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RUN OFF ELECTION

# Torres re-elected to Tribal Council in Run Off Election

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The 2021 Run-Off Election was held on Friday, Dec. 17. Tribal Council candidate, Vanessa P. Torres successfully received majority of the votes cast with (125) votes. According to the Southern Ute Tribal Election, the candidates who receive the majority of votes will be elected to the Tribal Council.

Tribal Council held a special meeting this morning to certify the Run-Off Election Results. The Southern Ute Election Board confirmed the following election results:

Office of Tribal Council	No. of Votes
• Vanessa P. Torres	125
• W. Bruce Valdez	115

This will be the second term serving on Tribal Council for newly re-elected tribal leader. During her first term, Torres represented the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and advocated for tribal water rights on the Ten Tribes Partnership. She also led projects identified as Tribal Council priorities.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Vanessa Torres stands with husband Mark Torres and daughter Raelynn Torres during a small reception held after her Swearing In Ceremony held on Dec. 20 in the Hall of Warriors.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal Council candidate, Vanessa P. Torres received a majority of votes in the recent run-off election. This is Torres' second time serving on the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

"I would like to thank the tribal membership for allowing me to be your voice

for this next term. The experience I have gained in my first year will be a stepping-stone towards building a stronger foundation on the many issues the Tribe and membership face," stated Council Member Torres.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, hunting, fishing, traveling, beading, reading and participating in cultural events. She is married and shares one daughter.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues once again. Thank you for the confidence and faith you have entrusted in me," Torres said. "Tuuvuch Toghoyaqh."

BOBCATS GIRLS WRESTLING

# IHS Girls' Wrestling sees first action

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio's Lady Bobcat wrestlers finally saw action as a distinct team Sat., Dec. 11, at the Bloomfield, N.M., Invitational.

With senior Lexy Young, junior Faye Hackett, plus freshmen Audrey Roderick and Danylle Herrera making the trip, IHS totaled 14 points and placed tenth out of 11 teams in the girls' division. Topping the table with 177 was Gallup (N.M.) Miyamura, followed by Farmington (148.5), N.M., and Los Alamos (117), N.M. The only other Colorado school in action, Durango, placed seventh with 57 points.

Young went 1-3 during Pool A action at 145 pounds, pinning Farmington Piedra Vista freshman Alana Werito in 59 seconds. But with a best-possible result of seventh place at stake, she finished 1-4 after losing to PVHS freshman Svea Rob-



inson by pin in 1:41.

At 132, Hackett placed fifth by pinning DHS junior Amiah Hanson in 55 seconds – improving her meet record to 1-2.

Competing in the 120-pound division, Roderick went 0-3 in Pool B then lost to PVHS sophomore Natesha Charlie by pin in 1:23 while contesting seventh place. Finally, Herrera went 0-3 overall at 138, losing – by pin, 47 seconds in – the weight's fifth-place bout to Grants, N.M., sophomore

Annalieze Gutierrez.

Following the holiday break, the Lady 'Cats will ring in the 2022 half of their schedule traveling to the Alamosa Invitational on Fri., Jan. 7, with Lamar and La Junta amongst those also attending. Ignacio will then hit up Grand Junction Central's Jan. 14-15 Martin Luther King Weekend (MLK Day itself falls on Mon., Jan. 17) Invitational, then host a 1/18 triangular currently slated to attract Del Norte and Dove Creek.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Chairman Baker selects Eagle as Vice Chairman

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Chairman Melvin Baker has selected Council Member Ramona Eagle to serve as Vice Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Eagle was elected to Tribal Council in 2019. Since her election, Eagle has served on the Growth Fund Management Committee, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy School Board as Ex-Officio Member, Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Indian Committee, Ignacio Creative District, and is currently working to re-establish the Committee of Elders.

Eagle has previously served in the position of Vice Chairman two times prior under Chairmen Clement J. Frost and Matthew Box. "It is an honor to serve as the Vice Chairman under Chairman Melvin J. Baker. With a full Council, we are prepared to work on the Tribal Council priorities which benefit the tribal membership," stated Vice Chairman Eagle. "I would like to thank, Mr. Bruce Valdez, who served as the Vice Chairman during his term."

Vice Chairman Eagle is the daughter the late Clifford and Annabelle Ea-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ramona Eagle

Vice-Chairman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

gle (egap). She is a sister to Linda Eagle and mother to the late Sadie R. Frost (egap), Theodosha Frost, and Rhonda Willbourn. She has 13 grandchildren.

"It is great honor to serve with Vice Chairman Eagle, the wealth of knowledge

she brings will be beneficial to the Tribe," stated Chairman Baker. "This is a historic moment, to serve with an all-female Council. I know, together, we will move forward in a positive way, keeping our membership our priority."

## Holidays return



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, Morgann Graham and Diabetes Patient Coordinator, Lisa Smith pose with their holiday themed outfits during the annual Public Relations Ugly Sweater Contest held on Wednesday, Dec. 22 in the Hall of Warriors. Smith took first place and Graham took second in the contest.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been doing the Toy Drive since 2014. Los Pinos and SUPD provide escorts and assists with handing out toys, Thursday, Dec. 23, during their annual event; SUPD escorted one route and Los Pinos FD escorted the other route.





GRANT FUNDING

La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation approves \$118,754 in grants to local non-profits

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ROUND UP FOUNDATION

The La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board approved 38 grants in 2021 totaling \$118,754 for non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties. In 2020, the board approved 44 grants totaling \$115,785.

Recipients of the 2021 grants were 4Core, Animas High School, Aspire Medical Services, Bear Smart Durango, Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County, Cancer Coalition of Southwest Colorado, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration, Community Treehouse, Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center, Durango Botanical Gardens, Durango Meltdown, Durango Play-Fest, Durango Trails, ELHI Community Center, Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center, Friends of the San Juans, La Plata Search and Rescue, League of Women Voters, Merely Players, Music in the Mountains, Pagosa Play Place, Pine Riv-

er Valley Historical Society, Rainbow Housing Assistance Corporation, Ruby Sisson Memorial Library Foundation, Seed Studio, Seeds of Learning, Silver Spruce Academy, The Good Food Collective, Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County, Weasel Skinners 4-H Club, and the Wildfire Adapted Partnership.

Round Up Foundation grants are made possible, in part, by the generosity of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) members who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar. \$60,000 in unclaimed LPEA Capital Credits are also provided annually to the La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board, on behalf of the LPEA Board of Directors, to support these grants.

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms and more details are available at lpea.coop/grant-programs.

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign

up on SmartHub or at lpea.coop/round-foundation. The average LPEA member contribution is just \$6.00 annually. Members can also elect to donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits automatically.

Established in 1997, the La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation is a non-profit, community-support fund for organizations and individuals in LPEA's service territory. A local, eleven-member volunteer board reviews applications and allocates funds. 100% of the tax-deductible donations stay in the communities LPEA serves.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with 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 its approximately 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit lpea.coop.

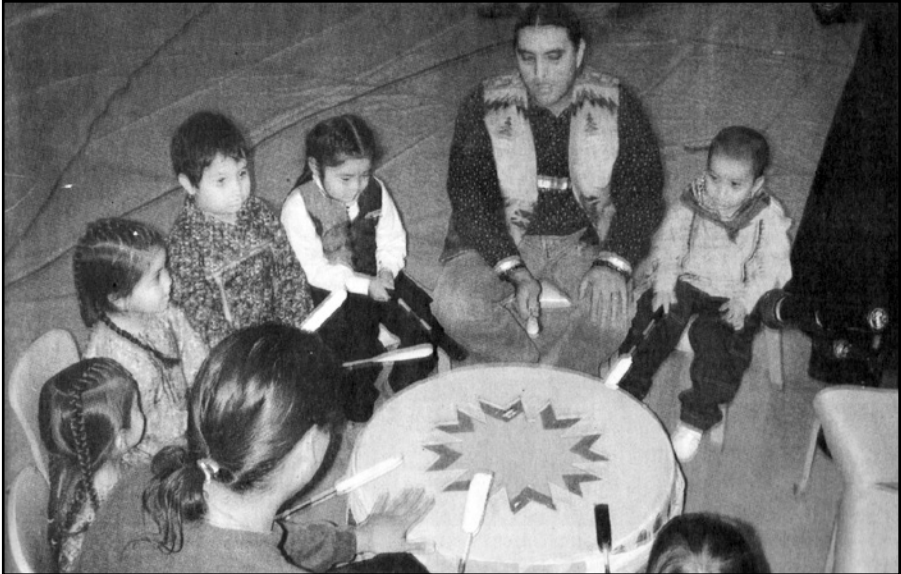


Ace Stryker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of the Ute Language 101 class gather for the final class of the year on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The students are flanked here by Professor Tom Givon (standing, far left) and Southern Ute Cultural Department Director Stacey Oberly, who helped coordinate the classes. Not pictured is the course's other teacher, Alden Naranjo.

This photo was first published in the Dec. 30, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Pictured are one of two drum groups from the Southern Ute Academy who delight the audience with its performance during the Tribal Christmas Program on Dec. 14, 2001 in the SunUte Community Center gymnasium. All drum groups were under the direction of academy counselor John Oberly.

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



SU Drum archive


40 years ago

Ronaldlyn Tiznado was the only entry for the 9-12-year-old Girls Traditional Contest at the Pre-Christmas Powwow held on Dec. 19, 1982.

This photo was published in the Jan. 1, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 30 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 30 years ago photo in the Jan.14, 2022 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



**Tribal Housing Department**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**  
Garry Fuls, Director  
Phone: 970-563-4710 – Fax 970-563-4832  
**INFORMATION HOTLINE (970) 563-4800**

**SNOW REMOVAL**  
**2021/2022**

**SNOW PLOWING – FOR SU TRIBAL MEMBERS – DRIVEWAY for HOME ACCESS – SU Campus – Live Stock:**  
The Tribe will make every attempt to plow snow quickly and properly. **The order of priority is: 1<sup>st</sup>) Dialysis Patients; 2<sup>nd</sup>) the Disabled or Frail Elders;** and, 3<sup>rd</sup>) Tribal Member Elders. **Snow plowing for all other Tribal Members is performed by dividing plow routes into designated areas shown below.** Snow plowing will begin when snow accumulation is over **five (5) inches**. Dialysis/the Disabled/Frail Elders snow shoveling will begin when snow accumulation is over three (3) inches. This service is provided to Southern Ute Membership only (No Rentals) Member must be living in residence. Please be patient during heavy snows, the drivers are making every attempt to get to you quickly.

**Construction Services Route: 563-0260**  
Cedar Point East and West, Cedar Point Townhomes, Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak, Town of Ignacio – Elders/ the Disabled, HWY 172 South from County Rd 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River, South of Bayfield to La Boca Allison & Arboles area.

**Custom Farm Route: 563-0220**  
Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

**Motor Pool Route: 563-0280**  
North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area Airport & Weasleskin.

**Forestry Fuels Crew: 563-4780**  
WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only)  
Shovel walkways for:  
1 – Dialysis Patients 2- Disabled/Frail. Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12" or more.

**BIA Route: 563-9484**  
BIA does not clear driveways: Roads include Ute Road, Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, Pow Wow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Avenue, Bear Dance Road, and North Ridge.

**Housing Authority Route: 563-4575**  
Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder: Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak's Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave, and Jefferson Drive.

**Grounds Maintenance: 563-0272**  
All campus parking areas: Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, Sun Ute, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, Election/Tribal Housing, Food Distribution, Parking lots, & Sidewalks.

**General Information:**  
During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please **move your vehicles** to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are Disabled or a Frail Elder and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the **Tribal Hotline at 563-4800.**

**Walkways – Snow Removal:**  
Snow removal from walkways will only be done for the **Disabled or Frail Elders** the order of priority is: **1<sup>st</sup>) Dialysis Patients; 2<sup>nd</sup>) the Disabled or Frail Elders.** If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact **Tribal Housing 563-4710.**

**Roof – Snow Removal:**  
Snow removal service from the roof of the home is for the **Disabled and Elders**. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates more than **twelve (12) inches** or to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. **Snow will ONLY be removed from areas where the crew can reach safely from the ground.** If you believe you need this service, please contact **Construction Services Division 563-0260.**

**Livestock – Snow Plowing:**  
Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35.00 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35.00 per hour for the first hour and then \$30.00 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

**Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes or any other item out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows.**

**Note: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority Only:** Please contact department to notify them of **early morning** doctor appointments.



**TRAVEL ADVISORY**

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







# A New Year’s Day tradition continues



Jenny Gummertsall/SU Drum archive

Participants of the Buckskin Family’s annual “Spiritual Walk for Alcohol Free American Indian Communities” walk on County Road 321 on the morning of Jan. 1, 2000. Each year since 1990, a mile was added, making the walk a 20-mile trek on the Y2K New Year’s morning.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive  
The youngest of the walkers, and most energetic, Sinaav Larry holds the staff of his late grandfather, Saa-swanis Hiswaqs (Robert) Buckskin.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Mother Nature greeted about 15 walkers who braved the minus 20-degree weather to bring in the New Year for the “Saa-swanis Hiswaqs” Memorial New Year’s Sobriety Walk on Jan. 1, 2011. Ooclu Buckskin takes a short break during the 10-mile route on County Road 172 with daughter Mamakwa Valdez.



Jenny Gummertsall/SU Drum archive

Dedicated walkers were encouraged to walk for sobriety during the inclement weather. In the photo (left to right): Morgan Blue, Adriano Buckskin, Cindy Winder, Natahnee Winder, Fionne Cuch and Tanaya Winder.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Community members of Ignacio began New Year’s Day with a walk and prayers. The 5-mile route began from the Southern Ute Veteran’s Park and proceeded north on HWY 151, and back along CR 516 and 517 to Ignacio. The walkers of the New Year’s Sobriety Walk stop to offer prayers and pose for a quick photo before heading south on CR 517 back to Ignacio.

***Spanning decades, the New Year’s Sobriety Walk became a tradition. First started by Saa-swanis Hiswaqs (Robert) Buckskin in 1990, and although the winter months proved to be treacherous with frigid temperatures, walkers still made the trek. Upon the passing of Robert Buckskin in 2005, the walk continued in his honor, with various family members, friends and supporters picking up the tradition and continuing to bring in the new year in a good way.***

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**HERITAGE PERFORMERS**

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



SU DRUM | McKayla Lee

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


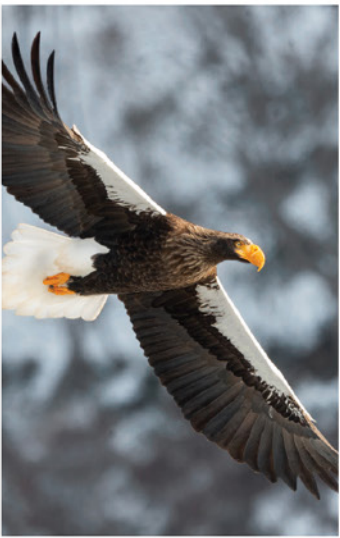
If a want to be added to our roster of available dancers, please contact: Maria Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator, and specify which styles you dance. 970-563-2988 | mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov

Design by RJ

◆ **HAPPY NEW YEAR** ◆

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SPIRITUAL WALK**

**2022 - 2022 - 2022 - 2022 - 2022**



**8:00 a.m. - Veterans Park**

**DRESS WARM AND COMFY!**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

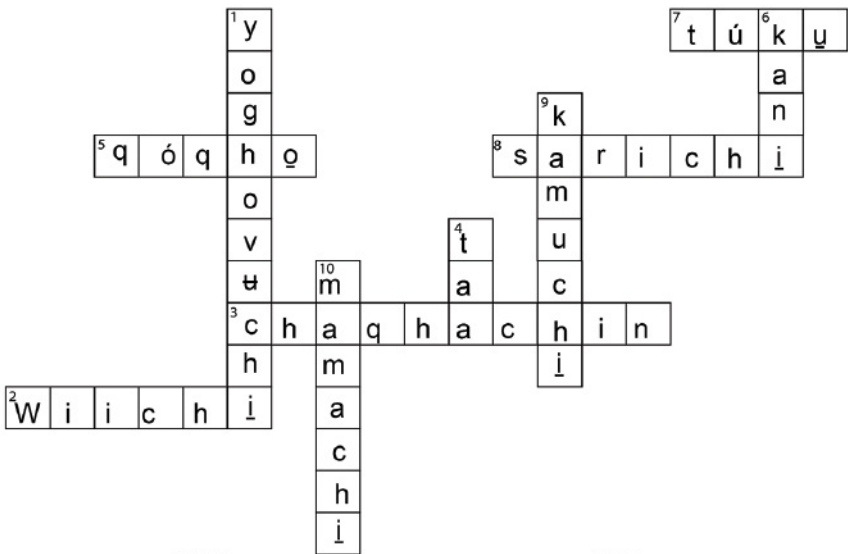
**O'olcah Buckskin: Obuckskin@gmail.com**

**Daisy Bluestar: (970)553-0662**





Ute Crossword Puzzle



- Across

2.) an object you cut with

3.) this person is your younger male family member

5.) it's part of the reptile family; often mistaken for rattlesnakes

7.) it purrs

8.) a family pet that wags its tail
- Down

1.) an animal with yellow eyes and known for his tricks

4.) clothing worn regularly

6.) where one lives

9.) an animal with big ears and hops; it is a relative to the rabbit

10.) a person that would be considered the backbone of their family

Ute Culture Puzzle Answers

Answers to the Southern Ute Culture Department's Ute Puzzle published in the previous issue of the Drum!



Ryan Erickson/History Colorado

Members of the Ute Indian communities of Colorado and Utah celebrated the opening of the Written on the Land: Ute Voices, Ute History exhibit in Denver with a round dance. Exhibits at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose and History Colorado Center in Denver were co-created through 13 face-to-face consultations with representatives of the three Ute Tribes. Hundreds of Ute people traveled from Fort Duchesne, Utah, Ignacio, Colo., and Towaoc, Colo., to honor and celebrate the exhibit openings.

HISTORY COLORADO

Colorado's Urban Indian Experience

Share your experience with us

Staff report  
HISTORY COLORADO

Colorado is home to Indigenous people from over 200 tribal nations including Cheyenne, Arapaho, Lakota, Navajo, Kiowa, Ute, and many others.

The 2010 Census documented 56,010 people identifying as American Indian / Alaska Native living in Colorado. 46,395 of those individuals were living in the Denver metro and Colorado Springs areas. Furthermore, 104,464 people identified as American Indian / Alaska Native alone or mixed with one or more other ethnic groups living in Colorado.

In an effort to document and preserve the histories around relocation and resilience, Colorado's Urban Indian Experience project is a collaborative endeavor between History Colorado and Indigenous communities

where the communities will guide what they share. The primary goals include meeting with Indigenous peoples throughout urban areas of Colorado. The archive -- including oral histories, photographs and other items -- will be available to anyone interested in Colorado's Urban Indian communities. It will offer a way to amplify and preserve these stories for future generations.

Do you have stories around you or your family members moving to Denver or other urban areas? Where did your family move from and what were the impacts? What is something you wish others in the community could hear through your own telling?

If you would like to share your story. Copies of photographs, family papers, or objects that may help highlight your story are also welcome. Questions? Contact us at Cu-

rator@state.co.us

Colorado's Urban Indian Experience is a continuation of ongoing community engagement by History Colorado. Our relationships are long-standing, and the result of community work including exhibits, advisory groups, collaboration on a National Science Foundation funded STEM grant with the Ute Tribes, and the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the Colorado State Process. For more information on our NAGPRA Program.

Tribal collaboration is also highlighted in the Written on the Land: Ute Voices, Ute History exhibit at History Colorado.

New projects with Colorado's urban Indian communities will also include in-depth consultations and celebrations.

Attention

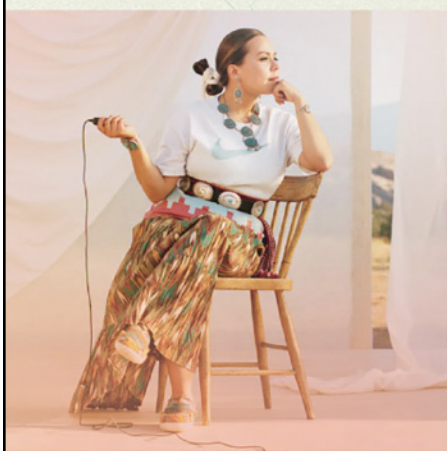
In 2019, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe passed Resolution No. 2019-121 which established the official writing system of the Southern Ute Tribe.



As the Tribe transitions to the official orthography, staff from the Cultural Preservation Department are available to assist Tribal Members and staff with updating their written material to the current system.

For more information, please contact  
Cultural Preservation Department  
at 970-563-2983 | sthompson@southernute-nsn.gov

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Bring on the black-eyed peas for good luck in the New Year!

By Lisa Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Black-eyed peas are a traditional New Year’s dish served in the South. They represent prosperity.

Black-eyed peas are from the legume family, one cup contains 11g fiber and 13g of protein! They are a great source of numerous vitamins and minerals including several B Vitamins, Copper, Iron, Magnesium and Zinc.

So, to me, they also provide good health along with (we hope) good luck and prosperity! Enjoy!



courtesy the Hungry Hutch

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

Black-eyed Peas

- Ingredients**
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 onion, diced
  - 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 1 teaspoon dried thyme (or sub with rosemary, parsley, or sage)
  - 8 cups water or broth
  - 2 cups dried black-eyed peas, soaked overnight then rinsed
  - 1 ham hock (optional)
  - Salt and pepper to taste

- Directions**
1. Heat olive oil in large pan over medium heat.
  2. Add onions, sauté for 5 minutes.
  3. Add garlic and thyme, stir to combine.
  4. Add water, black eyed peas, bring to a boil.
  5. Reduce heat (add ham hock if using) and simmer for about 45 minutes to 1 hour or until peas are tender, stirring occasionally. Skim any foam from the surface as it cooks. Add more water/ broth as needed.
  6. Season with salt and pepper.
  7. Serve with sautéed greens (collard, mustard, or turnip) and cornbread. Yum.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: New Year 2022 – End the Stigma!

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The 2022 New Year, and new beginnings! This past year, you or someone you know might have had a year of some ups, downs, grieving, births, deaths, love, break-ups, and even sickness or wellness. I’m sure we are not alone when we say mental health has been on the forefront of everyone’s minds. Mental health has been talked about, advertised, and promoted more now than we’ve seen in years. Although the reasons why it’s been promoted so vastly (COVID-19, drug pandemic, politics, and social dilemmas, etc.) might not be great, there is some good coming out of all of this.

We are recognizing and understanding just how important mental health is to our lives and the quality of life we want to live. People are also looking out for one another more often and taking trainings to recognize if someone might be experiencing a mental health crisis like severe depression, panic attacks, or suicidal thoughts. The world is showing up to help mankind survive these harsh past couple of years and we want to share some tips on how you can help yourself, your family, friends, and community – End the Stigma!

Steps you can take to End the Stigma.

According to the Mayo Clinic, here are seven ways you can help End the Stigma around mental health illness.

1. Get treatment. You may be reluctant to admit you need treatment. Don’t let the fear of being labeled with a mental illness prevent you from seeking help. Treatment can provide relief by identifying life issues and re-

- ducing symptoms that interfere with your work and personal life.
2. Don’t let stigma create self-doubt and shame. Stigma doesn’t just come from others. You may mistakenly believe that your condition is a sign of personal weakness or that you should be able to control it without help. Seeking counseling, educating yourself about your condition, and connecting with others who have mental illness can help you gain self-esteem and overcome destructive self-judgment.
3. Don’t isolate yourself. If you have a mental illness, you may be reluctant to tell anyone about it. Your family, friends, clergy, or members of your community can offer you support if they know about your mental illness. Reach out to people you trust for the compassion, support and understanding you need.
4. Don’t equate yourself with your illness. You are not an illness. So instead of saying “I’m bipolar,” say “I have bipolar disorder.” Instead of calling yourself “a schizophrenic,” say “I have schizophrenia.”
5. Join a support group. Some local and national groups, such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), offer local programs and internet resources that help reduce stigma by educating people who have mental illness, their families, and the public. Some state and federal agencies and programs, such as those that focus on vocational rehabilitation and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), offer support for people with mental illness.
6. Get help at school. If

you or your child have a mental illness that affects learning, find out what plans and programs might help. Discrimination against students because of a mental illness is against the law, and educators at primary, secondary and college levels are required to accommodate students as best they can. Talk to teachers, professors or administrators about the best approach and resources. If a teacher doesn’t know about a student’s disability, it can lead to discrimination, barriers to learning, and poor grades.

7. Speak out against stigma. Consider expressing your opinions at events, in letters to the editor or on the internet. It can help instill courage in others facing similar challenges and educate the public about mental illness.

For more information, please feel free to check out this article at: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/mental-illness/in-depth/mental-health/art-20046477>

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division and Native Connections Program would also like to add one more suggestion:

8. Get training! Take an Adult or Youth Mental Health First Aid Training or Question, Persuade, Refer training or something equivalent. These trainings are called gatekeeper trainings to help the public assist someone who might be experiencing a mental health illness or crisis. Think of this like first aid and CPR - we try to be prepared if someone falls, hurts themselves, or goes into cardiac arrest, right? Well, these trainings are kind of similar in that we try to be prepared if someone is experiencing a mental health illness or crisis. If you are interested in taking a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training or QPR training, please reach out to Precious Collins with the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 970-563-5700 to sign up for the next available training.

If you need to talk to someone, please reach out. It’s okay not to feel okay. If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.



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SCHEDULE	LOCATION
<b>6:30-7:30pm</b>   Praise & Worship and Lesson or Testimony	Ignacio Community Church
<b>7:30-8:30pm</b>   Small Group Sharing	405 Browning Avenue Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information contact Teresa Bagdol at 970.779.8133 or [tmmscox@yahoo.com](mailto:tmmscox@yahoo.com)

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

Mental Wellness Tips!

**Soften your expectations.**

Bringing awareness to your expectations and if they are healthy is key. A good tip is to ask yourself what your expecting from the situation, look for positives you already have and don't be too hard on yourself if things don't go as planned.

**Reserve some time for yourself.**

Brief solitude can be good for our mental wellness. Take sometime for yourself, treat yourself to your favorite meal, movie, tea, and/or book. Take that stroll in the park. Go get that massage!

**Imperfect moments are okay.**

The holidays look different for everyone and can shift depending on what season of life we are in. It is o.k. if you're holiday looks different than others and it is o.k. if it doesn't look like it has looked in the past. Remember to take extra care of yourself and reach out to the Behavioral Health team if you need help with how to do this. We are here to help!

**Recovery support system!**

This can be a challenging time if you are in recovery from substance abuse. If you feel comfortable reaching out to one person to support you during this time, tell them about how it may impact you. If you need some support for the Holidays, please reach out to the Behavioral Health team or check out the resources online such as Recovery Centers Of America.

**Stay connected to yourself & others.**

You may have some time off during this holiday break. Take some time to get some rest, and be mindful of how you are spending your time when you are not in school/work. Have fun with friends in healthy ways, be creative, move your body, and stay in touch.

Brought to by:  
Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division  
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](mailto: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.



## SunUte: Appreciation luncheon



Byron and Etta Frost, view the new collection of metal prints in the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Dec. 17 before attending SunUte's Appreciation Luncheon.



SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth welcomes and thanks all past Tribal Council members and Executive Officers during the 20-Year Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 17.

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



Council Members, Linda Baker and Ramona Eagle catch up with former Tribal Council member Vida Peabody at SunUte's 20 Year Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 17.

## SunUte: Halls of history



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth and Assistant Property and Facilities Manager, Kelsey Frost give a small tour to Multi-Purpose Facilities Operations Manager, Elise Redd on Friday, Dec. 17 to show a new installation of over 20 metal prints, which displays Southern Ute tribal history from the late 1800's to present. In conjunction with SunUte's 20th year anniversary celebration, the metal prints also detail the history of SunUte Community Center and importance of sports and exercise within the community.




### Your safety is our top priority

If you see a crime, report it! If you need help, call Southern Ute Police Department at (970) 563.4401 or by dialing 9-1-1.



## Cold Weather

### Cold Weather Can Kill

Cold weather is more than just an inconvenience. It can be dangerous and even deadly. Luckily, our bodies have a number of ways of signaling that cold temperatures are creating dangerous conditions, and we know the steps to take to keep a cold-weather tragedy from happening.

#### FROSTBITE

Frostbite comes from exposure to extremely cold temperatures. It's usually associated with fingers and toes, but also is common on ears, noses, cheeks and chins. It is a serious injury that can lead to permanent tissue damage and amputation.

The first sign of frostbite is unusual skin redness. If exposure to cold continues, numbness sets in, and the skin may turn white or gray-looking and feel waxy or unusually firm. You might not even realize you have frostbite because the area is numb.

#### FROSTBITE DO'S AND DON'TS

- **DO** seek medical care immediately. Frostbite is a serious injury.
- **DO** get into a warm room and immerse the affected area in lukewarm water (99-104° F or 37-40° C) for 20 to 30 minutes only if medical care will be delayed and if there is no danger of the skin refreezing.
- **DO** remove wet clothing and constricting items, and protect between fingers and toes with dry gauze.
- **DO** warm the extremity with your own body heat: for example, hold frostbitten fingers under your arm.
- **DO** protect and elevate the affected area.
- **DON'T** rub the frostbitten area with snow.
- **DON'T** massage the frostbitten area or walk on frostbitten toes to avoid further tissue damage.
- **DON'T** use a heating pad, heat lamp, hot water or other high-temperature heat sources to warm the skin.
- **DON'T** use chemical warmers directly on frostbitten tissue.

#### HYPOTHERMIA DO'S AND DON'TS

- **DO** take the victim's temperature and if it is 95°F or below, get medical attention immediately.
- **DO** get the victim into a warm room and give warm, nonalcoholic beverages. Don't give beverages if the victim is unconscious.
- **DO** remove wet clothing.
- **DO** warm the center of the victim's body first — head, neck and torso — with an electric blanket, layers of blankets, or skin-to-skin contact.



#### HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is caused by prolonged exposure to low temperatures or cold water. Hypothermia can start in temperatures as high as 40°F if you are chilled from rain, sweat or being submerged in water. Your internal body temperature gets too low because your body loses heat faster than it can be produced. When your body temperature gets too low, your brain is affected, and you may not be able to think clearly or move well. This is especially dangerous because you might be unable to make good decisions about getting out of the situation that is causing hypothermia. Other signs of hypothermia are bright red, cold skin, shivering, exhaustion, drowsiness, memory loss and slurred speech.

- **DON'T** rub or massage the victim's skin. Be very gentle when handling the victim.
- **DON'T** assume an unconscious victim is dead. If the victim is unconscious and appears not to have a pulse or be breathing, call emergency medical services and give CPR while the victim is being warmed. Victims of hypothermia are often successfully resuscitated.

For both of these injuries, it's often a co-worker or family member who notices something is wrong before you do. Don't be afraid to say, "You look bright red, let's get out of this weather for a bit" or "Can we go somewhere warm? My toes feel numb." That's how we can keep each other safe from frostbite and hypothermia.

Visit [nsc.org/members](https://nsc.org/members) for more safety tips

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Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu at least five (5) working days before the event.





courtesy La Plata Electric Association

This is Colorado’s first vehicle-to-grid (V2G) enabled – electric school bus. Electric school buses have big batteries and are parked for most of the day, making them an ideal use case for V2G technology. When fully charged, the bus stores enough electricity to power 30 average single-family homes, or 100 energy-efficient homes, for a few hours.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Durango School District and LPEA launch Colorado’s first vehicle-to-grid enabled electric school bus

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Durango School District 9-R and La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) recently launched the area’s first electric – and Colorado’s first vehicle-to-grid (V2G) enabled – school bus. In February 2021, District 9-R was awarded a grant of \$328,803 through the Regional Air Quality Council’s (RAQC) ALT Fuels Colorado program. Augmented with \$120,000 from LPEA to cover electric charging infrastructure, the project is groundbreaking.

“This is a really cutting-edge project, not just for this area but for the whole state,” said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. “V2G installations are the future because they enable our grid to operate with a higher degree of flexibility. This technology will enable big cost savings by allowing LPEA to avoid the purchase of expensive on-peak power while aligning the charging of the bus with times of less expensive renewable generation.”

The bus will service the area south of Durango, supporting students attending Escalante, Florida Mesa, and Sunnyside. It will travel roughly 75 miles per day on a standard route but will have enough charge to travel 150 to 200 miles if needed. When empty, the bus takes three to four hours to charge its 155-kWh battery fully.

As the first V2G installation in Colorado, the bus will use Nuvve Holding Corp.’s (Nuvve’s) V2G platform to pull electricity from the grid to charge and store energy during inexpensive off-peak hours. It will also allow LPEA to pull electricity from the vehicle to the grid when demand is at its peak. This technology transforms the bus into an energy storage asset that provides flexibility and can help reduce costs for



courtesy La Plata Electric Association

By running an electric bus, Durango School District 9-R, will produce savings on ever-rising fuel costs. The district could save an estimated \$5,000 annually based on last year’s fuel prices. The electric bus will also reduce emissions, improving regional air quality.

LPEA’s members.

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“LPEA is setting an example for other co-ops in the state of Colorado with their commitment to bring new solutions that help benefit their members and community,” said Gregory Poilasne, chairman and CEO of Nuvve. “We have enjoyed working closely with LPEA to introduce our V2G solution to Durango, the first of its kind in Colorado, and look forward to a long partnership with them.”

For Durango School District 9-R, running an electric bus will produce savings on ever-rising fuel costs. The district could save an estimated \$5,000 annually based on last year’s fuel prices. The electric bus will also reduce emissions. Even with the many improvements the district has made on its diesel buses to reduce emissions, the electric bus does not produce any emissions at all.

“I am very excited about the electric bus being added to the fleet,” says Daniel Blythe, Director of Transportation for Durango School District 9-R. “We are grateful for the partnership with LPEA on this project and the grant funding we received to bring this new technology to our area and to continue to reduce our carbon footprint.”

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani po’okwatu - Eagle’s Nest

By Mari Jo Owens  
SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI  
INDIAN ACADEMY

From all of us at SUIMA and the Education Department, we wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

May your children bring you joy, your food be delicious, and the snow provide hours of sledding.

Be looking for SUIMA to begin hosting Family Nights in January.



Photo: Some of the SUIMA Early Childhood/Primary students get ready to sing during their “Live Stream” show which aired, Monday, Dec. 20.

Upcoming events

- Dec. 20-31: Christmas Break
- Jan. 3, 2022: Students Return to School
- Jan. 17, 2022: Dr. Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Jan. 25, 2022: Parent Advisory Group meeting 6 – 7 p.m.
- Monday evenings: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Eagle Wing Drum Group practice
- Month of January: Winter benchmark testing for K-6 graders

We wish you a safe holiday!

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP

Do not leave valuables visible in your car. Keep car windows and doors locked and place shopping bags in the trunk.

Southern Ute Police Dispatch - (970) 563-4401

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:



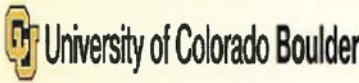
- Corporations & Business Law
- Property
- Civil Procedure
- Copyright & Trademark
- Criminal Law in Practice
- Family Law & Learning by Doing



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



SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Join LPEA's virtual information session on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for more information.

More details at [lpea.coop/scholarships](https://lpea.coop/scholarships)

LPEA





COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# Winter shutdown for US 160 McCabe Creek culvert project in Pagosa Springs

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

A planned winter shut-down is now in place for the McCabe Creek culvert replacement project on US 160 in the town of Pagosa Springs. The planned shut-down is necessary to keep the traveling public and crews safe during winter weather conditions.

During the 2021 construction season, crews worked on the replacement of aged metal culverts with new pre-cast concrete box culverts under US 160 at San Juan/Main Street and S. 6th Street. Additionally, riprap lined drainage improvements were worked on to help establish a new downstream channel, allowing for better drainage along the road. Approximately 30% of the work was completed during this first phase of work.

## Project Schedule And Travel Impacts During Shutdown

- All lanes (two west-bound, two east-bound) will be open to free-flowing traffic on US 160 at the



courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

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project site. All traffic control devices (cones and barrels) have been picked up for the winter season.

- 6th St. will remain closed for one block from US 160 to S. 5th St. during the winter shutdown and for the duration of the project.

## Project Activity Next Season

- Work will start back up in the spring of 2022 and is expected to be completed by September 2022.
- When work starts back up in the spring of

2022, crews will complete the north half of the box culvert.

- Other work will include concrete work, lighting, guardrail and erosion control including seeding, mulching, and tree/bush planting.

## Project Contact Information

- Hotline – 970-507-3740
- Email – US160PagosaCulverts@gmail.com
- Website – [www.codot.gov/projects/us160-mc-cabe-creek-culverts-pagosa/about](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us160-mc-cabe-creek-culverts-pagosa/about)

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# CDOT calls for New Year, new habits with last DUI enforcement of the year

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

As Coloradans begin writing their New Year's resolutions, the Colorado Department of Transportation asks people to leave one behavior behind: impaired driving. Over one-third of fatalities on Colorado roads involved an impaired driver in 2021. Therefore, the Colorado State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies will continue their efforts to keep impaired drivers off the roads with The Heat Is On New Year's Eve enforcement period from Dec. 30 to Jan. 2.

In addition to ride hailing services or calling a sober friend, there are plenty of additional resources made available during the holidays for people to get home safely.

The American Automobile Association (AAA), in partnership with Lyft, will continue its Tow-to-Go program through the New Year's Eve holiday, concluding Jan. 3, 2022. Having launched during the week of Thanksgiving, the free-of-charge service transports impaired drivers and tows their vehicles to safer locations within a 10-mile radius — designed as a last-resort safety net. The identity of those who use the service is kept confidential to encourage Coloradans to use this as an alternative to driving impaired. For more information, visit <https://aaa.com/towtogo>.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) will

once again partner with Molson Coors to encourage Denver residents and visitors to celebrate responsibly this New Year's Eve. Coors Light Free Rides will be available on all RTD bus and rail routes — as well as Access-a-Ride, FlexRide and SkyRide services — from 7 p.m. Dec. 31 through 7 a.m. Jan. 1. The 2022 New Year's Eve holiday marks the 13th year of this partnership. RTD customers can plan trips and find route and schedule information at <https://www.rtd-denver.com/>.

"New Year's Eve marks the end of the holiday season, and brings the promise of a great year ahead," said Col. Matthew Packard, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Let's start the new year with a renewed focus on caring for one another. Families and friends can ensure that there is a sober driver, a ride share, or a safe place to stay if someone they love is impaired. Let's make 2022 the year that impaired driving becomes history."

Several law firms statewide such as The Sawaya Law Firm and The Lux Law Firm will help cover the cost of a cab, Uber or Lyft for those needing a safe ride home. It's as easy as sending your ride receipt to the firm to get reimbursed for all or a portion of the ride. For specific program details, visit <https://www.sawaya-law.com/cab-program/> and <https://theluxlawfirm.com/free-holiday-cab-ride/>.

"The issue of impaired

driving dates back decades, yet year-to-year, we still see innocent lives taken by the choice to drive under the influence," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Ling. "In order for everyone to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones this year, drivers must take responsibility and seek an alternative ride if they plan to drink alcohol or consume cannabis."

CDOT's "Ultimate Party Host" campaign offered \$13,000 in Uber ride credits statewide as a resource for people to get to their destination safely. CDOT is reminding all Coloradans who have claimed the promotion to redeem their credits before they expire on Jan. 3.

For yearly impaired-driving crash and fatality data in Colorado, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/crash-data-management/fatal-crash-data>. Information about DUI laws in Colorado can be found at [NoDUIColorado.org](http://NoDUIColorado.org). For trends involving impaired driving court cases, drug toxicology results and other impaired driving data, visit the Colorado Driving Under the Influence (DUI) dashboard at <https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-dui>.


Drivers may see sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Local law enforcement agency plans can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal>.

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

### INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE

when driving on icy or snowpacked roads.





## STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2.

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CONNECT. SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.



### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman Valdez will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT [KSUT.ORG](http://KSUT.ORG)



- ✓ Age 14–19?
- ✓ Ready to make a difference for Colorado youth?
- ✓ Join COYAC!

In 2008, the Colorado Legislature created the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) to "examine, evaluate and discuss the issues, interests, and needs affecting Colorado youth now and in the future, and to formally advise and make recommendations to elected officials regarding those issues" and to give Colorado's youth a voice in the lawmaking process.

COYAC consists of 40 youth members, including one voting member representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In 2021, state legislators accepted all of COYAC's policy ideas, and COYAC students are helping legislative staff draft bills for introduction at the 2022 legislative session at the State Capitol.

COYAC students commit to:

- Attend an in-person retreat in downtown Denver on October 9, 2021 (travel funding and assistance are available)
- Serve a two-year term through June 30, 2023 or until your 19th birthday
- Attend meetings (whether virtual or in-person)
- Fully participate in at least one student-led sub-committee. These committees work in between full COYAC meetings to accomplish the COYAC's goals of advising and providing recommendations to members of the Colorado Legislature
- Respond promptly to COYAC communications using assigned [SUIT@coyac.org](mailto:SUIT@coyac.org) email address
- Complete paperwork in a timely manner
- Communicate with students and youth organizations about youth-related issues

[www.coyac.org](http://www.coyac.org)   [director@coyac.org](mailto:director@coyac.org)


The Southern Ute Education Department,  
Public Education

# THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings



Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council  
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786  
[dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)





COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

\$300,000 in nonprofit recovery funding disbursed in SW Colo.

Staff report

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has disbursed \$300,000 in pandemic recovery grants through the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) to 91 nonprofits across Southwest Colorado. Organizations were eligible to apply during four rounds of granting, which concluded this month. Funding ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for each nonprofit. Grant amounts were based, in part, on organizational budget size and counties served. The average grant was approximately \$3,300 per organization.

The available recovery funding included \$150,000 designated from donations made by individuals to CERF, as well as a matching gift from an anonymous donor. The \$300,000 infusion



into the nonprofit sector will help community organizations manage some of the long-term negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was disbursed across Southwest Colorado, including \$38,000 to 12 nonprofits in Archuleta County, \$4,500 to one nonprofit in Dolores County, \$195,000 to 55 nonprofits in La Plata County, \$54,500 to 20 nonprofits in Montezuma County and \$8,000 to three nonprofits in San Juan County. All nonprofits that applied received funding.

These recovery grants bring the Community Foundation's total CERF grant-

ing since March 2020 to \$1.2 million.

"For almost two years we have been focusing on relieving some of the burdens facing nonprofits across our region," says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. "It has been daunting work at times and the rewards come as we witness the resiliency of many organizations stepping up to the challenges and continuing to meet the needs of our community."

To learn more about the Community Emergency Relief Fund visit [swcommunityfoundation.org/cerf](http://swcommunityfoundation.org/cerf).

STATE OF COLORADO

Senators urging HHS to help protect Colorado families this winter

Cost of home heating is estimated to increase by 30%

Staff report  
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR  
MICHAEL BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet joined U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.), U.S. Representative Katherine Clark (D-Mass.), and a group of their colleagues in a bicameral letter urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to address the ongoing energy crisis and its effect on families served by the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The cost of home heating is estimated to increase by 30% this winter, which is a level that has not been seen since 2014 and would

affect 61 million households that use natural gas for heat. As a consequence of these volatile prices, the purchasing power of appropriated LIHEAP funding could drop by as much as 30%.

Specifically, the program's value in available funding could decrease by \$1.14 billion from \$3.8 billion for regular appropriations and by \$1.35 billion from \$4.5 billion for stimulus funds. In their letter, Bennet and the lawmakers request information and timeline updates regarding implementation and eligibility for low-income families and funding needs for the HHS to fulfill its obligations.

"As the world economy

recovers from the pandemic, global energy markets are struggling to keep up with a surge in demand and prolonged supply shortages," wrote Bennet and the lawmakers. "For low-income families, these price increases are unsustainable and will force them to choose between heating their homes and other essentials like rent, food, or medicine. As state agencies and grantees prepare their winter programs, it is crucial that they have strong support from your department to assist low-income households."

The letter was also signed by 89 members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

### Emergency Broadband Benefit

Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

### What does it mean to be fully enrolled?

**Apply:**

**1** You've applied and been approved for the Emergency Broadband Benefit at [www.getemergencybroadband.org](http://www.getemergencybroadband.org)

**Contact Provider:**

**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](http://FCC.GOV/BROADBANDBENEFIT)

### 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.

### Multi-Purpose Facility December Senior Citizen Breakfast

**Wednesday January 5, 2022  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older

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

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

### MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY JANUARY SIP, CHAT & CHEW DINNER

**Friday January 14, 2022  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Enter the  
"Prettiest" Tortilla Contest  
win a prize**

**The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes,  
and their families, all ages are welcome**

**MPF will provide food**

**Door Prize donations and side dishes are welcome**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect  
Masks are required while indoors, (except while eating)  
Please social distance.**

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

### Multi-Purpose Facility January Events

**Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday January 5, 2022  
10:00 — 11:30 AM**

All Seniors 55 Years and older are invited

**Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday January 8, 2022  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

No cost to set-up and no admission - call to reserve your space

**Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch—Friday January 14, 2022  
11:30 AM—1:30 PM**

3 Ute Tribe members and their families—Prettiest Tortilla Contest

**Quilt Class—Tuesday And Thursday January 18 & 20, 2022  
10:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Moccasin Class—Tuesday and Thursday January 25 & 27, 2022  
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Space is limited—please sign-up to reserve our spot

Multi-Purpose Facility—256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 970- 563- 2640

### Multi-Purpose Facility January Indoor Yard Sale

**Saturday January 8, 2022  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee  
(Doors open at 8:00 AM)**

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 protocol in effect  
Masks are required for vaccinated and unvaccinated guests.

**256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**

**Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)**





courtesy SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Members, Lorelei Cloud (center) and Dr. Stacey Oberly (right) attending the Colorado River Water Users Association Conference.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Colorado River Water Users Association hosts conference in Nev.

Western tribes convene to discuss water rights

Staff Report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker and Council Members, Lorelei Cloud and Dr. Stacey Oberly spent the majority of the week in Las Vegas, Nev. attending the Colorado River Water Users Association Conference. Tribal leadership along the Colorado River, as well as federal officials, attended the weeklong meetings alongside the Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribes. The primary conference was held at Cesar's Palace and took place on Tuesday, Dec. 14. – Thursday, Dec. 16.

According to the CRWUA website, "The Colorado River Water Users Association is a non-profit, non-partisan organization providing a forum for exchanging ideas and perspectives on Colorado River use and management with the intent of developing and advocating common objectives, initiatives, and solutions."

"The main takeaway for me attending the 2021 conference, was realizing we have a lot of work to do," Council Member Lorelei Cloud said. "The waters



courtesy SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker attending the Colorado River Water Users Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

are at critical levels and we need the snowpack in the Upper Basin. Until we come to a consensus in the Upper Basin on how to manage the river, we will continue to be in this stage."

"Tribes have a large allocation in the river," Cloud stated. "We need to continue to use our voices to be included

in the decision-making. Our future generations are counting on us to make the best decision now – for them."

Over the past 75 years, the Colorado River Water Users Association has established itself as the most consequential and highest profile gathering of Colorado River stakeholders. To both celebrate and commemorate this achievement, CRWUA commissioned a historical report highlighting the association's evolution to become the most respected forum for discussing the full spectrum of opportunities and challenges involving the Colorado River.

More information can be found on the Colorado River Water Users Association website, including video recordings and presentations from this year's conference. <https://www.crwua.org/index.html>.



courtesy SU Council Affairs

Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manual Hart and Chairman of the Ute Indian Tribe Shaun Chapoose take part in the Colorado River Water Users Association Conference.



**We wish you a safe holiday!**

**HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP**

Carry only the cash and credit cards you need. Be aware of your surroundings and keep your personal belongings close.

 Southern Ute Police Dispatch - (970) 563-4401



# T'UUKRISMES

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS, TRIBAL STAFF, AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

PLEASE ENJOY THIS SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR WITH YOUR LOVED ONES.



**MY favorite HOLIDAY MEMORY IS...**

"ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES IS HANGING OUT AT MY GRANDMA ALMA BOX'S HOUSE AND BEING MESMORIZED BY THE LIGHTS OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND DECORATIONS AND ENJOYING THE SMELL OF HOMEMADE FOOD.

ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T RECEIVE MANY GIFTS, THERE WERE NO WORRIES IN THE WORLD WHILE AT MY GRANDMA'S HOUSE OVER THE HOLIDAYS."

- Chairman Melvin J. Baker



**ONE OF MY favorite HOLIDAY MEMORIES...**

"GROWING UP, MY FATHER USE TO TAKE MY SISTER, THERESA AND ME OUT TO GET A CHRISTMAS TREE. WE PUT ON OUR BOOTS, HEAVY JACKETS AND GLOVES WE WERE IN SEARCH OF THE RIGHT TREE FOR MY FATHER TO CUT DOWN. IT TOOK AWHILE, BUT WE ALWAYS FOUND ONE. LOADING UP THE TREE WAS EXCITING CAUSE WE KNEW DECORATING WOULD BE THE NEXT THING. AS WE FINISH THE DECORATING, WE WOULD SIT AROUND THE TREE AND ADMIRE IT."

- Vice Chairman Ramona Y. Eagle



**MY favorite HOLIDAY MEMORY IS...**

"GROWING UP, MY FAMILY WOULD GO TO SWEAT EVERY SUNDAY AT RED UTE'S HOUSE. DURING THE NEW YEAR WE WOULD GATHER AT HIS HOUSE FOR A POTLUCK AND TO PRAY AND SING IN THE NEW YEAR.

IT WAS A GERAT TIME, WITH GREAT PEOPLE HONORING OUR UTE TRADITIONS."

- Council Member Dr. Stacey I. Oberly



**ONE OF MY favorite HOLIDAY MEMORY IS...**

"I REMEMBER OUR HOLIDAYS WERE ALWAYS SPENT WITH FAMILY. WE WOULD SPEND OUR TIME AT MY GRANDMA DOLLY'S HOUSE PLAYING OUTSIDE WITH ALL THE COUSINS BUILDING FORTS AND IGLOOS. BACK IN THE DAY IT WOULD SNOW A LOT. WE WOULD PLAY OUT IN THE SNOW ALL DAY UNTIL IT GOT DARK. I REMEMBER MY PARENTS TAKING US TO GO ICE SKATING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS WHILE THEY COMPLETED THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING."

- Council Member Vanessa P. Torres



**MY favorite HOLIDAY MEMORY IS...**

"ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS IS EVERY YEAR MY UNCLE LEONARD-IYGAP WOULD BRING MY GRANDMOTHER AND US GIRLS A FRESH CHRISTMAS TREE. HE WOULD CUT IT DOWN AND FIX IT BEFORE HE BROUGHT IT INTO THE HOUSE.

THE SMELL OF THE TREE, SOMETIMES WITH SNOW STILL ON IT, AND THE EXCITEMENT MY GRANDMOTHER HAD WHEN SHE SAW THE TREE WAS SUCH A GREAT FEELING."

- Council Member Lorelei Cloud





# An Elementary Christmas



Ignacio Elementary School students sing a few Christmas songs, Thursday, Dec. 16.



Andre Baker was the narrator prior to a song performed by the Ignacio Elementary School students. Two other students also performed narrator duties during the evenings program.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



AhKeem Williams, playing the vibraslap, is flanked by Warren Whyte and CJ Maez as they perform "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious".

## Christmas art at DNR



photos Linda Moore/SU Natural Resources

The Division of Gaming packed the front doors of the Annex Building with "Peanuts" themed art for the Holiday Door Decoration Contest hosted by the Public Relations Department.



# BGC spreads joy throughout Ignacio



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

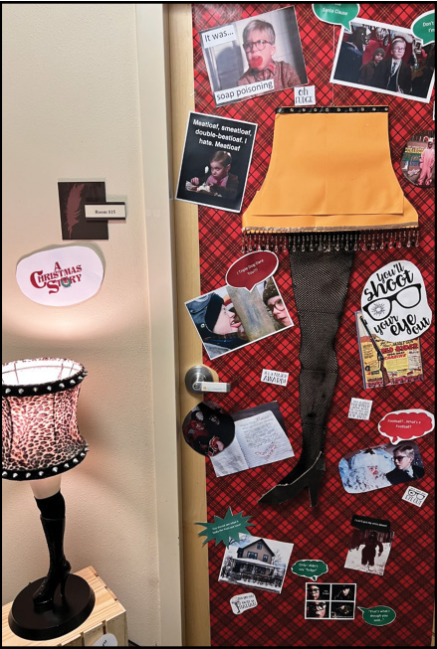
Edward Box III reprises the role of Santa Clause while delivering toys to the local community, Thursday, Dec. 23. Box is on the BGC Board of Directors, joining him are Robin Duffy-Wirth and Nathan Strong Elk — also members of the BGC Board of Directors.



Cassandra Sanchez/Boys & Girls Club

Santa and the Grinch — SUPD's own Nick Sanchez as Santa, and BGC's Dawrence Romero as the Grinch, Thursday, Dec. 23, during BGC's 6th annual Christmas Toy Drive.

## A-door-able Christmas



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Permanent Fund employees competed in the Holiday Door Decoration contest. One of the winners of the Holiday Door Decoration Contest was Lisa Smith of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness who did "A Christmas Story" themed door which even displayed a leg lamp.

The Southern Ute Health Center's COVID Lab got creative with what they are working with by creating a fun COVID informative door display, winning one of the top prizes in the Holiday Door Decoration Contest.

## Renew Your BGC Membership

Starting Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Southern Ute Tribal Members/  
First Descendants

Starting Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

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





CORNAVIRUS

SJBPH to launch ‘Junior Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge’

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce the Jr Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge. This challenge invites local youth to use their unique perspective and an artistic medium of their choosing to engage in peer-to-peer communication. This project aims to share scientific, trustworthy information about COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccines, address misinformation, and encourage dialogue.

Youth between the ages of 12-17 who reside in Archuleta and La Plata counties are eligible to participate in the Jr Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge. Participants can work individually or as part of a team. Participants will receive a \$100 gift card for completing an eligible project. Teams of three or more will receive a maximum of \$300 total in incentives.

Examples of projects include but are not limited to:

- A music video or song with lyrics in support of protecting the community, family mem-

bers and the vulnerable through vaccination for COVID-19

- An infographic or poster depicting factual information about vaccine development and safety
- A video sharing personal experiences with COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccine

The challenge period will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 28, and will wrap up with exhibitions later in the winter of 2022. Participants will start by identifying a parent or guardian representative and filling out a brief proposal for their project. Proposals will be accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 19, or until a maximum number of proposals are accepted. Therefore, participants are encouraged to submit their proposal early.

Final projects will be due via electronic submission by Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. Final projects will be shared online through contestant’s social media accounts as well as exhibitions in both counties.

This project is being sponsored by a generous Together We Protect Grant

offered by the Caring for Colorado Foundation.

For more information, visit SJBPH’s website at: [sjbpublichealth.org/jrheroeschallenge/](http://sjbpublichealth.org/jrheroeschallenge/). For questions about the Jr Heroes COVID-19 Vax Challenge please contact [covid-19vaccines@sjbpublichealth.org](mailto:covid-19vaccines@sjbpublichealth.org).

As a reminder, youth ages 5 through 17 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are now available for 16 and 17-year-olds who are six months past completing their initial vaccine series.

It is important that residents verify the Pfizer vaccine is being offered when signing up minors for COVID-19 vaccine appointments or walking into a clinic. Parents and guardians are required to provide consent for minors to be vaccinated.

The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. Families have options and are encouraged to either sign up for a community vaccination clinic, contact their pediatrician, or reach out to their preferred vaccine provider. Clinic and provider information is available on the SJBPH website.

CORNAVIRUS

Monoclonal Antibody treatment expanded in Pagosa Springs and Durango

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce that Pagosa Springs Medical Center, with the support of the State of Colorado, is expanding its monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19. Availability is Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, Dec. 27, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (last appointment at 4 p.m.). This expansion will allow for 15 appointments per day.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center is located at 95 S Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Patients with an appointment should check in at the Fasttrack Aspen Room Door, at the Northeast corner of the building. Details for the treatments at PSMC are as follows:

- Monday through Friday, ongoing, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last appointment at 4 p.m.). Eligible individuals can sign up for appointments at PSMC on a platform provided by CDPHE (see below for eligibility information). Questions about monoclonal antibody treatments at PSMC can be directed to 970-507-3756.

In addition, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s (CDPHE) mobile unit providing monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 has been extended in Durango through December 31st. 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), in the parking lot next to the COVID-19 community testing site, through December 31st. The hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 31 – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (last appointment at 4 p.m.) Eligible individuals can sign up for appointments in Durango on a platform provided by CDPHE. Questions about the mobile unit should be directed to CDPHE by calling 1-877-268-2926.

Treatment eligibility at the CDPHE mobile unit and at PSMC 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.

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.

“Now is a great time to consider your holiday plans and take precautions to keep

your loved ones safe,” Jol-lon continued. “A layered approach remains the best way to protect our community this holiday season, including COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, testing, face masks, regular handwashing, and limiting the number of social contacts. Remember that certain activities, such as singing or larger unmasked gatherings indoors, will increase the risk of spreading COVID-19.”

COVID-19 vaccination and testing resources are available through the holiday break. The community is advised to check the SJBPH website, as some hours are modified in observance of the holidays. The full schedule of vaccine clinics and providers is available online with convenient dates and times across both counties. Testing resources can also be located on SJBPH’s website. Residents ages five and up are encouraged to get vaccinated right away, and those 16 years and older should get their booster as soon as eligible.

More information about monoclonal antibody treatments, eligibility, and CDPHE’s mobile units is available on the CDPHE website. 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.

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, Jan. 7, from 3-6 p.m. 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](http://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0963291949)
- J&J (18+ Years): [www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9962194190](http://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9962194190)
- Moderna (18+ Years): [www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1412609979](http://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1412609979)
- Pedi Pfizer (5-11 Years): [www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9296901614](http://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9296901614)

## TESTING, TESTING, 1, 2, 3

### Symptoms?

- 1 Get tested.
- 2 Isolate.
- 3 Call your provider.

For a list of providers visit, [covid19.colorado.gov](http://covid19.colorado.gov)

Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, even if you’re vaccinated. Colorado has over 100 FREE community testing sites throughout the state. No insurance, identification, or a doctors note is required. Find a COVID-19 testing site near you: [covid19.colorado.gov/testing](http://covid19.colorado.gov/testing)

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

## PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES FROM COVID-19 THIS WINTER.

FOR VACCINE CLINICS, TESTING INFORMATION AND TREATMENT AVAILABILITY

USE YOUR CAMERA TO SCAN:

OR VISIT [HTTPS://SJBPUBLICHEALTH.ORG/CORONAVIRUS/](https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/) TODAY.

CONTACT 970-247-5702  
OR [COVID-19VACCINES@SJBPUBLICHEALTH.ORG](mailto:COVID-19VACCINES@SJBPUBLICHEALTH.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### Let’s Keep Our Tribal Community Safe!

## DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT

**January 24 & 25th**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center Parking Lot**

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate household members (including those who are not enrolled) and Tribal Caregivers. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members are also welcome to attend. Individuals are required to wear a face mask.

Tribal Elders and those who identify as high risk have priority from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. both days.

Testing will be open to tribal staff and the community both days!

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. Southern Ute Health Center Staff will contact individuals who test positive. If your test is negative, you will not receive a call reporting your test results.

## Southern Ute Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids!

Kids ages 5 to 11 years and older are eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine today!

Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and IHS Beneficiaries will have priority when scheduling an appointment.

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





EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2, 2021  
THE TRIBE MOVES TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2

Personal Gathering	Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
No greater than 20	Up to 50% 75 Max	Up to 50% 100 Max



To find a list of the approved activities, please go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website, Tribal Council social media, and the Southern Ute Drum.

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



BOOSTER DOSES NOW RECOMMENDED

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

You should get a booster dose if you:

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

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

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



GO GET A BOOSTER DOSE TODAY!

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



CORONAVIRUS

Omicron in the United States

Staff report  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

CDC is working with state and local public health officials to monitor the spread of Omicron. As of December 20, 2021, Omicron has been detected in most states and territories and is rapidly increasing the proportion of COVID-19 cases it is causing.

**Omicron Data and Potential Spread:** CDC is expecting a surge of COVID-19 cases in the coming days to weeks. Learn more about Omicron variant surveillance and potential rapid spread.

**What We Know about Omicron:** CDC has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about

Omicron, as we continue to monitor its course. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.

**Spread:** The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily Omicron spreads compared to Delta remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.

**Severe Illness:** More data are needed to know if Omicron infections, and especially reinfections and breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated, cause more severe illness or death than infection

with other variants.

**Vaccines:** Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

**Treatments:** Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic make-up of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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

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



Visit loved ones if you are sick



Visit non-household members in a congregated care setting



Discontinue use of face coverings when required



Discontinue social distancing



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Care for Family & Pets



Buy groceries or household supplies



Obtain medical supplies



Engage in banking



Go to work or get things from work



Exercise or engage in non-group activities



Get or buy educational supplies



Maintain or buy things for the household

4 things you can do to help protect yourself from Omicron:

1. Get vaccinated
2. Get boosted
3. Wear a mask in public indoor settings
4. Consider taking a test before you gather



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



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## Lee embarks on new adventure



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Drum Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley and TIS Administrative Assistant, Samantha Maez wrap Reporter/Photographer, McKayla Lee in a Pendleton Blanket during a small going-away reception on Monday, Dec. 20 in the Buckskin Charley Conference Room. Lee has worked at the Drum for four years and plans on pursuing a double major in Journalism and Native American Studies at the University of Montana in Missoula in the spring of 2022.

Southern Ute Council Member, Marge Barry gives McKayla Lee a hug and a handshake, wishing her the best on her future endeavors and thanking Lee for her years of service as an employee with The Southern Ute Drum newspaper. The farewell reception was held, Monday, Dec. 20.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

## Romero retires from Clean Team



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal employee, Fred Romero is wrapped in a Pendleton blanket by Custodial Services Supervisor, Jess Baidwan on Tuesday, Dec. 28 during a small reception at the Buckskin Charley Conference Room. Staff members from the Southern Ute Tribe's Clean Team gathered in celebration of Fred Romero and his retirement from the Property and Facilities Management department. Romero has been with the Clean Team for 12 years.




## Southern Ute Fair September 9 - 11, 2022

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

Come practice your craft and get ideas for your entry!

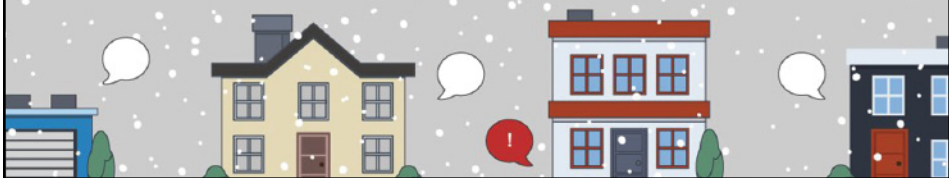
For more information contact:  
Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306  
Harvey Frost, III., 970-563-2983

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marissa Olguin (3) patiently dribbles the ball around the perimeter, shadowed by Bayfield's Alaysia Kremer (32) during varsity action Fri., Dec. 17, inside BHS Gymnasium. IHS won the game 57-16.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Bobcats bomb Bayfield, 57-16

IHS hovering at .500 entering holidays

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Minus Monika Lucero, the Lady Bobcats certainly did their injured senior guard proud Friday, Dec. 17, at the expense of none other than Pine River Valley neighbors — Bayfield. Getting three-pointers from both junior guard Laci Brunson and freshman guard Marissa Olguin, plus six of junior forward/center Harmony Reynolds' game-high 19 points, Ignacio not only outscored the hosting Lady Wolverines 19-0 during the second quarter, but tore open what had been a two-point game, 8-6, after a slow-played first frame and never looked back in winning 57-16 away.

“The information I got was that she tore her other [her left] Achilles,” first-year head coach Tony Gomez said, briefly addressing Lucero's condition. “You know, she's with us. Wherever we go ... always, she's with us.”

“We worked hard and just let the girls' hard work, you know, pay dividends,” he continued, speaking on his squad's effort inside BHS Gymnasium. “To be disciplined and stick together, be patient ... That's what we were looking for tonight,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto leaps past Bayfield's Abby Tate (3) and Michelle Kirk (20) for a shot during varsity action Fri., Dec. 17, inside BHS Gymnasium. Nanaeto totaled 11 points, seven rebounds and six steals, helping IHS prevail 57-16.

patience and discipline.” Aggressive on the glass, Reynolds also pulled down a reported 12 rebounds for a confidence-building double-double. Senior Avaleena Nanaeto totaled 11 points, while Brunson and sophomore guard

Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga also reached double figures offensively with 10 points each as IHS (3-3, 0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) could realistically have attacked from any angle.

Lady Bobcats page 20



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Tyler Barnes inverts, and pins, Saguache Mountain Valley's Mason Armenta during 170-pound division action Sat., Dec. 18, at the John Mall-hosted Pete & Ina Gomez Invitational in Walsenburg. Barnes would place second at the weight.

BOBCATS BOYS WRESTLING

Wrestlers wow 27-team Walsenburg tourney

Heavyweight Roderick takes division title

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having exerted himself fully against a heavy-weight-division semifinals opponent visibly outweighing him, and who'd conquered the previous weekend's Rob Mickel Invitational in Salida, Jeremy Roderick had to dig even deeper still if he wanted to do likewise Sat., Dec. 18, at the Pete & Ina Gomez Invitational in Walsenburg.

Somehow able to stand his ground and show just enough aggression to defeat 2A La Veta's Chris Williams 4 to 1, Ignacio's senior could have called it a successful day regardless of how he fared in the finale against 4A Monument Palmer Ridge's Jaxson Edwards. But after seeing fellow Bobcats Keaton McCoy and Tyler Barnes both denied — at 145 and 170 pounds, respectively — tourney titles, Roderick resigned himself to guaranteeing IHS wouldn't leave town without something major to show for a positive performance.

Somewhat ‘punching’ above his poundage, Roderick impressed all in attendance by pinning Edwards 1 minute, 39 seconds into the second period — completing a 3-0 bracket run (which began with a first-round ‘bye,’ then a 20-second pin of 2A Crowley County freshman Ian Smith) helping undermined IHS finish top-ten at the well-stocked event.

“That was the first championship he's won, I believe, in high school,” said head coach Jordan Larsen. “The kid was real big and strong, and I'm pretty sure Jeremy was a little bit intimidated walking out there. But he just wrestled well; the kid was trying to snap him down, but the first takedown ... Jeremy picked up a leg and took him down to the mat.”

“Took him to his back and I think we were up 4-1,” he continued. “The kid was able to get an escape, but was a lot more timid after that; Jeremy just wrestled smart.”

“Tyler and Keaton both ... wrestled tough in the finals,” Larsen added. “They all wrestled their butts off.”

Finishing three points behind the meet-hosting, ninth-place Panthers, the Bobcats registered 77 points and took tenth overall, having slipped from eighth not long before the final round commenced. First place went to 2A San Juan Basin League force Mancos; the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jeremy Roderick attempts to turn Crowley County's Ian Smith onto his back during action at the John Mall-hosted Pete & Ina Gomez Invitational Sat., Dec. 18, in Walsenburg. Roderick would win the event's heavyweight division.

Blue Jays racked up 173.5 points and held off 3A Gunnison (162.5) and PRHS (149), with 3A Lamar (128.5) and Ordway-based CCHS (119.5) filling out the top five.

MHS had placed second, losing 165-163 to Blanding (Utah) San Juan, at the previous Saturday's Dove Creek Dawg Fight — an event which Ignacio also attended, but in Larsen's mind did not perform at as well as at the Invitational.

“We took fifth, I think, at the Dawg Fight, but that was out of (nine) teams,” he said. “In Walsenburg it was tenth out of, like, 26 [27, actually]. So obviously I'm feeling better about the tenth-place finish. Very happy with the boys we've got out.”

“In general, we had a pretty danged good day ... and I was very proud of them.”

At 170 Barnes blew through, in order, 2A Saguache Mountain Valley sophomore Mason Armenta, DCHS freshman Dakota Linton and Mancos sophomore Cole Dainty-Guilfoyle — notching first-period pins in, respectively, 0:23, 1:22 and 1:22 — to reach his division's championship bout. There he went up against CCHS sophomore Robert San Juan in a 1-seed-versus-2 clash, but the Charger survived just long enough to win by pin 58 seconds into the third period.

“That was a tough kid from Crowley ... and it was a one-point match, a dogfight back and forth all the way into the third. We just flat ran out of gas, is the truth of it,” Larsen said. “We were down a point, got into a scramble in the third period, and you could tell (Tyler) was hurting but he was on top cranking the kid, trying to turn him over.”

“The kid ended up catching him ... caught his head — I think we got a little too high — and sucked him under,

and that was the match. But (Barnes) wrestled a heck of a match; the chips just didn't fall our way that time.”

McCoy also started off extremely well, pinning 2A Fowler freshman Weston Johnson in 52 seconds and Palmer Ridge soph Paul Tolbert in a faster 44. Pit against 2A Ellicott's Jedrek Howarth in one semifinal, McCoy's pin parade continued as he stuck the Thunderhawk sophomore in 1:41 — earning him a title shot against Lamar senior Cyrus Madrid, who'd prevail by 10-2 major decision.

Ignacio freshman Kendrick Nossaman went 0-2 at 152, pinned twice in a total of 41 seconds, but sophomore Cayle McCoy went 1-2 at 106 with a consolation-bracket win — by pin, 24 seconds into the third two-minute period — over 2A Simla freshman Jonathan Choate.

“Cayle getting a win, and Kendrick ... figuring out what it's all about — I was very proud of them,” said Larsen.

Fellow SJBLeers Dove Creek tied LVHS for 21st place, with each squad scoring 20 points, while Dolores — which brought just two individuals to the tournament — ended up 27th, unable to register a point.

Following the Christmas/New Year's break, IHS' boys will resume action at 5 p.m. Fri., Jan. 7, competing in the Ignacio-Durango-Bayfield Riverside Rumble. After battling for La Plata County supremacy, the 'Cats will then travel to the next day to Pogo Springs for the Pirates' Rocky Mountain Invitational beginning at 9 a.m.

“We're hoping to add a few more to the roster by the second half of the season,” Larsen said, “but they're doing everything we're asking them to do. They're working hard, coming back day

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SunUte Recreation would like to Congratulate our winning teams for 2021 Fall COED Volleyball!!

There were a total of 8 teams that registered. The players, spectators, officials & score keepers all made this league a great and fun filled event!



Champions: ACE HOLES  
(Left to right) Phil Le, Paula Le, Oakley Hayes, Pedro Vigil, Rose Vigil and Jenn Seibel.

2nd Place: BILL HITS

(Left to right) Mitchell Hotter, Brittany Montoya, Arla Marquez and Eric Marquez. Not pictured Jen Phelps.



3rd Place: SOLID PLUMBING (No Picture Available)

Wendy Espinoza, Tony Kimball, Kristi Serrano, Keaton Pickering, Rosie Concepcion, Courtney & Joshua Westbrook, Makayla Howell, Roberto Barrera, Cindy Fregoso, Genesis Barrera and Richelle Alvarado.



Check out our website and FaceBook page for upcoming leagues (adult & youth), Noon Ball and other recreation news and events!





TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**ROCK** – Samantha Rock passed away on December 19, 2021 at Mercy Medical Center with family by her side. She was born on May 5, 2008 to the late Dionna and late Livingston Veneno. Samantha was raised by Marietta & Abel Soto in Denver, Colo. She attended Holme Elementary School in Denver, Colo.

Samantha returned back to Ignacio and attended Ignacio Elementary and won the Bobcat award. Samantha was also a member of the Girl Scouts. At the time of her passing, she was in the 8th grade at Ignacio Middle School. Samantha was a proud member of the Southern Ute Indi-

an Tribe. She loved to draw, ride her bike, listen to her music and watch videos. Samantha was a huge Sundance Supporter in Porcupine, SD. She supported both of her families, including her adopted family the “Littleboy’s.”

Samantha is survived by her brothers: Nico & Max Frost, Cadell (Lanie) Thompson, Dillon & Triston Thompson and Nano Soto, all of Ignacio and Emilo & Elicio Soto of Denver; parents: Marietta & Abel Soto of Ignacio; nieces: Iris Thompson & Elena Soto; nephew: Luciano Soto; Uncles & Aunts: Gloria (Raymond Jr.) Frost, Derrick (Liegh) Watts, Woody Rock, Tim Watts, Rapheal (Edwina) Watts, Sr., Loren Watts and Marshall Watts also of Ignacio; adopted parents: Stan Littleboy & Joni Bull bear; Godparents: Santo Soto & Dora Vasquez of Denver; best friends: Marcos Brown & Alicia Rock; Grandfather: Ronald Rock and Great Grandfather: Donald Rock. She is also survived by many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Samantha is preceded in death by her parents: Dionna Rock & Livingston Veneno; Grandmother: Roberta Scott; Uncle: Darwin Rock and Aunt: Candace Watts.

**CLOUD** – Gerald Buck Cloud born December 18, 1958 passed away, December 12, 2021, Día De Our Lady of Guadalupe in Farmington, New Mexico. Gerald was born to Frances Martinez and Gerald Buck Cloud Sr. in Durango, Colorado. Gerald was raised by his grandma, Tonita B. Martinez, in Farmington, New Mexico.

Gerald is survived by three sons; John Anthony Payne, Corey Wilson and Christopher Toledo along with three grandchildren. Siblings; John and Frances Largo, Geneva Martinez, Delores Martinez and Aunt Renee Cloud. Gerald was Uncle to Christy Colby, Nathan Largo, Santiago Martinez and Monika Martinez.

Gerald had two great – great nieces, two great – great nephews. Gerald was preceded in death by Father Gerald, and mother Frances. Grandfather and grandmother Julius Nash Cloud and Mol-

ly Buck Tobias Cloud. Grandfather and grandmother Simon Velasquez, Tonita Martinez, uncle and aunt Santiago and Juanita Velasquez, and Amila Martinez (Cloud uncles and Aunts) Neil Elliott and Darwin Loraine Baker.

Gerald was preceded by great- great nephew Jeremy Santiago Martinez Cloud, Great uncles and aunts. (Bill and Nelly Martinez, Camilo and Carmen Martinez, Bert and Romona Martinez, Dell and Thema Martinez, Delphina and George Trujillo, Nelly Martinez, Ralph and Mary Herrera. Milo and Manny Martinez.

Cremation has taken place. No services will be held until Spring of 2022. The family would like to thank Ryan Phelps at Hood Mortuary for his help. Also, would like to thank Gerald’s son Corey Wilson and great niece Mariah Martinez Cloud for stepping up and working as a family unit in making plans for Gerald.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



COUNTING BLESSINGS

I am counting blessings and thinking of you. As we enter into the Holy Season of Christmas. Thank you for your prayers over the past year!

I hold you closely in mine!  
Through the intercession of the Holy

Family, May you and yours be renewed in grace, Granted the deepest desires of your hearts, and given the True Gift of Encountering the Newborn Christ this Christmas!  
May the Holy Spirit bring to us all. Blessings of Peace in the New Year to come!

*Bishop Stephen J. Berg  
Diocese of Pueblo*

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I want to express my gratitude for all the tribal members who took the time to vote in our recent tribal election. I want to thank those who supported me during this past run-off election. I also want to thank my family for their love and support.

You have given me this opportunity to be your representative and voice. I will do my best to listen, to make the best decisions for the Tribe, the membership, and ensure transparency as we move forward facing challenges and obstacles which are presented before us.

I look forward to working with all tribal entities, federal, local governments, and my fellow colleagues.

*Tuuvuch Toghoyagh  
Vanessa Torres*

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

To my daughter Katrina,  
We may go through many challenges with each other but there is never a day that I don't include you in prayers for strength and happiness, and for the day you will return home to breathe the cedar smoke, roll tobacco and sit quietly before the moon again.  
Many blessings to you as you turn another year older, as you make you journey along the “Path” on this road of Life, Creator bestows his protection and love to you as you continue to grow with inner strength, perseverance, and faith.  
I know that your Grandpa is there with you, along with your Grandma, great grandparents and loved ones.  
Happy, Happy Birthday to you my NEW YEAR’S CHILD!!!

*Love,  
Mom and your son Nathan*

Every Colorado youth is now eligible for three free therapy sessions.

Visit [IMatterColorado.org](http://IMatterColorado.org) to learn more.

**IMatter.**



In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and all day, Friday, December 31, 2021 for New Year’s Eve.

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, January 3, 2022!

COACHES NEEDED FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL



- ★ Support the youth by becoming a volunteer coach!
- ★ We encourage parents and families to get involved and assist their children and others by having a fun and positive experience!
- ★ As a volunteer coach, you are an essential part of building and creating an encouraging recreational activity with all youth!



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For more information on volunteer coaching, please call the Recreation Department.

Virgil 563-2652, Daphnee 563-2655 or Tara 563-2667

**Drum Deadline**

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**Jan. 14**

Deadline  
**Jan. 10**

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

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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.

**Southern Ute Utilities Division Shut Off Reminder**

The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a friendly reminder that shut offs will take place on Jan. 5, 2022. Customers enrolled in the automatic deduction should contact Tribal Finance to verify your deduction reflects the newly adjusted rate. Please contact Edith Muniz: 970-563-5501 or Wahleah Frost: 970-563-5506.

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

- Online at <https://www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill>
- Southern Ute Utilities Drive-thru
- Over the phone with a credit/debit card
- Via Wells Fargo Bill Pay at the Ignacio branch.
- Tribal Deduction through the Finance Department.
- By mail to Southern Ute Utilities Division, P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137
- Over the phone by dialing 970-563-5500
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUHA), Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Please contact the SUHA at 970-563-4575 for more information. Utilities can also be covered through this program.

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

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE**  
**Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions**

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

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Distribution Friday, Jan. 28    | NOON, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution Friday, Feb. 25    | NOON, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 |
| • Distribution Friday, May 27     | NOON, Tuesday, May 24, 2022  |
| • Distribution Friday, July 29    | NOON, Tuesday, July 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution Friday, Sept. 30   | NOON, Friday Sept. 23, 2022  |
| • Distribution Friday Oct. 28     | NOON, Tuesday Oct. 25, 2022  |
| • Distribution Thursday Nov. 10   | NOON, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022   |
| • Distribution Wednesday, Nov. 23 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 18, 2022  |
| • Distribution Thursday, Dec. 8   | NOON, Monday, Dec. 5, 2022   |

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

**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/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/)

**In The Southern Ute Tribal Court**

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
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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**

**Case No.: 21-CV-012**  
**TO CHEYENNE BOX/MCKINNEY**  
**Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. Cheyenne Box**  
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 trial hearing is set in this matter on January 03, 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 day November, 2021  
Julianne Begay,  
Attorney for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-0100

**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.

**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

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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TRANSFER STATION**  
**2021 December**  
**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY – CLOSED

DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE DAY – OPEN

DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY – CLOSED

DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEAR'S EVE – OPEN.

JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://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

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Outreach Notice- SEASONAL FIRE JOBS



**Los Pinos Fire Protection District**

**Duty Station- Ignacio, Colorado**

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

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

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





## Town of Bayfield Recreation Coordinator

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-Applclicant located at 1199 Bayfield Parkway, PO Box 80, Bayfield, CO., 81122, or emailed to beisenbraun@bayfieldgov.org. Position is opened until filled. For additional information, contact Becky Eisenbraun 970-884-9544 #109 or beisenbraun@bayfieldgov.org. The Town of Bayfield is an equal opportunity employer.

## San Juan National Forest Greening Youth Foundation Intern

Application Period is open on <https://gyfoundation.org/careers> under Job # 21-00204  
This GYF internship provides participants an opportunity to learn about the principles and practices of resource management and conservation. The intern will spend 16 weeks working in the San Juan National Forest assisting with the Rangeland Management Program and Fuels Reduction Program. The goals of the program are to reduce the risk of wildfire, protect watersheds and/or address a threat to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire. The Greening Youth Foundation's (GYF) mission is to engage under-represented youth and young adults, while connecting them to the outdoors and careers in conservation. The intern will work on a crew conducting a variety of projects/tasks in variable weather conditions that range from: Safety training; Line construction for prescribed burns; Prescribed burn monitoring; Piling brush; Noxious weed monitoring (pre-post); Treating noxious weeds; GPS data collection; Map making; and Public outreach. Skills and Qualifications: Ability to hike up to five miles a day over arduous terrain. Ability to work in a team. Must be comfortable completing rigorous manual labor for up to 10 hours a day. Be pursuing, or have recently graduated with, a BS/BA in GIS, Computer Science, Geography, Planning, Environmental Science, or other related disciplines. Having a GPA of 3.4 or better is a significant plus. Location: San Juan National Forest (Bayfield, CO, Pagosa Springs, CO, Dolores, CO). Housing is extremely limited, but may be available upon request. Duration: 16 weeks (May 30 – Sept. 9). This internship is a full-time position (40 hours per week) with a fixed stipend. The San Juan National Forest will consider internships of fewer than 40 hours per week depending on the selected candidate's skills, availability, and the workload, for which the stipend amount would be adjusted proportionately. Stipend: \$560 a week (\$14/hour) Questions? Contact Greening Youth Foundation Program Manager Jaina Reed Thompson at [jreed@gyfoundation.org](mailto:jreed@gyfoundation.org) or San Juan National Forest Partnership Coordinator Lorena Williams at [Lorena.williams@usda.gov](mailto:Lorena.williams@usda.gov). Prior to starting this position, a government security background clearance will be required.

## 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

### 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 admin-

istrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Questions? Call the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

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

## 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](mailto:skem@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information or to have an application mailed to you. Applications are available online at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/11/Application-Cost-Share-Pine-Watershed-2022.pdf>. Deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2022.



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

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OFF STREAM WATERING SOURCES



RIPARIAN FENCING



GATED PIPE

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/SITES/15/2021/11/APPICATION-COST-SHARE-PINE-WATERSHED-2022.PDF](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/11/APPICATION-COST-SHARE-PINE-WATERSHED-2022.PDF) OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295

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

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



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916).  
– photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

### KSUT Board of Director Duties:

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

### Desired Skills:

- Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.

### Board Member Term:

- Board member will serve a three-year term.

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





Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

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. Responsible for the reconciliation of 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 – SU 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.

Engineering Technician II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 1/7/22 – Providing advanced technical support to the Engineering, Operations, and Development teams which involves input, extraction, processing, and manipulation of data associated with company software programs. Assists with the preparation of team metrics, meeting agendas and logistics, and monthly reports.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the 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.

\*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.

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.

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

Event Staff (On-call)

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

\*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.

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.

\*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 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.

\*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

\*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.

\*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 manner.

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Greeting guests in a friendly manner, informs guests of center services, promotions, and prices. Rents, sells, or issues sporting equipment and supplies such as bowling shoes and golf balls. Operating the cash register, computer, and equipment in the bowling alley. Properly assigns guests to lanes, monitors activity to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, keeps track of open play lanes, and handles telephone inquiries.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

CMP is Hiring a Learning and Grants Manager

Join Us! Colorado Media Project is seeking a creative, flexible, motivated individual to serve as Learning and Grants Manager for the next phase of CMP's life cycle. This is a highly strategic but behind-the-scenes role, as we strive to keep CMP grantees and partners center stage and coalition funders actively engaged in making strategic and responsive grants in this rapidly evolving field for philanthropy. Must have demonstrated experience managing complex, innovative projects from ideation to execution and bringing together diverse coalitions of partners to make collective impact. The strongest candidates will bring experience in philanthropy, fundraising and grantmaking, convening, public policy, civic media, technology, strategic communications, community engagement, and/or other fields germane to CMP's mission. This is a full-time position with a starting salary range of \$75,000 to \$85,000 and a generous benefits package from Rose Community Foundation, CMP's fiscal sponsor. Oversees CMP operations and works closely day-to-day with the CMP Chair and Executive Committee, colleagues at Rose, grantees, and other ecosystem leaders to strengthen coordination and communication among stakeholders. Provides vital support to help ensure that CMP funders are well-informed both by journalists in the field and by the communities they serve, as Executive Committee members make decisions on CMP grantmaking and initiated projects. The primary responsibilities of this role fall into four areas: operations and management; funder support and engagement; CMP grantee and project support; and strategic communications and advocacy.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Physical Education Teacher (Part-time w/ benefits)

Closing 1/10/22 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a 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, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position is 24 hours/week and starts at \$22,857.08/year.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program – Southern Ute members only

Closing 1/10/22 – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. Purpose of the Program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After your application is submitted, you will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

After School Program Attendant

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 members only

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. For an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

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)

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

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

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

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.

Custodian

Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

Dental Assistant

Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

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

A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a 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)

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

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

Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

Lifeguard (Full-time)

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

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

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)

A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade N16; \$32.33/hour.

Patrol Officer I

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

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

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 members only

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

TERO Worker

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)

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)

Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour with a \$200 sign-on bonus.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For full job opportunities and full job descriptions, apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4545/4517.

Administration: 535 Candelaria Drive, P.O. Box 800, Ignacio, CO 81137

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) is hiring for the following: Career Counselor, Project Coordinator, Project Venture Program Coordinator, Monitoring Technician Substitute, Teacher Assistant, Addiction Specialist/Program Coordinator, Bus Driver, Sub Teacher

Get your kids protected just in time for the holidays!

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







FLY FISHING

It was a good Christmas

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Christmas always signals the end of another year, which is only a week away. The past year was not unlike the year before it. Covid and the politicians are still with us. The fly fishing and weather were good. The best part of fly fishing is that my Friday partner didn't quit. I have to say this Christmas has given me hope for the future. Not just fly fishing, but things in general.

Christmas saw SWMBO (she who must be obeyed) and me in Texas with that State's chapter of the Wild Bunch. It is so much fun watching an infant and a three-year-old open presents. The infant watching the paper hit the floor and then making a bee-line to eat it before anyone can stop her. The three-year-old was the best as he proclaimed after ripping the paper off a package, "It's a box!" It took several unwrappings before he discovered that in the boxes were presents. In a box he opened he found his first fly fishing vest, to be used with Grumps. I received a picture of me teaching this grandson how to cast a spinning rod from last summer. Next summer a fly rod might appear.

Grumps and SWMBO gave each other a puppy. Being empty-nesters can make you do silly things. However, I'm sure the new puppy will help us to move faster while saying, "No,



No, No!"

One of the most touching gifts I witnessed was a young teenage boy, helping his 94-year-old, World War II veteran, great-grandfather fish. This was on Christmas Eve, and I had wandered down to the pond in my grandchildren's subdivision. I, of course, was using my fly rod, hoping to catch a bass or perch. I wasn't catching anything, but noticed two other fishermen across the pond were reeling in fish. Needless to say, I walked over to visit and see what they were using for bait. Their bait of choice was raw hot dogs. The bait was attached to a size 10 hook with a large weight. Here is where the gift was given. The veteran, being 94, had a hard time casting the spinning rod. So, the young man would cast, then hand the rod to his great-grandfather, and help him reel, if needed. They would bring the fish in and the great-grandfather would touch the fish, as if counting coup, then release it.

As I visited with them the great-grandfather remarked that he had caught his five fish and his great-grandson had only three. The young man joked back that he would work harder, but didn't want to hurry so much that they ended up back in the house where there were way too many things that needed doing. What a joy to watch and talk to these two.

When I got back to our house of festivities I recalled a story of another grandson finding a way to enjoy the day. He and SWMBO were at the dock on our pond and his line had gotten all tangled up. So, as SWMBO was untangling the line, he asked if could just use a length of line that had the San Juan worm to fish from the dock? A young Tennessee Wild Buncher then began to hand-line for perch and bass. And he began to catch fish. So many that SWMBO had to help him take the fish off, after he counted coup. All this was occurring while at the other of the pond Grumps was using a fancy fly fishing outfit and not catching any fish.

Those two stories reminded me that sometimes I get too caught up using fancy equipment and going to fancy places. I'm going to spend more time this year with someone, older or younger, putting a hot-dog on a hook or dragging a handheld line along a dock. This is going to be a very good year.

LADY BOBCATS BOMB BAYFIELD • FROM PAGE 15

Defensively, Nanaeto (seven rebounds) and Reynolds each nabbed a team-high six steals.

"They're active, but we've got to keep them out of foul trouble," Gomez said of the eager duo. "They were out of trouble so I told them to be aggressive; they give us opportunities, and we just try to capitalize on those."

"Harmony's a beast inside; she gets a lot of our rebounds. And Avee did really good too; both of them work good together," said Brunson (seven assists). "I feel we played really good, and I thought it was great that Bayfield kept their energy the whole game."

Senior center Abby Tate paced BHS (0-5, 0-0 3A Intermountain), this season under first-year skipper – and former Ignacio assistant – Lauren Moran, with seven points and classmate Jordan Martindale booked four despite taking a nasty fall in traffic while attempting to gain possession beneath the Lady Wolverines' basket.

"I think it was a really in-the-moment thing, and I hit my head," she recalled. "It was like, 'Oh gosh, did I just get a concussion?' Like, 'Am I out?'" But after sitting there a while I was like, 'Alright ... it's not that bad.'"



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio's Autumn Sage battles Bayfield's Elissa Mars (3) for possession during junior-varsity play Fri., Dec. 17, inside BHS Gymnasium. IHS won the JV contest, 41-29.

Olguin finished with five points and sophomore center Solymar Cosio two, as the Lady 'Cats entered the Christmas/New Year's break having gained vital momentum they hope can be sustained going into a true test Thurs., Jan. 6, versus Dove Creek. After dominating 1A Monticello, Utah, 54-12 and 1A Monument Valley, Utah, 50-28 to win their own Dec. 17-18 Lady Bulldog Classic, DCHS (7-1, 0-0 SJB) rose to No. 9 in the CHSAA Nowcom Class 1A poll entering the holiday pause.

JV GAME

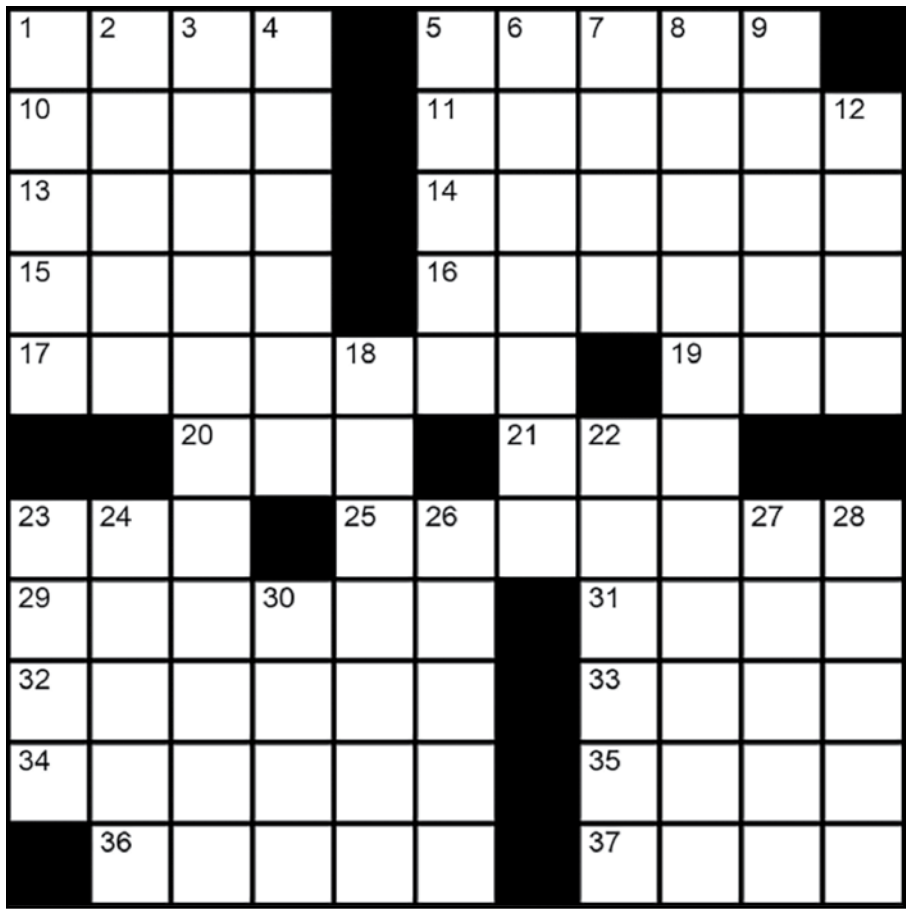
Getting a wrong-way Bayfield basket during the third quarter, helping them win the frame 20-5 – after going into halftime ahead

12-11 – Ignacio's junior varsity then held off BHS' late comeback to claim the Dec. 17 JV game 41-29.

Lady Wolverine sophomores Elissa Mars and Lily Lewin led all players in scoring, booking 11 and 10 points, respectively, but the home team's 12-of-26 free-throw shooting proved most crippling down the stretch.

Developing junior post presence Isabella LeMasters led the Lady 'Cats (5-19 FT) with nine points, seven coming after halftime. Sophomores Lauren deKay and Grace Pargin each contributed eight points, cashing three three-pointers between them. Freshman Victoria Brown booked six points and junior Autumn Sage five, including a key fourth-quarter trey.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 --- Dakota, Native American gambling pioneer
- 5 Biofuels can be made from them
- 10 "--- Star" (Kris Kristofferson movie)
- 11 They save the day
- 13 Melon named after a kibbutz
- 14 M\*A\*S\*H director Robert ---
- 15 Gagarin or Andropov
- 16 --- the occasion or the bait
- 17 Lower in quality
- 19 Rank
- 20 --- doo shah we ah, small ears of corn to the Wyandot
- 21 IBM graphical interface
- 23 Auditor, for short
- 25 Gathered information
- 29 Artist's output
- 31 Wet, soggy ground
- 32 Certify as a priest
- 33 Get-out-of-jail fee
- 34 Highly seasoned
- 35 Ancient Peruvian
- 36 Dallas icemen
- 37 Have --- in the matter

Down

- 1 --- Red Crow Westerman, Dakota Sioux musician and activist
- 2 Scoundrel
- 3 Utility offering, which may save you money
- 4 "Cape Fear" star
- 5 Swiss ---, a leafy green
- 6 Mitigate
- 7 Plate scrapings
- 8 Small dogs
- 9 1954-77 alliance created by the Manila Pact
- 12 Frozen water vapor
- 18 More annoyed
- 22 Its only neighbor is Senegal
- 23 Northwest Plateau indigenous people
- 24 Cops collar them
- 26 Grants a mortgage
- 27 "Fear of Flying" author --- Jong
- 28 Postpone
- 30 jIvar N'Óez Cabeza de ---, faith healer to Native Americans in the 1500s

Answers for this crossword will appear in January 14 issue of the Drum.

Answers for December 17, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Lummi, 6 Amity, 11 Ate in, 12 Dafoe, 13 Gas guzzlers, 15 Haste, 16 Ives, 17 En-scene, 19 At par, 23 Certs, 24 Cordova, 26 Toad, 27 Oral-B, 31 Still camera, 34 Alsea, 35 Banal, 36 Seedy, 37 Stomp.

Down: 1 Lag, 2 Utah, 3 Mesa, 4 MIGs, 5 In utero, 6 Adz, 7 Malice, 8 If ever, 9 To rent, 10 Yesses, 14 Zen, 18 Scarabs, 19 Acts as, 20 Tootle, 21 Praise, 22 Addled, 25 VOC, 28 Am at, 29 Leno, 30 Bram, 32 Lay, 33 Alp.

WRESTLERS WOW 27-TEAM • FROM PAGE 15

after day after the butt-kickings they're taking in practice – that's what it's about."

TOUGH CROWD

Even with just five wrestlers entered, Ignacio stacked up comparatively well against a Pete & Ina Gomez field filled with highly-rated talent. Mancos came ranked No. 5 in 2A, while Crow-

ley County (2A No. 8) had claimed the previous weekend's Limon Invite (with Lamar placing third). Gunnison came in having won the Rob Mickel (at which La Veta's Williams starred), and seventh-place Fowler had initially exited their bus looking to build on their triumph at the Wheat Ridge Invitational.

Additionally, 5A No. 8 Colorado Springs Pine

Creek sent its JV squad to Walsenburg, as did 2A No. 2 La Jara Centauri (whose varsity had won the previous weekend's Pueblo East Invite); CHS' front-line Falcons competed in Greeley at the Jimmy John's Northern Colorado Christmas Tournament, while PC's best Eagles went to the Reno, Nev., Tournament of Champions.



did you know?

The Earth is actually closest to the sun in January! Because the Earth's axis is tilted, the sun's rays hit the Earth at a shallow angle. These rays are more spread out, which minimizes the amount of energy that hits any given spot. Also, the long nights and short days prevent the Earth from warming up. Thus, we have winter.

Source: <https://www.loc.gov/everyday-mysteries/meteorology-climatology/item/why-is-it-hot-in-summer-and-cold-in-winter/>

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Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Dec. 31



Cloudy 36°F  
Snow showers 90%

Saturday, Jan. 1



Mostly sunny 27°F  
Slight chance snow showers

Sunday, Jan. 2



Sunny 27°F

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