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the training aspects, fresh out of college; that commitment has come full circle in her leadership role with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program.

"It is a great opportunity for development, for the career that you want to go into, or even to dip your toes into something you might want to try," Morgann Graham emphasized. "To be trained by someone who knows that role."

"My experience was consistent, the [Apprenticeship] Committee always gave me feedback ... especially on what I needed to work on – and that helped me when I did take the job."

"They had set quarterly reviews of me, and I got to give a review of my supervisor as well," she stated. "It was very communication and feedback oriented, so that I could better improve what I needed to improve. And so that my supervisor could see where we needed to improve. It was comforting to me to know what was happening, and that shows the dedication of the Committee."

The Apprenticeship Committee also aided Graham with her online and in-person training programs along the way, helping to guide the process, and ensure that she was receiving the support she needed to succeed in her role.

"It's really eye opening to see that the Tribe really cares about its people," Graham said. "When I look back at me trying to get a

job straight out of college, versus some of my classmates – I was able to do that far more quickly than they were able to."

The Apprenticeship Committee is comprised of a group of dedicated tribal employees – Hilda Burch, Andrew Gallegos, Lindsay Box, Mikki Naranjo, Rob-in Duffy-Wirth; Brian Sheffield represents the Human Resources Dept. and James "Mike" Olguin represents the Executive Office.

The purpose of the program is not to find direct replacements for upper management positions, but rather to share skills and knowledge through focused mentorship; help prepare someone for future opportunities, or even job placement within their own department. In some cases, the apprentice will take over for an employee who plans to retire or change jobs – but that's not the intent of the program.

After successfully completing the apprenticeship program, the learned skills and in-depth training can be applied virtually anywhere, for some it may be a career path that leads them to work off reservation, or even out of state. For others it is a way to level up their skill sets and specific job knowledge, to step into larger roles within their chosen field, or existing departments.

"Sheila [Nanaeto] Ryder was an apprentice; she came on when KSUT was looking for somebody," said long time committee member, Hilda Burch. "She ap-

plied and started working with KSUT back in 2007 – I think she found her passion, because you can see it and hear it on KSUT radio."

Burch is one of the longest serving members of the Apprenticeship Committee, having been a member since 2007. Mikki Naranjo and Buch each worked at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, both were previous CDP (Career Development Program) recipients, which helped them better understand the apprenticeship aspects. Each of the three tribal entities – Sky Ute Casino Resort, Southern Ute Growth Fund and Southern Ute Permanent Fund, have their own versions of apprenticeship training programs through their respective Human Resources Departments.

"You have to be dedicated," SunUte Director Rob-in Duffy-Wirth emphasized. "It's a gift from the Tribe to its tribal members, allowing them to grow, and gain experience under a mentor. But you have to put the work in."

"We [the committee] all believe so strongly in membership growth and opportunity, but we have to find people that are willing to mentor, and tribal members that are willing to be mentored," Duffy-Wirth said. "Ian Thompson was a really good example of someone who had the passion and completed the program. It should really pull on you... like, 'this is what I want to do, this is a career that I'm passionate about'"

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Chris Olguin, bison manager for the Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division, reflects fondly on the history of the Tribe's buffalo herd, recalling stories of Rolling Thunder, the first bull bison born on the reservation, which passed away in the spring of 1999. The Tribe currently manages a small population of adult bison numbering in the 30s. The herd resides southeast of Ignacio on tribal land.

This photo was first published in the Jan. 27, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



R. Parambo, SUIT Wildlife/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

A small herd of elk tried to decide which way to run from a helicopter being used in the annual wildlife population survey on the Southern Ute Reservation. The survey, centered mainly on the eastern half of the Southern Ute homelands, was conducted over a few weeks.

This photo was published in the Jan. 11, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Deidra Millich/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Sarah Hudson was presented with two bowling plaques for a high scoring game and a high average in the youth league.

This photo was published in the Jan. 27, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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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.

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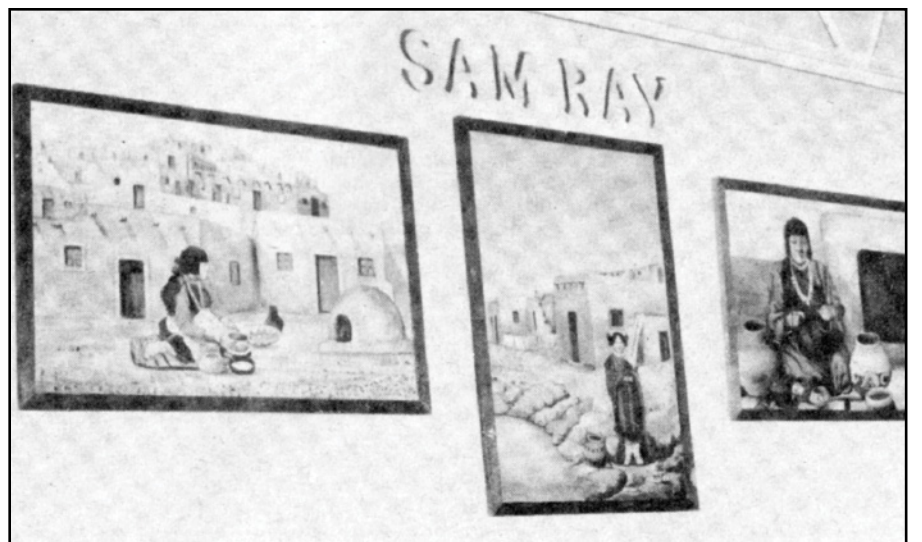
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SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Seven paintings by artist Sam Ray were discovered in the Ignacio Elementary School. The paintings were put on permanent display in the school in part of a continuing effort to promote the appreciation of the arts for students.

This photo was published in the Jan. 29, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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the National Museum of the American Indian,” said Chavez Lamar. “I am looking forward to leading and working with the museum’s experienced and dedicated staff. Together, we will leverage the museum’s reputation to support shared initiatives with partners in the U.S. and around the world to amplify Indigenous knowledge and perspectives all in the interest of further informing the American public and international audiences of the beauty, tenacity and richness of Indigenous cultures, arts and histories.”

From 2014 through 2020, Chavez Lamar served as assistant director for collections at the museum. In this role, she guided the overall stewardship of the museum’s collection, which is one of the largest and most extensive collections of Native and Indigenous items in the world. Chavez Lamar led museum efforts to improve collection access and availability by advocating for and encouraging an increase in the number of collections online. She supported the development of a collection-information system module to record access, care and handling instructions provided by tribal, nation and community representatives. Chavez Lamar also established and prioritized partnerships and collaboration with Native nations and tribes and developed a loan program for

tribal museum and cultural centers that provides training and technical assistance to enhance collections stewardship and reconnects descendant communities with the museum’s collections.

Chavez Lamar was the director of the Indian Arts Research Center at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from 2007 to 2014. While there, she raised the visibility of the 12,000-object collection and developed institutional projects and programming to highlight it. She also led and supported the development of Guidelines for Collaboration to assist Native communities in accessing museum collections and museums working collaboratively with them.

From 2006 to 2007, she was the director of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

From 2000 to 2005, Chavez Lamar was an associate curator at the National Museum of the American Indian and the lead curator for “Our Lives,” one of the inaugural exhibitions in the Washington, D.C., museum when it opened in 2004. She collaborated with eight Native communities on the exhibition.

Chavez Lamar was a presidential appointee to the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development in 2011. She was a gover-

nor’s appointee as a commissioner to the New Mexico Arts Commission from 2009 to 2012. She currently sits on the advisory group for Indigenous North America at the Princeton University Art Museum, and she is a member of the advisory board at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College.

Chavez Lamar is an enrolled member at San Felipe Pueblo, and her ancestry also includes Hopi, Tewa and Navajo on the maternal side of her family. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Colorado College in studio art, a master’s degree in American Indian studies from UCLA and a doctorate in American studies from the University of New Mexico. She also received an honorary doctorate from Colorado College for her contributions to the museum field.

Chavez Lamar is the third director of the National Museum of the American Indian. She succeeds Kevin Gover (Pawnee), who served as director from December 2007 until January 2021. He is now the Smithsonian’s Under Secretary for Museums and Culture. The founding director was W. Richard West Jr. (Southern Cheyenne), who led the museum from 1990 to 2007. Machel Monerkit has served as acting director of the National Museum of the American Indian since Gover left in January 2021.

HISTORY COLORADO

Celebrating LGBTQ+ history and new “Lost Highways” podcast episode

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

When someone mentions Colorado, many images come to mind, but one of the most iconic is skiing in the Rocky Mountains. It is no surprise then, that since History Colorado’s LGBTQ+ collecting initiative kicked off in 2020, we’ve brought in many items (see above) that document one of Colorado’s most beloved pastimes.

In particular, we have several items from Aspen Gay Ski Week. Founded in 1977, this is the oldest, week-long, queer ski event in the nation, formed amid local efforts to secure equal protections for homosexuals. Aspen, in fact, became the first city in Colorado to adopt such laws by 1979, promising a hopeful future for the nascent volunteer-led event. What began with small nightly soirées hosted by various ski clubs has evolved into a busy week of pool parties, world-class drag performances, and even the legendary Downhill Costume Party and Competition.

Similar queer ski events have built upon this model over the decades, but Aspen’s remains one of the most well-known and well-attended. In 1996, the event incorporated itself as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community Fund, now known as the AspenOUT and the Roaring Fork Gay & Lesbian Community Fund (the organization has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in support and services for the local LGBTQ+ population). This year’s Aspen Gay Ski Week began on January 16 and runs through January 23.



courtesy Aaron Marcus

Aspen 24th Anniversary Gay Ski Week.



courtesy Michael Galvin/History Colorado

Workers constructing the dome of the State Capitol in 1890.

Hard at Work

In case you didn’t notice, there was a lot more energy at the State Capitol building last week. The Seventy-third General Assembly officially started on January 12 and Governor Jared Polis gave the annual State of the State speech the following day. Follow along with the session’s activity here.

We Need Your Help!

Are you a history buff with a special interest in Colorado’s Black communities? Did you grow up hearing stories of the Black Coloradans who came before you? Join Associate Curator of African American History and Cultural Heritage, Dexter Nelson II, as a Regional Ambassador for History Colorado! Your assistance in establishing contacts, partners, and content will highlight the important contributions African Americans have played – and continue to play – in Colorado’s history.

From North High School to Prime Minister

As a young woman, Golda Meir learned a great deal about politics and the world from around her kitchen table in Denver. She took that experience and went on to work toward the creation of Israel – and, for five years, served as its prime minister. Once slated for demolition, the modest building she called home is now the Golda Meir House Museum. Last week they hosted a celebration to honor people whose efforts helped to preserve the house and the

story of its distinguished one-time resident (via Denverite).

The Remarkable History of Roadside Historical Markers

“This is something that’s as old as historical memory itself: What you choose to remember and how you choose to honor it changes from generation to generation, decade to decade.” That’s what historian Derek Everett told The Colorado Sun during their recent look at Colorado’s roadside markers and historical plaques, some of which are inviting reconsideration as communities continue to investigate and think critically about their shared past.

Like a Deer in the Christmas Lights

If you lit up your house for Christmas, it’s getting toward time to take down your lights. This unfortunate deer was an unwitting harbinger of the season’s end. Unless you live in Denver, of course. Then tradition dictates that you should leave them shining bright until the National Western Stock Show closes.

Staying Power

It is no secret that growing plants in the Centennial State can be hard. And doing so for more than a century is even more daunting. In this The Colorado Magazine article, Grace Galvan looks at the history of Long’s Gardens, a business that has cultivated plants – with a focus on irises – in Boulder for more than one hundred years.

Wildfire Reading List

December’s Marshall Fire was a stunning reminder that “fire season” might become an outdated term, at least in Colorado. To help understand the impact of wildfires in the West, Sam Bock collected six book recommendations to help us think about the future of our homes on the range.

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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

Attention Tribal Members

As Covid cases continue to rise locally, the Cultural Preservation Department has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person activities until further notice. The safety and well-being of Tribal members is our top priority, and we believe this decision will ensure the safety of our Elders and Tribal members.

For more information, please contact Shelly Thompson 970-563-2984.



HEALTHY RECIPES

A casserole can provide much more in one serving

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

A casserole can provide whole grains, vegetables, protein, and dairy in one serving.

To help make it a quick weeknight dinner, precook chicken on the weekend to be used in a few dishes that week. You can also prep your veggies ahead of time to make it even quicker.

For those of you with even less time (and energy!) you can use frozen broccoli and rotisserie chicken.

Don't like mushrooms, want to add cauliflower, prefer zucchini? Any of your favorite veggies, or what you have



courtesy Healthy Fitness Meals

on hand, will do.

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

Chicken Broccoli Pasta Casserole

- Ingredients**
- 8 oz whole wheat rotini (or GF* brown rice or legume pasta)
 - 1 large head of fresh broccoli, cut into florets
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 8 oz fresh cremini mushrooms, sliced
 - 3-4 cloves of garlic, minced
 - 3 tablespoons flour (or corn starch for GF*)
 - 1 cup chicken stock (or broth)
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - 8 oz shredded cheddar (2 cups), divided
 - 2 cups cooked chicken, diced or shredded
 - 2 stalks green onion, diced
 - Cooking spray or oil

- Directions**
1. Pre-heat oven to 350
 2. In a large pot, cook pasta according to directions for "al dente" or just undercooked AND
 3. During the last minute of cooking pasta, add broccoli to cook, then drain. Cover and keep in pot.

4. Meanwhile, in a large pan, heat olive oil over medium and add onions and sauté for 5 minutes
 5. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté for an additional 5 minutes
 6. Sprinkle the flour over the sautéed onion/mushroom mixture and stir to coat
 7. Add chicken stock, milk, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper and heat until simmering.
 8. Remove from heat and add 1 cup of the shredded cheese, stir to combine
 9. Combine mixture above along with the chicken, to the pasta and broccoli, stir to combine
- YOU CAN STOP HERE AND SERVE OR
10. Lightly coat a 9x13" casserole dish with cooking spray, place contents in dish and bake uncovered for 15 minutes
 11. Add additional 1 cup cheddar to top of casserole and bake for 10 minutes more or until cheese is melted
 12. Garnish with fresh diced green onions and serve

Serves 8
Nutrition per serving: 296 Calories, 8.3g Fat, 30.7g Carbohydrates, 4.5g Dietary Fiber, 24.6g Protein, 483mg Sodium
*GF is Gluten Free

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: What would you say?

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What would you say if you child says, "I am curious about alcohol or drugs?"

First off, why do we need to talk to our youth about drugs? Well, data from the "Prescription Opioid Misuse and Use of Alcohol and Other Substances Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey," United States, 2019 tells us that "a majority of youth will engage in some form of substance use before they graduate high school." A 2020 report from the National Institute on Drug Abuse notes that teen alcohol use is leveling off, but marijuana use fluctuates between rising and steady among various age ranges. However, we don't need data to know that youth are exploring or wanting to explore new ideas, activities, situations, and experiences. So, of course, they might be curious about drugs.

Many of us adults who still admit we were once young and curious growing up may or may not remember our family talking to us about alcohol or drugs. Some of the information we then share with youth is probably something we've learned in school or by our own experience. If that's the case, maybe we need a little refresher or maybe even learn a new way of talking to our children or young adult offspring, nephews, nieces or grand kids about alcohol and drugs.

Remember, there is no right way or right words to say when having this conversation. It might be awkward or even hard. But if we don't talk about it, it isn't just going to go away and they're still going to be curious. They might already have thoughts, hear stories, and maybe even feel pressured by others, so taking an opportunity to talk about what drugs are, how it might affect them, and what to do if they need help or have questions is a good conversation at any age. The conversation and words you use will differ from age to age or maturity level. Let's think about this,

the conversation you have with your four-year-old who might come across a vape pen on the playground will be different from the conversation you have with your teenager who is experiencing peer pressure to use marijuana. Both conversations are important, and we need tools and tips on how to not only share information and learn together but also build a trusting relationship based on communication and respect.

So, let's get started. According to the National Council for Mental Well-being's, Getting Candid: Framing the Conversation Around Youth Substance Use Prevention: A Message Guide for Providers, there are a few things to keep in mind when talking to your youth about substances (alcohol and drugs.) There are many steps to keep in mind but let's go over just a few. If you are interested in the whole guide, please check it out at <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/getting-candid/introduction/> or reach out to us at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division — Native Connections Program and we'll send you a free printed copy of the report.

Tip #1: Meet your youth where they are. Remember you are the adult, and they haven't yet had the experiences or vocabulary you have. So, communication with a youth is going to look different and here are some dos and don'ts in communicating with them. DO SAY THIS: You respect yourself and want to make decisions that are best for you. PLEASE DO NOT SAY THIS: It's your life and you get to decide what's best for you. WHY? The "want" frame is stronger than the "get to" frame. Affirming self-respect is also strong.

Tip #2: Gather insight about your youth. We all think we know who our children are and what they want to become or what matters most to them, but honestly at that age how many of us were unsure about everything? We were friends with so and so one moment

and maybe not the next. We wanted to become firefighters and then teachers. The point is, we must remember being a young person comes with lots of changes — changes in thoughts, ideals, friends, self-expression both internally and externally. So, yes, we need to get to know our youth and what matters to them at that moment and help them use that to get to the "why" they don't or shouldn't use drugs which ties perfectly into the next tip.

Tip #3: Frame the conversation to focus on the future and the risk of addiction. You can also use relationships, activities, and self-affirmation too, but in a messaging survey the focus on the future and risk of addiction resonated a little bit more with youth. So, a good example of what to say might be, "Don't let drugs and alcohol use change or control your plans for the future." And for risk of addiction, you might try saying, "Drugs and alcohol change parts of your brain that impact how you think and act. The more you use them, the harder it can be to stop even if you want to."

Tip #4: Now that we have built trust and communication with our youth, we know what matters to them, and now we can help them make the case of why not to use drugs and suggest actions they can take to prevent substance use. Some examples of making the case of why not to use drugs would be, "marijuana use directly affects the brain, especially at your age when your brain is still developing and it can make it harder to pay attention, remember things and learn." Another could be, "drinking alcohol to excess can cause people to be sick or have a hangover afterward. It also increases the risk of alcohol poisoning, injuries from falling, drowning or car accidents." Examples of suggested actions they can take could be, "exploring new ways of dealing with stress, like music, exercise, reading, art, getting outdoors, talking to friends and family"

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When: Every Thursday starting January 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

HOW: All participants will be sent a link to access the meeting

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Marvina Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach
Preston Barry, Peer Recovery Coach



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ly they trust or just being by themselves.” Another example could be, “identify someone you can talk to if you feel tempted or pressured to use drugs.” It’s better to be prepared for such situations because it gives the youth a plan to avoid drug use.

Last, but certainly not least, let them know you care, and they can always (no matter what) come to you about questions, support, or just to lend an ear. We don’t have to have all the answers to their ques-

tions or solutions to all their problems or situations, but we can be there to be a trusted adult who cares for their health and wellbeing.

If there is just one thing you can copy and paste as a text message to your youth.

“You’ve got your whole life ahead of you, and the future you create starts with the choices you make today. Drug and alcohol use can change parts of your brain that impact how you think and act. The more you use them, the harder it can be

to stop even if you want to. Don’t let drugs and alcohol change or control your plans for the future. I love you and care very deeply for you and if you ever want to talk, I’m here for you.”

Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division and the Native Connections Program

For those who are struggling or know somebody who is struggling with mental health challenges such as stress, depression, anxiety or substance use, there is help available. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division if you have any questions or need support: 970-563-5700.

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National Council for Mental Wellbeing’s, Getting Candid: Framing the Conversation Around Youth Substance Use Prevention: A Message Guide for Providers <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/getting-candid/introduction/>



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@southernute-nsn.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.

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- **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:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

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Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division

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Topics: Mindfulness Skills, Distress Tolerance skills, Emotional Regulation Skills and Interpersonal Effectiveness Skills

All Groups will be
Via TEAMS

Who: Adults 18 and Over
(Must be able to receive services through the Health Center)
When: Every Monday starting
January 24th from 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
HOW: All participants will be sent a link to access the meeting

Please call The Behavioral Health Division to sign up or
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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Colorado Proud shares ideas to support healthy appetites and our economy

Staff report
COLORADO PROUD

Every January, a resolution-driven population commits to improving their eating habits, thinking harder about food choices that are nutritiously and economically sustainable. Thanks to Colorado farmers, ranchers and producers, local-food options make it easier than ever to stick to this resolution, adding extra value to our lives well beyond the New Year timeframe.

“After the holidays, we resolve to eat ‘right,’ choose foods that are good for us, and grocery shop with purpose and intention. Buying local helps us combine and embrace these choices, nurturing ourselves as much as the Colorado farmers and ranchers who produce the spinach, squash, cucumber, beef and everything else we are craving this time of year,” said Danielle Trotta, Colorado Proud program manager. “Every time we choose local food, produce and products, we are simultaneously boosting Colorado’s economy and heritage – with agriculture as one of the biggest economic drivers in the state. That’s good news for everyone.”

“So, while we aim to ‘eat better’ and show our appreciation for health and local food, let’s take an active role in feeding Colorado’s agriculture industry, too. It’s all part of a greater awareness for healthy eating and for an economically-healthy state,” added Trotta.

Here are eight ideas for how every Coloradan can

nourish our farmers, ranchers, and food businesses, while buying and eating local food – and sticking to our resolutions:

1. Buy local. Click and share this website to see in-store product offerings and shipping options from local producers, ranchers, and manufacturers from around the state: ColoradoProud.com.
2. Pick Colorado-grown produce. Look for the Colorado Proud label, which symbolizes a particular piece of fruit or vegetable was grown in our state. And check out what local produce is in season.
3. Buy Colorado-made products. When shopping, look for Colorado-made products, such as jams, sauces, condiments, snacks, sweets and other locally-made food products, which will also have the Colorado Proud label.
4. Support Colorado’s livestock producers. Look for Colorado beef, lamb, pork, bison and poultry or order directly from local producers.
5. Buy direct from a Colorado wholesaler. Many local companies are now selling food and products directly to end-consumers. ColoradoProud.com offers a list of companies participating under the “Wholesaler” category.
6. Dine at local restaurants. More than ever, Colorado chefs and restaurants are incorporating locally sourced ingredients into their menus.
7. Enjoy Colorado beverages.

ages. Whether you prefer adult libations, fresh kombucha, or locally roasted coffee, look for Colorado-crafted alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages.

8. (Virtually) thank a farmer. We are sharing many stories from Colorado farmers, ranchers, and businesses on Colorado Proud’s Facebook page. Tag your favorite Colorado Proud companies.

Agriculture is an important economic driver in the state, consistently ranking as one of Colorado’s leading industries and is in the top-10 nationally for production of a variety of agricultural products. With more than 38,900 farms encompassing nearly 32 million acres, agriculture is a vital part of Colorado, supporting more than 195,000 jobs, contributing more than \$47 billion to the state’s economy annually.

The Colorado Proud program was created by the Colorado Department of Agriculture in 1999, to promote food and agricultural products that are grown, raised or made in Colorado. One of the goals of Colorado Proud is to make it easier for consumers to identify and purchase Colorado products by labeling them with the Colorado Proud logo. In 1999, Colorado Proud started with 65 companies; and today, the program has more than 3,300 members, including farmers, ranchers, food manufacturers, restaurants, retailers, schools and associations statewide.

SOUTHERN UTE FOSTER CARE

Foster Parent Recruitment Drive
Foster Parents Needed

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is recruiting foster homes in Ignacio and nearby communities to help provide safe and stable family home care to children in need of protective services.

Foster homes are needed for children in need of a warm bed, caring adults and attention to needs that sometimes get neglected when families are struggling or going through crisis. Can you help?

Foster Home Licensing Requirements:

- Application, Assessment, & Training
- Background checks for all adults in the home
- Home Inspection
- Physical exam
- Home study
- Training



CONTACT:

Southern Ute Foster Care
(970) 563-2332
(970) 563-2337
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FOR MORE INFO



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RIISING HEARTS

JAN. 29 – FEB. 6, 2022

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events.elitefeats.com/nativelands22



SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani po’okwatn - Eagle’s Nest

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI INDIAN ACADEMY

To help keep our students, families, and staff safe as the Omicron variant of COVID-19 began to run rampant, SUIMA moved to remote, online learning shortly after returning from Christmas break. This decision to move to remote learning was not made in haste. We all know that students need routine, structure, and an environment that supports learning. Yet, when Covid numbers started to rise, action was needed.

The pandemic has brought a change in routine, structure and normalcy for this generation of students. They now see masks/face coverings as normal as well as taking temperatures and the closing of classrooms. Though we closed for three weeks, the students kept learning, stayed safe, and will be coming back to in-person learning on Monday, January 31. Minor adjustments are in place at SUIMA so that we follow the current SUIT Covid requirements of Phase II, Level 3.

With that good news, and knowing that January is almost over, here are some additional tips from the Jill Seegerman article which was in the recent Montessori Life magazine titled “10 Tips for Happiness.”

1. **Be curious.** Curiosity builds our brain, much like lifting weights builds our muscles. Curiosity has been linked to happiness and positive social relationships.
2. **Spend time in nature.** Being in nature has a positive effect on our brains and bodies. Being outside reduces stress and increases relaxation.
3. **Follow the 2-minute rule (this is actually two tips).** If you can do something in two minutes, do it now. It takes more energy to put it off until later. If you are trying to create a new habit, start by doing it for at least two minutes every day.

Nuu’apaghapi - Ute phrases

mə’əvi - hand
pə’ivə - eyes
məvət’əpə - nose
təpavi - mouth
‘anəwiini mə’əvi? Wáyni mə’əvi. How many hands? Two hands.
‘əmə pə’əm punikya? Pui’i. What do you see with? Eyes.
‘əmə pə’əm ‘ugwikya? məvotə. What do you use to smell? Nose.
‘əmə pə’əm kamaytuk? Tapáa. What do you use to taste? Mouth.

Upcoming events

- Jan. 31: Students return to school
- Feb. 8: Family night
- Feb. 14 – 17: Family conference week
- Feb. 18: No school
- Feb. 21: No school (President’s Day)
- Feb. 22 – Parent Advisory Group meeting

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

LPEA

4. **Design your environment.** It is worth taking the time to design your environment (home) to support what you want to do and discourage what you don’t want to do.
5. **Be you.** It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking we should be a different way or wishing we were more like other people. Yet being you means giving you are to your children and family, which is a gift that only you can give.

By the way, with February right around the corner, are you still working on your New Year resolutions?

Tumiikh kwanachi – Eagle(s) of the Week



Shayne White Thunder
Second Grade

Our first tumiikh kwanachi is eight-year-old, Shayne Morning Star White Thunder.

Shayne is Southern Ute and comes from the Morning Star People, also known as Cheyenne. Her Ute name is “Təməsi’irə,” meaning Winter Rose (Flower), given to her by her grandmother, Mikki Naranjo. Her Cheyenne name is “Azemhei,” meaning Rearing Bull Woman, named after her maternal grandmother Bobbie White Thunder.

Shayne is a second grader who has been at SUIMA since she was in the infant room at one year old.

When Shayne is at school, she can be found writing, reading and working on math. Shayne excels in all her studies with her favorite lesson being ‘the main idea’ activity.

Her favorite food is fried chicken and mashed potatoes with gravy. Delicious!

Her favorite book is City of Dragons – the Awakening Storm.

When Shayne is not at school, she likes to play Roblox and participate in community events. She is very expressive with art as she likes to draw, paint, work on loom beading, and join powwow dancing. She is known as an “all-around” dancer – Fancy shawl, jingle, and traditional.



Meskvlwv Wesley
Third Grade

Our other tumiikh kwanachi is Meskvlwv Wesley.

Meskvlwv (Musk-ka-lo-wa) means Water Oak and it comes from the Muscogee Creek Language. His Ute name is Sanakava, which means Spotted Horse (sana means spotted, kava means horse).

Meskvlwv is a third grader who has been at SUIMA since he was an infant at nine-months-old!

When Meskvlwv is at school, he can be found working on math as that is the subject that he enjoys. “Mesky” is polite, encouraging and helpful. He is a leader in his class, works hard at learning his Ute language, and always greets the adults at the school.

His favorite foods include Chinese and Italian food, seafood, and cheeseburgers. Yummy! His favorite books are any of the “Pete the Cat” books. His favorite thing to do in the summer is to go camping.

When he is not at school, Meskvlwv likes to travel, ride his four-wheeler, go camping, fishing, play sports and enjoy video games. He also likes spending time with family and friends, but mostly loves hanging out with his little brother Tenetke.

STATE OF COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis proclaims Jan. 23-Jan. 29 “Colorado School Choice Week”

Staff report
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Gov. Jared Polis has issued a proclamation declaring Jan. 23-Jan. 29 to be “Colorado School Choice Week.” In doing so, he joined a growing number of state and local leaders who have taken pen in hand to officially recognize School Choice Week and the importance of every child receiving an effective education.

Families and teachers will celebrate Colorado School Choice Week with more than 450 events and activities. From at-home activities to a large school fair in Colorado Springs, the diverse celebrations echo the varied learning needs of students across the state. The goal of the week’s celebrations is to

raise awareness about educational opportunities, bringing parents from every background and income level clear and hope-filled information about their learning options.

More than 26,000 events have been independently planned for the week nationwide, raising awareness about public, private, virtual, and home education.

“Thank you, Gov. Polis, for recognizing that parents want and indeed must have options for their children’s education,” said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week. “We wish Coloradans the best in their National School Choice Week celebrations and look forward to seeing many wonderful pictures of the festivities.”

National School Choice

Week shines a spotlight on effective K-12 education options for children. As a not-for-profit effort, School Choice Week focuses equally on traditional public, charter, magnet, online, private, and home education options. Every January, participants plan tens of thousands of events and activities – such as school fairs, open houses, and student showcases – to raise awareness about school choice across all 50 states. Year-round, National School Choice Week develops resources and guides to assist families searching for schools or learning environments for their children. The effort is nonpolitical and nonpartisan and does not advocate for legislation.

For info, visit schoolchoiceweek.com/colorado.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program designed to foster reading as a lifelong pleasure activity. Its benefits aren’t limited to reading and literacy: reading together is a great time for parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters to spend time together. Any child under age 5 who is not currently enrolled in Kindergarten is eligible to participate. Families may enroll all their eligible children at the same time. Reading logs are kept and submitted for each child. Prizes are awarded for reading 200, 500, 800 and 1,000 books; children receive stickers for each reading log submitted. To sign your child up for the program, ask at the Ignacio Community Library Circulation Desk.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 pm on Friday, May 13, 2022 and shall state the basis for the nomination.

For information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd’s children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.

Tuition-Free College in High School

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What is Concurrent Enrollment?

Colorado’s concurrent enrollment program enables students to take college courses while they are still in high school. Classes may take place on the college campus or be taught by college-certified teachers at the high school.

Tuition is paid for by a student’s school district, saving families thousands of dollars in education costs. In the 2018-19 school year, concurrent enrollment students on PCC’s campuses saved an estimated \$2.3 million in tuition.

Most concurrent enrollment credits earned at PCC are guaranteed to transfer to any four-year public institution in Colorado. This means if a student completes enough credits to earn an associate degree while still in high school, they need only two additional years, not four, to complete a bachelor’s degree.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a high school student
- Must meet the eligibility requirements of your school district
- Must apply to PCC (complete your application at pueblococ.edu)
- Must have completed Concurrent Enrollment registration paperwork with PCC (online at bit.ly/ECPPC)
- Student must apply for and access their College Opportunity Fund (COF) for all PCC classes



Contact us for more information.
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ing, those in attendance during the virtual meeting were asked to submit key words they would like to see for the new mission statement.

Words such as – Academic Focus, Safe, High Performance, Diversity, Parent Involvement, Honesty, and Inclusion – were just a few of many words presented to the school district.

The initial meeting covered the creation of a Mission Statement for the School District, future meetings will discuss finalizing the Mission Statement, and identifying focus area groups to work on SMART Goals, (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Based). The current Mission statement reads, “As a community partner, the Ignacio School District will provide an engaging education for all students in a safe, positive, and respectful environment.”

The Jan. 24 meeting also discussed data review gathered from the Strategic Survey sent out in October of 2021, students, parents, community members and staff who were sent the survey were asked for input about areas of concerns, “How are things currently going?” within the school district.



Areas of concerns were numbered as followed:

- Student Achievement
- Developing, Retention of staff
- School climate and culture
- Classroom Instruction

Top areas in the system were also listed:

- Physical Facilities
- Student Activities
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Community Partnership

Survey response to community priorities, “What should be our focus over the next three years?” was also presented during the strategic planning meeting. Those results were as follows.

Top four priorities:

- Developing, Retaining staff
- Classroom instruction
- Student Achievement
- School leadership

Bottom four priorities:

- Student activities
- Community partnerships
- Diversity and inclusion
- Physical facilities

Upcoming Strategic Plan Meetings are scheduled for Feb. 22: Finalize mission statement and identify focus area groups. March 28: Focus group progress report and work on SMART goals. April 25: Focus groups progress report and SMART goals. May 23: Focus groups progress report and finalize Strategic Plan, and June 9 present Strategic Plan to School Board for potential adoption.

For information contact the Ignacio School District at 970-563-0500 or visit the website at www.ignacioschools.org/en-US, under the Departments and School Board tabs.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Musician and poet Joy Harjo performed at the Strater Hotel in Durango, Colo, in 2019.

PUBLIC RADIO

A KSUT conversation with writer, musician, and Poet Laureate Joy Harjo

By Crystal Ashike
KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

Joy Harjo is America’s 23rd Poet Laureate and in her third term in that position. She’s a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and has been writing, teaching, and performing music for more than 40 years. She’s the author of nine books of poetry and seven music albums, including her latest, “I Pray for My Enemies.” Joy Harjo talked to

KSUT Tribal Radio’s Crystal Ashike recently about her work, the pandemic, and being fearless for beauty.

In her recent interview, she talks about her latest album “I Pray for My Enemies,” a collaboration with producer/engineer and ethnomusicologist Barrett Martin, featuring well known rock guitarists

Reflecting on the pandemic, “I remember looking outside the window, and it was just quiet. It

took so many of the culture bearers of our Muskogee Creek Nation. We lost so many people like the roots, you know, the oldest roots, some of the deep roots.”

Harjo brings a fresh identity to the poetry and songs that have made her a renowned poet of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and one of the most authentic and compelling voices of these times.

Listen to the interview for the complete conversation at <https://tribalradio.org/>

LEND YOUR VOICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ignacio School District

STRATEGIC PLAN MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the Ignacio High School Auditorium from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

January 24th - Data review and work on mission statement

February 22nd - Finalize mission statement and identify focus area groups

March 28th - Focus group progress report and work on SMART goals

April 25th - Focus group progress report and work on SMART goals

May 23rd - Focus group progress report and finalize Strategic Plan

June 9th - Present to Board for potential adoption

All parents, community members, district employees, and students are encouraged to attend. A light meal will be served at each meeting.

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

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Pueblo Southwest

Community College

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3444 or email Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu at least five (5) working days before the event.

Spring classes start Jan. 17. Contact us for more information.

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LOCATION

Ignacio Community Church
405 Browning Avenue
Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information contact Teresa Bagdol at 970.779.8133 or tmmscox@yahoo.com



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

More than 670 lives lost on Colorado roads in 2021

50% increase in deaths since 2011

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Last year, 672 people were killed on Colorado roadways – the most deaths since 2002. And that number is expected to increase as the Colorado Department of Transportation continues to receive additional crash reports. This marks a 50% increase from the 447 fatalities recorded in 2011.

CDOT, the Colorado State Patrol and the Colorado Springs Police Department gathered to urge Coloradans to reduce risky driving behaviors and drive like lives depend on it. Indeed, the life they save could be their own.

“We allocate tremendous resources into maintaining a safe and reliable statewide travel system,” said John Lorme, Director of Maintenance & Operations for CDOT. “However, the most important resource is the driver, and that’s where we see safety falter. Drivers making poor decisions – whether it’s speeding, being on their phones, or not buckling up – cause more than 90% of the fatal crashes on our roadways.”

Last year fatalities involving impaired drivers increased 16% from 212 in 2020 to 246 in 2021.

While fatal motorcycle, pedestrian and bicycle crashes remained relative-

ly steady last year, fatalities involving vehicle occupants skyrocketed – up 22%. Many of these crashes involved people not wearing seat belts. Thankfully, seat belts save an estimated 200 lives each year in Colorado, but unfortunately, seat belt use in the state still lags behind the national rate.

“For the average Coloradan, the most dangerous thing you will do all day is driving. These trends are tragic and unacceptable,” said Col. Matthew Packard, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “It’s why Colorado State Patrol will continue its low-tolerance enforcement strategy to educate or remove drivers putting lives at risk. But enforcement efforts alone won’t solve the problem of rising fatalities on our roadways. We need drivers to do their part and set the right example. We need to care enough to change this - we need to care enough to make safe choices behind the wheel.”

The worrisome fatality trends are present in both rural and urban areas. Preliminary data indicates that fatalities are up 37% in Pueblo County and 29% in Denver County.

In 2021, El Paso County launched a comprehensive Road Safety Plan to make city roads safer and reduce traffic deaths and injuries.

“It takes dedication from the entire community and state to make a difference,” said Vincent Niski, Chief of Police for the Colorado Springs Police Department. “We can all do our part to save lives. Please treat driving with the respect it demands.”

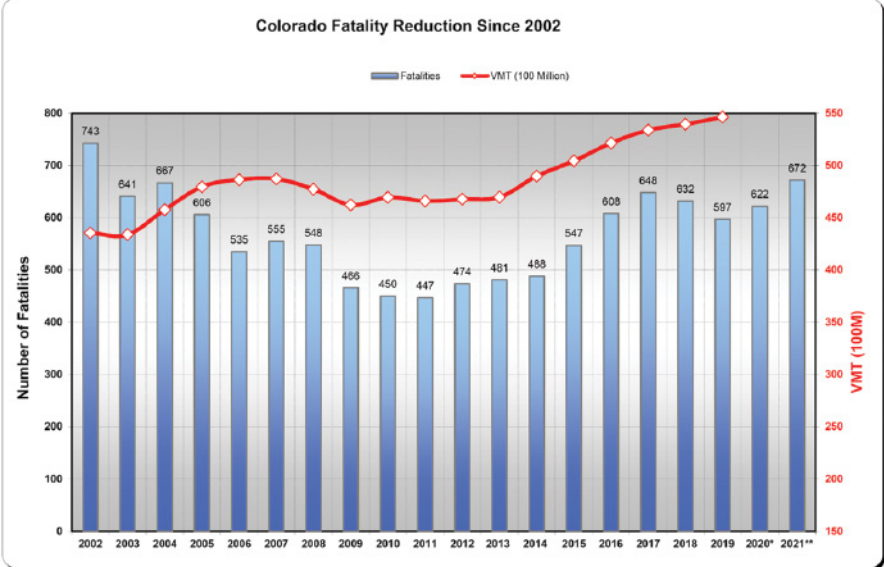
The counties with the most road fatalities in 2021:

- El Paso = 77
- Adams = 66
- Denver = 65
- Jefferson = 50
- Arapahoe = 50
- Weld = 46

CDOT, Colorado State Patrol and Colorado Springs Police Department, among other statewide traffic safety advocates, call on drivers statewide to:

- Never drive after consuming alcohol, marijuana or other drugs
- Avoid speeding
- Always buckle up, no matter the distance
- Never text and drive
- Use extra caution around pedestrians and bicyclists

In the coming year, the agencies will implement a variety of enforcement, education and engineering initiatives to increase safety on Colorado roads.



GRANT FUNDING

Ballantine Family Fund awards \$310K to nonprofits in Southwest Colorado

By Briggen Wrinkle
GRANTS MANAGER

This year marks the 65th year the Ballantine Family Fund has been supporting Southwest Colorado through grants to nonprofits, prioritizing organizations that enhance life in our region. In 2021, \$310,100 was donated across Southwest Colorado through a quarterly grant application process and additional Core Value grants. Through their quarterly grant cycles in 2021, the Trustees of the Ballantine Family Fund awarded \$270,100 to 113 nonprofit organizations across all sectors in Southwest Colorado. The average grant size was \$2,390. The counties served include Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan.

By sector, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded:

- \$10,000 to Animal Protection (4% of total grants)
- \$59,000 to Arts and Culture (22% of total grants)
- \$56,100 to Education (21% of total grants)
- \$20,000 to Environment (7% of total grants)
- \$97,000 to Human Ser-

- vices (36% of total grants)
- \$15,000 to Youth (6% of total grants)
- \$13,000 to Other (5% of total grants)

By county, the Ballantine Family Fund awarded:

- \$23,500 to Archuleta (9% of total grants)
- \$10,000 to Dolores (4% of total grants)
- \$153,500 to La Plata (57% of total grants)
- \$61,600 to Montezuma (23% of total grants)
- \$10,000 to San Juan (4% of total grants)
- \$11,500 to other counties that support Southwest Colorado, but are not physically located in our geographic region (4% of total grants)

To be considered for funding, nonprofits in Southwest Colorado may submit grant applications at BallantineFamilyFund.com.

In addition to the quarterly grant awards listed above, the Ballantine Family Trustees awarded an unsolicited \$40,000 in Core Value grants to support impactful projects across the region, including the Imagination Library in Cortez, a childhood literacy program; the Community

Emergency Assistance Coalition, in support of housing security; regional holiday-giving programs for seniors and low-income families; and Good Food Collective’s new Regional Food Incubation Enterprise for people of color.

“The Ballantine family legacy demonstrates both longevity and ingenuity through a deep-rooted commitment to Southwest Colorado, providing extensive resources for our region for more than six decades, while always striving for greater impact,” says Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and grants manager for the Ballantine Family Fund. “The Trustees continue to examine new opportunities to support our region, particularly as we respond to and recover from the pandemic.”

The Ballantine Family Fund was established in 1957 by Morley C. Ballantine and Arthur A. Ballantine Jr. for the purpose of providing financial assistance to nonprofit causes that benefit the human condition in Southwest Colorado. For more information, visit www.ballantinefamilyfund.com.

STAFF SHORTAGE

Attention members!

Due to staff shortage, SunUte will **TEMPORARILY** close for the weekends beginning **January 15th until further notice.**

24/7 will be available during the weekends and 7pm-7am weekdays.

We encourage members to get 24/7 if they do not already have it.

Please check our website or call the front desk for updates.

We appreciate your patience during this time!



Tawi Nuuchu Na-Gukwi-Vani Covid-19
Together, we will fight Covid-19
SunUte Community Center



Due to the surge in COVID, SunUte is changing some of its offerings. We will keep you informed of any further changes.

OPEN

- The fitness area and the gymnasium along with the locker rooms will remain open.
- 24/7 will remain open.

POSTPONED

- Youth Basketball Practice is postponed until further notice
- Beginning immediately (1/5/22) Group Exercise and Active Kid Care are postponed until further notice.

CLOSED

- Beginning 1/6/22 the pool, sauna and hot tub will be closed until further notice.

Staff will be on site to answer any questions or call SunUte at 970563-0214 or call Robin at 970-749-7998

Please stay safe and mask up!



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SunUte Community Center



members get more

PUBLIC SAFETY

HUD awards over \$1.9 million to LCAST to protect families

Funding to make low-income families' homes safer

Staff report
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded nearly \$104.7 million to 60 non-profit organizations, and state and local government agencies located in 29 states to protect children and families from home health hazards. \$1,999,919.52 to International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology, a non-profit based in Denver, Colo.

HUD is providing these grants through its Healthy Homes Production Grant Program which will help grantees identify health and safety hazards in low-income families' homes. The grants will protect children and families with incomes at or below eighty percent of the area median income level by targeting significant lead and health hazards in over 7,400 low-income homes for which other re-

sources are not available. "By providing these grants, HUD makes it clear that ensuring healthy and safe homes for communities across our nation is a priority," said Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. "HUD is working every day to keep families safe from home health hazards like lead paint because for many Americans, their home is a primary determinant of their health, and that is why HUD is committed to protecting families from these hazards and to providing healthy and sustainable housing for all Americans."

The grants announced today emphasize the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to solving the nation's lead crisis. In December, HUD awarded nearly \$13.2 million in grants to state and local government agencies in three states through its Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LBPHR) Grant Program to identify and clean up dangerous lead, and health and

safety hazards in low-income families' homes.

The Healthy Homes Production Grant Program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. The program builds upon HUD's successful Lead Hazard Control programs to expand the Department's efforts to holistically address a variety of high-priority housing-based health and safety hazards, such as mold and moisture, poor indoor air quality, pests, carbon monoxide, injury and safety hazards, in addition to lead-based paint.

In the coming weeks, grantees will begin setting up and implementing their programs and will make applications available for families who are interested and eligible for their local Healthy Homes Program.



Multi-Purpose Facility February Events

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday, February 4, 2022 10:00 — 11:30 AM
All Community Seniors 55 + Welcome

Quilt Class—Tuesday & Thursday February 8 & 10—10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday February 12, 2022 9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Elder Valentine Craft Workshop—Monday February 14, 2022
10:00 AM—3:00 PM—Space is limited—Elders only—call to reserve spot

Tack Belt Class—Tuesday & Thursday February 15 & 16, 2022
9:30 AM—3:30 PM—Space is limited—call to reserve your spot

Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch—Friday February 18, 2022 11:30 AM—1:30 PM
Open to all three Ute Tribe members & their families

Ribbon Shirt Class—Tuesday & Thursday February 22 & 24, 2022
10:00 AM—3:30 PM—(Must know how to use sewing machine)

The Multi-Purpose Facility complies with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID—19 limitations

*****Masks are required for everyone, classes, and attendance is limited.**
*****If you are sick or someone in your household is sick please stay home.**
The Sip, Chat & Chew attendance is limited, the event may be canceled or modified.
— Please watch for announcements and changes to our scheduling—

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





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OPEN CALL

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION



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DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2022

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REGIONAL LA HOUSING ALLIANCE PLATA COUNTY

The Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County is accepting applications for its Member-at-Large Board position

Applicants for this three-year term must be residents of, or employed in, La Plata County, Colorado and be at least 18 years old. Applicants should have experience or expertise in areas related areas related to the services provided by the Alliance such as real estate, banking, finance, legal, or social services.

For an application:
Visit: www.swccog.org/projects/housing
Email: info@swccog.org
Call: (970) 759-4134

Applications are due February 2, 2022.

For more information, please call (970) 759-4134.



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Introducing your Tribal Council



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council (left to right): Council member – Vanessa P. Torres, Treasurer – Marjorie Barry, Chairman – Melvin J. Baker, Vice-chair – Ramona Eagle, Council member – Dr. Stacey Oberly, and Council member – Lorelei Cloud.



STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 3.

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

FRIDAY MORNING

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman Eagle will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9 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

TREASURER'S PANA-QARU 'URU APAGHARU



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

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



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Southern Ute Office Closures

Southern Ute Tribal administrative offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 in observance of President's Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, Feb. 22.



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working in office and remote while in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3. Tribal offices are open to the public and meetings are by appointment only. Individuals are required to temperature screen upon entrance and face coverings are required. Council Contact information is listed below.

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- ✓ 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 SUI@coyac.org email address
Complete paperwork in a timely manner
Communicate with students and youth organizations about youth-related issues

www.coyac.org director@coyac.org

Graphic for THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. Includes text: 'The Southern Ute Education Department, Public Education', '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'.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

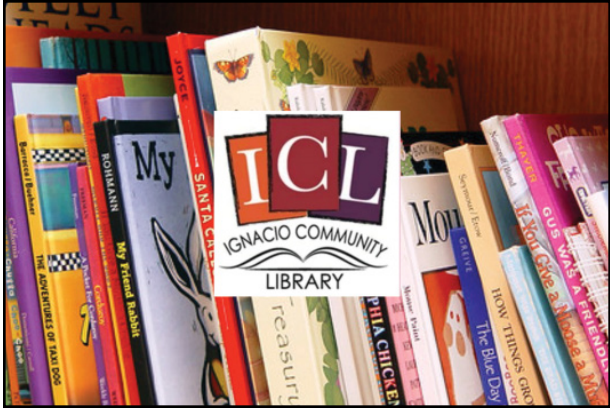
ICL offers a wide variety of activities, materials, and interests

Staff report
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

One of my favorite things about libraries, and Ignacio Community Library in particular, is the wide variety of activities, materials, and interests you can find here. The word eclectic comes to mind. I love being able to explore a new skill without having to invest in new and costly equipment and materials. The library has the resources to provide our community with myriad opportunities for new experiences, skills, and ideas.

Take for instance, the Cricut machine in the IdeaLab. I wanted a gift for my grandkids who live a few states away. With the Cricut machine (and a little help from the staff) I was able to produce two cute t-shirts in short order. It was low-cost, I simply made a small donation for materials, and was able to use the machine on a Saturday afternoon, put it all away and mail off a fun care package.

The art group is always open to helping people get started so I've been thinking of trying out watercolor painting. I'm a little hes-



itant, but since I don't have to make a huge investment in materials when I don't even know if I'll enjoy it, I'm more inclined to give it a try. This goes for all types of skills that I think I might like to learn. We even have a Zoom Insta-Pot class coming up soon, so folks can try their hand at cooking beans or other foods in a new way.

The list is endless, which is sometimes overwhelming, but mostly just exciting to imagine all the possibilities. Right now with gathering in limited numbers again, so we're offering escape rooms. These mystery games are a fun way to get out, but still stay with your own family group and have a bit of excitement and mystery. Just

call the library to reserve a time.

And if going somewhere is just not in the cards right now, remember that we offer Kanopy through the library website. Kanopy has new release movies, indie films, children's shows and my favorite: Great Courses. I've recently been working my way through the Great Courses: Cooking Basics, which I thought I mostly knew, but have been learning a bunch.

So, just a reminder that you can be eclectic right along with me, exploring new and different ideas and skills through the materials offered by ICL. It's a hard time; winter during a pandemic (again), but we've got some good options to help you get through it.

KSUT RADIO

KSUT welcomes new board member, Mikki Naranjo

Staff report
KSUT RADIO

Mikki Naranjo is the newest member of the KSUT Board of Directors, filling one of three open seats to be held by enrolled members of the Southern Ute Tribe.

Naranjo is a graduate of Fort Lewis College with a B.A. in Accounting. She worked for the Sky Ute Casino Resort in the finance department for 16 years, from accounting technician to controller. In addition, she has held various positions within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's finance department and is currently employed as the Contracts & Grants Manager for the Tribe's Permanent Fund.



courtesy KSUT Radio

Southern Ute tribal member Mikki Naranjo joins the KSUT Board of Directors.

Naranjo is the founder of "Shadow Wind Dancers" and has performed for various organizations and companies throughout Colorado. She has coordinated Native American dance events for the Sky Ute Casino Resort and helped pro-

duce the annual casino powwow, as well as assisted with the "Heritage Performance Train Ride" in collaboration with the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and was acknowledged with a Governor's Volunteer Tourism Award.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

The Animas River, before and after the 2015 Gold King Mine spill, an environmental disaster that caught the attention of media across the nation.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bennet applauds agreement to clean up the Animas River watershed

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet released the following statement after the Justice Department, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Interior (DOI), the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Colorado announced that they reached an agreement with Sunnyside Gold Corporation and Kinross Gold Corporation after years of degraded water quality.

"I am pleased to see this agreement reached in our work to clean up the Animas River Watershed. This proposed settlement will enable us to focus resources toward cleaning up the mining contamination that has long degraded water quality in the Animas River basin

and protect the health and environment of surrounding Colorado communities. I applaud EPA, USDA, DOI, Kinross, Sunnyside Gold, and the state for coming together to negotiate this settlement and I look forward to seeing it finalized and implemented," said Bennet.

In 2015, the Gold King Mine Spill drew attention to the state of the river and the need to secure funding for a comprehensive cleanup effort. The agreement announced today resolves federal and state liability as well as some of the private liability related to the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site, which includes the Gold King Mine and many other abandoned mines near Silverton, Colorado. This agreement will support efforts to continue cleanup of mining-related

contamination within the Upper Animas Watershed, protect public health and the environment, improve water quality, stabilize mine source areas, and minimize unplanned releases.

Since the Gold King Mine spill, Bennet has worked to ensure that the EPA addresses all of the local communities' concerns and prioritizes funding for cleanup of the Gold King as well as the broader watershed. Bennet has repeatedly met with community officials, and pushed the EPA to implement the Superfund designation in a way that works for the region. He also worked with the local community to set up a water quality monitoring program for the Animas River and secure federal legislation to authorize and fund that program.



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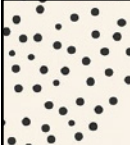


WINTER DRIVING TIPS


INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE

when driving on icy or snowpacked roads.






"Spirit of the Peaks" Virtual Movie Screening



"Spirit of the Peaks" is a film about the struggle for balance between two worlds. For Hunkpapa Lakota skier Connor Ryan, skiing in Ute Territory has always raised questions about being in reciprocity with the land and its people.

This story connects conflicted pasts to an awakening in cultural awareness that can create an equitable future for Indigenous people and skiers.

February 10 at 6:00 PM!
Register at :
<https://tinyurl.com/sotsmovienight>





CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango providing free KN95 masks

Supplies are limited to five masks per person

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce that free KN95 and surgical masks are now available to the public at SJBPH offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango. Masks are available at SJBPH front desks on a first come, first served basis until they run out. Five masks will be provided per person. The public is required to wear a mask to enter SJBPH offices and lobbies at this time. SJBPH's Pagosa Springs office is located at 502 S. 8th Street in Pagosa Springs and is open Monday through Thursday 8am to noon and 1pm to 5pm. The SJBPH Durango office is located at 281 Sawyer Drive in Durango and is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

The free masks were provided to SJBPH by the State of Colorado's Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management as a resource to communities for slowing the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. High quality, well-fitting masks are a critical precaution for limiting transmission during the current surge of the Omicron variant in our community. SJBPH's local Public Health Advisory continues to strongly recommend face coverings for all individuals ages two and up in all public indoor settings, businesses, and workplaces.

COVID-19 spreads when an infected person breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus. These droplets and particles can be breathed in by other people. Having a well-fitting mask is key for keeping you and others safe. For a mask to be most effective, it should fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin without gaps. It should fit in a way that prevents airflow around the mask (i.e. under eyes or at the side of the mask), and allow you to breathe easily with air directed into and through the mask. Best practices for how to wear a mask properly are available from the CDC.

"With the Omicron variant still spreading at high rates, we hope the community will stop by either of our offices to pick up their free masks while supplies last. SJBPH is also working with local organizations and partners to ensure masks get out to vulnerable groups and essential workers. Masks continue to be an important precaution to limit the spread of COVID-19, in addition to being vaccinated and boosted when eligible. By being vaccinated and masking up indoors we can limit spread and prevent the worst outcomes from COVID-19, which in turn keeps us safe and supports health care, essential services, businesses, and our local schools," said Liane Jollon, Executive Director, SJBPH.

Both La Plata and Archuleta counties continue to report high levels of COVID-19 transmission that are impacting the operation of businesses, schools, and health care in the region. Yesterday, the seven-day case incidence rate in La Plata County was reported at 1,583 cases per 100,000 residents, and in Archuleta County the rate was 1,130 cases per 100,000 residents. Of the molecular tests collected and reported to SJBPH over the past seven days, 25% came back positive for COVID-19 in La Plata County and 32% were reported as positive in Archuleta County.

In addition to wearing a mask, receiving a booster dose of vaccine is shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness, and clinics with ample supply of all three vaccine types are widely available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics and providers is available online with convenient dates and times across both counties.

Community testing sites remain open and are free to the general public. More information about hours and how to make an appointment is available on the SJBPH website. For COVID-19 data, vaccine clinics, and information about quarantine and isolation guidance please visit the SJBPH website.

CORONAVIRUS

Community partners, schools, and local governments join SJBPH in calling for precautions amid omicron

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) continues to report high levels of COVID-19 transmission driven by community spread of the Omicron variant. To preserve health care capacity and resources, support in-person learning, and maintain essential government services, the public is strongly urged to commit to precautions that are proven to limit spread and COVID-19 hospitalizations. Precautions include seeking vaccination and a booster dose as soon as eligible, masking in businesses, workplaces, and public indoor spaces, isolating when ill, and quarantining when exposed.

Both La Plata and Archuleta counties continue to report extremely high levels of COVID-19 transmission that are impacting the operation of businesses, schools, and health care in the region. Yesterday, the seven-day case incidence rate in La Plata County was reported at 1,594 cases per 100,000 residents, and in Archuleta County the rate was 1,496 cases per 100,000 residents. Of the molecular tests collected and reported to SJBPH over the past seven days, 26% came back positive for COVID-19 in La Plata County and 33% were reported as positive in Archuleta County.

In the face of this unprecedented COVID-19 surge, community partners are united in calling for public health precautions across both Archuleta and La Plata counties:

"The severe rise in COVID cases in Archuleta County is certainly putting a strain on our business community. Many are adjusting days and hours of operation or need to close due to the impact of short staffing. The consistently stated health protocols are encouraged throughout our business community to try and help slow the spread of COVID and the general cold and flu outbreaks. Now, more than ever, we need to support our critical agencies and look out for each other by maintaining healthy habits and recommended guidelines. Also, be patient and kind!" said Mary Jo Coulehan, Executive Director, Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce.

"La Plata County is and will continue to follow all SJBPH protocols in light of the alarming statistics in our region. Much of our staff is working remotely and those who are unable to do so are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing in all county offices and facilities. We continue to strongly encourage all staff members to be fully vaccinated and hope all county residents do the same," said Commissioner Matt Salka, Chair, La Plata County Board of County Commissioners.

"City staff in all departments are working very hard to maintain operations during this current surge in COVID-19. We urge our community to persevere through this difficult time by following public health precautions to ensure services, facilities and businesses we rely on remain open and available," said José Madrigal, Durango City Manager.

"Our District appreciates community members taking precautions and staying home when sick right now to slow the spread of COVID-19. We're all in this together, and by taking action to protect yourself and your family you are also helping support in-person learning and keeping our students and staff safe and healthy," said Dr. K. Kevin Aten, Superintendent of Schools, Bayfield School District.

"Pagosa Springs Medical Center is grateful to every person who takes the recommended actions to avoid getting or spreading COVID. For those who have COVID, PSMC is proud to be one of four locations in the State of Colorado partnering with a Colorado Homeland Security healthcare team to deliver monoclonal antibody treatment," said Rhonda P. Webb, M.D. Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO. Persons needing and qualifying for monoclonal

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FREE KN95 & SURGICAL GRADE MASKS

Colorado has made KN95 and surgical-grade masks available for free at participating locations across the state. Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your community by wearing a mask and staying up to date on your vaccinations.

To find a distribution site near you, visit covid19.colorado.gov/freemasks.

#MaskUpCO

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of January 26, 2022)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

719	Positives
18,597	Total Tests

SUHC Vaccination Update

Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

299	Positives
3	Deaths

Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 12 years of age and older (5 years and older for Pfizer). IHS-eligible patients will receive priority when scheduling.

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

Activities discouraged while in Phase II 'Safer at Home', Level 3

Rise in COVID Cases Prompts Tribe to Revert to Phase II 'Safer at Home', Level 3 effective January 6, 2022.

Visit loved ones if you are sick

Visit non-household members in a congregate care setting

Discontinue use of face coverings when required

Discontinue social distancing

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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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

Care for Family & Pets

Buy groceries or household supplies

Obtain medical supplies

Engage in banking

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

RISE IN COVID CASES PROMPTS TRIBE TO REVERT TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 3

In accordance with tribal Resolution 2021-104, which adopted amended COVID-19 metrics, and due to the rise in data, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council concurred with moving to the more restricted Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3. The graphic below explains the changes in restrictions.

Effective January 6, 2022

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3

What has changed with the amended restrictions?

Older Restrictions	New Amended Restrictions
Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2	Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3
Personal Gathering No greater than 20	Personal Gathering No greater than 10
Indoor Capacity Up to 50% 75 Max	Indoor Capacity 25% 25 Max
Outdoor Capacity Up to 50% 100 Max	Outdoor Capacity 25% 50 Max

Tribal Members, Employees and Visitors are encouraged to continue daily safe health practices while responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals should continue to adhere to all public health orders in effect including requirements for face coverings.

Tribal Buildings will remain open

All individuals must complete COVID-19 screening upon entering any tribal building.

Wear your mask

Practice social distancing

Wash your hands

For more information or updates visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov or Official Facebook



PRECAUTIONS AMID OMICRON • FROM PAGE 12

antibody treatments should look for the link to PSMC at this website: <https://bit.ly/3sNMGnE>.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for everyone. We are all feeling the effects of the Omicron variant. As a healthcare provider and a local business, Animas Surgical Hospital encourages members of our community to take additional COVID-19 precautions to support our friends and neighbors throughout the Omicron surge,” said Joe Theine, CEO, Animas Surgical Hospital.

“In-person learning is central to student well-being. We’re able to uphold a meaningful and engaging in-person learning environment because of our faculty, staff, and students’ continued commitment to science-informed mitigation protocols, like booster shots and mask use indoors,” said Tom Stritikus, President, Fort Lewis College.

“The Durango Business Improvement District (BID) reminds everyone to be safe and careful out there. If you feel the slightest bit sick, stay home and do not take a chance of infecting a friend or co-worker. We also recommend that people in our area look to upgrade their masks, and to have your mask with you wherever you go. Please always wear one when visiting Downtown and North Main District businesses to keep yourself, other customers and employees safe,” said Tim Walsworth, Executive Director, Durango Business Improvement District.

“Mercy continues to care for a large number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19. While we are still fully capable of pro-

viding all of our services to the community, this prolonged pandemic continues to place a great strain on our staff. We are supportive of all preventive measures that help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and reduce hospitalizations,” said Dr. Christopher Hudson, Chief Medical Officer, Mercy Hospital.

“We at Durango School District 9-R continue to be committed to providing in person learning as this is both critical to the well-being of our children and our community at large. Through our layered mitigation strategies and incredible dedication of our staff, families and students, we have been able to maintain in-person learning through this extremely high transmission period. We also recognize community partners including local medical providers and SJBPH for their continued support. We urge all community members to continue to do their best to limit community spread during this time by testing, masking while indoors in public places and staying home when ill,” said Dr. Karen Cheser, Superintendent, Durango School District 9-R.

“Case rates are so high due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant that it is having far reaching impacts on the essential services we all depend on in our community. We join our partners in local government, business, health care, and education in urging the public to take additional precautions during this Omicron surge. Together, we can help ensure hospital care is available to anyone who needs it and support health care staff who are working so hard at our

area hospitals,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. “Countless people are working tirelessly to provide essential services in our community—teachers, first responders, snowplow drivers, public servants, and many more who we need to protect during this surge. Masking, vaccinations, and boosters are the best precautions we should all take right now,” continued Jollon.

Receiving a booster is shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness, and clinics with ample supply of all three vaccine types are widely available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics and providers is available online with convenient dates and times across both counties.

Community testing sites remain open and are free to the general public. More information about hours and how to make an appointment is available on the SJBPH website.

SJBPH’s local Public Health Advisory remains in effect. For COVID-19 data, vaccine clinics, and information about quarantine and isolation guidance please visit the SJBPH website.

San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.

Local COVID Vaccine Clinic Information

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

- **Southern Ute Health Center (356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO):** This clinic offers Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. Individuals are encouraged to call 970-563-4581 for availability and scheduling. IHS – Beneficiaries will receive priority when scheduling

LA PLATA COUNTY VACCINE PROVIDERS

- **Pediatric Partners of the Southwest (School-Based Clinic at Durango High School):** Call for an appointment at 970-385-0100
- **CDPHE Southwest Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics:** View the schedule: <https://www.mobilevax.us/southwest>
- **CDPHE Prep Mod (Jogan Health):** Make an appointment: Find a Vaccine Clinic | Colorado (Comassvax.org)
- **AXIS Health System:** Make an appointment: <https://axishealthsystem.simplybook.me/v2/>. Or email: covidvax@axishealthsystem.org
- **Rivergate Pharmacy (575 Rivergate Lane, Suite 111, Durango, CO):** Hosting weekly Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) clinic Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Make an appointment <https://form.jotform.com/210736312913146>. For questions call 970-375-7711 or email vaccine@rivergatepharmacy.com
- **Mercy Regional Medical Center:** Sign up for a vaccine appointment from Centura using this form: https://centura.secureformssubmit.net/FillOutForm.aspx?formname=COVID-19_Vaccine_Notification. If you are unable to use Centura’s vaccine notification sign up form, please call 1-866-414-1562
- **City Market Pharmacy Durango (North and South locations):** Make an appointment: www.citymarket.com/covidvaccine. Or call: 866-211-5320
- **Albertson’s:** Make an appointment: <https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>
- **Walmart:** Make an appointment: <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>

ARCHULETA COUNTY VACCINE PROVIDERS

- **AXIS Health System (Archuleta Integrated Health and/or La Plata Integrated Health):** Make an appointment: <https://axishealthsystem.simplybook.me/v2/>. Or email: covidvax@axishealthsystem.org
- **CDPHE Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic:** View the schedule: <https://www.mobilevax.us/southwest>
- **Pagosa Medical Group (27B Talisman Dr. Unit 3):** Send a text to 970-372-0456 (must include area code). Texting is the fastest way to receive a response. Or email info@pagosamedicalgroup.org. Sign up: <https://pagosamedicalgroup.com/>
- **Pagosa Springs Medical Center (95 S. Pagosa Blvd.):** Make an appointment: <https://pagosaprimariesmedicalcenter.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-update/>. Then select “PSMC COVID-19 VACCINE RESERVATION FORM”. Or call 970-507-3995
- **City Market Pagosa Springs:** Make an appointment: www.citymarket.com/covidvaccine. Or call: 1-866-211-5320. Appointments can only be made when the vaccine is guaranteed to be available, so please continue to check the link.
- **Walmart in Pagosa Springs:** Call: 970-731-9017. Make an appointment: <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM VACCINE PROVIDERS

- **New Mexico Department of Health:** Make an appointment: <https://vaccinenm.org>. On-site registration and walk-ins based on remaining available doses. Sites offer a drive up option for mobility impaired. Registration help call 1-855-600-3453

Local COVID Testing Site Information

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

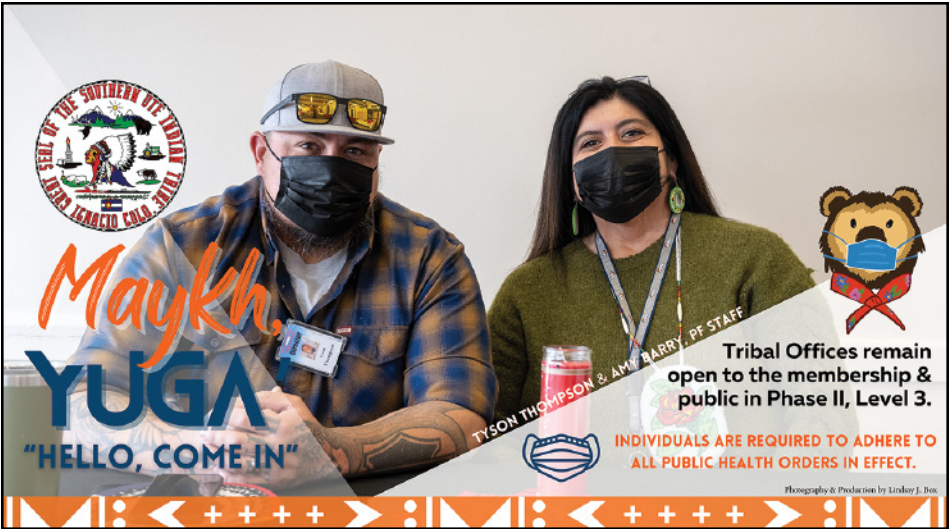
- **Southern Ute Health Center (356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO)**
This site offers free COVID Testing to IHS-Beneficiaries

LA PLATA COUNTY TESTING LOCATIONS

- **La Plata County Fairgrounds (2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO)**
Open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open the following Saturdays (Feb. 5, and Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The site will be CLOSED Feb. 10. Pre-registration: <https://my.primary.health/l/cdphe>
- **Fort Lewis College (1000 Rim Dr., Durango, CO – parking lot near football field)**
Open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open the following Saturdays (Jan. 29, Feb. 12, and Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Pre-registration: <https://my.primary.health/l/cpdhe>

ARCHULETA COUNTY TESTING LOCATIONS

- **95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO (behind Pagosa Springs Medical Bldg.)**
Open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration: covidcheckcolorado.org



STRENGTH

Protecting our children is an investment in our present and future

Although fewer children have been infected with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can: 1) Be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19; 2) Get sick from COVID-19; and 3) Spread COVID-19 to others.

Children age 5 and over are currently eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Teens 16-17 years old are eligible for Pfizer booster shots.

Why should I get my child/teen vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine?	How can I protect my children who are under the age of 5?
<p>Getting a COVID-19 vaccination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can help protect your child from getting COVID-19.• Is safe and effective. –Vaccines have gone through all required research phases. –It will not give your child COVID-19.• May help prevent spreading COVID-19 to others.• Can help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.• Your child can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit (without waiting 14 days between vaccines).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear masks in all indoor locations outside of your home.• Keep at least 6 feet apart from others when outside of your home.• Avoid large gatherings and activities that make it hard to stay 6 feet away from others. –Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities. –If indoors, choose a well-ventilated location.• Wash hands• Sanitize high touch areas and materials• Get everyone in your family who is 5 years or older vaccinated against COVID-19.

Contact your local IHS, tribal, or urban Indian health care facility for more information on getting vaccinated.

Scan QR code to learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations for children & teens 5 years and older

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NATIONAL TRIBAL COVID-19 RESPONSE

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COVID-19 and Reinfection

Reinfection happens when an infection occurs again after a recovery or presumed recovery from an infection of the same type. For example, a reinfection occurs if a person has had a certain strain of the influenza (flu) virus, but then later gets sick from the same strain again. Based on what we know from similar viruses, some reinfections are expected. Cases of reinfection with COVID-19 have been reported, but remain rare.

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations are one of the groups at highest risk for COVID-19 infection, so it is important to take all possible precautions to keep our communities and elders safe.

Why Some Individuals May Become Reinfected

Scientists are still studying SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), and therefore do not have all of the answers yet on immunity, or the biological processes that could lead to reinfection or relapse. But here are some possible answers being explored:

- The possibility that the virus has been re-activated within an individual, or was not completely shed before being considered fully recovered
- The possibility of mutations (changes) in the virus that are not detected by the tests when conducted, which we are seeing now with the Delta variant
- The antibodies produced by the body when the virus is present may not provide long term protection against viral infection
- An individual may still test positive for having COVID-19 since residual effects of the virus remains inside of the infected individual

Ways to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Ask your Indian Health Service (IHS) or Tribal healthcare provider, pharmacy, or visit vaccines.gov, to find one. For other questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, you can also visit <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/vaccine/>
- Wear a mask that covers your nose or mouth to help protect yourself and others
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Wash your hands often, and for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available

Takeaway Messages

Even if you have recovered from COVID-19, or are close to a person that has, preventative measures must still be followed (such as self-quarantine, physical distancing, and using face coverings). Reinfection could contribute to a surge in COVID-19 infections.

For more information, or to learn more about frequently asked questions, visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/reinfection.html). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/reinfection.html>

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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Tri-State contributes \$50K to fund LPEA’s air-source heat pump project

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State) recently allocated \$50,000 to support La Plata Electric Association’s air-source heat pump water heater pilot project. Together with funds from the Beneficial Electrification League and from LPEA, the project has secured more than \$100,000 to help income-qualified LPEA members adopt the latest in electric water heating technology.

“This is an exciting project for LPEA because it will allow us to test the viability of grid-integrated technologies, like air-source heat pump water heaters, to manage our local power demand,” said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. “I want to thank Tri-State for their support. Thanks to their contribution, we can include more homes and have a more robust program. We look forward to sharing our experience and findings with the broader utility community.”

“The benefits of electricity grow as we rapidly transition to a cleaner, lower emissions grid,” said Duane Highley, CEO of Tri-State. “Working with LPEA and Beneficial Electric League, Tri-State can do our part to help expand the deployment of technologies that support the communities we serve.”

The pilot project will install air-source heat pump water heaters for residents in the Animas View Mobile Home Park. It will also include the installation of other energy efficiency measures, including LED lighting, low-flow faucets and showerheads, and window and door weather-stripping. With the funding secured to date, up to 30 homes will be able to participate.

In addition to being extremely efficient, the installed air-source heat pump water heaters will run on a schedule set to avoid expensive peak power consumption. In rare events, LPEA will be able to remotely manage these water heaters during times of peak demand. This will not impact member homes (as water heaters store enough hot water for these short periods), and it will help LPEA avoid the higher cost of power during peak use periods, which keeps costs lower for all LPEA members.

This program will be implemented in partnership with 4CORE (Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency) and is expected to begin outreach in February 2022 and installations in March 2022. Participation is voluntary and at no cost to the participants.

About Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

Tri-State is a power supply cooperative of 45 members, operating on a not-for-profit basis, including 42 utility electric distribution cooperative and public power district members in four states. Together with our member/owners, we deliver reliable, affordable and responsible power to more than a million electricity consumers across nearly 200,000 square miles of the West. For more information about Tri-State and our Responsible Energy Plan, visit www.tristate.coop.

SUIT EPD Cost-share Program

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



Drought Leadership Training

Participate in this five-part of Drought Training put on by the Colorado Agricultural Drought Advisors in partnership with Colorado State University Extension and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. Participants will need to join 3 of the 4 webinars or watch the recording to attend the in-person training and receive CEU credit. However, drop-ins are welcome for individual webinars if you do not plan on attending the full series. At the conclusion of this event, you will have a deeper understanding of management strategies before, during, and after drought occurs.

February 4 11- 1 PM VIRTUAL TRAINING Using Forecasts in Drought Planning	February 11 11- 1 PM VIRTUAL TRAINING Risk Management	February 18 11- 1 PM VIRTUAL TRAINING Drought Management - Livestock and Range
March 4 11- 1 PM VIRTUAL TRAINING Drought Management - Crops	March 8-9 Grand Junction IN PERSON Drought planning and stress management	March 8-9 Morgan County IN PERSON Drought planning and stress management

REGISTER TODAY

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<https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/join/register/1Jltcu2sqzWjHdclQ1CcBQ21b96EIGJA9s7N>



To see the full list of financial and collaborating partners go to <https://drought.extension.colostate.edu/drought-leadership-training/>



did you know?!

Polar bears can smell prey from up to 10 miles away!



Source: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/animals/>

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

Prevent illegal dumping



Transfer Station

• 970-563-5507

• 16364 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Environmental Programs Division

• 970-563-0135

• 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Dangers of Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping causes harm to tribal lands. In the past, it was a common practice to throw large appliances, tires, etc. near streams and rivers to prevent erosion. However, this ends up causing more harm than good. These items can contain chemicals that can be harmful to humans and the environment, and can cause poor water quality, harming or even killing aquatic life, as well as impacting well water used for drinking. These chemicals can also seep into soil causing additional danger to those that utilize the land.

Transfer Station

In order to prevent illegal dumping please utilize the Transfer Station. The Utilities Division offers free trash disposal, disposal of burnable lumber, and disposal of household hazardous waste for tribal members. Registration is required on an annual basis through the Utilities Division and each household can obtain two passes.

Annual Cleanup Events

The Tribe also hosts two annual clean up events in the Spring and Fall.

Council touring an illegal dump site along Highway 151.

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box



Prevent illegal dumping

Reporting Illegal Dumps

If you see an illegal dump on tribal lands please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135.

Offenses Against Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Morals (Tribal Code 5-1-109)

(c) Littering. A person commits the crime of littering if he throws, dumps, places or deposits upon the lands of another or any tribal or public property or highway, street, road or other area not his own without lawful permission, any garbage, debris, junk, carcasses, trash, refuse or other substances of any nature whatsoever, and upon conviction therefor the offender shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 10 days in jail for the first offense and 30 days thereafter and a fine not to exceed \$500, and may be required to remove his litter from the area.

Photos Courtesy of EPD and Lindsay J. Box

Photos from two illegal dump sites along Highway 151.



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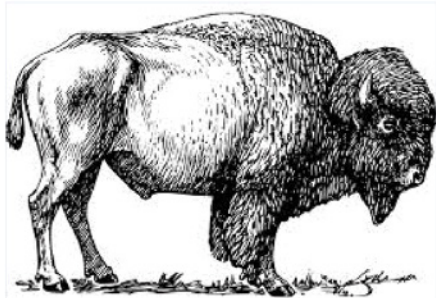
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By appointment please call 563-0130

Bison Meat is Available

Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed

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Five pounds of bison meat per SUIT tribal member household, per month.

In addition, the Division also has certain special parts available:

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BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Five 'Cats recognized for football efforts

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Following his team's upset win at IHS Field on Oct. 8, Center senior Abraham Echauri more than adequately expressed not only his fellow Vikings' viewpoint, but perhaps even the Bobcats' or any Southern Peaks team savoring a success.

"We love all ... competition," he said, "but ... winners got to keep winning and keep dreaming."

That certainly summed up Ignacio for the Fall 2021 football campaign's first half, before demoralizing injuries helped derail the program's most optimistic season – prior to hosting CHS, the 'Cats had stood 5-0 for the first time since 2002 – in years.

"I feel like we did ... okay," said senior Jeremy Roderick, versatile enough to play any position on the offensive and/or defensive lines. "Freshman year, we were pretty much 0-and Sophomore year, pretty much the same thing, then junior and senior year were both winning seasons – I'm happy about that, that we turned the program around."

"For the kids that are still here, we're just going to continue ... to develop their work ethic, you know?" head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia said. "We've got to make sure they continue doing it."

Despite ending up 0-4 in SPC play, IHS still finished 5-4 overall and when the All-Conference Team was announced, had multiple players justly saluted.

Leading the way as First Team All-SPC picks were Roderick and junior running back/tight end/linebacker John Riepel. Freshman lineman Charlie Pargin



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Gabe Tucson (11) steps into a pass attempt against Monte Vista at IHS Field during the Fall 2021 season. Tucson was named Second Team All-Southern Peaks Conference.

earned Second Team distinction along with senior quarterback/defensive back Gabe Tucson – probably denied First Team status only due to the fact Centauri senior Byron Shawcroft, a First Team honoree, not only replaced predecessor McKay Russell but quarterbacked the Falcons to the CHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

Seeded No. 2 in the 16-team Playoffs, Centauri first blew through 15-seed Peyton 45-6, then buried No. 10 Yuma 40-7 to meet 3-seed Buena Vista in one semifinal. The Demons, however, ended up standing zero chance, blown out 42-6 as the Falcons flew in to the Nov. 27 grand finale, held inside CSU-Pue-

lo's Neta & Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.

And in the end, the SoPeaks' kings at last captured the crown with a 24-21 win over powerhouse Limon – dropping the North Central Conference champs to 12-1 overall while improving themselves to 12-0 after a fourth-quarter field goal halted the three-time defending State Champion Badgers' win streak, dating back to 2019, at 23.

Veteran CHS skipper Kyle Forster was named SPC Coach-of-the-Year, with First Team All-Conference seniors Mason Claunch and Zach Buhr named Offensive and Defensive Player-of-the-Year, respective-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Dylan McCaw shoots over Sargent's Antonio Martinez (15) earlier this season in La Jara at Centauri's Mountain Top Classic. After multiple recent COVID-related postponements, the Bobcats are hoping to restart their 2021-22 season Sat., Jan. 29, at SHS.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) jousts Sargent's Gabby Jones (20) for a jump ball earlier this season in La Jara at Centauri's Mountain Top Classic. After multiple recent COVID-related postponements, the Lady 'Cats are hoping to restart their 2021-22 season Sat., Jan. 29, at SHS.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

State tournament seeds' showdown temporarily sidelined

IHS-Del Norte boys' clash among postponements

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Last season's No. 10 seed in the condensed Class 2A State Tournament, traveling to face last season's No. 11. The defending San Juan Basin League champion, facing the Southern Peaks' defending champ. Both sides standing 6-3 overall prior to tipoff.

That's what fans filling Del Norte High School's

gym would have witnessed this past Friday night, Jan. 21 ... had the non-league showdown between the SPL's Tigers and the SJBL's Ignacio Bobcats not been one of several basketball games canceled due to recent COVID-19 issues impacting programs throughout Colorado's southwest.

And the list unfortunately got even longer over the weekend.

Following postponement of the IHS boys' slated 1/22 home game (there were to be no girls' games that day) against Telluride, Ignacio H.S. Athletic Director Leo Garand informed media via e-mail that the boys' and girls' respective battles Tues., Jan. 25, at home versus Dolores had also been pushed back to a later date

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Wrestlers left wanting action pre-Melton

Multiple stops scratched before home meet

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Competition during the COVID-19 pandemic years has certainly been difficult enough to hold in any sport. But try being a high-school wrestler, participating in about the most close-quarters sport held today...

Denied a home triangular with fellow 2A San Juan Basin Leaguers Dove Creek and non-league 2A Del Norte on Tues., Jan. 18, due in part to all three squads simply struggling to keep roster numbers up, the Ignacio Bobcats were also forced to forego venturing to the Jan. 21-22 Sand Devil Classic in Page, Ariz., during a week in which IHS' athletic teams were all out of commission, and, most recently, also canceled their 1/25 dual at DCHS.

But things are looking up

for Jordan Larsen's gents, at least as of press time.

Ignacio has reportedly been invited to Bayfield to join the Wolverines, Pagosa Springs and Montezuma-Cortez for action Friday evening, Jan. 28, with IHS still planning to host its Butch Melton Memorial Invitational the next day.

According to BHS Athletic Director Andy Duffy, the 3A Intermountain League triangular on the 28th will begin at 5 p.m. with PSHS squaring off against M-CHS – which did travel to Page and placed 16th with five Panthers in uniform (SJBLe's Dolores also made the trip and, with only two Bears, placed 17th out of 25 represented schools).

Bayfield will then face Montezuma-Cortez at 6 p.m. for their Senior/Parent Appreciation Night fea-

ture but, having considered M-CHS' reduced roster, will work the 'Cats into the mix in order for every senior to get a match.

Led by Ben Belt's 4-0 run to the 175-pound division championship, 4A Durango's nine Demons managed to place sixth overall at the SDC, while 5A Queen Creek, Ariz., Casteel racked up a winning 323.5 points to best 6A Phoenix Desert Vista (258) and 3A Cedar City, Utah, Canyon View (206.5) atop the standings.

HACKETT HEROIC IN JUNCTION

Able to travel north for 4A Grand Junction Central's MLK Girls' Invitational held Sat., Jan. 15, Ignacio's Lady Bobcats tallied

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Ice Devils win Grizz Cup



courtesy Durango Youth Hockey Association

The Durango Ice Devils 14U hockey team won the 2022 Grizz Cup in Salt Lake City, Utah in a three-day tournament, Jan. 14-17. The Devils went undefeated, 5-0 overall throughout the tourney, defeating Utah Jr. Grizzlies 8-3, Wyoming Casper Oilers 5-0, and Idaho Sun Valley Suns 5-3 in regular action. In semi-finals playoff action the Ice Devils defeated Idaho Sun Valley Suns 7-0, and Vail Mountaineers 6-1 for the championship.

Southern Ute tribal member Keevin "KJ" Reynolds holds the 2022 Grizz Cup Championship banner in the 14U age bracket. KJ plays for the Durango Ice Devils, 14U age group, who's home ice rink is at Chapman Hill Ice Rink in Durango, Colo. KJ is in the eighth grade at Escalante Middle School in Durango, Colo.

For more Durango Area Youth Hockey Association information visit the DAYHA website at www.durangohockey.org



courtesy Dewayne Reynolds

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TRIBAL OBITUARIES



ing Mountain Diabetes Program. She also served on the Southern Ute Housing, Credit and Elders' committees. As a proud fluent Ute language speaker and daughter of a Sun Dance and Bear Dance chief, she worked tirelessly to document and revive the Ute language. This work earned her fellowships from the American Indian Language Development Institute at the University of Arizona and the National Science Foundation/National Endowment for Humanities. She was a committed Ute language mentor who lovingly mentored numerous tribal learners, rallied for an official Ute language writing system and an Administration of Native Americans Language Preservation and Maintenance grant.

Mary Inez was preceded in death by: her mother Daisy Watts; father Ralph Nash Cloud; siblings: Matilda Santistevan, Roger Cloud, Nathan Cloud, Theatis Williams, Joel Cloud and Dean Cloud; son Scott Edwin Taylor and grandson Francis Taylor.

She is survived by: her siblings, Neida Ray Chackee and Raymond Luce-ro Sr.; her children, Steven Pete Rivera and Stacey Inez Oberly; grandchildren, Stephanie Goodtracks, Maria Rivera, Jillian Velazquez, Jamie Rivera, Alfred Taylor, Akasia Oberly, Namichen Oberly and John Kuch Oberly; eight beautiful great-grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Please consider a donation in honor of Mary Inez to: Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute via the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept., PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

CLOUD – Mary Inez Cloud passed away on January 14, 2022, she was 78 years old.

A Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, June 3, 2022 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church; Rosary will be recited at 9:30 am prior to Mass, with burial following services at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

Mary Inez attended Allen Day School, Stewart Indian School in Carson City, Nevada and Ignacio High school. She then went on to further her education at Draughon Business College in Albuquerque, NM, Pueblo Community College and the University of Arizona. In her career, she was a dispatcher for the Southern Ute Police Department, a secretary for the Vice-chairman, a Ute Language teacher and Diabetes Educator for Shin-

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND RELATIVES,

On behalf of our beloved Billy Jack Baker, we want to thank each of you for the love, kindness, and encouragement during the time of our sorrow.

As the son, brother, uncle and nephew of our family, he set an example of what it meant to love your neighbor.

So many of you have come to one of our family members with stories of how Billy Jack helped you in a time of need, encouraged you through a difficult time or simply

sat and listened when you needed someone who cared.

A huge thank you to his godparents, Eddie and Betty Box Jr., uncle Myron and aunt Krissy Baker, the Yellow Jacket Drum Group, the Pall Bearers=, Father Cesar Arras C.R., Dr. Weis, and the rest of the ICU staff. And most of all, thank you Grandfather God for giving us Billy Jack into our life, he will always be with us.

*Again, thank you all,
From the Family of Billy Jack Baker*

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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



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JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
SEPT. 5TH LABOR DAY — CLOSED
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TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

Tribal Members: Pick up 2022 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Tribal ID is required.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

Reach a staff member by phone during these hours at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby CLOSED due to COVID precautions, please use Drive-Up Window
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month :
February 2nd / March 2nd

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- Online at: www.suitutil.com Choose "Pay My Bill" tab
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
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- 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.

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.



Effective January 6, 2022

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 Omicron Variant cases and concerns for the health and safety of our club members and staff, the Boys & Girls Club of the

Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be

CLOSED until further notice.

We will continue to monitor the changes and recommendations from local, state, and national health professionals. From there, we will determine a date to proceed with in-person programming.

Thank you for your understanding and teamwork to keep our community healthy!

QUESTIONS: Please call (970) 563-4753 or email bgcstaff@southernute-nsn.gov



Drum Deadline

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Feb. 7

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2022 Trash Permits HAVE ARRIVED

Tribal members can request a permit to be mailed by contacting the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970.563.5500. Please verify the address on file. Permits are also available for pick-up at the shed beside the large waste receptacles. Permits are required to dump waste.

Permits are for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members only.

2022

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Water Resources Division is soliciting proposals for the engineering of the Nannice Ditch Diversion. Proposals will be received at the offices of the SUIT Water Resources Division until 2 p.m. (MST) Friday February 25, 2022. The proposals shall be reviewed by the Water Resources Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low proposal. Description of Work: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified Engineering firm to provide an engineering design for the Nannice Ditch Diversion structure. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept the proposal deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT. For inquiries and a digital copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Water Resources Division: Attn: Pete Nylander, Water Resources Soil and Water Conservationist. 575 County Road 517 PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. 970-563-2933 pnylan@southernute-nsn.gov

Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County

Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County is accepting applications for its Member-at-Large Board position. The Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County is accepting applications for its Member-at-Large Board position. Applicants for this three-year term must be residents of, or employed in, La Plata County, Colorado and be at least 18 years old. Applicants should have experience or expertise in areas related areas related to the services provided by the Alliance such as real estate, banking, finance, legal, or social services. For an application: Visit: www.swccog.org/projects/housing. Email: info@swccog.org. Call: 970-759-4134. Applications are due by Feb. 2, 2022. For additional information, please contact Jessica Laitsch at info@swccog.org or 970-759-4134.

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| • 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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, April 22, 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 PO 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

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.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Questions? Call the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

WATER USE OPTIONS TEAM

Closing 2/15/22 – The Southern Ute Water Resources Division (WRD) has three (3) openings for Tribal Members to serve on the Water Use Options Team (WOT). Tribal members will serve on the WOT with SUIT staff from WRD and other stakeholders. The goal of the WOT is to “Assist and advise WRD in the exploration and analysis of available markets and options for the Tribes unused federal reserved water rights”. Members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe. Tribal members with water resources knowledge and/or experience are preferred. WOT members will serve at least one year with the possibility of continuing past one year. Members will be compensated for meeting attendance at the current rate of pay (\$20/hour) and will require approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. Please submit all letters of interest via email to krall@southernute-nsn.gov or mail them to Water Resources Division, ATTN: Water Use Options Team, P.O. Box 737 #63, Ignacio by February 15, 2022. All letters of interest will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and Team member selection. Please contact Kathy Rall, 970-563-2931 with any questions.



Tribal Housing Department

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Garry Fulks, 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: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders;** and, 3rd) 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.

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.

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.

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: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) 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: 1st and 2nd Priority Only: Please contact department to notify them of **early morning** doctor appointments.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



Board of Directors Vacancy



Applications due February 28, 2022

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO
970.563.2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov

Our Board of Directors is seeking to fill a vacancy.
MUST be a SUIT Tribal Member

The Board Members meet 2 times a month (Regular Board meeting and subcommittee meeting)

Applications available at:
<http://www.bgcsu.org>



HIRING NOW

TRIBAL MEDIA CENTER COORDINATOR



Tribal Radio

KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit organization, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in SW Colorado, seeks a Tribal Media Center Coordinator with strong leadership, management and multimedia skills. The KSUT Tribal Media Center Coordinator is responsible for overseeing and managing all administration and programming for the newly developed Tribal Media Center (TMC).

Full job description available at: <https://www.ksut.org/employment-opportunities>

To apply: submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references by February 28th 2022 to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, tami@ksut.org



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

After School Program Attendant

Closing 2/4/22 – 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.

Credit Division Head

Closing 2/4/22 – Manages the Tribal Credit Department that serves the Tribal Membership with mortgages, consumer and business loans and ensures that all activities and interactions with the Tribal Membership is held to the highest levels of professionalism and customer service. Takes the leading role in the development of all credit programs related to mortgages, consumer and business loans and reports periodically as necessary on the status of the program utilizing reports or direct meetings with Tribal Council. Pay grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

Elder Services Administrative Assistant I

Closing 2/3/22 – Provides office support for the Elder Service Program to include, but not limited to, reception, secretarial, office management and records management services. Provides transportation and services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Elders and Handicapped/Disabled individuals. Provides transportation to the Committee of Elders and Handicapped/Disabled. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Lands Technician

Closing 2/1/22 – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

Closing 2/2/22 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems, including but not limited to maintenance support, preventative maintenance services, and equipment service and repairs for specialized equipment at the SunUte Community Center, including, but not limited to, chemical injection systems and water circulation/filtering systems. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Medical Assistant

Closing 2/1/22 – Providing professional and clinical services. All Tribal healthcare employees must be vaccinated. Pay grade N10; \$18.32/hour.

Purchasing Supply Technician

Closing 2/7/22 – Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, is responsible for the Supply Room and Central Receiving. Maintenance of Supply Room inventory, processing and distributing Supply Room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Assists with purchasing duties as needed, including processing requisitions, travel requests, and purchase orders. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Tribal Health Department Director

Closing 2/3/22 – A professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health and medical services programs operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) through its Tribal Health Department (Department). Provision of effective and efficient health/medical services in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, Provider Staff, and other relevant resources. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with all applicable policies & procedures, contracts, and law. Pay grade X20; \$115,719.47/annually.

Air Quality Analyst I (Part-time) – Southern Ute Members Only

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

Air Quality Analyst II – Minor Source Program

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E13; \$49,517.56/year.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Building Maintenance Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting

safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

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

Construction Services Repairman

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

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – ALL Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. 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

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

Dispatcher Trainee – So. Ute Members Only

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – 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. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E11; \$41,456.65/year.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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

HVAC Technician

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

Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

Lifeguard (Full-time)

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

Media Technician (Part-time) – So. Ute Members Only

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

Native Connections Therapist

Open Until Filled – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. Mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist II – SU Growth Fund (Durango, CO)

Closing 2/11/22 – Works with limited supervision or independently to perform broad safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas including writing safety policies and specifications and conducting audits. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist IV – SU Growth Fund (Durango, CO)

Closing 2/11/22 – Performs safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas including writing safety policies and specifications and conducting audits. This position develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs and services in a manner that minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

Land Administration Manager – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/18/22 – Supervises central land department staff, including Land Records Analysts and Division Order Analysts personnel. Establish practices and processes to ensure that all necessary documents and instruments supporting the title and interest for Red Willow interest properties and leases, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate system. Works with Red Willow staff and partners to obtain, maintain, and access land, lease and division order records. Oversees and maintains electronic and physical records management process to ensure compliance with Red Willow policy and practice. Manages department staff to timely and accurately set up and maintain interests in the Red Willow data bases(s); oversees the preparation, distribution and documentation of all land department records and establishes processes and organizational structure to ensure lease protection and contractual obligations.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Web Developer I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 1/28/22 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Web application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/18/22 – Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Analyst – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/18/22 – Serves as a senior subject matter expert relative to content, processes and procedures associated with PeopleSoft FSCM. Responsible for providing requirement specifications to the internal PeopleSoft Finance developers; coordinating testing and training for user groups; developing systems solutions in the PeopleSoft FSCM environment; and project fol-

low-on and support to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction.

PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/25/22 – Development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) and related modules providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft HR, Payroll and Benefits technical support and consultation. Will primarily focus on the technical view of the HCM application with emphasis on software development, but also includes functional responsibilities with respect to the Software Development Life cycle. The role entails the analysis of the impact, implications, and functional benefit to the production system including enhancements, configuration changes, and customizations. Business stakeholder interactions are an inherent part of this position.

PeopleSoft HCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 2/25/22 – Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the Human Capital Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

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 Bondad, 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/

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E15; \$60,370.75/year.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; \$23.81/hour. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment.

Physical Education Teacher (Part-time w/ Benefits)

Open Until Filled – 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 effec-

tively 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.

TEAM Worker – Southern Ute Members only

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

TERO Worker

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

Tumbling Tots/Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of January 24, 2022

- Public Works, PT-Custodian – Closing 1/28/22
- Public Works, Plumber – Closing 1/28/22
- Public Works, Technical Specialist – Closing 2/4/22
- KCA, Special Education Paraprofessional – Closing 2/4/22
- Shelter, Houseparent – Closing 2/4/22
- Child Development Center, P/T-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development, F/T-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, F/T – Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, F/T-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- TERO, Compliance Officer – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, P/T-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

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



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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Cost-share program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Los Pinos Watershed. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at (970) 563-2295 or skem@southernute-nsn.gov for more information. Applications are due February 1st, 2022.



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/APPLICATION-COST-SHARE-PINE-WATERSHED-2022.PDF> OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

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)

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

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

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 Video Technician (Full-time)

Installing, repairing, and performing preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV cameras, recording devices, upgraded equipment, and re-

lated wiring on property. Technical troubleshooting using basin electronic testing equipment.

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.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift.

Laundry Attendant (Full-time)

Perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and acceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed.

*Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)

Directly supervises all Front Desk and Gift Shop personnel and ensures proper completion of all Front Desk duties. Directs and coordinates the activities of the Front Desk, reservations, guest services, assists with Gift Shop duties and acts as an assistant to the Rooms Division Manager.

*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.

*Player's Club Rep (Full-time)

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long lasting experience for all Club Card members.

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Drake Dale Ray Frost, Deceased
Case No.: 2021-0177-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** 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 26th of January, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Elwood Kent, Deceased
Case No.: 2021-0149-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 14, 2022 at 9:00 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.

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FIVE 'CATS RECOGNIZED • FROM PAGE 15



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Charlie Pargin (55) throws a block against Monte Vista at IHS Field during the Fall 2021 season. Pargin was named Second Team All-Southern Peaks Conference.

ly. Senior Baron Holman, senior Danny Brady and sophomore Deven Brady also received First Team All-SPC nods for their efforts.

Led by First Team junior power back Khagan Guntter, Monte Vista reached the postseason as the Playoffs' No. 13 seed but then fizzled out with a first-round 23-0 loss to 4-seed Florence – leaving MVHS (3-1 SPC) a finalized 6-4 overall. Pirates Alejandro Felix, Dusty Duran, Keyshawn Martinez and DeAngelo Archuleta were also First Team picks, while senior QB Colton Mellott was named Honorable Mention All-SPC – as was Ignacio sophomore WR/DB Devante Montoya.

Motivated by Echauri, named Second Team All-Conference, Center finished a third-place 2-2 in Southern Peaks action, but 3-6 overall after their long-shot postseason hopes were

shattered by a 54-0 home loss to MVHS, then a 47-0 home loss to Western Slope rulers Meeker.

Gifted a late-season forfeit win over drastically depleted IHS, Del Norte finished 1-2 SPC (the Tigers' game against Centauri, which finished 3-0 SPC, was not played due to COVID-19 impacting both sides) and 2-7 overall, with Malachi Gallegos, Brennan Velasquez and Carter Simon named First Team All-Conference.

Additional First Team ALL-SPC: Center – Cruz Reyes, Omar Hernandez, Ricardo Maldonado, Joaquin Moreno.

Additional Second Team ALL-SPC: Centauri – Blade Absmeier, Peyton Polzin, Ben Tailleir; Monte Vista – Jonah Waggoner, Jack Noonan; Center – Fabian Chavez; Del Norte – Cody Worz, Kaden Madrid.

Additional Honorable Mention ALL-SPC: Centauri – Chaz Holman; Center – Alexis Villagomez; Del Norte – Jace Pacheco.

DEFINING MOMENT

Ignacio's high-energy 53-52 home win over Farmington, N.M., Navajo Prep unquestionably went down as the Bobcats' high point of the season. It will shine brighter considering that the Eagles, despite having one victory – a 42-6 rout of non-district Crownpoint – later revised to a forfeit loss, qualified for the postseason in the Land of Enchantment.

Making the 12-team NMAA Class 3A Playoffs as the No. 9 seed, NP (3-0 District 1-3A) ultimately finished 5-6 overall after falling 57-36 to 8-seed Albuquerque Hope Christian in the first round.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior John Riepel (4) breaks away from a Center defender at IHS Field during the Fall 2021 season. Riepel was one of two Bobcats named First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference.

STATE SEEDS' SHOWDOWN • FROM PAGE 15

(since revealed to be Wed., Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m.). THS-at-IHS, meanwhile, has already been rescheduled, with Wed., Feb. 2, now the target date and 4 p.m. the start time for all action. Garand said in the aforementioned e-mail he was hoping all postponements would have been rescheduled by the end of the day Monday, Jan. 24.

Another contest now re-listed is Ignacio-at-Ridgway – now set for Sat., Feb. 12, and relocated from RHS to IHS so to create an unusual doubleheader allowing the varsities to complete their season home-and-home in one fell swoop. According to a different Garand e-mail, the 2/12 action inside IHS Gymnasium will transpire as follows: Boys' varsity Game 1 at 11 a.m., followed by boys' JV, girls' JV and boys' varsity Game 2.

And true to his word, Garand informed all personnel late on the 24th that Ignacio's trip to Del Norte has indeed been rescheduled, and is now set for Tues., Feb. 15, with JV boys' and girls' games getting the evening underway at 4:30 p.m.

In the more immediate future, and if all goes well, Ignacio's boys and girls are slated to head east to non-league 2A Sargent on Sat.,

Jan. 29, then resume SJBL play Feb. 1 at 2A Mancos. Action out at SHS will be varsity-only, with the girls' main event tipping off at 2 p.m., with the boys' feature to follow.

MOST RECENTLY

All the setbacks mean the last time either the Bobcats or Lady 'Cats actually saw action was Fri., Jan. 14, when IHS' boys hosted 1A SJBLers Ouray and prevailed 57-40, getting 13 points from both senior Gabe Tucson and junior Eppie Quintana, with sophomore Devante Montoya draining three three-pointers and totaling 11 points.

Quintana's points all came during the second and third quarters, when the 'Cats made their move on the scoreboard to separate from the Trojans, who led 10-9 after the first quarter but later went into halftime trailing 29-18. Eight of Montoya's points also came before intermission along with eight of Tucson's.

With Ignacio having increased the advantage to 45-28 entering the fourth quarter, Tucson then helped preserve the victory with five points as the teams played the period to a 12-12 draw. Junior Dylan McCaw finished

with eight points and sophomore Gabe Cox six, while sophomore Philip Quintana and freshman Coty Webb each sank a three-pointer.

OHS (then 5-6 overall; 6-7 as of Sat., 1/22) got two treys and a game-high 14 points from 5'11" sophomore Calder Green, plus ten points from 6'2" senior Hayden Hart. Junior D.C. Miller got the guests going well with a reported seven first-quarter points, but was blanked the rest of the way.

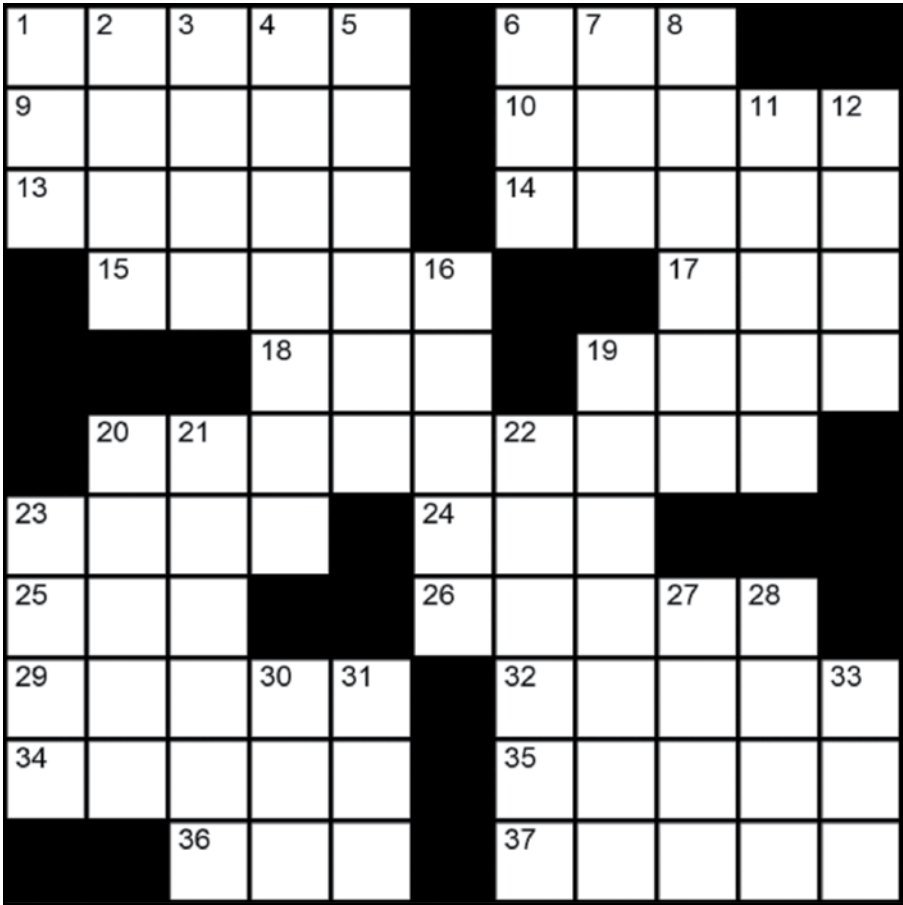
All told, Ignacio sank seven threes and Ouray four. From the free-throw line, the Bobcats were 4-of-4 while the Trojans were reportedly 6-of-12.

LADIES' CORTEZ TRIP SCRUBBED

Having had their girls-only date at 3A Montezuma-Cortez Tues., Jan. 18, canceled due to COVID-19 cycling through M-CHS' program, IHS' Lady Bobcats (4-4 overall) were to also visit DNHS on the 21st, to face a Lady Tigers team trying to turn their season around after an 0-5 start.

No reschedule date for the 1/18 event has yet been announced.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 The --- Caddo tribe of Louisiana
- 6 "Treasure Island" prop
- 9 They may incur penalties
- 10 Triple-decker cookies
- 13 What hyperactive people always seem to be on
- 14 Dakota Black Hills fort where Utes were imprisoned
- 15 What visitors should not do at Devil's Tower WY
- 17 Dad, in the boonies
- 18 Poet's "always"
- 19 Municipality
- 20 Fierce fish
- 23 Very senior mil. people, like Clarence L. Tinker (Osage Nation)
- 24 "Magnificent Seven" name
- 25 "Madame Butterfly" accessory
- 26 Loss of lift
- 29 The --- Shoshone tribe, NV
- 32 Ancient Greek epic
- 34 Nautical poles
- 35 Old MacDonald's refrain
- 36 Gesture of appeasement
- 37 Reject

Down

- 1 "To the rear, Admiral!"
- 2 Type of auto engine
- 3 1971 Spielberg thriller
- 4 Glare is confusing in North Africa
- 5 Rome is messing about in chemistry and physics
- 6 "Mr. ---" (1983 Michael Keaton comedy film)
- 7 "--- we there yet?"
- 8 Legume seed holder
- 11 Anishinaabe people
- 12 Stitched up
- 16 Donkey sounds
- 19 Washington State people muddle it all up
- 20 Dizzy Gillespie music genre
- 21 Personalities, to Jung
- 22 Adorable ones
- 23 Gentiles, to Jews
- 27 In --- (instead)
- 28 Animal home
- 30 Sib to Sis
- 31 Cleopatra's suicide weapon
- 33 "--- Quixote"

Answers for this crossword will appear in February 11 issue of the Drum.

Answers for January 14, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Rosy, 5 Colusa, 11 Osha, 12 In a hat, 13 Omen, 14 Resort, 15 Fork, 16 Cash in, 17 Indexer, 19 Edsel, 20 Trail, 25 Rehouse, 27 Gimbal, 31 NGOs, 32 Asians, 33 Nubs, 34 Danica, 35 Irae, 36 Synths, 37 Eyre.

Down: 1 Roofie, 2 Osmond, 3 Sherds, 4 Yankee, 5 Circe, 6 On earth, 7 Lass, 8 Uh-oh, 9 Sari, 10 Attn, 18 XL Ranch, 21 Ronnie, 22 Augury, 23 Isobar, 24 Lessee, 26 Elsas, 27 Gads, 28 I say, 29 Minn, 30 Bait.

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