COVID-19, with symptom onset within the last 10 days, who aren’t hospitalized or on oxygen due to COVID-19, and are at risk of getting very sick without treatment. The treatment is free, no referral is required, and is available to people regardless of vaccination status.

Eligible individuals can sign up for treatment at the mobile unit by self-scheduling on an online plat-

form provided by CDPHE. As part of the appointment making process, patients will complete a screening form to determine eligibility for the therapy. At the time of the appointment, a health care provider from the mobile unit will review the screening form and must provide authorization for a patient to receive this therapy. According to CDPHE, the on-site review of the screening questions and authorization to receive treatment will occur in just minutes, in most cases.

SJBPH is also pleased to announce that on Dec. 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine for 16 and 17-year-olds. Previously, booster doses were only available for adults. All who are eligible are encouraged to get their booster dose as soon as possible and prior to any holiday gatherings. According to State of Colorado data, people who are fully vaccinated and receive a booster are 47.5 times less likely to be hospitalized than someone who is unvaccinated.

“In SJBPH’s health district, nearly one-third of the total fatalities among COVID-19 cases during the pandemic have occurred in the past three months. This is tragic for our communi-

ty, and we send our condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones. Our community has wide availability of vaccines, boosters, monoclonal antibody treatments, and COVID-19 testing. The eligibility for booster shots is now 16+, and we’re urging everyone who is eligible to get that done ASAP. And if you receive a positive test for COVID-19 and may be at risk for severe illness, please sign up for the free monoclonal antibody treatment bus that the State has provided,” said Li-ane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH.

Residents ages 16 and up should receive a booster dose either six months past finishing an initial two-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two months past receiving the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine. Receiving a booster is shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness, and clinics with ample supply of all three vaccine types are widely available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics and providers is available online with convenient dates and times across both counties.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Get vaccinated to protect seniors against Omicron this holiday season

Staff report
AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

With the holiday season well underway and the new Omicron variant emerging across the United States, it is critical that members of public do their part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 to protect themselves and our nation’s most vulnerable citizens – long term care residents.

The latest data released yesterday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the progress nursing homes are making with vaccination efforts, including administering booster shots to residents and staff. As of December 5, 87 percent of residents and 79 percent of staff are fully vaccinated. Of those fully vaccinated, 51 percent of residents and 22 percent have staff have received their booster shot or an additional primary dose.

Booster clinics are well underway in long term care facilities, as boosters for all three vaccines were approved in late October. Nursing homes and many assisted living communities are coordinating these clinics with their partnering long term care pharmacy, educating residents and staff about the importance of the booster, gathering

consent forms, organizing staff schedules, and more to ensure these clinics are successful. Similar to the two-month timeline required to conduct 15,000 on-site clinics last year when the vaccines were first approved, industry leaders anticipate it may take until the end of December to see the majority of nursing homes complete an on-site booster clinic. However, ongoing access to the vaccines will be necessary for new patients and initially hesitant individuals.

High vaccination rates in long term care are key in protecting residents and staff from the ongoing global pandemic. However, vaccinations in long term care alone cannot fully prevent outbreaks in these congregate facilities. Independent research from experts has consistently shown that community spread is the top indicator for outbreaks in nursing homes, including among staff members. Breakthrough infections may become more common as new, more contagious variants like Omicron circulate in surrounding communities, eventually finding their way into long term care facilities. The federal government does not allow nursing homes to require that visitors be vaccinated to enter the property.

Therefore, the industry is encouraging all Americans to help curb the spread of the virus and minimize possible outbreaks in long term care.

“We need members of the public to protect their elderly or immunocompromised parents, grandparents, and friends this holiday season,” said Dr. David Gifford, chief medical officer for the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). “If you haven’t gotten vaccinated or your booster shot yet, now is the time to roll up your sleeve. These safe and effective vaccines are all the more important in the face of Omicron and as we head indoors to gather with family and friends. Even if you’re not worried about getting sick from COVID, you can still pass the virus onto others, including someone who lives or works in a nursing home. Get vaccinated and follow the advice of your local health officials to prevent the spread of COVID. The holiday season is about spending time with the ones you love – let’s do it safely.”

Last year, AHCA/NCAL launched the #GetVaccinated campaign to encourage vaccine uptake among residents and staff, as well as members of the public. Learn more at www.getvaccinated.us.

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PHE’s mobile units is available on the CDPHE website. CDPHE is also providing the public with a flyer of instructions to sign up for an appointment at the mobile unit. Questions about the mobile unit or monoclonal antibody treatments should be directed to CDPHE by calling 1-877-COVAXCO (1-877-268-2926).

Monoclonal antibody treatments may also be available through existing health care providers in the region. The public is directed to first consult with their physician for a referral if seeking monoclonal antibody treatment from a local hospital.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available for all residents ages 5 and up thanks to efforts by local partner providers, the State of Colorado, and local public health. 5 to 17-year-olds are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, and the two-dose series takes at least five weeks from the first shot for individuals to complete the series and reach maximum immunity. There are numerous vaccine providers in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and SJBPH is offering clinics seven days per week in partnership with Jogan Health. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, third, and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics, pop-ups, and mobile clinics is available online with convenient dates and times available across both counties.

Although advance registration is preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming vaccine clinics. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. Additional providers and information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on SJBPH’s website. For COVID-19 data, testing locations, and more information about vaccines visit the SJBPH website.

January Vaccine Clinic at Ignacio Elementary School

Just a friendly reminder, on Friday, January 7, from 3-6pm there will be a COVID vaccine clinic at the Elementary School. This is for second doses, boosters and initial doses. If you know of anyone wanting to sign up please feel free to forward this email. Walk-ins are also welcome.

- Pfizer (12+ Years): www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0963291949
- J&J (18+ Years): www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9962194190
- Moderna (18+ Years): www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1412609979
- Pedi Pfizer (5-11 Years): www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9296901614



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!

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Southern Ute Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids!

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Ignacio Fills the Bus for Toy Drive



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Bobby Jo Frost hands Boys and Girls Club Mentor, Cassandra Sanchez gifts during the “Fill the Bus” event, as part of the 6th annual Christmas Toy Drive, Saturday, Dec. 11. The annual Toy Drive will be happening until Dec. 21, drop off locations are located throughout Ignacio.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club Program Aide, Takoda Armstrong is handed a basketball and other toys from his daughter, Malina Armstrong and mother Kayla Armstrong during the “Fill the Bus” toy drive at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Saturday, Dec. 11.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Harley Joy brings donations to the “Fill the Bus” toy drive. Southern Ute Public Relations, Southern Ute Drum and Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were all on hand to collect donations, Saturday, Dec. 11.

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- Farmers Fresh
- Family Dollar
- Taste of Christmas Event
- Southern Ute Tribal Curbside Christmas Dinner

Ambient Monitoring Program

The Air Quality Program maintains three State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) to monitor air quality on the Reservation. The air monitoring station Ute 1 is located just north of Ignacio, Colorado while the second station, Ute 3, is located off of Colorado State Highway 550 north of Bonadad, Colorado. The third station, a mobile monitoring station, is located at Lake Capote on the east side of the Reservation. All stations adhere to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SLAMS quality assurance guidelines and data is reported to the EPA Air Quality System for National Ambient Air Quality Standard comparison and EPA's AirNow website. For more information about the Ambient Monitoring Program and to view ambient air quality forecasts for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, visit our Ambient Monitoring web page at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/



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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Breaking The Butte: Bobcats beat Titans

Tucson matches CBCS' 27-point count



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (20) swoops in for a close-range try over Rye's Brandon Benz on Day 2 of the Centauri-hosted Mountain Top Classic, Dec. 2-4 out in La Jara.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having seen just before tip-off Sat., Dec. 11, what Crested Butte Community School's Alan Prieto could do, Chris Valdez was beyond contented that his Ignacio Bobcats allowed the senior to do nothing of the sort when the Titans needed him most.

"That big (Prieto) they have can shoot the ball! I mean, I saw him in warm-ups hitting 20 out of 25, but we were able to get a hand in his face and ... he didn't hit any," Valdez said afterwards, alluding to IHS allowing Prieto zero points after halftime while inflating their own nine-point pad to 36-17 through three quarters and ultimately 49-27 through four inside site-neutral Telluride's MinerDome. "Got tired, I think, in the second half because he's like Gabe, has to carry a lot of their load."

Coming in a week recuperated from a memorable three-game, 66-point performance out in La Jara at the season-opening Dec. 2-4 Mountain Top Classic hosted by 3A Centauri, senior Gabe Tucson joined Prieto in respectively bearing, for all practical purposes, his team's burden at the offensive end

during the first half: The scoreboard showed Ignacio leading CBCS 24-15; the scorebook showed Tucson leading Prieto 20-12, after canning an NBA-range, right-wing three-pointer at the buzzer, in response to Prieto swishing two free throws with 0:04.4 left on the clock.

"He was able to control the floor ... the one guy that's patient out there for us right now," said Valdez. "We're just running like chickens with our heads cut off, and if we could dial that back a little bit, I think we could save three, four possessions a game."

"And that'll get better throughout the year; right now, we're very impatient with the ball, and that's just ... young kids learning how to play the game."

With junior Dylan McCaw out due to illness, reserves Charlie Pargin (six points) and Gabe Cox (two) were most effective in aiding Tucson in preventing Prieto from setting up shop in the paint. That being achieved, additional help could be had in the form of Devante Montoya, plus Eppie and Phillip Quintana; Ignacio allowed Crested Butte only three two-point buckets – two coming from Titan reserves – after halftime.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana (10) attempts a three-pointer against Crested Butte's Alan Prieto (14) during neutral-site play Sat., Dec. 11, in Telluride, Colo.

"We didn't adjust as much as being aware, making (Prieto) go outside because he scored most his baskets inside on us. And we knew he'd be tired late; at the end of last year, he was in great shape, and this year It's early; we're all in horrible shape," Valdez said. "So, we knew we could keep him outside ... and make everybody else try to beat us – that's kind of what we did."

"With Charlie and Gabe rotating in and out of (McCaw's) post position, fighting for minutes, that's going to make them better players, you know?"

The 'Cats made their decisive move in the third quarter, and almost immediately with Phillip Quintana (five points) cashing a three-pointer out of the corner nearest IHS' bench, then Montoya a trey from the opposite wing. Pargin would then feed Eppie Quintana (four points) for a basket close, swelling Ignacio's lead to 32-15, and after CBCS' Ben Barney managed to net a two-pointer, IHS answered with hoops by Tucson (27 points) and Pargin to cruise into the final frame comfortably ahead.

"Once we got that push,

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BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats take two of season's first four

Re-injured senior Ignacio's biggest loss

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With Ignacio the designated 'home' team inside Telluride's MinerDome Sat., Dec. 11, trainer Shelby Sangster was on hand and on call for the Lady Bobcats' noontime, non-league basketball game against 2A Crested Butte Community School.

And with warm-up drills giving all braving the weekend's cold snap – the outside temperature was still below zero degrees Fahrenheit when IHS' bus steered into the parking lot – a strong preview of which side would prove themselves superior, despite CBCS having won 47-27 win the previous evening at 2A Ridgway, she could just watch the Lady 'Cats coast, right?

So wrong.

Having responded immediately to the pained cry of a CBCS player – reportedly junior Ellie Duryea, said to be returning from a volleyball-season injury – who

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Avaleena Nanaeto (35) drives baseline around Sargent's Mary Willis (4) during the Lady Bobcats' season-opener, Dec. 2, at the Centauri-hosted Mountain Top Classic in La Jara. Nanaeto would score 19 points against the Lady Farmers, and total 38 during IHS' three games at the event.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

IHS' Pontine makes her college pick

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Before a sizable crowd – including extended family, friends, teachers and coaches past and present – assembled Monday, Dec. 13, inside IHS Gymnasium, senior Alexis Pontine signed a National Junior College Athletic Association National Letter-of-Intent to study at and play volleyball for McCook (Neb.) Community College this coming fall.

"You think of all the countless hours you put into your sport – not only in games and at practices, but working out, eating right – and it's just an overwhelming, amazing feeling that ... for something you've worked so hard, for so many years, you finally achieved it," Pontine said. "I really liked McCook, how they're family-oriented. The coaches were super nice, they have a great volleyball program, and I just really liked the culture, you could say,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With father Jason Pontine and mother/IHS Volleyball head coach Shasta Pontine seated to her right, Ignacio senior Alexis Pontine prepares Monday, Dec. 13, to sign her National Letter-of-Intent to study at and play for McCook (Neb.) Community College, represented by assistant coach Hannah Emerson.

of the school."

"It's got a small-town vibe, which is nice because ... you know a bunch of people and people you know come and support you. So, it's just a really good fit for me. I'm definitely focused on ... just getting in shape, getting ready; I'm super excited."

"She's grown up so – oh, I'm going to cry now

– much in the last couple years, becoming this amazing woman," said mother and Ignacio head coach Shasta Pontine. "We're just super proud of her."

Named the Volleycats' varsity MVP, First Team All-San Juan Basin League, and recently Second Team

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LA PLATA ELECTRIC

Candidate packets available for 2022 LPEA director election

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

LPEA members interested in running for a seat on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors now have access to the 2022 Board Director Candidate Packet at lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information.

To be considered, prospective candidates must return all completed materials by 1 p.m. on March 12, 2022. Materials may be mailed to LPEA's Durango office or dropped off at LPEA's office in Durango or Pagosa Springs.

To be eligible to run for the LPEA Board of Directors, candidates must:

- be a member of LPEA

for at least one year immediately prior to becoming a director;

- be a bona fide resident of the district you plan to represent for at least 120 days prior to becoming a director and;
- not be employed by, or have a spouse or child employed by, LPEA in any position.

Directors are elected for three-year terms. Incumbent directors up for re-election in 2022 are Holly Metzler (District 1 – Archuleta County), Dan Huntington (District 2 – South and West La Plata County), Joe Lewandowski (District 3 – City of Durango), and John Witchel (District 4 – North and East La Plata County). Eligible candidates will

be added to the official ballot to be mailed to LPEA members in early April. Ballots will be due on May 11, 2022, and the election results will be announced at LPEA's Annual Meeting on May 12, 2022. For more details on the director election process, visit lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information.

LPEA is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, and segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to more than 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit lpea.coop.

Richards fills deer, elk tags



photos courtesy Krista Richards

Southern Ute tribal member, Krista Richards is photographed with her Mule Deer Buck, which measures in as a 4x3. Richards harvested the animal in the fall of 2021 with a rifle shot near lake Capote on the Southern Ute Reservation.



Krista Richards packs out her 6x6 bull elk after a 702 Yard shot near East Sandoval Mountain, on the Southern Ute Reservation. She harvested the elk during the 2021 rifle season.

Baker harvests bull elk



courtesy Elias Baker

Elias Baker's bull elk is a 5x5 harvested Tuesday, Nov. 16, and was shot with a Savage 300 Win Mag rifle. The general location was on the southeastern part of the Southern Ute Reservation.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Congratulations Lil Sis!

Today you graduate from college, and I am beyond proud of you. You've always worked so hard for anything you have ever wanted. Keep striving to be successful in every way. I'll always be here for each chapter in your life, to support you! I pray for many blessings to you and Leon! I LOVE YOU!

Love always,
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Greeting from Joseph Rael Jr.

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From The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Tribal Holiday Office Closures

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Friday, Dec. 31 – New Years Eve
Monday, Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Next issue
Dec. 30

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Dec. 23

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, Colorado, has applied for a New Liquor License. The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council will consider the issuance of a Liquor License renewal on or around December 29, 2021 in the Tribal Council Chambers, Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, CO. Written comments may be sent by December 28, 2021 to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Department of Justice & Regulatory, Office of Tax & Liquor, P.O. Box 737 MS#10, Ignacio, CO 81137. Any questions regarding this application may be directed to Mr. Chris Mimmack, Director of Justice & Regulatory, at 970-563-2800.

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2021-0132-CV-NC
Shelton Bennett Thompson, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Shelton Bennett Garcia filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shelton Bennett Thompson. As of December 13, 2021 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Shelton Bennett Garcia name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Shelton Bennett Thompson.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2021.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0165-CV-PR
Billy Jack Baker, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **January 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of December, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
TO CHEYENNE BOX/MCKINNEY:
Take notice that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Plaintiff") has filed an *Amended Complaint for Breach of Contract ("Amended Complaint")* in the case of *Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. Cheyenne Box, 21 CV 012* (Southern Ute Tribal Court). You must file an answer within three (3) days following service of the Amended Complaint upon you. If you fail to file with the Court at or before the time specified in the summons an answer to the Amended Complaint denying or admitting all of the material allegations in the Amended Complaint, a default judgment may be entered against you for relief to which the Plaintiff is entitled. You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **JANUARY 3, 2022 at 9 A.M.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240. You are expected to appear in court at that time. You have the right to defend against the claims in the Amended Complaint. You have the right to be represented by counsel at your own expense. You may contact the Southern Ute Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2021
Julianne Begay,
Attorney for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,
P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-0100

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

MINI LAW SCHOOL

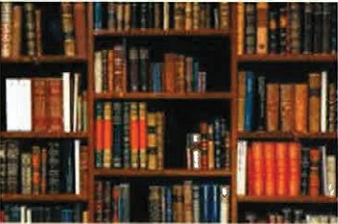


SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The seven-week series kicks off January 19th, 2022. Each week, a Colorado Law professor will present on a different topic, including:



Corporations & Business Law
Property
Civil Procedure
Copyright & Trademark
Criminal Law in Practice
Family Law & Learning by Doing



Participants have 3 ways to join: (1) live, in person in Boulder, Colorado at the University of Colorado Law School; (2) live, online via a livestream of the lectures; or (3) watching recordings of the lectures on demand on your own schedule.

REGISTRATION IS FREE for Tribal Members and Tribal Employees.

Please contact Heather White Thunder
hwhiteth@southernute-nsn.gov
970-5632780 to get registered

University of Colorado Boulder

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 Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 12/01/21

UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRANSFER STATION
2021 December
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DEC. 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY – **CLOSED**
DEC. 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE DAY – **OPEN**
DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY – **CLOSED**
DEC. 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE – **OPEN**
JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY – **CLOSED**

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY—SATURDAY, 8 AM TO 5PM
SUNDAY — CLOSED

Tribal Members: Pick up 2021 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Tribal ID is required.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Reach a staff member by phone during these hours at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month
*December 1st / January 5th
February 2nd / March 2nd*
- Avoid **Late Fees**, pay your bill by due date

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay your Utility Account

- Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
- Wells Fargo (Ignacio Branch) Drive-Thru
- Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution
- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.



Happy Holidays
& Warm Wishes!

— The Utilities Division Staff

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com



Outreach Notice- SEASONAL FIRE JOBS



Los Pinos Fire Protection District

Duty Station- Ignacio, Colorado

Applications should be received by: January 14th, 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 or visit www.lospinosfire.com.



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). 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 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>. Deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2022.

Town of Bayfield Recreation Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Full-time, Non-Exempt, Regular Position. The Town of Bayfield is seeking a full-time Recreation Coordinator to help connect people to recreational opportunities that meet the community needs. Working under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director, planning, promoting, coordinating, supervising and evaluating The Town's Recreation programs and special events; scheduling and coordinating rentals; and manage seasonal employees and volunteers. Pay range is between \$16.83 and \$20.29 per hour depending on experience. Excellent benefits include health, dental, vision, paid holiday, vacation and sick times. Will require weekends, evenings, and holiday hours and is scheduled for approximately 40 hours per week. Must pass a background check. A detailed job description is available at Town of Bayfield's website or at Town Hall. Interested parties must submit an application and resume to the Town of Bayfield, Attention Recreation Coordinator-Applicant located at 1199 Bayfield Parkway, PO Box 80, Bayfield, CO., 81122, or emailed to beisenbraun@bayfieldgov.org. Information, contact Becky Eisenbraun 970-884-9544 #109 or beisenbraun@bayfieldgov.org. The Town of Bayfield is an equal opportunity employer.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State Of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Position closes at 5 p.m. on January 17, 2022. Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. Summary of Commission Duties: Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the Reservation Air Program long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State. Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Preferred

Commission Member Qualifications: Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order; Knowledge of the Clean Air Act; Ethical, strong integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player. Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions: Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve for three-year appointment terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis and may require Commission participation. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. If employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a short letter or email from the employee's supervisor approving of appointment to the Commission is required. Meeting Location: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or via Virtual Meeting Platform. How to Apply: Send letter of interest to: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail to: Air Quality Program Office, PO Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, CO 81137 or hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Air Quality Program, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137

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.



CALL FOR APPLICANTS! for the AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2022

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OFF STREAM WATERING SOURCES



RIPIARIAN FENCING



GATED PIPE

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/11/APPLICATION-COST-SHARE-PINE-WATERSHED-2022.PDF> OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member. Closing date is Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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. 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.

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 or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For full job opportunities and full job descriptions, apply on-line at 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: Career Counselor, Project Coordinator, Project Venture Program Coordinator, Monitoring Technician Substitute, Teacher Assistant, Addiction Specialist/Program Coordinator, Bus Driver, Sub Teacher



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

General Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 12/30/21 – Provides general accounting support, to include preparation of journal entries and reconciliation of selected General Ledger accounts on a periodic basis. Rf bank statements to the General Ledger and providing support for monitoring ongoing cash activity. Supports payroll process, interfacing with Southern Ute Indian Tribe payroll department to ensure accurate, timely delivery of time records. Supports the monthly close process. Presents a positive and professional image to internal customers and vendors.

Growth Fund Financial Reporting Manager – So. Ute Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 12/31/21 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, coordinating

external and internal auditing processes, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Assisting in the development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

Maintenance Worker I – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 12/27/21 – Repair and maintenance of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds grounds and buildings while assisting with the daily operations of the RV park and horse stalls to include contracts and payments. Provides excellent customer service while maintaining a safe and pleasurable environment for our customers and their animals.

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

Closing 12/27/21 – The Growth Fund Management Committee At-Large member is responsible for 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. This position serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GFMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. The At-Large committee member reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. To apply, please use the Tribal Members only link: <https://careers.southernute.com/suit>

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
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.

*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 Depts. 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. In this position you 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.

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Responsibilities include coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians.

* Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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.

*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Ca-

sino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

*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.

*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)

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 (Full-time)

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 (Full-time)

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 is responsible for the training of new Agents.

*Surveillance Video Technician (Full-time)

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.

Rolling Thunder Grill Wait Staff (Full-time)

Provides exceptional guest services including taking the orders and delivering food and/or beverage items to guests. Ensuring that work station is clean, all side work is completed, and guests are greeted in a friendly manor.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Air Quality Scientist

Closes 12/17/21 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade: E15; \$60,370.75/year.

Air Quality Analyst II – Minor Source Program

Closes 12/17/21 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade: E13; \$49,517.56

Deputy Court Clerk

Closes 12/23/21 – Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Pay grade: N10; \$18.32/hour.

Lab Technician

Closes 12/21/21 – Provides clinical laboratory services for the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade: N10; \$18.32/hour.

Police Lieutenant

Closes 12/28/21 – Under general supervision of the Chief of Police coordinates the efforts of the Patrol Divisions Sergeants and Officers to achieve the objectives of the police department. Serves as acting Police Chief in the absence of the Police Chief and Administrative Lieutenant. Pay grade: E17; \$75,321.13/year.

Police Sergeant

Closes 12/23/21 – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade: N15; \$29.02/hour.

Reporter/Photographer

Closes 12/28/2021
Under general supervision of the Media Manager, reports on, writes about, and captures through multimedia means (photo, video, and audio) issues and topics important to the Southern Ute tribal membership for The Southern Ute Drum and its website. Pay grade: N9; \$16.88/hour.

SunUte Receptionist (Part-time)

Closes 12/27/21 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade: N5; \$12.54/hour.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – A 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) – Southern Ute tribal members 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. This position is for an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. 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 – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade: 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, 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 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide SUIMA students with a developmentally 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 (Full-time and Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Full and Part-time Lifeguard positions. 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. Full-time pay grade: N5; \$12.54/hour with a \$400 sign-on bonus. Part-time pay grade: N5; \$12.54/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Media Technician (Part-time) – Southern Ute tribal members only

Open Until Filled – A part-time position only for the duration of a grant project; position is contingent on grant funds. Position is responsible for 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 – A 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. Pay grade: N13; \$23.81/hour. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade: E14; \$54,517.63/year.

TEAM Worker – Southern 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. 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 SunUte Recreation Dept. sporting events. Pay grade: N7; \$14.48/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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Job Openings as of December 6, 2021

- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Closes 12/17/21
- Child Development, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT – Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled



LADY CATS TAKE TWO • FROM PAGE 15

wracked her right ankle with 3:37 left in the first quarter, trailing a teammate’s take to the hoop, Sangster was again summoned late in the second ... to the other end of the court, the end Ignacio was attacking.

Casting a shadow over a rough-and-tumble 57-18 conquest, the sight – and sound – of senior guard Monika Lucero, returning to action after damaging her right Achilles tendon in the first quarter of last season’s opener at Sanford, hitting the deck in pursuit of an unclaimed ball, then being carried off with a left-leg injury requiring both a protective boot/shroud plus crutches for Lucero to make an untimely exit.

The Lady ‘Cats (2-2 overall) fortunately managed to get through the first half’s last 19.1 seconds without additional incident, and returned to the locker room having increased their 12-3 first-quarter lead to 23-8. Able to win a foul-filled third quarter – junior Harmony Reynolds fouled out with 2:08 left, and a Lady Titan picked up her fifth personal with 0:31.6 left – by a 9-8 margin, Ignacio made amends in the fourth and took it 25-2.

Sophomore Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza (10 points) would foul out on a charging call with 7:19 left, but after Crested Butte lost another player to a fifth personal with 6:32 left, IHS sophomore Solymar Cosio converted a three-point play – expanding the lead to 35-16 – which opened the proverbial floodgates offensively.

Cosio would finish with a team-high 12 points, while junior guard Laci Brunson contributed nine and senior guard/forward Avaleena Nanaeto – named All-Tournament at the previous weekend’s season-opening Mountain Top Classic, host-

ed Dec. 2-4 by 3A La Jara Centauri – booked eight. Benched alongside Reynolds (3 points) at the beginning in order to give Lucero and fellow senior Elisia Cruz (4 points) starting-lineup nods, freshman guard Marissa Olguin netted six points and freshman reserve DaLaney Wesner helped polish off the victory with five, all logged during the final frame.

“It feels pretty o.k.,” said Nanaeto. “We need to work harder though – and work on our fouls!”

“We still need to work on a lot,” Reynolds agreed. “Missed a lot of layups and free throws, so even though we won we still have a lot to practice.”

Able to hit two first-half three-pointers, junior Blakeley Reynolds paced the Lady Titans (1-4 overall) with 14 total points.

“She’s played a lot of basketball and it shows in games like this,” said CBCS head coach Amanda Reynolds. “They trust her to take care of the ball ... as we grow. We’re young, don’t have a ton of experience, but as we grow, we’ll be able to rely on other positions stepping up. It’ll all come together at some point!”

IHS’ first win under new head coach Tony Gomez came on Day 2 of the MTC, when the Lady Bobcats, boosted by Nanaeto’s personal 8-0 run bridging the first and second quarters, survived a slight fourth-quarter stall and defeated 2A Olathe 42-31 with Brunson totaling 12 points and Nanaeto 11.

“We just came out a little more disciplined, ready, and I think we took it a little more serious,” said Gomez, alluding to the previous night’s 60-46 loss to post-powered 2A Sargent.

“But you know, I give the credit to the girls; they’re the ones that play,” Go-

mez continued, downplaying his first high-school varsity ‘dub.’ “And to the assistant coaches; they know these girls much better than I do, so they’re able to really tell them things that they need to hear. Then I tell them things so they can execute the game plan, and it all just works together.”

Up next, Ignacio will visit 3A Bayfield Friday evening, Dec. 17. Results from IHS’ 12/14 test at 3A Pagosa Springs – which stood 4-1 overall after losing to 3A Parachute Grand Valley, then beating 3A Salida at the Dec. 10-11 Buena Vista Invitational – were unavailable at press time.

Mountain Top Classic Girls’ Final-Round Results: 1st – Rye 59, 2nd – Cedaredge 26; 3rd – Centauri 55, 4th – Sargent 27; 5th – Durango 49, **6th – IGNACIO 33**; 7th – Olathe 32, 8th – Rocky Ford 31.

MTC Girls’ All-Tournament Team: Rye – Sophie Adamson, Sydney Adamson; Cedaredge – Megan Gastineau, Paige McGovern; Centauri – Abbey Smith, Amaya Garcia; Sargent – Gabby Jones; Durango – Mason Rowland, Riley Campbell; **IGNACIO – AVALEENA NANAETO**; Olathe – Makayla Millsap; Rocky Ford – Leticia Garcia.

IGNACIO GIRLS’ MTC SUMMARY

- Day 1 – Ignacio 46 (Nanaeto 19, Lechuga-Mendoza 11, Reynolds 8), Sargent 60 (M.Willis 21, G.Jones 18, B.Asbell 7)
- Day 2 – Ignacio 42 (Brunson 12, Nanaeto 11, Reynolds 7), Olathe 31 (M. Millsap 10, S.McCall 6)
- Day 3 – Ignacio 33 (Nanaeto/Reynolds 8, Brunson 6), Durango 49 (M.Rowland 24, K.Shepard 13).

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All-2A, Pontine helped Ignacio go 19-8 overall this fall – reaching the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships – and 46-42 during her four seasons.

“I actually saw her play at the (CCGS) All-State Games, and I said to my head coach at McCook ... like, ‘We have to get her. I don’t know what you need to tell her to get her here, but let’s do it,’” said McCook assistant coach Hannah Emerson, a 2017 graduate of then-5A (now 4A) Greeley West – and former MCC player – who also attended the signing ceremony.

“We want her as a setter; we have another tall setter too, so we want them both to be able to play. We want Alexis on the court all the

time, so I think she’s going to be a great fit at that position, just based off her personality when she plays. And if we need her as a hitter, we can use her as a hitter too! She’s dynamic and that’s perfect for us.”

Under sixth-year skipper Hayley Kobza, McCook went 20-18 in Fall 2021, bowing out in the consolation rounds of the NJCAA Division I, Region IX Tournament hosted by Western Nebraska CC in Scottsbluff. It was already the fourth time she’d helmed MCC to 20 or more wins in a season, as she improved to 111-99 overall.

“She wanted to be a setter,” explained Shasta Pontine, “but she was recruited by several other schools

as a hitter first. So to get into a higher-level college she needs to go in as a setter; compared to the assistant coach (Emerson) ... she’s not that tall! So, this is going to help her find the skills she hasn’t developed yet.”

“McCook’s a really good school; it was one ... we were kind of targeting in the beginning anyway,” she continued. “And I think the best part is they’re going to help her get to the next level.”

“We’re all excited to have Alexis,” said the 6’2” Emerson, whose career continued at NCAA Division I Coastal Carolina after two seasons at McCook, and ended with her graduating CCU in August. “I think she’ll fit in and we’re excited for the future.”

BREAKING THE BUTTE • FROM PAGE 15

we just kept adding onto it, kept that energy up,” said Tucson.

“Phillip, hitting that three – and then Devante – when they went to that box-and-one Two quick threes, and all of a sudden (Crested Butte) came out of that box-and-one,” Valdez said, “totally frazzled – the game was pretty much over.”

Having splattered 2A Sargent 55-14 in their season-opener on Day 1 of the MTC before falling 45-40 on Day 2 to 2A Rye and then 53-52 on Day 3 to 2A Cedaredge, the Bobcats improved to 2-2 overall with the win over 2A Crested Butte (1-3).

Tucson was named All-Tournament at the Mountain Top, his 28-point explosion – featuring four three-pointers in the second quarter, equaled incredibly by Bruin sophomore Luke Maxey – in the third-place game the event’s preeminent performance, regard-

less of a front-end 1-and-1 FT miss with only 0:01.8 left in the epic.

“I thought he was the best player in the whole tournament,” Valdez would declare. “And I think the crowd changed; we almost had everyone in the whole place cheering for us, because of the biggest heart I’ve ever seen.”

“Tucson ... one unbelievable player,” said Cedaredge head coach Lane Varner. “I mean, hats off to him. Maxey did go tit-for-tat with Tucson, and we needed that tonight – especially (against) a great, well-coached team.”

Maxey (18 points) and CHS teammate Gideon Gilmore (24 points; 12 in the fourth quarter) also earned All-MTC.

Mountain Top Classic Final-Round Results: 1st – Centauri 57, 2nd – Rye 30; 3rd – CEDAREEDGE 53, **4th – IGNACIO 52**;

5th – Durango 53, 6th – Olathe 19; 7th – Rocky Ford 53, 8th – Sargent 20.

MTC Boys’ All-Tournament Team: Centauri – Mason Claunch, Baron Holman; Rye – Camden Steele, Brandon Benz; Cedaredge – Gideon Gilmore, Luke Maxey; **IGNACIO – GABE TUCSON**; Durango – Jasper Zastrocky, Dylan Bettin; Olathe – Garrett Walraven; Rocky Ford – Shaun Gonzales; Sargent – Antonio Martinez.

IGNACIO BOYS’ MTC SUMMARY

- Day 1 – Ignacio 55 (Tucson 15, E.Quintana 12, D.McCaw 11), Sargent 14 (T.Paskett 6, F.Venzor/A.Garcia 3);
- Day 2 – Ignacio 40 (Tucson 23, E.Quintana 10, P.Quintana 7), Rye 45 (C.Steele/Bra.Benz 13, C.Donlon 8);
- Day 3 – Ignacio 52, Cedaredge 53.

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The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Original inhabitants of Northern WA
- 6 Friendship
- 11 Had a TV dinner, say
- 12 Actor Willem ---
- 13 Expensive cars to maintain
- 15 Speed
- 16 “Big Rock Candy Mountain” singer Burl ---
- 17 Mise---- (surroundings)
- 19 A way to buy stock
- 23 Mint brand
- 24 Viola ---, Jicarilla Apache and first female Native American PhD achiever
- 26 Pond croaker
- 27 Big name in dental hygiene
- 31 It produces snaps
- 34 Western Oregon tribe
- 35 Commonplace
- 36 Like a flophouse
- 37 The --- Dance, or Nikanikawe in Shawnee

Down

- 1 Fall behind
- 2 Eponymous state, for Ignacio Native Americans
- 3 Black ---, mine and ancient burial site
- 4 “Top Gun” enemy planes
- 5 Before being born
- 6 Ax relative
- 7 Harmful intent
- 8 Should that come to pass
- 9 Apartment sign
- 10 Words from sycophants
- 14 “--- and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance”
- 18 Brilliantly colored beetles
- 19 Is, for a bit
- 20 Blow a flute
- 21 Commendation
- 22 Confused
- 25 Type of air pollutant
- 28 “I --- my wit’s end!”
- 29 “If Roast Beef Could Fly” author
- 30 “Dracula” author --- Stoker
- 32 “Now I --- me down to sleep ... “
- 33 High mountain

Answers for this crossword will appear in December 30 issue of the Drum.

Answers for December 3, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Algal, 6 GPRS, 10 Verde, 11 Ohoh, 12 Ogema, 13 Odor, 14 NSAIDs, 16 Smog, 18 Stoop, 20 TVs, 21 Sty, 23 Una, 24 OEM, 25 Las, 26 Tiles, 28 Yips, 30 Copper, 33 Cold, 35 Moapa, 36 Hoar, 37 Acres, 38 In by, 39 Sheep.
Down: 1 Avon, 2 Legs, 3 Greasyspoon, 4 Admit, 5 Lead out, 6 Goo, 7 PhDs, 8 Room to spare, 9 Shrove, 15 Sonic, 17 GSM, 19 Palomas, 21 Sly, 22 TaiChi, 27 Epoch, 29 Slab, 31 Epee, 32 Rasp, 34 Dry.

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Friday, Dec. 17



Sunny 39°F
Morning winds

Saturday, Dec. 18



Sunny 39°F

Sunday, Dec. 19



Sunny 40°F

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