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COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Rosenworcel announces new appointments to the Native Nations Communications Task Force

Dr. Stacey Oberly appointed from Southern Ute Tribe

Staff report
NATIVE NATIONS
COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel today announced the appointment of eight tribal members to the FCC's Native Nations Communications Task Force. In addition to filling seven current vacancies, the appointment of eight new tribal members raises the total number of Tribal Task Force members from 25 to 26.

"I am pleased to announce the new members of the Native Nations Communications Task Force," said Chairwoman Rosenworcel. "The Task Force continues to make significant contributions to the Commission's implementation of new Congressional directives and its ongoing efforts to increase the deployment and adoption of modern communications ser-

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Andy Boyce/Smithsonian

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Cultural, ecological and economic benefits of tribal bison restoration

Staff report
SMITHSONIAN CONSERVATION
BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

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Native Nations, universities and conservation organizations came together to examine the environmental, cultural and economic value of bison using case studies from four separate tribally led bison reintroduction programs occurring across the Northern Great Plains in Montana (Blackfeet Nation, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes) and South Dakota (Rosebud Sioux).

"The buffalo is important to Indian communities, to our people culturally and ecologically to our lands," said Ervin Carlson, president of the InterTribal Buffalo Council and Blackfeet buffalo manager. "We know bringing them back will not only heal our people, but also help us with the changes we see on our grasslands due to drought. And for Buffalo Nations to be successful,

we need funding support for tribal research partnerships and for the buffalo that our communities benefit from."

More than 30 million bison once roamed North America. As a major source of meat and hides in the United States, bison formed the basis of the economy for numerous Plains Indian societies. In the late 19th century, the U.S. government encouraged mass hunting of bison in an organized effort to destroy the livelihood of Plains Indians. By the late 1800s, fewer than 1,000 bison were left and all Plains Indians were forced onto reservations, a feat made possible in large part due to the disappearance of bison, their primary food source.

After bison populations disappeared from the prairies, unanswered questions remained about how bison behave in large groups and their migration patterns across the vast landscape. The complex grassland system is created and maintained by variations in climate, soil, topography, fire and animals that physically modify their environment in a way that provides new habitat for other species. As megaherbivores, bison create landscape diversity through grazing, trampling and wallowing (rolling on the ground), which helps support hundreds of prairie animals, from the prairie dog to the pronghorn.

"Buffalo are central to

our community," said Daniel Kinsey, co-author and faculty at the Aaniiih Nakoda College. "Fort Belknap reintroduced buffalo in the late 1970s, and we are fortunate to have such a successful program that is a product of hard-working people. It is my duty to connect our students, the younger generation, to the buffalo and the ecosystem and to work with students to incorporate our traditional knowledge into the present research. We recently established a new ȞíitaanóónȞi/Tatag'a (bison in Aaniiih and Nakoda languages respectively) Research and Education Center for this purpose."

The historically broad distribution of bison suggests they can adapt to a variety of conditions, making them resilient to a wide range of management systems and climates. Bison are tolerant of extreme heat and respond to warming and drought by changing their diet and losing body mass. They seek shade and water less frequently than cattle, which in turn reduces sediment load in grassland streams. Under current grazing managements, bison enable vegetation to regenerate, increasing the capacity of the ecosystem to support people and wildlife throughout seasonal and long-term droughts that are increasing across the region.

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Health Center has added a new testing location on Tribal Campus, the COVID-19 Modular (aka the Covid Lab) will be specific to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Featuring ADA accessibility and climate control, the modular is grant funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The new facility will be fully operational by next week and is to remain open through the summer, additionally it will help to alleviate stress on general operational space for staff members within the main building.

TRIBAL HEALTH

SUHC continues to adapt to meet the needs of the community

Bids warm farewell to Yeager, interim director

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



Margo Yeager
Southern Ute Health Center
Medical Officer for Tribal Health.

The Southern Ute Health center has been at the forefront of the Tribe's COVID-19 response, working with the Tribe's Incident Management Team (IMT) to streamline testing procedures, and offer support in everything from mental health resources to meeting the overall health needs in the tribal community.

From expanding onsite staffing to improved Telehealth services, the Tribe is looking ahead and planning for the future. "Overall, great moves going forward to increase staff and patient safety," emphasized Dr. Keller, Chief

adjacent to the main Health Center building. The modular will expand on the flexibility that SUHC staff have in administering COVID-19 rapid testing and vaccinations in a climate-controlled environment that is fully ADA accessible yet separate from the main building. The Covid Lab expansion was made possible through grant funding by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for 50K that was secured by the Tribe, and the building will remain on site through September, unless deemed necessary at that time.

The SUHC will also

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2022 Southern Ute Calendar Now Available



Southern Ute Calendar 2022

The 2022 Southern Ute calendars are available now and are being mailed out. The Southern Ute Tribal Information Services (TIS) is currently in the process of mailing one calendar to each Southern Ute tribal member over the age of 18.

Limited amount of calendars.







2022

SOUTHERN UTE

BEARDANCE POWWOW

CANCELED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Southern Ute Powwow Committee has decided to not host a Beardance powwow this year.

We want to be able to celebrate powwow season with all our relations, and until we are able to do so safely we believe this is the safest choice for our tribal nations.

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

Attention: Southern Ute Direct Descendants


GRAB YOURS!!

T-shirts can be picked up at the LCB Building by contacting:
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SOUTHERN UTE POW WOW COMMITTEE

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2022 Spring Blessing



March 18, 2022

Sunrise

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum fire pit

COVID-19 protocols are in effect, Masks Required
For more information contact Sun Dance Chief,
Byron Frost 970-946-4061

BENEFITS OF TRIBAL BISON • FROM PAGE 1

Climate change is causing the Northern Great Plains to warm and dry disproportionately relative to the rest of the United States. Agricultural production across the grasslands will become less and less sustainable, both ecologically and economically. With a lack of resources to prepare for an uncertain future, communities with persistent poverty who live and rely on the prairie are more vulnerable to climate change.

In rural Native American communities, poverty is two to three times higher than in white rural communities, and, despite much of the grasslands being used for agriculture, Native Americans are twice as likely to be food insecure than white people and are 25% more likely to remain food insecure in the future. While often vast in size, reservations are marginal in land quality, leading to increased reliance on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and non-Tribal operators having a large role in food production.

Over the past few decades, Tribes have worked toward the reclamation of food security (having available and accessible food) and sovereignty (ability to access healthy and culturally appropriate food). For Plains Indians, food sovereignty is directly tied to reestablishing bison herds within their reservations and traditional lands.

“We are renewing our relationship with the buffalo as our relative, they are central to our lives,” said Roxann Smith, co-author and member of the Pt’e stakeholder group, Fort Peck Indian Reservation. “Together, our community is reclaiming our traditional ways and piecing our ecosystem together again as we heal together.”

Beginning in the late 1990s, Native Nations collaboratively established bison herds on Tribal lands. Organizations like the InterTribal Buffalo Council, representing 76 recognized Tribes, currently facilitate education and training programs on bison and reintroduction. Today, there are approximately 350,000 bison in private sector herds, over 30,000 in public sector and non-governmental organi-

zation herds and 20,000 on Tribal lands.

“Prairie species evolved alongside bison, an iconic animal central to Plains Indian culture and communities for centuries,” said Hila Shamon, lead author and an ecologist at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. “Against the backdrop of a changing climate, continued and new research is needed to develop bison restoration and land management strategies that maximize biodiversity and address the complex socio-economic and ecological needs of Native Nations. Our paper provides actionable recommendations and shows the indisputable connection between conservation and culture.”

The case studies on existing tribal bison restoration programs developed for this paper explore management structure, habitat suitability, economic development, community engagement and access, finding successes as well as areas of improvement for the future. Each program’s overarching goals are to enhance the ecological, cultural and economic sustainability of the people and lands; draw on Indigenous science and facilitate the continuity of traditional knowledge; engage Native youth in buffalo restoration efforts; and restore food sovereignty.

“This paper demonstrates how critical bison restoration is to the health and livelihoods of Tribal Nations and the Northern Plains prairie ecosystem,” said Chamois Andersen, co-author and senior Rockies and Plains representative at Defenders of Wildlife. “With the diversity of authors on this paper, it is our hope we will be able to garner significant support for sustaining tribal buffalo programs well into the future.”

Future bison reintroduction success requires merging the concepts of conservation and commercial herds or the growth of both herds until production meets local community food demands and conservation meets ecosystem service needs. Actionable recommendations include:

• Developing adaptive management plans that incorporate Indigenous and cultural knowledge and reflect the expressed

goal of retaining the wild nature of bison for both conservation and commercial herds.

• Additional research on bison grazing patterns and behavior under different land management schemes, future climate scenarios and year-round grazing vs. rotation.

• Establish monitoring protocols and baseline assessments to track the impact of bison restoration on biodiversity; secure additional resources and expertise to augment current tribal college support.

• Within the present context, tribal bison herds cannot achieve numbers sufficient for the dual purpose of food sovereignty and restoration. Advance the growth of bison herds by working through landscape requirements and infrastructure challenges.

• Increase program staffing and community engagement to support expanded programming for cultural enrichment and revenue generation.

• Expand training on best practices for bison handling and sustainable ranching to grow the pipeline of new staff and increase jobs.


• Support and grow sustainable revenue streams by building more meat processing facilities on Tribal lands to support job creation, increase local meat distribution and reduce costly outsourcing.

• Strengthen communication between communities.

• Build capacity to manage larger herds and rangeland health.

• Create more academic programs in partnership with land grant institutions (Tribal colleges and state universities) to bring together traditional culture and restoration science.

Efforts led by Native Nations to restore bison to tribal lands can have the desired socio-economic benefits to underserved communities while improving their capacity to influence the health of their lands, their people and their livelihoods. All approaches depend on community support and robust expansion of staff, infrastructure and funding.



SOUTHERN UTE POW WOW COMMITTEE

Welcoming Home

Spring Blessing for the

Three Ute Tribes

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The Southern Ute Powwow Committee, in collaboration with the City of Delta, would like to invite members from all 3 Ute Tribes to join us for the blessing of the powwow grounds at Confluence Park in Delta, CO. The ground blessing is in preparation for the future 2023 Powwow.

March 20, 2022

Confluence Park

Delta, Colorado

Visitors are welcome and COVID guidelines must be followed. Face covering are strongly encouraged to protect our Tribal Elders and youth. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Mikki Naranjo at (970) 317.1740



HEALTHY RECIPES

Bring the sweet into your life with less sugar!

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

This is an ideal recipe for the chocolate lover and will make a delectable dessert for your Valentine.
Using avocado adds richness, fiber and healthy fat.
Substituting stevia leaf extract for the honey or maple will make it great for those who don't want any sugar.

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



courtesy Low Carb Yum

Chocolate Avocado Mousse

- Ingredients**

 - 2 ripe avocados
 - 1/4 cup cocoa powder
 - 1/4 cup melted chocolate chips
 - 3-4 tablespoons milk (cow, almond, soy)
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 cup honey or pure maple syrup (for lower sugar, substitute with stevia ... start with 1-2 packets and check taste, add more as needed for taste preference or try half the honey/maple with one packet stevia)
 - Optional toppings: Raspberries, strawberries or whipped cream
- Directions**

 1. Cut avocados in half, scoop out flesh.
 2. Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor, process until smooth (If you don't have either, you can mash/whisk together until smooth.)
 3. You can add more milk as needed for desired consistency.
 4. Place ingredients into four pretty cups, refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
 5. Add a topping and enjoy!

Serves 4
Nutrition per serving: 345 Calories, 23.6g Fat, 36g Carbohydrates, 9g Fiber, 4g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Love and addiction – What is the connection?

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. It is a holiday that was originated by Pagans who celebrated a patron saint named St. Valentine. The story goes that in Ancient Rome, Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men because single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine continued to perform marriages in secret and was put to death by the emperor. Love being the symbol behind St. Valentine's actions, leading to the theme of the month itself, remind-

ed me that love is just as potent of a drug as any other. The hurt and pain that being in love causes for some is similar to the pain alcohol and drugs can cause. Insanity can be defined as "doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results" (Cerf et al., 2019, np). Whether it was Einstein or Narcotics Anonymous that first made the statement, a broken heart causes more emotional pain than almost anything else. Despite such pain, human beings continue to fall in love after the pain subsides. This is reminiscent of an opioid addict using drugs

after detoxing in jail. Love is a powerful drug, and behavioral addictions are real. What is a behavioral addiction? According to Hardy et al. (2021), a behavioral addiction is "the compulsion to continually engage in an activity or behavior despite the negative impact on the person's ability to remain mentally and/or physically healthy and functional in the home and community." Sex and love addiction is a primary example of a behavioral addiction. Other examples of behavioral addictions include gambling, shopping, pornography, food, and gaming. These behaviors effect the pleasure centers in the brain just like drugs and alcohol.

When those pleasure centers aren't activated through a "fix," psychological withdrawal follows. The "likes" people receive on social media are perfect examples of a behavior that is affecting the reward pathway in the brain. To elaborate, the pathway initially begins by a person posting something on Instagram. They feel good because of the anticipation of the likes they will get. Their neurotransmitters start firing and flooding their brain with feel-good hormones. A few minutes go by, and they don't feel that way anymore, so they check social media again for "another hit." Their phone essentially becomes their crack pipe.

Addiction is not limited to just drugs or alcohol. Anything that feels pleasurable can become addictive. Addiction begins by someone trying to escape or cope with pain or discomfort. They generally turn to what they know makes them feel better. Whether it be food, sex, beer, or smack; it all starts off good until it leads to "insanity." If you or someone you know is struggling with any of these issues, please contact Southern Ute Behavioral Health for an assessment. People don't have to hit rock bottom if they decide to stop digging! If you need to talk to someone, please reach out. It's okay not to feel okay. If you or someone you

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.

24/7 State or National Resources

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

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Shining Mountain Fresh

Sign up for a **FREE**, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's **NEW** monthly program—**Shining Mountain Fresh**

February's recipe
Mexican Stuffed Peppers

Meal Kit Includes:

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- Kitchen Hacks

Contact: Morgann Graham (970)-563-2349
If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Morgann

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshFebruary>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, February 21st
*** Pickup Date:** Wednesday, February 23rd *

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- Simple meals that allow kids or picky eaters to choose their own toppings or ingredients

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMHWCookingMattersFeb15>
Or call Morgann Graham at (970)-563-2349

Receive a \$10 gift card to Walmart for participation

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 families are needed for children needing a warm bed, caring adults and attention to needs that sometimes get neglected when families are struggling or going through crisis. Will you help?

Foster Home Licensing Requirements:

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

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BE TEMPORARY IN THEIR LIVES.
THEY MIGHT
BE TEMPORARY IN YOURS.
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IS NOTHING TEMPORARY ABOUT
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-TONIA CHRISTLE

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It takes a village to raise strong, healthy and resilient children.



TRIBAL HEALTH

Introducing Dr. Beirne, pediatrician for the Southern Ute Health Center

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Máykh!
My name is Dr. Sandra Beirne and I am a pediatrician at the Southern Ute Health Center. While I am new to the Center as of January 31, I have been a pediatrician for the past 12 years. Being a pediatrician means I can see young people from birth up to their 21st birthday for any non-emergent health concern they have. That means well child checks starting with newborn babies, sports physicals, rashes, injured joints, reproductive health needs, concussions, asthma, coughs, colds, earaches, concerns about development, etc. I will be seeing patients at the Health Center as well as working with students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Over time, I hope that by providing direct care to pediatric patients and supporting community health measures that improve wellness for kids and families, I can join the incredible team here in helping every child be their healthiest, happiest, best self. When I am not at work, I spend my time at home in Durango where I live with my husband and sixth grade son. We are usually walking our dog, exploring out-



Dr. Sandra Beirne
Pediatrician
Southern Ute Health Center side places, pulling weeds in our garden, or on the sidelines of youth sports. We have lived in this area for the past 12 years, but I grew up in the small town of Walla Walla, Wash. College took me to the University of Montana in Missoula, and medical school to Seattle and the University of Washington. I was exceptionally lucky during medical school to learn how to be a doctor in many different areas, both urban and rural, as well as gain experience in health policy and research. While I spent some time in Seattle, I was in McCall, Idaho, for six months, and many other locations for varying amounts of time: Anchorage, Alaska, Washington, D.C., Pullman, Wash., Moscow, Idaho, Chicago, Ill., Honolulu, Ha-

waii, Arco, Idaho, and Cameroon, Africa. Residency training in pediatrics brought me to Rochester, N.Y., where I spent years learning to be a pediatrician and one year serving as a chief resident and working in a pediatric emergency room. My husband is also a physician, and within those four residency years we worked in Honduras for a month and Gallup, N.M., for a month. Those experiences shaped our future career choices and when we completed our training, we moved from Rochester to Shiprock, N.M., to work for the Indian Health Service. For the past 12 years I have worked there, in the pediatrics clinic at Northern Navajo Medical Center and in the community, including in area school and dormitory clinics. In addition, I worked with the excellent providers at Pediatric Partners of the Southwest in Durango, Colo. for four years. I am VERY excited join this great team and participate in the effort to support health and wellness in this area. My career has been working with tribal communities and I feel so fortunate to get to work as a pediatrician at the Southern Ute Health Center and learn about this place and its people. I look forward to meeting you!



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

Carrots, pumpkin, and beets — this was the last major harvest of my 2021 garden. These carrots were used in stews and the pumpkin in soups — both were tasty!

GARDENING

Getting ready for gardening in the new year!

By Denee Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Are you thinking about starting a garden this year? Or maybe you started a pandemic garden and are motivated to do a tiny bit more! I thought I would throw together some ideas to get you going or to level up your game. This can help you make plans to make your garden plentiful and fulfilling this year.

Gardening has many benefits. Not only will it supply you and your family with fresh vegetables, it can also help relieve stress, help you spend time with your friends and family and get you moving in ways you enjoy. I personally love gardening because it allows me to appreciate the beauty of the natural world and I am so proud to say, “I grew this,” when I make meals for my loved ones. Recently, I had a pizza party (we followed CDC guidelines) and we made pizza with my garlic and homegrown tomatoes that I froze in the summer of last year. It was so tasty and my guests were so impressed!

To start, the first thing you want to be mindful of when starting a garden is to have a plan in mind. Right now, is the best time to plan because it is getting warmer during the day, and you have plenty of time to get the materials you need. When making your plan, get pen and paper, and sketch out where you your garden will be. Make sure your future gardening spot gets enough sun (at least 6-8 hours); usually this is on the south side of your house. Also, place it where you have easy access to water or a faucet. If your area gets a lot of wind, have a plan in mind to block some of the wind because that can damage the plant and stunt their growth.

Next, write down basic gardening tools you already have and see what you need to get. Some of my favorites include a shovel, rake,



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

This corn, grown in the summer of 2021 using family heirloom seeds, we plan to use in hot cereal for breakfast!

gloves, hat, wheelbarrow (if you are making your garden large), hose, and sprinkler attachment. Also, compost is another necessity for a healthy garden. Compost helps the soil become healthier. It provides nutrients and conditions the soil. Compost is sold in garden centers or you can make your own using your kitchen waste. Finally, my recommendation is to wait to get a specific tool until you actually need it. This ensures you do not buy unnecessary tools because I certainly have been there!

Next, find out your last frost date. The last frost date is the last estimated date the night temperature will fall below 32°F. After this, the weather will be warm enough to successfully grow most plants. This is very important because this tells you when you can plant seeds or seedlings outside. Sometimes garden centers sell fruit and vegetable

plants and seeds too early and if we plant them outside too early, they can freeze or not grow well. You can find out your last frost date by entering your city/town followed by “last frost date” into any internet search engine. For example, mine is June 1 because I live close to a mountain and it is higher in elevation. This means I have a short growing season, so I need to be well prepared to grow shorter-season fruits and vegetables.

Right now is the best time to start planning for your garden! Gardening has so many benefits and is such a great way to stay healthy. Keep these tips in mind to help you become a successful gardener.

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

UMU shares food boxes



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Micco Wesley, Custom farm Field Supervisor with Southern Ute Agriculture helps distribute food items, including potatoes to tribal households, Friday, Feb. 10 at the Southern Ute Ag. Division building in Ignacio. These quality food items included, beef roast, pork roast, hamburger, butter, potatoes, pancake mix, Adobe Milling Pinto beans, apple sauce, and large sacks of Blue Bird flour. Remaining supplies were made available at Pine River Shares, at the Ignacio ELHI, the following day.

Southern Ute elder, Evelyn Russel takes a moment to express her gratitude to Southern Ute Ag. Division Head, Kevin Mallow. The LDS Church donated a wide variety of food items to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, who worked with Southern Ute Ag. to distribute the food boxes in Ignacio, first to tribal member households, and then opening it up to the wider community.



BEE HEARD: LOVE & ADDICTION • FROM PAGE 4

know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

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SOUTHERN UTE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE



courtesy SUIMA

Southern Ute Indian Montessori's Culture Day on Friday, Feb. 4, included Tim Ryder helping the elementary boys make their own drumsticks while the girls learned to tie fringe onto a shawl.

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 we require masks/face coverings on the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) campus.

Minor adjustments are in place at SUIMA so that we follow the current SUIT Covid requirements of Phase II, Level 3.

'apagha nuu

With SUIMA staff members meeting bi-weekly to practice their Ute, as well as some staff participating in the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute, there has been huge progress as we revitalize the Ute language.

Not only are the staff using the language more, so are the students. As we accept the dialects of all the sister tribes and work through which word will be used, everyone has become more comfortable and willing to take chances.

Some of the staff are more "fluent" than others but we are all beginning learners.



courtesy SUIMA

Destiny Valdez is getting help to tie on her fringe from Southern Ute Indian Montessori Principal, Mari Jo Owens.

We have a wonderful team of Ute Language instructors who are encouraging and learning right alongside of us. As you can see by the phrases included in this article, using base words, and building on what

is known, is helping us with this journey. If anyone has a desire to learn more, please go to the website 'Speak Ute Now' as we have compiled basic sounds, phrases, and songs to help you learn.



courtesy SUIMA

Southern Ute Indian Montessori's Culture Day on Friday, Feb. 4, included Tim Ryder helping the elementary boys make their own drumsticks while the girls learned to tie fringe onto a shawl.

Nuu'apaghapi - Ute phrases

- mə'əvi - hand
- pə'ivə - eyes
- məvet'əpə - nose
- təpavi - mouth
- 'anewiini 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.
- 'agha-vaa mə nəka-və? Máy nəka-və. Where is your ear? Say "ear."
- 'agha-vaa mə səvaavə? Máy səvaa-və. Where is your cheek? Say "cheek."
- 'agha-vaa mə matak'avi? Máy matak'a-vi. Where is your forehead? Say "forehead."
- 'agha-vaa mə kanaqhəpə? Máy kanaqho-pə. Where is your chin? Say "chin."
- 'agha-vaa mə sapə-və? Máy sapə-və. Where is your stomach? Say "stomach."

A special phrase in Ute, not just for Valentine's Day but for every day: Piyen, Múan, nu piyemichi. Mom, Dad, I love you.

Upcoming events

- Feb. 14: Classroom Valentine card exchange
- Feb. 14-17: Family conference week
- Feb. 18: No school
- Feb. 22: No school
- Feb. 22: Parent Advisory Group meeting

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio High School celebrates diversity and student achievement

By Barb Fjerstad, Principal
IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to February, a month we celebrate diversity and caring. As a school leader, I spend a lot of time managing the day-to-day events of a school. A school that is filled with a wide variety of personalities, talents, and individuality. Events that range from basketball, wrestling, band/choir concerts, and creative lessons in the classroom. It is such an honor to watch this wonderful mix of students and teachers growing and learning every day.

We celebrated the diversity of our school and students during our Bobcat Assembly on January 28th. Honor roll students were recognized for achieving a grade point average of 3.0 and above. We congratulated those students who, among other things, work hard every day and push themselves to achieve good scores. Teachers also recognized students who achieved great things besides grade point averages. Students received recognition for being artistic, for being the best stage manager, for being that student in the classroom who keeps things light and always has a smile, for trying hard and achieving success, for always lending a helping hand, and a myriad of other celebrations. We are truly honored to have students with such wide ranges of talents and abilities.

Ignacio High School is also in full swing with many winter activities. This year has been quite challenging with COVID-19 exposures wreaking havoc on schedules. However, this has not slowed our mighty Bobcat girls and boys. Both wrestling and basketball have had the opportunity to travel and compete. Our Knowledge Bowl team has been able to compete under the tutelage of Mr. Schlierf and although they are a small team, they are tenacious and compete with the best. Mrs. Turner and her Skills USA and cabinetmaking students have taken full advantage of the Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative (SCEC).



courtesy/Ignacio High School

Ignacio High School Language Arts and Drama teacher, Ms. LaQuerta Farrow awards Mia Tallbird the "Mad Hatter" award.



Barb Fjerstad
Principal
Ignacio High School

The SCEC has allowed our students to use cabinetmaking equipment that was provided by the collaborative and is shared with other area schools. Ms. Klingler and her FFA students were able to attend the National Western Stock Show which exposed our students to livestock and agriculture initiatives. Several of our band students, with Mr. Moraga, recently participated in the Fort Lewis College Honor band. The drama students under Ms. Farrow's guidance were able to showcase their talents recently during a production of "A Murder at the Art Show." The play was well received by our student body and the parents of our drama students.

February is also the month of caring. And with

that in mind, I would like to recognize Kim Cotta, our food services director. Kim has made some changes in our cafeteria to better serve our students and cut down on food waste. We are also very thankful to be able to continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all of our students in the Ignacio School District. At Ignacio High School we care about the academic success and mental well-being of our students and have built-in several opportunities for students to receive additional support by providing weekly tutoring, by certified staff, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-5:45. Our athletic teams support academics on Wednesdays, with tutors, during our early release time. Our counseling department always offers academic and emotional support and has recently paired with La Plata County Youth Services to offer some extended counseling services for our students.

As always, we at Ignacio High School care for you and your students. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

"To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care," – Mandi Hale.

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Teacher Conferences: Feb 14 & 16, 4:30-7 pm
- Wrestling State: 18 & 19
- No School: Feb 18 & 21, Presidents' Day
- Strategic Planning Meeting #2: Feb 22, 5:30 pm
- Basketball Districts in Cortez: Feb 25 & 26, TBD
- Spring Sports Start: Feb 28
- Character Counts for March: Citizenship
- Basketball Regionals: March 4 and 5

Ignacio Middle School • 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

6th GRADE

Jaiden Werito	3.5
Myla GoodTracks	3.5
Sinaav Larry	3.5
Selia Montoya	3.5
Elias Pena	3.5
Evan Maez	3.5
Evan Ray	3.7
Jordin Richards	3.7
Narissa Williams	3.7
Travis Bliss	3.8
Veronica Brown	3.8
Aubriella Herrera	3.8
Amiyah Martinez	3.8
Joseph Atencio	4.0
Craig Hight	4.0
Jade Howell	4.0
Amira Montoya	4.0

7th GRADE

Cyrus Cosio	3.5
Peyton Pierre-Louis	3.5
Katelyn Riehl	3.7
Jaelyn Alston	3.8
Tarah Baker	3.8
Lainee Bradley	3.8
Cayson Burcham	3.8
Alahna Cundiff	3.8
Paisley Vezeau	3.8
Raiya Welker	3.8
Katie Cundiff	4.0
Matrim Jones	4.0
Lily Quintana	4.0
Kelly Sirios	4.0
Gage Smithson	4.0
Thunder Windy Boy Hebert	4.0

8th GRADE

Lincoln deKay	3.5
Zane Pontine	3.6
Madison Egger	3.6
Isabella Lorenzini	3.6
Briel Cruz	3.7
Sonny Flores	3.7
James Martin	3.7
Zaine Velasquez-Hight	3.7
Samantha Riddell	3.8
Gregory Walker	3.8
Alyssa Atencio	4.0
Trace Crane	4.0
Autumn Schulz	4.0





The Powerhouse presents Living With Wolves

Free event! Please join us at The Powerhouse on Friday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 8 pm to hear Erik Molvar, Executive Director of Western Watersheds Project, discuss the dysfunctional approaches of industries and agencies to wolf management. This event is in association with the Living with Wolves photo exhibit.



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SUCH CONTINUES TO ADAPT • FROM PAGE 1

lose longtime nurse and interim director, Margo Yeager, who resigns from her position this month. Yeager started at the Southern Ute Health Center in November of 2007 as a Clinic Nurse. Her role eventually evolved to her current position of Chief Nursing Officer. Yeager has served as the Interim Tribal Health Director in the past and is currently in that role. She is also the Incident Commander for the Tribe's Incident Management Team (IMT), which is now going into its third year since the pandemic first impacted the region in the February of 2020.

"I will treasure the time and the friendships that I have developed while here and it has been my absolute pleasure serving the membership," Yeager emphasized. "I will be moving to Grand Junction, Colo. to be closer to my family and grandkids."

Mental Health and well-being remain a top priority for the Tribe.

The Tribe can now medically treat substance abuse, filling a gap left with the closure of Peaceful Spirit. "Dr. William Finn provides Medication Assisted Treatment at our new location, explained Behavioral Health Manager, Mary Young. "We provide extended outpatient treatment services, meeting with clients several times a week if necessary. We also utilize a variety of residential substance abuse treatment options throughout the country

as we work to find the right fit for a client's individual treatment needs."

The Behavioral Health Department has almost quadrupled in size in recent years, while also moving to new location, as they expand on services. The Department now has 17 staff members plus a trainer/consultant that they use for staff training.

"In the last couple of years, we have grown from a staff of 3 people to current staff of 14 people," Young said. "This does not include expansion of Psychiatry from 24 days a year to now 74 days a year. It also does not include addition of Will Finn, MD who is providing Medication Assisted Treatment for individuals with substance use issues."

"We have greatly expanded our telehealth capabilities and have more convenient options for tribal members who want to see someone outside of the local community or from the convenience of their home, Young said. "We also provide groups at the Southern Ute Detention Center via telehealth – topics include substance use, life skills, and emotional regulation. Our staff includes six Native Americans. We serve anyone who is eligible and enrolled in services at the Southern Ute Health Center."

Behavioral health now offers a variety of services, including substance abuse and suicide prevention campaigns; individual, group and family therapy; peer recovery coaching, medication assisted treatment, sub-

stance use assessments and treatment, assessments and referrals to residential treatment as needed.

"We would love to expand the public health nurses, to have them more involved in their traditional roles, emphasized Dr. Richard Keller. "[I see this as a huge opportunity for them to do more teachings, and training, and focus on the community health portion."

"[Furthermore] – both of our nurse practitioners have SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) training, they can treat anyone (particularly women) who have been victims of any sort of violence," Keller said. "A SANE Training equips RNs to respond to the needs of patients requesting medical care because of sexual assault or abuse."

"The big change from the providers, now we have a ton of permanent doctors, who live locally, Keller stated "That's a huge benefit from the patient care aspect."

The Tribe also welcomes Dr. Sandra Beirne as a full-time pediatrician at the Southern Ute Health Center. Dr. Beirne started at the SUHC on January 31, she has been a pediatrician for the past 12 years. In her role as a pediatrician, she will see young people from birth up to their 21st birthday for any non-emergent health concern they have, in addition to seeing patients at the Health Center, she will also be working with students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

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Our Club serves local community youth. We appreciate your support.

Locations

- Pine River Chiropractic, Massage & Acupuncture Bayfield, CO
- Ignacio Chiropractic
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- Farmers Fresh
- Sun UTE Community Center
- Ignacio Floral & Gifts
- Thriftway
- The Rose Cafe

Jan 31st-Feb 25th 2022

Any questions please contact the Boys & Girls Club of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970.563.2692

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.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boys & Girls Club reopening to in-person programming on Valentine's day!

Monday, February 14, 2022

2022 Registration remains full at this time. Interested families can be added to a waitlist.

For questions, please call the BGC office at (970)563-4753



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.

Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy March 2 – March 9, 2022

About the 4 Corners Wildfire Academy: The 4 Corners Wildfire Academy (4CWFA) started in 2018 under the guidance of CO/NM fire departments assisted by a BLM grant. The 4CWFA's intent is to provide low/no cost training to local agencies that may be unable to send people out of town or 10 academies that coincide with our fire season. Interagency cooperation starts with training. When we know our partners & train with them, we can be successful managing emerging Incidents in an effective & safe manner. 4CWFA utilizes instructors from local fire departments, national IMTs, federal, & state fire agencies. After COVID19 forced the cancellation of the 4CWFA in 2020, our leadership team committed to continuing our mission regardless of situations that may arise. 2021's academy was in-person but limited 10 local agencies in adherence 10 public health guidelines. We are excited to offer in-person learning to a much larger & diverse audience in 2022.

2022 Academy Format: The 2022 4CWFA will be presented via In-person learning in Dolores, Durango, & Ignacio Colorado. 9 Classes are offered, with a possibility for more (TBO Late January 2022). One new development for 2022 is a simulation-based delivery of S-200 & S-215. Simulation classes will be concurrent & utilize real time scenarios, decision making, & integration with the Durango Interagency Type 3 Team. This new format is made possible by Colorado BLM's generous rental of a facility that allows this simulation to happen. New Mexico BLM has again provided all course materials needed for each class. The 4CWFA realizes current public health regulations are everchanging. 4CWFA adheres to all local health mandates ensuring we can offer in person learning. Please note class locations may change, course coordinators will communicate any changes to participants. Contact Scott Nielsen (scott.nielsen@durangofire.org) or John Gilbert (jjgilbert@lospinosfire.com) with any questions.

Waitlists For Full Classes: Some classes registration may exceed capacity. Course coordinators will communicate with the student's supervisor to determine what students are to be prioritized for development and needed qualifications for current positions. Classes that have a waitlist will be offered again in 2023 as we address a 2-year backlog of training opportunities.

Simulation Based Courses (S-200 & S-215)
Dates: March 2 – March 4

Location: Sky Ute Casino Convention Center
14324 Hwy. 172 North, Ignacio, CO

S-200, & S-215 are presented as a simulation-based learning experience. Each will adhere to NWCG guidelines & will be enhanced with interactive simulations a local IMT3. For successful completion, students are required to interact with instructors, other classes, & other students. Due to required student/instructor ratio, each class has 9 openings. Prospective students will be contacted by the course coordinator to ensure they meet prerequisites & qualifications. A wait list will be maintained for each of these courses.

S-200, Initial Attack Incident Commander
Course Coordinator: Richard Gustafson – Southern Ute Agency BIA

Course Description: This course is designed to meet training needs of the IC type 4. It is presented in a discussion/exercise format. The six units include Foundation Skills; Intelligence Gathering & Documentation; Size Up the incident; Develop a Plan of Action; Post-fire Activities; Evaluating Incident Objectives & Manage the Incident. Student evaluation is based on unit tests & performance-based evaluations. Prerequisites: Qualified as Any of ENGB/FIRB/HEQB or CRWB

S-215, Fire Operation in the Wildland Urban Interface
Course Coordinator: John Gilbert – Los Pinos Fire Protection

Course Description: This is an instructor-led course intended to be presented at the local level. Instructional units include Firefighter Safety in the Interface, Managing Human factors in the Interface, Pre-Incident Planning. Size up & Initial Strategy, Structure Triage, Structure Protection Overview, Tactics In the Interface, Tactical Operations & Resource Use In the Interface, Action Assessment, Pinn Update, & Alter-Action Review. Prerequisites: Qualified as FFT1

Updated Course Description with dates and location: Register Here: <https://forms.gle/BA1pHJ7oh3jr2ZRQ7>

CONSERVATION LEADERS

Apply for the Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress

Staff report
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia will be hosting the 8th annual Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress, starting June 26 – June 30, 2022. The mission of the Native Youth Congress is to develop future conservation leaders with skills, knowledge, and tools and address environmental change and conservation to better serve their schools and home communities.

While exploring culture, tradition and science to answer a big question posed at the beginning of the week, students will lead the congress and focus on major challenges in their communities.

The students create themes based on their initial answers to the big question. These themes will emphasize the importance of language, elders, political involvement, traditional values, cultural preservation, and social-economic and environmental awareness. “The Native Youth Congress has grown over the years into a multi-faceted program that provides an open safe space for students to learn about other cultures and environmental issues while gaining confidence in their own cultural values,” says Native Youth Congress co-coordinator Jenn Hill. “We developed the native youth adaptation congress to reflect their identity, empower their future and the next generation of conservation leaders.” Tribal youth groups inter-

ested in joining the Native Youth Congress should be between 3-5 students, consist rising high school seniors, a part of a federally recognized Native American tribe, and sophomores and juniors will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applications for this program can be found at NYCALC.org and will be accepted Dec. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service works with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. For more information on our work, visit www.fws.gov/. Connect with our Facebook page, follow our tweets, watch our YouTube Channel and download photos from our Flickr page.

NATIVE YOUTH CLIMATE ADAPTATION LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Created in partnership with:

What is NYCALC?

NYCALC is a federal and non-governmental collaborative that invites native communities to work together to address conservation challenges in a changing environment. NYCALC provides training in leadership principles, STEM, conservation, and outdoor skills for the next generation of native leaders and their communities.

“NYCALC was an incredible place of growth, not only for me but for everyone involved.”

- Devon Parfait
2019 Junior Faculty

VISIT [HTTPS://NYCALC.org/](https://NYCALC.org/) FOR MORE INFORMATION

Meals, room & board, & travel provided

Shepherdstown, West Virginia
June 26 - June 30, 2022

The one-week, on-site Congress uses open space technology to allow students to create a personalized action plan each year that is relevant to current issues. A mini-grant program provides students with resources for implementing lessons learned once they return back home with the goal of empowering native communities.

**Applications open
December 1st-February 28th**

Seeking groups of 3-5 students, with adult mentor, from any federally recognized tribe of the United States, including those from US territories. Applicants should be rising high school seniors now in their 11th-grade year*.

* Sophomores and Juniors will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Four Corners Wildland Fire Academy March 2nd-9th 2022

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In partnership with San Juan County Fire and Rescue, Los Pinos Fire District, Durango Fire District, Cortez Fire District, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control and Southern Ute Agency BIA,
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COURSES OFFERED:

- S-200 INITIAL ATTACK INCIDENT COMMANDER
- S-215 OPERATIONS IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE
- L-280 FOLLOWERSHIP TO LEADERSHIP
- S-211 PUMPS AND WATER USE
- S-131 FIREFIGHTER TYPE 1
- S-230 CREWBOSS
- S-231 ENGINE BOSS

Future courses may be added.

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

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

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



SCAM OF THE WEEK

Cybercriminals ‘Go for the Gold’

Staff report
THE KNOWBe4 SECURITY TEAM

Last week, the opening ceremony of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games took place in Beijing. With representatives from 91 countries, the Olympics are watched by billions of spectators from all over the world. Cybercriminals often use worldwide events like the Olympics to catch your attention and manipulate your emotions. As the games continue, be extra cautious of any emails, text messages, and social media posts that mention the Olympics.



- Remember these tips to help you stay safe:
- No matter how exciting or disappointing the news is, always think before you click. Cybercriminals target your emotions in hopes of tricking you into acting impulsively.
 - Stay informed by watching official Olympic broadcasts and checking trusted news sources.
 - Watch out for sensational or shocking headlines about participating countries and athletes. These headlines could lead to articles that contain disinformation, or false information designed to intentionally mislead you.



Your safety is our top priority

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



Multi-Purpose Facility
February Events

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



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive





BIG GAME BUCKS

HOT SEAT GIVEAWAY

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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Club Members must be actively playing slot machines with their Club Card inserted during the promotional period to be eligible to win. Each time a team scores a touchdown during the Big Game, Ace’s Club Personnel will conduct five random Hot Seat drawings using the Super Playmate software. Prizes are non-transferable. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or older to enter casino. Rules apply. See Ace’s Club for details.

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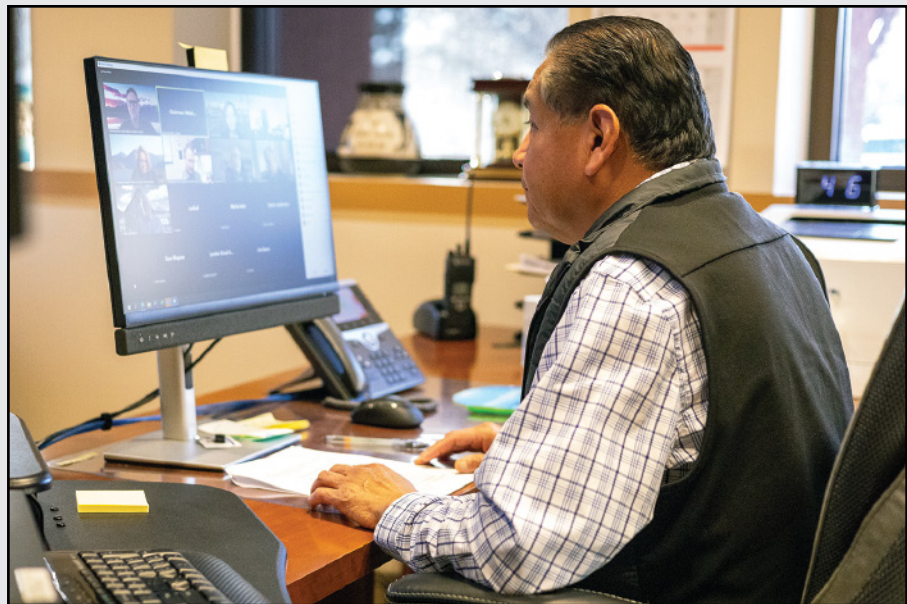
Monday, Feb 21, 2022

In observance of Presidents' Day

Normal business hours will resume Tues., Feb. 22



Tribal Broadband moves ahead



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Council Member Lorelei Cloud attended a meeting with the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners regarding the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project.



Council Member Lorelei Cloud emphasizes the Tribe's stewardship over tribal lands in relation to the broadband project and protection of culturally sensitive findings.



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.

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS With Council Member Lorelei Cloud. February 23, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17.

COYAC Colorado Youth Advisory Council. Age 14-19? Ready to make a difference for Colorado youth? Join COYAC!



A SunUte farewell



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center staff gave well wishes and gifts to Divine Windy Boy at a going away party, Monday, Feb. 7 in the SunUte Capote Room. Windy Boy worked at SunUte as a Front Desk Attendant for three years and will transition over to Tribal Information Services, where she has been hired as the Reporter/Photographer for the Southern Ute Drum newspaper.

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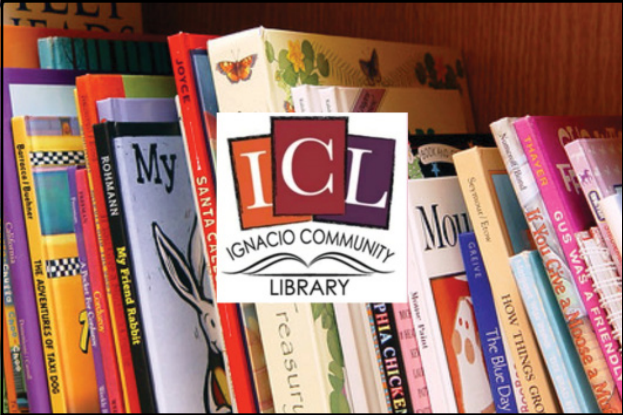
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By Kate Lehman
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Our library is a beautiful sanctuary, where we can escape from the stresses of everyday life. It is a place of security, peace and quiet. It is a place to stretch our minds with new ideas, and expand our knowledge. It offers us help and resources to tackle any problem. It also offers us fun, entertainment, and a chance to meet interesting people.

Libraries need our support, now more than ever. Please come on in and spend some more time in our very own Ignacio Community Library (ICL). It is truly a jewel of a resource here in the Southwest. Let's Love Our Library!

The Friends of ICL is a group whose sole purpose is to support the library in the community. It helps the library financially by raising funds to finance various programs and materials. Sometimes Friends members volunteer at programs. It's easy to become a supporting member of the Friends of Ignacio Community Library. A one-year



membership to this group of library supporters is very reasonably priced, with different options to fit a person's, family's or business's budget. Stop in at the library front desk and fill out a membership form today! February is Love Your Library month, so this is a great time to become a Friend of ICL!

There is a super easy way to help ICL get money for their great projects, activities and materials. And it doesn't cost a cent. It's AmazonSmiles. Select Friends of Ignacio Community Library as the organization you wish to support and every time you buy any little thing from Amazon, ICL gets money from Ama-

zon. Even if you only make small purchases, this really adds up for ICL. It's truly a win/win arrangement. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> to sign up.

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TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, February 21, 2022 for President's Day.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.



CORONAVIRUS


Biden Administration will cover rapid COVID-19 tests through Medicare

Staff report
OFFICE U.S. SENATOR
MICHAEL BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet welcomed the announcement that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will cover the cost of at-home, rapid Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) tests by early spring under traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage. The move comes after a recent push by Bennet and several of his colleagues calling for the change. Currently, most private insurance companies are required to cover the cost of up to eight over the counter at-home

COVID-19 tests per person, per month, but the 61 million Americans enrolled in Medicare or private Medicare Advantage plans do not have this benefit. “This is great news for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Colorado and across the country who are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19,” said Bennet. “I’m glad the Biden Administration listened to our request and will implement this change in early spring to ensure all Medicare and Medicare Advantage enrollees have access to free, at-home rapid COVID-19 tests.” Under the new initiative,

CMS will directly pay participating pharmacies and other participating entities to allow beneficiaries to pick up tests at no cost and without needing to be reimbursed. Medicare beneficiaries and all Coloradans can still request free, at-home COVID-19 tests for delivery now at covid-tests.gov. Bennet is also pushing to expand TRICARE coverage of at-home COVID-19 tests for service members and their families. Currently, TRICARE beneficiaries can only receive coverage for at-home tests if they have an order or referral from a TRICARE-authorized provider.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of February 9, 2022)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

791 Positives
19,804 Total Tests

SUHC Vaccination Update

Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

329 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”


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 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

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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




VACCINE MOBILE BUS


NEXT STOP!

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.


Southern Ute Indian Tribe
109 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137



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Pfizer 1st and 2nd doses (ages 5+) and booster doses
Moderna 1st and 2nd doses (ages 18+) and booster doses
Johnson & Johnson (ages 18+) 1st doses and booster doses
Influenza



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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
Registration is covered by the CDA and free to participants.



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

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Bennet, Schumer introduce legislation to invest in outdoor recreation

Promote economic growth in rural communities

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR
MICHAEL BENNET

U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) introduced the Rural Outdoor Investment Act to promote economic growth in rural communities through strategic investment in outdoor recreation. This legislation would provide \$50 million a year in recreation and economic development funding to rural communities across the country working to revitalize and grow their economies through the outdoor recreation industry.

“From skiing our mountains in the winter to floating our rivers in the summer, Colorado is home to some of the best outdoor recreation in the country,” said Bennet. “As demand for outdoor recreation grows, it’s important that our investments benefit local communities, businesses, and families themselves. Our legislation will help rural areas across Colorado manage the growth around the outdoor industry in a sustainable way that creates local jobs, boosts the economy, and meets the unique needs of each community.”

“From the trails of the Adirondack Mountains to waters of the Finger Lakes, outdoor recreation is the lifeblood of so many of Upstate New York’s communities, especially our rural areas. Since the start of the pandemic, people’s passion for the outdoors has only grown, but investment for this vital economic engine has remained trapped inside,” said Schumer. “That is why I was proud to introduce the Rural Outdoor Investment Act with Senator Bennet, to hike up federal resources for communities across New York, boosting tourism, supporting small businesses, and strengthening our outdoor recreation economies. This bill will jump-start economic recovery from the pandemic for some of our most underserved areas, create

good-paying jobs, and give a breath of fresh air to our main streets across New York.”

Over the past several decades, demand for outdoor recreation has grown — especially during the pandemic. Well-planned investments in outdoor infrastructure and related businesses is essential to boost rural economies and help them meet this growing demand. This legislation invests in three critical areas:

- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure, including boat ramps, parking at trailheads, picnic areas and other outdoor facilities.
- Planning to support communities that want to create an outdoor experience that meets expectations and grows Main Street.
- Business Assistance to support recreation related businesses such as: vehicle, gear, and equipment rentals; shuttles; guides and outfitters; in addition to hotels, restaurants and retail.

The Rural Outdoor Investment Act promotes collaboration between the Economic Development Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, and Small Business Administration to educate communities and businesses about existing federal resources like grants and business loans. It would also authorize funding for the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Program at USDA and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide planning assistance grants to support rural economies through outdoor recreation.

“The Rural Outdoor Investment Act will make Colorado even more fun and amazing. The Rural Outdoor Investment Act is a winning idea for Colorado’s rural communities, will help create good jobs and ensure our outdoor recreation economies continue to thrive. I thank Senator Bennet for showing Congress how Col-

orado’s own efforts to support outdoor recreation and economic development by lowering costs for Coloradans, creating new state parks and maintaining our existing parks, while partnering with local governments, will continue to create jobs and help our nation’s economy,” said Colorado Governor Jared Polis.

The Rural Outdoor Investment Act Includes:

- \$30 million for public works through EDA to fund necessary infrastructure improvements from signage, to boat ramps, to new trails.
- \$5 million for planning grants through EDA for communities to create recreation economy plans that optimize their natural opportunities including marketing, branding, business development, fundraising, tourism management.
- \$2.5 million in university partnerships to promote place-based research, education and technical assistance to local stakeholders and businesses for this high growth sector.
- \$12.5 million for the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities grants for main street revitalization through outdoor recreation.

For over a decade, Bennet has worked with Coloradans to protect the state’s precious natural resources while boosting the economy that depends on them. That includes developing the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act. Last year, Bennet, U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), and U.S. Representative Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) introduced this legislation to grow Colorado’s outdoor recreation economy and protect over 400,000 acres of public land in the state, establishing new wilderness, recreation, and conservation areas, and safeguarding existing outdoor recreation opportunities.

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.



Monday-Friday

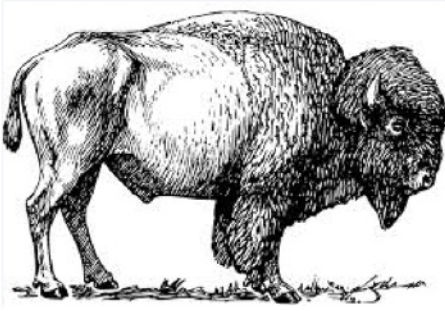
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BOBCATS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Bears give 'Cats a scare on the road

IHS boys earn tough 52-41 victory

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For quite literally ten seconds Friday night, Feb. 4, the Bears were all but walking on air.

Wyatt Koskie had started second-half scoring with an innocuous two-point-er, but then soon followed it with a two-handed break-away dunk after visiting Ignacio lost possession with Dolores' senior already in position to pace the run to the rim. And with 4:44 left in the third quarter, and Koskie's four points having hacked the Bobcats' 31-25 halftime lead down to 31-29, sophomore guard Mark Palate cashed a go-ahead corner three-point-er in front of his team's hyper-elated bench.

"Yeah, he's a great help for us, honestly. Like, he can come in whenever we're not hitting and hit a spot-up shot," said senior guard Tru Seekins, whose three first-half treys all but prevented IHS from racking up a double-digit lead – with Palate first emerging via a three cutting Ignacio's advantage down to 28-25 with 0:42 left until intermission. "Definitely helps lift a little weight off our shoulders for sure."

"And I was glad, you know what I mean?"

IHS senior guard Gabe



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox blocks the shot of Dolores' Tyler Nowlin (10) during SJBL action Fri., Feb. 4, at DHS. Cox's multiple first-half rejections helped the Bobcats establish a tough defensive presence – crucial in a 52-41 road win.

Tucson, on the other hand? Not so much. Wasting virtually no time at all, Tucson coldly canned a long two after Palate's clutch make, regaining the guests a 33-32 lead with 4:34 to go. Bobcat sophomore Phillip Quintana would soon hit one of two free

throws, and Tucson then swung momentum Ignacio's way for good by converting a missed shot into a self-alley-oop lay-in off the backboard, then nailing a pull-up 14-footer forcing Dolores head coach Jo-

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BOBCATS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Love it or hate it, Lady 'Cats on a tear

Non-stop style swamps Telluride, Dolores

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Backlash, as expected, wasted nearly no time visiting Ignacio Girls' Basketball in the wake of an 89-2 home win Wed., Feb. 2, then a 60-16 win on the 4th at Dolores – both products of a run-'til-it's-done mentality often decried (but probably desired in secret) throughout the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League.

But with IHS getting back to .500 following previous losses at Southern Peaks Leaguers Sargent as well as SJBL'ers Mancos – that one a result of squandering an 18-point halftime lead – those criticizing first-year head coach Tony Gomez seem to have overlooked one statistic:

Even without sprint-ready guard Marissa Olguin's 40 points tallied against THS, Lady Bobcat reserves (versus the Lady Miners Olguin, only a freshman, was one; Gomez started senior Elisia Cruz that evening in her place) still outscored both opponents' rosters by an aggregate 21-18 margin.

Senior regular Avaleena Nanaeto, meanwhile, totaled just ten points and junior regular Laci Brunson six – including a near-voluntary zero against DHS – in the two outings, as both looked content to defer to the team's eager up-and-comers. Sophomore Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga booked ten points against Telluride and 13 at Dolores, while junior rebound machine Harmony Reynolds registered 16 points in the former contest and 12 in the latter – in which IHS (6-6, 3-2 2A/1A SJBL, 3-1 2A SJBL) all but turned off their collective engine during the fourth quarter.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) grabs a rebound away from Dolores' Eva Abshire (14) during road action Friday, Feb. 4, at DHS.

In fact, the only player to score inside the closing eight minutes was Olguin, who totaled a game-best 15 points and chose to display a potent perimeter shot – producing three three-pointers (she sank two against THS as well), one in the final frame – rather than simply outhustle foes to loose balls, then convert such takeaways into transition layups.

"It's been fun ... a good experience," Olguin humbly said of her back-to-back efforts. "(Gomez) just told us to ... be patient with the ball, drive and do our best."

And nobody could say she didn't earn her last trey.

Denied a breakaway basket by a hard Allie Kibel foul

with 6:30 left until halftime, Olguin was pulled from play after crashing into the gymnasium's end wall. Incensed and awakened despite having already increased their 12-4 first-quarter lead to a relatively-safe 18-4, the Lady 'Cats responded in force.

Nanaeto proceeded to swish two free throws in Olguin's stead, inflating IHS' pad to 16 points. Cruz (seven points; 13 total) further increased the lead to 29-4 by hitting IHS' first three-pointer, and Ignacio led 32-4 before Lady Bear freshman Halee Kibel made a free throw to stop the guests' 20-point spree.

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TEAM COLORADO WANTS YOU!!



SUNUTE RECREATION ANNOUNCES THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

When: July 15th - 23rd, 2023
Where: Halifax, Nova Scotia
Athletes: Open to All Native Americans ages 13-19yrs.
Must provide Tribal I.D. / CIB or a Descendent Letter from your tribe.
Must be a resident of Colorado.
Coaches/ Athletes/ Chaperones will need:

- 1st & 2nd COVID Vaccinations
- Proof of Vaccination Card
- Must obtain a Passport
- Must sign a Commitment Contract.

If you are interested in becoming a Coach / Assistant Coach / Chaperone please contact the SunUte Recreation Department for requirements.



The following are the available sports for NAIG 2023.		
Individual Sport:	Team Sport:	Trial Sport:
3D Archery	Baseball-19U	Basketball
Athletics	Box Lacrosse	Soccer
Badminton	Volleyball	Swimming
Golf	Softball-Fast Pitch	
Rifle Shooting		
Wrestling		

For Information Contact: Virgil Morgan 563-2652, Tara Vigil 563-2667, Daphnee Washington 563-2655

Informational meeting will be held at a later date!



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With the referee positioned for a good look, Ignacio's Tyler Barnes (black headgear) attempts to pin Mancos' Cole Dainty-Guilfoyle during 170-pound division action Thurs., Feb. 3, at the Norwood-hosted SJBL Championships.

BOBCATS WRESTLING

Wrestlers seek league supremacy at SJBLs

Bobcats clinch three titles in Norwood

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Denied by COVID-19 quarantine procedures a chance to compete in one last Butch Melton Memorial Invitational inside IHS Gymnasium the previous Saturday, one could see Jeremy Roderick was happy to be back in uniform as the Bobcats began warming up for action Thurs., Feb. 3, prior to the Norwood-hosted San Juan Basin League

Championships.

And though the senior heavyweight, as expected, had no opponent, just having his hand raised in victory could prove an invaluable morale boost towards ramping up his energy – and perhaps the whole team's as well – for the upcoming Feb. 11-12 Class 2A-Region I Championships in distant Buena Vista.

Only the top four per weight will see the 2022 CHSAA State Champion-

ships, Feb. 17-19, inside Ball Arena in Denver.

Roderick's unopposed SJBL title gave Ignacio – ninth out of 14 teams at 'The Melton' – a total of three, with junior 145-pounder Keaton McCoy also winning unopposed – save for a 9-4 exhibition loss to NHS' Gage Owen, eventually the champ at 152, at which IHS freshman Kendrick Nossaman placed third after losing

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SunUte has NEW merchandise!!!!



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Nike Long Sleeve Tee (Red)- \$28
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WRESTLERS SEEK SUPREMACY • FROM PAGE 14

to Dolores’ Braden Schmit-
tel by first-period pin.

Able to stick Nucla’s Ar-
thur Connelly 1:37 into the
third period in one 170-pound
division semifinal, senior Ty-
ler Barnes met up with Man-
cos’ Cole Dainty-Guilfoyle
in the final round. And af-
ter a mutually-scoreless first
two-minute period, Barnes
scored a reversal from bot-
tom position early in the sec-
ond and pinned down both
the Blue Jay and first place
58 seconds in.

One of two 126-pound-
ers present, Asher Gal-
legos fell behind 5-0 after
one period to MHS’ defend-
ing State Champion (at 113)
Levi Martin, and was even-
tually pinned 1:21 into the
second as the Jays logged a
fourth title in as many low-
er weights.

IHS’ Cayle McCoy went
1-1 at 106 pounds, narrowly
defeating Dove Creek’s Jay-
don Bailey 6-4 in the third-
place bout, but John Rie-
pel went 0-2 at 160 – losing
by pin to Mancos’ Ayden
Mathews with 15 ticks left
in the first period, then 14-
6 to Nucla’s Jamar Rankins.

With girls across west-
ern Colorado gearing up



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Asher Gallegos tries to prevent Mancos’ Levi
Martin from freeing his leg and escaping during 126-pound
division action Thurs., Feb. 3, at the Norwood-hosted
SJBL Championships.

for their own regional to
be held in Grand Junction,
only two competed at the
SJBLs. 118-pounders Au-
drey Roderick of Igna-
cio and Valentina Tarini of
Dolores squared off twice
against each other, with Ta-
rini prevailing by pin in 22,
then later 26 seconds. Lady
’Cats Lexy Young and Faye
Hackett were also in atten-
dance, but neither faced an
opponent.

Winning ten of 13 actual
matches, and 12 of 15 (in-
cluding forfeit victories)
overall, MHS emerged as
the circuit’s kings.

SJBL CHAMPIONS

106 – Dillon Eichner,
Mancos; 113 – Isaiah Mar-
tinez, Mancos; 120 – Trev-
or Paquin, Mancos; 126 –
Levi Martin, Mancos; 132 –
J.W. Nasland, Nucla; 138 –
Jarret Sinks, Norwood; **145**
– **KEATON MCCOY, IG-**
NACIO; 152 – Gage Ow-
en, Norwood; 160 – Ayden
Mathews, Mancos; **170** –
TYLER BARNES, IGNA-
CIO; 182 – Lane Greenlee,
Mancos; 195 – Gage Buff-
ington, Dove Creek; 220 –
none; **HWT** – **JEREMY**
RODERICK, IGNACIO.

BEARS GIVE ’CATS A SCARE • FROM PAGE 14

el Balderrama into burning
a timeout with 2:08 left in
the third.

Content to help defend
against Koskie and even
bigger senior Tyler Nowlin
from receiving passes into
the paint, IHS junior guard
Eppie Quintana responded
to the pause with a late bas-
ket increasing the Bobcats’
lead to 40-32 going into the
final frame. And then an en-
thusiastic triple shortly after
it commenced.

“I wasn’t doing my job
I needed to do on offense;
I had to make up for it on
defense, and I think I did
that alright,” he said. “They
came out hot – out of half(-
time) – and we needed to
answer back, not let them go
on ... some big run. I just felt
like I needed to step up.”

With Ignacio (9-4, 4-2
2A/1A San Juan Basin
League, 2-2 2A SJBL) en-
joying their largest lead
since swelling a 12-10
first-quarter lead to 17-10
early in the second, Do-
lores (5-7, 3-4, 2-3) steadied
enough to play the ’Cats to a
9-9 draw the rest of the way,
but ultimately fell 52-41 in
the 2A-level SJBLers’ first
of two encounters.

“They were down, I think,
one at halftime to Mancos!”
noted IHS head coach Chris
Valdez. “Ended up los-
ing by 22 [23, actually] or
something just like every-
body in league – Telluride
... Ridgway ... Ouray lost by
21 – but they’re big ... and a
good team.”

“Obviously we always want
to win,” said Seekins. “Get-
ting it inside, opening things
up inside as much as we can ...
but the second half it slowed
down. We did a lot of good
things tonight; we moved the
ball well, but strayed away
from it a little bit and I think
that’s partially ... what took us
out of the game.”

“Defensively we’ve re-
ally got to step our game
up; our help-side wasn’t as
great as it could have been,”
he continued. “And turn-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Phillip Quintana attempts a second-half shot over
Dolores’ Tyler Nowlin during SJBL action Fri., Feb. 4, at
DHS. Quintana contributed seven points in the Bobcats’
52-41 road win.

overs; turnovers were a
big part. Too bad we didn’t
come out with the win, but
we know what we’ve got to
work on.”

Totalling four threes,
Seekins tallied 15 points –
trailing only Tucson’s 19 for
tops in the contest – while
Koskie managed ten points
and Palate six. Sopho-
more reserve Jonathan Pur-
kat chipped in seven but the
6’6” Nowlin was held to
three.

Eppie Quintana booked
nine points for IHS, as did
freshman reserve Char-
lie Pargin – all during the
second quarter, with a
three-pointer putting Igna-
cio up by a half-dozen at
halftime. Phillip Quintana
finished with seven points,
and freshman reserve Coty
Webb a key four points
when Tucson and the el-
der Quintana were fighting
first-quarter struggles.

“I was really proud of
how ... Charlie just came in
and he was making points,”
said Eppie Quintana. “Coty
was doing the same thing –
Coach said, ‘I need you to
hit shots when you go in,
not hold us down’ and they
both did really well.”

Following a Feb.9 rematch
with Dolores – results were
unavailable at press time –
Ignacio is slated to welcome
Southern Peaks Leaguers
Sanford (ranked No. 6 in the
2/7 CHSAANow.com Class
2A Boys’ poll) Friday night,
Feb. 11, then host SJBL’ers
Ridgway the next day for an
unusual doubleheader.

The Bobcats and Demons
will get things going at 11
a.m., with JV action to fol-
low. Girls’ JV play will then
tip off, with a second IHS-
RHS boys’ varsity contest
(essentially the postponed
1/15 meeting at Ridgway)
shutting down the show.

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Fellow freshman Eva Ab-
shire then also hit one be-
fore intermission, which be-
gan with IHS ahead 37-6.

All told, Allie Kibel, a
senior, finished with four
points for Dolores (3-
8, 0-2, 0-1), as did junior
Chandler Smith and sopho-
more Ashlynn Mikkelsen.
Abshire logged her two
from the charity stripe, and
sophomore reserve Kylie
Burt netted one.

Telluride’s points came
via a heads-up finish by se-
nior Merci Craft. Passing to
a teammate on her right, po-
sitioned a couple feet into
the lane, Craft saw the La-
dy ’Cats swarm and knock
free the ball ... but inadver-
tently kick it back her way.
Alertly making the scoop,
Craft ably split Brunson
and Mendoza-Lechuga near
the foul line, penetrated the
paint, then let fly and hit a
running jumper prevent-
ing a shutout with 5:21 left
in the third quarter and the
margin 56-2.

Dolores was to next trav-
el Wed., Feb. 9, to IHS
Gymnasium for a 5:30 p.m.
rematch. Results were un-
available at press time and
neither were figures from
Ignacio’s 2/8 trip to Dove
Creek, ranked No. 7 in the
CHSAANow.com Class
1A Girls’ poll released the
previous day.

And as if visiting DC’s



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Marissa Olguin (3) launches a 16-foot
jumper Wednesday, Feb. 2, versus Telluride inside IHS
Gymnasium. Relentless on the court, the freshman guard
totaled a game- and career-high 40 points against THS
despite, ironically, not being in the starting lineup.

‘DawgHouse’ wasn’t tough
enough, the Lady ’Cats will
host SPL menace Sanford
(No. 2 in 2A; 12-1 overall
prior to hosting 3A La Ja-
ra Centauri on Feb. 8, then
visiting SPL rival Sargent
on the 10th) Friday eve-
ning, Feb. 11.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Lady Bobcats’ post-
poned Jan. 18 trip to 3A
Montezuma-Cortez has
been rescheduled for Feb.
16, with play to begin at
4:30 p.m.



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They will receive a gift from SunUte and will be entered
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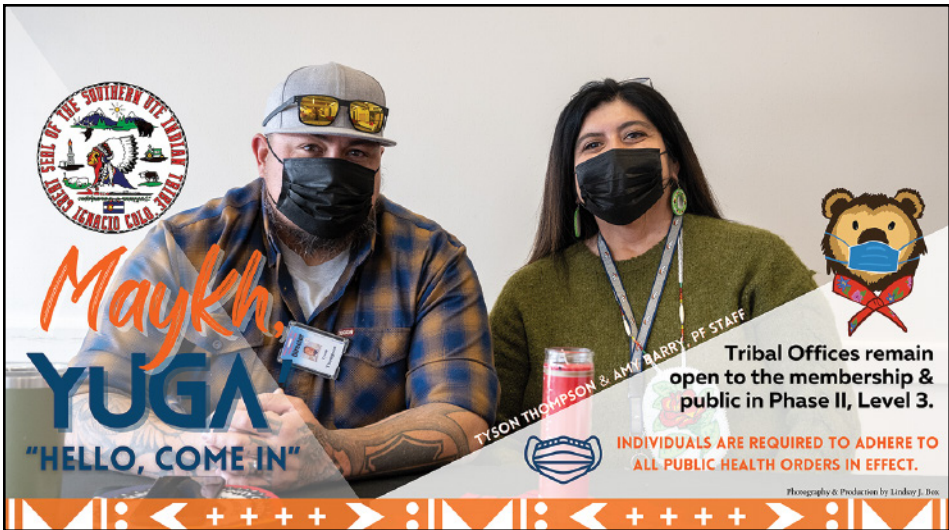
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BOBCATS ACTION

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday, Grandson Jesse D. Vigil

May you have a great & pleasant day on your Birthday (2/9). Thank you for all that you do for the family. You are such an inspiration to us all. Wishing you many birthdays to come from us here at home. Stay well and healthy. As soon as the weather is nice, we will come to visit You, Angel & the kiddos. We miss you a lot, but I know you are in a better place and experiencing life off the reservation. Time to spread those wings, Grandson. There's a whole lot of world out there to explore & experience. It can be tough but I know you will persevere, because you are strong willed and determined. May the Great Spirit above watch over you all the days of your life, as well as your beautiful wife & children. Stay strong and keep the Great Spirit first & foremost in your life, as He is your rock & salvation. I love you and so does everyone else.

Love You Always,
Grams Darlene F.

Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY — CLOSED

JAN. 17TH MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY — CLOSED

FEB. 21ST PRESIDENT'S DAY — CLOSED

MAY 30TH MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED

JUNE 20TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED

JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED

SEPT. 5TH LABOR DAY — CLOSED

OCT. 10TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED

NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED

NOV. 24TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED

DEC. 9TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED

DEC. 26TH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — CLOSED

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.

NEW 2022 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.

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

NEW EMPLOYEES

Divine Windy Boy

Job title: Southern Ute Drum Reporter/Photographer
Description of duties: Writing news stories for the tribal newspaper/website and taking photographs
Hobbies: Singing, sewing, beading, photography
Tribe: Member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy Montana

Full-Tuition Scholarship

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
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CUNY is proud to announce their newly established **full-tuition scholarship** in partnership with The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) for one Indigenous NAJA member admitted to a Master's program at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism and **meets CUNY's eligibility requirements for being a New York State Resident.**

Deadline to apply March 1

Questions?
 Contact Sheena Roetman
sroetman@naja.com

Seeking Your Input

Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan

Virtual Open House
 Thursday, Feb. 17 - Monday, Feb. 21

How to attend:

klj.mysocialpinpoint.com/2022-tribal-transportation-plan

Watch a prerecorded presentation, share your feedback and help guide the plan as it moves forward. The long-range transportation plan looks to the next 20 years and addresses a wide range alternatives and options for vehicles and pedestrians and bicyclists too.

Ensure your voice is heard

Learn about the planning process

Comments/Questions can also be directed to:

KLJ Engineering
 Att: Steve Grabill
 330 Knollwood Dr.
 Rapid City, SD 57701
 605-872-5021 or
steve.grabill@kljeng.com

Hard copies and digital versions of the 2022 LRTP will be available to the Tribal membership for review.

Contact Tribal Planning for a copy.

Tribal Planning:
 Doug McDonald (970) 563-2271 or
 Mary E.S. Eagle (970) 563-2270.

2022 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINE SCHEDULE

DEADLINE	PUBLISH	FEDERAL & TRIBAL HOLIDAYS	OFFICE CLOSURE
Jan. 10	Jan. 14		
Jan. 24	Jan. 28	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 17)	Jan. 17
Feb. 7	Feb. 11		
Feb. 18*	Feb. 25	President's Day (Feb. 21)	Feb. 21
Mar. 7	Mar. 11		
Mar. 21	Mar. 25		
Apr. 4	Apr. 8		
Apr. 18	Apr. 22		
May 2	May 6		
May 16	May 20		
May 27*	Jun. 3	Memorial Day (May 30)	May 30
Jun. 13	Jun. 17	Juneteenth (June 20)	June 20
Jun. 27	Jul. 1	Independence Day (July 4)	July 4
Jul. 11	Jul. 15		
Jul. 25	Jul. 29		
Aug. 8	Aug. 12		
Aug. 22	Aug. 26		
Sep. 2*	Sep. 9	Labor Day (Sept. 5)	Sept. 5
Sep. 19	Sep. 23		
Oct. 3	Oct. 7		
Oct. 17	Oct. 21	Indigenous People's Day (Oct. 10)	Oct. 10
Oct. 31	Nov. 4		
Nov. 14	Nov. 18	Veterans Day (Nov. 11)	Nov. 11
Nov. 28	Dec. 2	Thanksgiving (Nov. 24)	Nov. 24 & 25
Dec. 12	Dec. 16	Leonard C. Burch (Dec. 10)	Dec. 9
Dec. 23*	Dec. 30	Christmas (Dec. 25)	Dec. 26

* Denotes early deadline/early publication date

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Drum Deadline

Next issue
Feb. 25

Early Deadline
Feb. 18

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
To General Public

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands.

Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000.00, impoundments of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief.

If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until **MARCH 16, 2022** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of Reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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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

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

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.

Dated this 7th of January, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

Southern Ute Election
Board
Office Hours

We are out of the office starting February 14, 2022 until we return working part-time hours in July: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. If you need to get a hold of the board during this time, please contact Sunshine Whyte with Tribal Council at (970) 563-2319.

In August we will resume normal business hours.

Thank you and please remain safe.



285 Lakin Street, P.O. Box 737 MS#32, Ignacio, CO 81137, (970) 563-2303 or 2305, election@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) 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 P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

SUIHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Closing 2/25/22 – The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is currently seeking an individual to serve on the SUIHA Board of Directors. The Board adopts policies and enacts resolutions of the SUIHA. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit an application and a letter of intent to SUIHA stating their qualifications and why they would like to serve on the Board. All applications need to be submitted to the SUIHA, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137 or deliver to the SUIHA office located at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required. Applications can be obtained at the SUIHA or request email to rtorres@suiha.org. Applications will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Feb. 25, 2022.

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

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

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full

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

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

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.



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>

KSUT Employment Opportunities

Contact KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at 970-563-0255 for further information.

Reporter - Four Corners Region

Deadline to apply 2/18/22 – This is a grant-funded, three-year, full-time public radio broadcast journalism position, based in southwest Colorado. Voices from the Edge of the Colorado Plateau project (funded by Colorado Media Project's Community News Network) is a multi-year collaborative project led by KSJD Community Radio, in partnership with KSUT Tribal Radio and KSUT Four Corners Radio, to stretch both stations' existing efforts to elevate underserved voices and perspectives in rural southwest Colorado. The reporter will find and report on marginalized voices in the Four Corners region, focusing on stories from Native, Indigenous, and Latinx communities. Coverage will take the form of features, spots, and interviews. The ability to produce sound-rich radio stories is important, and an ability to adapt audio stories to web stories is preferred. The reporter will report to co-editors from KSJD and KSUT. Encouraged to seek out and pitch ideas and work collaboratively with co-editors. Work will air on KSJD Community Radio, KSUT Four Corners Radio, and KSUT Tribal Radio. It will also be published on each website. Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Primary consideration will be given to applicants who apply by Friday, February 18, 2022. Position open until filled.

Tribal Media Center Coordinator

Deadline to apply 2/28/22 – KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit organization, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in southwest 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). KSUT Public Radio is looking for a creative and motivated Reporter/Producer. Candidate can produce audio news stories, in-depth features, and interviews. Comfortable covering various topics. Can gather web assets and create basic online versions for selected stories. Can occasionally produce and host our weekly news magazine, Four Corners Edition. To apply: submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references by February 28, 2022 to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director.

KSUT News Reporter/Producer

Deadline to apply 3/4/22 – KSUT seeks a full-time Reporter/Producer to contribute stories, in-depth features, and interviews to our on-air and digital platforms. KSUT, an NPR Member Station serving southwest Colorado and the Four Corners region with two unique stations, seeks a full-time Reporter/Producer to contribute news to our on-air and digital platforms. KSUT Public Radio is looking for a creative and motivated Reporter/Producer. Candidate can produce audio news stories, in-depth features, and interviews. Comfortable covering various topics. Gather web assets and create basic online versions for selected stories. Occasionally produce and host our weekly news magazine, Four Corners Edition. Send a cover letter detailing your relevant professional experience, a resume, three professional references, and 2-3 audio and writing work samples to KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham.



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

Benefits Resources Specialist

Closes 2/17/22 – Conducts Tribal Member Health Benefits Department (TMHBD) patient/client health benefit and resource eligibility screening and provides and explains information regarding health benefit/resource programs available such as Medicare, Medicaid, Department of Veterans Affairs, Bureau of Employment Compensation, and Third-Party Liability. Provides assistance in the application process for all Native Americans. Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Early Childhood Teacher

Closes 2/21/22 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. This is a full-time/seasonal. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant – Southern Ute member only

Closes 2/18/22 – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager. Will greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings, and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time)

Closes 2/21/22 – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N6; \$13.47/hour.

Water Resources Specialist

Closes 2/17/22 – Provides professional and technical level work to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade E13; \$49,517.56/year.

Administrative Assistant II – Construction & Project Management

Open Until Filled – Within Construction & Project Management, assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to construction projects, providing administrative support to projects through completion. Assists with management of PL 93-638 Projects. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Air Quality Analyst I (Part-time) – Southern Ute member only

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

Air Quality 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.

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

Construction Services Repairman

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

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – 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. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N12 / \$21.75/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10 / \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee – Southern Ute member 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. The 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. 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. 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.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – 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.

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) – Southern Ute member 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. Will include mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed 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.

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)

Closes 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)

Closes 2/11/22 – Performs 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.

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

Closes 2/11/22 – Providing advanced technical support to the Engineering, Operations, and Development teams which involves input, extraction, processing, and manipulation of data associated with company software programs. Assists with the preparation of team metrics, meeting agendas and logistics, and monthly reports.

Pipeline Systems Operator – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/11/22 – Performing all pipeline equipment and facility operations, maintenance, and installations including specific DOT tasks as required.

Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/11/22 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant

equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

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

Closes 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.

Utilities Operator – SU Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/28/22 – Under the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, assists with water hauling duties, the operation of the Southern Ute Transfer Station and maintenance of the water distribution, wastewater collection and natural gas systems.

Utilities Operator II – SU Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/28/22 – Under the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, hauls water to hauled water customers, and operates heavy equipment during the maintenance and repair of the water distribution, wastewater collection and natural gas systems.

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.

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

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.

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, functional responsibilities with respect to the Software Development Life cycle. 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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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 effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. This position is 24 hours/week and starts at \$22,857.08/year.

Purchasing Supply Technician

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, is responsible for the Supply Room and Central Receiving. This includes 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.

TEAM Worker – Southern Ute member only

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

TERO Worker

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

Tumbling Tots/Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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

Look for additional job listings on the Southern Ute Human Resources website.
www.southernute-us.gov



Tribal Member Wills Clinic
March 1 & 3, 2022 from 9 to 2:30
Open to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members only.
Space is limited, 1-hr appointments available on a first come, first serve basis.
Due to current restrictions, sessions will be conducted virtually with students from University of CO. To schedule an appointment, contact Tribal Council Affairs at (970) 563.0199.

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: Clerical / Dispatch, Career Counselor, Project Venture Program Coordinator, Monitoring Technician Substitute, Teacher Assistant, Addiction Specialist, Bus Driver, Substitute Teacher

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS Archaeological Technician

Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office – Meeker, CO
May 30 – Oct. 15, 2022, up to 20 weeks.

\$595/week, \$400 boot reimbursement. AmeriCorps Education Award up to \$2,417.14 upon successful completion of the season. (If not staying through October 30th award amount may be smaller). Upon successful completion of the season the incumbent may qualify for the Public Land Corps Hiring Authority which gives priority hiring when applying for jobs with the USFS. It would take two years of year-round work with the USFS to qualify at the same level. In order to qualify for this, you will need to complete and log at least 120 hours of education in your off-time to reach the minimum 640 hours required.
Program Overview: Archaeology technicians will work with a BLM crew chief to conduct Class III cultural resource inventory on range, realty, and recreation projects within the White River Field Office. As part of the survey, the interns will monitor previously recorded sites within the project area and record newly discovered sites found during inventory. If the BLM decides that site mitigation is required, interns will assist in testing and excavating archaeological sites. These positions will be led by a BLM archaeologist mentor. The BLM archaeologist, as well as a BLM ranger, will provide field and GIS support. Cultural inventory data collected by this crew will be used to make informed decisions pertaining to the BLM White River Field's Office's land management decisions. This position provides members with hands-on training in archaeological fieldwork, as well as an introduction to the laws, regulations, and policies that guide cultural resource management in the BLM. The crew will be provided a Trimble unit, a digital camera, and recording forms from the State Historic Preservation Office. On occasion, crews may camp for 1 night during a workweek when surveying in remote locations. These positions are supervised and mentored by a BLM archaeologist. The BLM archaeologist,

as well as a BLM ranger, will provide field and GIS support. Interns must provide some of their own field equipment (pack, boots, compass, and camping gear) and housing. Housing is not provided for this position, but local assistance can be provided to help find options, reduce costs, etc. Rental rates in Meeker, CO currently vary from \$400-\$600 for a two-bedroom apartment. The opportunity to explore remote public lands, gain professional work experience in cultural resource management, and contribute to an important land management process awaits those selected for this challenging opportunity. A preference will be given to individuals who have completed an archaeological field school, who are familiar with the archaeology in northwest Colorado, and who can serve the entire season. The service varies from sedentary in completing office phases of the duties assigned, to field-based service. The field-based service requires hiking in remote areas over rough, uneven, or rocky terrain for extended periods of time, carrying equipment such as GPS units, cameras, packs, etc. in a variety of weather conditions. Hiking long distances will be required (8-10 miles per day) with a 20-30 lb. pack.
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in anthropology, archaeology or a related discipline (including relevant field methods training coursework and/or an accredited archaeological field school). Valid Driver's License. U.S. Citizenship or permission to work in the US. Must be 16 to 30 years old at the start of the internship – This position is supported by the Public Lands Hiring Authority which requires candidates to be between the ages of 16 to 30. Intern must have the ability to serve unsupervised and use computer software including Microsoft Word and Excel. Comfortable with driving trucks on 4WD roads in unpredictable conditions. Some experience with UTVs and small engines helpful.

Alternative Horizons Seeking Volunteer Advocates

Alternative Horizons is in need of volunteer advocates, including those who are bi-lingual, to staff our 24-Hour hotline. AH supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence. If you'd like to make a difference in the lives of others, join us March 30 through April 2, for a free, comprehensive training. For more information call the office at 970-247-4374. If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call our free and confidential 24-Hour hotline 970-247-9619.

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

***Security Officer (Full-time)**
Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)
Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**
Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

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

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; 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 related 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.

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.

***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.

***Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)**
Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117
Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

JITA Contracting, Inc is hiring qualified Concrete Labors for Footer and Headwalls as well as Excavators/Laborers for the US550 Connection Project to install deer guards and large mammal crossings. JITA is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer, qualified Native American applicants encouraged to apply and will be given preference. Please email resumes to office@jitacontracting.com, or apply at 1140A Main Ave, Durango, CO 81301.

Tribal Intern- Lands Management

Work collaboratively with the CAP Land and Survey Division to gain hands-on experience in various aspects of land management.

- Candidate Requirements:**

 - Must be an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe and provide proof of tribal enrollment.
 - Sophomore or higher level student (or recent grad) working toward a degree in Project Management, Land Management, Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences, or similar field.
- Deadline to apply:**
Feb. 20th

11-week paid internship \$20/hour

Job Number:
1012



<https://tinyurl.com/yckuj3jn>



CSU and the Colorado AgrAbility project come to gather to present a free workshop on USDA programs that help rural Native American and Veteran farmers/ranchers with limitations to obtain farm equipment. We will be in Mancos March 1, at Pueblo College 8-12. Call Jim 720-737-368

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REGIONAL LA HOUSING PLATA ALLIANCE 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 25, 2022.

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



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Sunday 11AM-9PM
Wednesday 11AM-9PM
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Closed Mon, Tue & Thu





FLY FISHING

First time buyer

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Let’s say someone near and dear to you gave you a shop-till-you-drop card redeemable at your local fly shop. The only problem, even though you’ve talked about getting into the sport, it’s only been talk. So, what do you do? Blindly walk into the fly shop and announce that someone has given you a shopping spree for fly fishing equipment? Or, do a little research so you and the professional at the shop can work together? I vote for research.

I believe the first thing you need to decide is where will you do 90% of your fly fishing. Will it be the rivers and streams in the mountains, or from something that floats on a lake, or in saltwater? They each use different types of equipment.

If you plan on doing most of your fishing in the mountains on small streams or larger rivers one of the most important items is what you put on your feet. I prefer boots that have felt soles and metal studs. I know there has been some controversy, over the past years, about felt and studs. I have used boots without felt and studs, and I don’t feel confident when walking. It’s a personal choice.

To cover your legs there are three choices, hip boots, waist high-and chest high-waders. For high mountain streams either hip boots or waist high waders work great. Hip boots have become harder to find and waist high waders are more versatile.



Chest waders are the most common, and will allow you to wade into deeper water. Being old, and not having real good balance, I stay with the waist high waders. They prevent me from wading into deep and fast water. Again, give some thought to where you’ll be wading.

If you’re going to mainly be fishing from something that floats, boots and waders take on a different role. For a float tube — chest waders and an inexpensive pair of red Converse tennis shoes work well. If on a paddle board or the deck of a boat forget the waders, but find a good pair of non-slip shoes. Falling into the water because your feet slip out from under you is no fun.

You can’t fly fish without a rod and reel. Again, where you plan on doing your fly fishing will dictate which rod and reel you buy; think entry level. For high mountain streams a 4-or 5-weight rod works. If you’re going to be fishing lakes, I think a 5-or 6-weight rod will handle anything you might hook into. For saltwater I recom-

mend an 8-or 9-weight rod. To go with your rod, you’ll need a reel. And similar to fly rods, you can break the bank with reels. I go with the theory that for fresh water the job of the reel is merely a place to store line. Most fresh water fish, especially in the mountains, won’t take you into the backing. For fly fishing saltwater you’ll need a reel that can hold 300 yards of backing, and a drag that can slow and turn an 80-pound tarpon.

To go on the reels is line. Don’t try to skimp and save money on the fly line. While there are an endless number of lines, pick a good one that will last for a few years and preform the job it is advertised to do. I have seen lots of cheap lines that fail the test of time. It’s just not worth it to get this close to the check-out counter only to have a product that was bought for savings, not performance.

O.K., you’ve done some research, have an idea of where you’re going to spend 90% of your fly fishing time, have some good questions about equipment in mind, now go to your neighborhood fly shop. Pick a slow shopping day, that way the professional in the shop will have lots of time to assist and guide you. And, remember, the owner of the fly shop wants you for a long-time customer. He or she, will do everything in his or her power to make you a happy and satisfied customer. At least that’s been my experience.

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS



Thank you Lori Smith (right), SUIMA reading teacher, for nominating MaryJo Owens (left), SUIMA Principal, for her KINDNESS

I'd like to put my boss's name in for her many acts of kindness. MariJo Owens is one of the kindest bosses I have worked with. Her kindness shines with her incredible positivity and her caring demeanor. She always goes above and beyond with her caring for others in our school and almost always above her own self! She provides a Friday snack for the entire staff...every Friday! It's great!

She is always willing to fill in and support ANY staff position-no guilt or griping attached and she shows kindness to everyone by accepting everyone where they are and at their ability level: adults and students!

feeling chilly? HEAT YOUR SPACE SAFELY



- 1. Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away.
- 2. Place on a flat, level surface.
- 3. Make sure the cord is not frayed or cracked.
- 4. Plug it directly into an outlet.
- 5. Follow all instructions and use models endorsed by a reputable testing lab.
- 6. Do not use an extension cord or powers trip, which can overheat.
- 7. Do not use around small children or pets.
- 8. Do not use one with a damaged plug or prongs.



Safe Electricity.org

LPEA

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Police operation
- 6 Something not to be missed
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- 10 Boiler product
- 13 Mountain pools
- 14 Tristan da ---, South Atlantic
- 15 Rely on
- 17 One of Spock's most prominent features
- 18 The Skeleton Cave ---, Dec 1872
- 21 Maintain the lead
- 23 Incorrect title
- 24 "Lord of the Rings" baddie
- 25 Demean
- 28 Value
- 31 Like the Tower of Pisa
- 33 Sicilian seaport
- 34 Scandinavian
- 35 Sardonic
- 36 Welcome

Down

- 1 One shouting "Ten-hut!"
- 2 Animal milk source
- 3 Calvary inscription
- 4 Diamond group
- 5 Nazi police
- 6 Degree in biology or physics, for example
- 7 First and second word in the Hot Water Place People's proper name
- 8 The Great Hill People
- 11 "--- Day's Night"
- 12 "The Old Gray ---"
- 16 "Zero Dark Thirty" villain
- 19 Everything: the whole ---
- 20 Aquarium bubbler
- 21 Russian city known for its ballet company
- 22 Money held in trust
- 23 Alabama Choctaw Band
- 26 Beget
- 27 "Anything ---" (2003 Woody Allen film)
- 29 Classic camera type
- 30 Cut and dried grass
- 32 New Year, in Vietnam

Answers for this crossword will appear in February 25 issue of the Drum.

Answers for January 28, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Addai, 6 Map, 9 Fouls, 10 Oreos, 13 The go, 14 Meade, 15 Climb, 17 Paw, 18 Eer, 19 Town, 20 Barracuda, 23 Gens, 24 Yul, 25 Obi, 26 Stall, 29 Yomba, 32 Iliad, 34 Spars, 35 EIEO, 36 Sop, 37 Spurn.

Down: 1 Aft, 2 DOHC, 3 Duel, 4 Algiers, 5 Isomer, 6 Mom, 7 Are, 8 Pea pod, 11 Odawa, 12 Sewn, 16 Brays, 19 Tulalip, 20 Bebop, 21 Animas, 22 Cuties, 23 Goys, 27 Lieu, 28 Lair, 30 Bro, 31 Asp, 33 Don.



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Source: <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/72540/tree-rings-provide-snapshots-of-earths-past-climate/>

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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/

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