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

## BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcats riding win streak into postseason

Ignacio takes down Telluride, Dolores

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

About as happy to see the inside of IHS Gymnasium as they ever could be during the 2021-22 season, Ignacio’s boys followed up a tense 62-52 road win Friday, Feb. 18, at ever-troublesome Telluride with a 56-40 defeat the next afternoon of visiting Dolores – giving the still-developing, but hyper-hungry Bobcats five consecutive victories entering the postseason.

“We didn’t want to come in too cocky or too ... anything,” junior guard Eppie Quintana said. “We just wanted to be ready; we knew they were going to be good.”

Individual statistics from the Dolores game had not been reported as of press time, as IHS improved to 14-5 overall and a second-place 6-2 against the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League’s 2A teams. Victims of a 55-54 upset by DHS the night before the underrated Bears traveled to Ignacio, Mancos (16-3 overall) still ended up a first-place 7-1; THS (6-13 overall) placed third at 4-4 and Dolores (8-9) improved to a fourth-place 3-5, but Ridgway (3-13 overall) ended up 0-8.

And the luck of the post-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Gabe Cox (21) follows through on a block of 2A Del Norte’s Tyler Gallegos (1) during non-league action Tues., Feb. 15, at DNHS. Cox swatted away multiple Tiger shots and also logged six points offensively in the Bobcats’ 41-25 road win.

season draw certainly did the hard-luck Demons no favors; RHS’ initial destination was announced to be Ignacio, for a 2A-District 3 Tournament play-in ‘pig-tail’ game Tues., Feb. 22.

Results were unavailable at press time, with the winner advancing to the combined SJBL/Western Slope tourney’s semi-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avaleena Nanaeto (35) speeds around 3A Montezuma-Cortez’s Taiah Wilson (32) on a drive into the paint during non-league action Wed., Feb. 16, at M-CHS. Coming off a 17-point performance in the previous night’s road win at non-league 2A Del Norte, Nanaeto netted 11 points but the Lady Bobcats fell 66-64 in overtime.

## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ignacio girls accelerate into the playoffs

Lady ‘Cats avoid late-season SJBL stumbles

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Closing out the 2021-22 regular season as viciously as expected, Ignacio’s Lady Bobcats sprinted out to a 20-4 lead Saturday, Feb. 19, on visiting Dolores and were hardly challenged the rest of the way in saluting seniors Avaleena Nanaeto, Elisia Cruz and long-injured Monika Lucero with a 54-18 conquest.

After logging a reported 61-13 win at Telluride (one of the Lady Miners’ first-quar-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Marissa Olguin (3) works to drive past 2A Del Norte’s Kelci Madrid during non-league action Tues., Feb. 15, at DNHS. The Lady Bobcats won 38-34, with Mendoza-Lechuga contributing seven points and senior Avaleena Nanaeto leading with 17 (Madrid tallied a game-high 22 in defeat).

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

# Construction underway on Tribal Broadband Modernization Project

Expect travel impacts on Southern Ute Reservation

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Bonfire Engineering, in collaboration with the Southern Ute Shared Services, will begin construction on the tribal broadband project, just south of Ignacio, at the intersection of CR 318 and CO Hwy 172, mile marker 15 westbound to the intersection of CR 311. Crews will complete trenching and plowing to lay broadband fiber. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder.

Crews will start at the intersection of CR 318 and CO Hwy 172 at mile marker 15 heading west-

bound on CR 318 towards the intersection of CR 311. Construction will take place alongside the shoulder of the roadway.

The broadband project will include trenching, plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding.

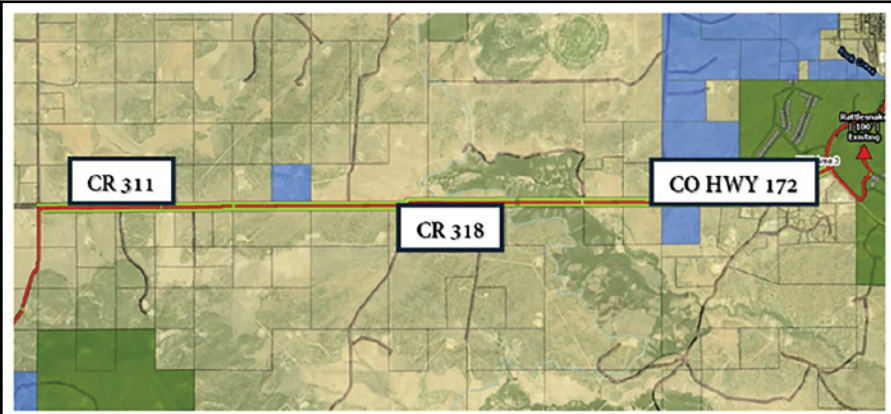
Due to forecasted winter weather, construction will begin on Tuesday, March 1 and conclude on Tuesday, March 29. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Travel impacts – traffic lanes will be narrowed on CR 318. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the

road. Please remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions and drive with extra caution. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact Southern Ute Police Department by dialing 9-1-1, or using the non-emergency line at 970-563-4401.

To find more information about the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, please visit the project website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/>



map courtesy Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Crews will start at the intersection of CR 318 and CO Hwy 172 at mile marker 15 heading westbound on CR 318 towards the intersection of CR 311.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SunUte Group Exercise Instructor Deja Herrera is leading the noon session of the Body Pump class, held, Wednesday, Feb. 23 at SunUte Community Center in the group exercise room. All group exercise classes are back in session after the program experienced a brief hiatus due to a rise in Omicron variant COVID-19 cases in the community.

## SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

# New SunUte campaign spreads kindness in the community

Regular activities resume after brief hiatus

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The SunUte Community Center is offering full services for the membership and community as of Feb. 14, after a brief cancellation of certain areas and regular activities due to the rise in Omicron variant cases in January. Group exercise classes, the swimming pool and other programs are open to patrons — and SunUte is excited to welcome everyone back.

They are also eager to support the community through their new ‘Kindness is Contagious,’ initiative.

SunUte recently rolled out an ambitious campaign aimed at fostering kindness in the community, while encouraging positivity and support for one another. The campaign, titled ‘Kindness is Contagious,’ is a way to give recognition to individuals in the community for their thoughtful actions — uplifting one another

in the process. Gestures of kindness that are especially important considering the challenges that many have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“COVID-19 is negative and is contagious, so we came up with ‘Kindness is Contagious’ to empower COVID-19, to say we can do something to show the good side,” SunUte Community Center Director

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PERMANENT FUND

Tribe’s apprenticeship program offers first-rate mentorship and career advancement to tribal members

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund has been successfully mentoring Southern Ute tribal members through their apprenticeship program for nearly 20 years. The program, which is tailored to the needs of individuals, focuses on training and career advancement. While many participants opt to gain experience through the mentorship component, others use this program as an opportunity to reach their career goals. Successful candidates can and often do find themselves filling the exact roles that they trained for within the tribal organization.

Southern Ute tribal member, Morgann Graham, successfully completed her apprenticeship in 2018, where she stepped into the role of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Manager under the Tribal Health Department. Graham dedicated herself to the apprenticeship program and the training aspects, fresh out of college; that commitment has come full circle in her leadership role with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program.

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

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

“They had set quarterly reviews of me, and I got to give a review of my supervisor as well,” she stated. “It was very communication and feedback oriented,

so that I could better improve what I needed to improve. And so that my supervisor could see where we needed to improve. It was comforting to me to know what was happening, and that shows the dedication of the Committee.”

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

“It’s really eye opening to see that the Tribe really cares about its people,” Graham said. “When I look back at me trying to get a job straight out of college, versus some of my classmates – I was able to do that far more quickly than they were able to.”

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

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

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

job knowledge, to step into larger roles within their chosen field, or existing departments.

“Sheila [Nanaeto] Ryder was an apprentice; she came on when KSUT was looking for somebody,” said long time committee member, Hilda Burch. “She applied and started working with KSUT back in 2007 – I think she found her passion, because you can see it and hear it on KSUT radio.”

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

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

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

Article previously published in Jan. 28, 2022 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Four Corners Gourd Society hosted the Cabin Fever Gourd Dance and Powwow at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio on Saturday, Feb. 18. The one-day event brought the community together, although small in numbers, the festivities were geared towards getting people out of the house to join in song and dance.

This photo was first published in the Feb. 24, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

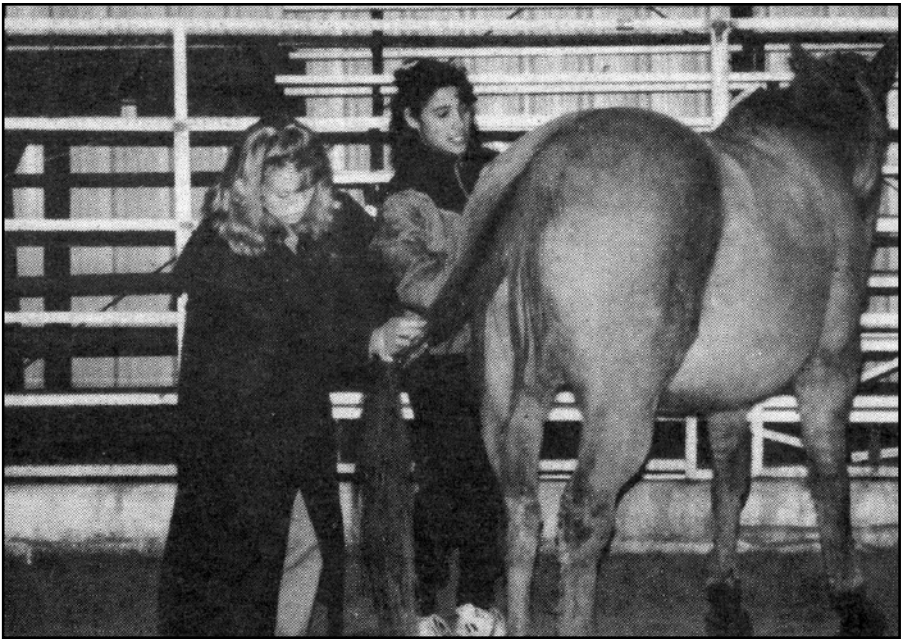


Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

As part of the Kids Fair held at the Rolling Thunder Hall on February 14, 2002, Vince and Larry (the crash test dummies) took a break from the events and strolled over to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to pay a visit to the students. Jessica Ross, Suzi Richards and Kelsey Frost are seen posing here with Vince and Larry.

This photo was published in the Feb. 22, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

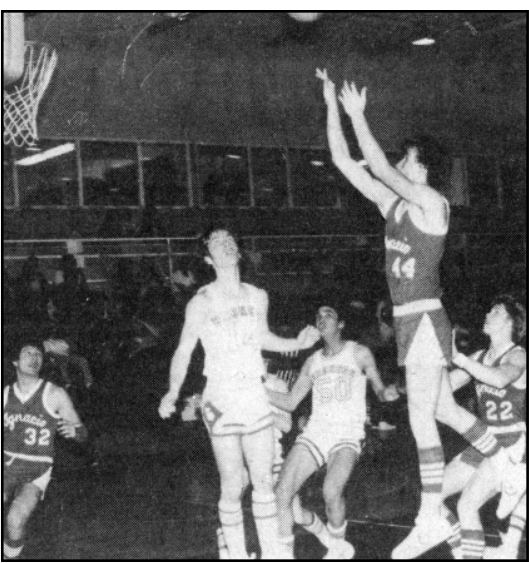


courtesy Nathan Winder Jr./SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Sky Ute Downs’ Horse Education Program is becoming popular with youngsters in the local area. Downs’ Manager Tim Craig sees the program as having a positive effect on his students.

This photo was published in the Feb. 24, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Brian Vermillion (44) shoots for a two pointer against the home team Kurtland. Also pictured are Bobcats Adrian Lucero (32) and Larry Birch (22).

This photo was published in the Feb. 26, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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





# OPEN CALL



# LIFT


Early Career Support for Native Artists

**DEADLINE:**  
**MARCH 16, 2022**

**ONE-YEAR AWARD OF \$10,000 for EMERGING NATIVE ARTISTS**

Art by Cecily Engelhart (Chonkwanan Ogilvie, 2020, LIFT Awardee)

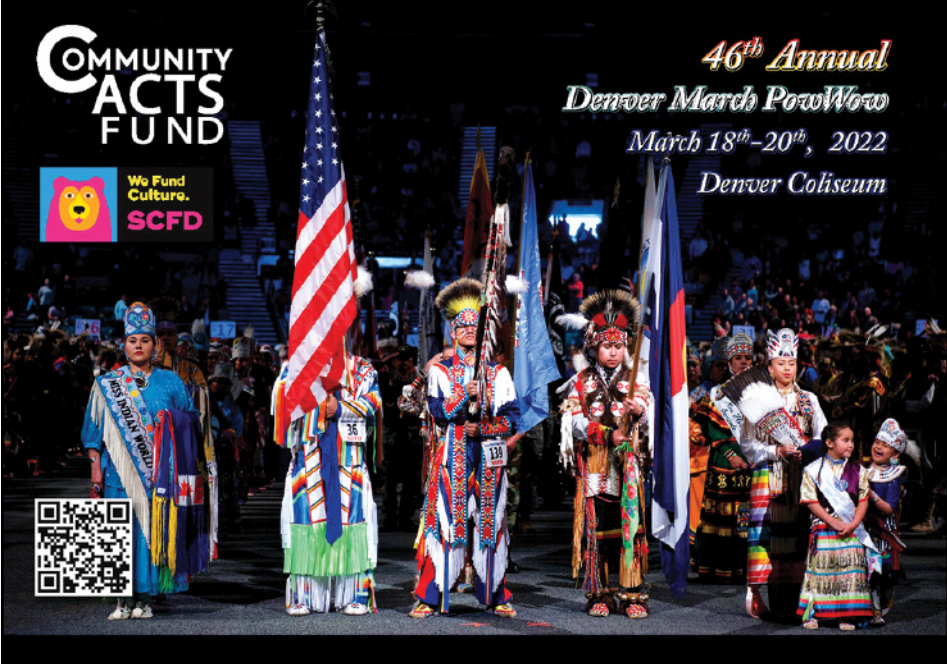
# COMMUNITY ACTS FUND




# 46th Annual Denver March PowWow

March 18th-20th, 2022

Denver Coliseum






# White Bison's Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY, ALL CLASSES WILL BE VIRTUAL.


EVERY THURSDAY 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

Contact either Preston Barry [pbarry@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:pbarry@southernute-nsn.gov) or Marvina Olguin [marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information.

If you plan on attending, please call us at 970.563.5700 to RSVP and we will email or text you the virtual meeting log on information.



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Mission Statement

It is our mission to inspire & empower other sisters & brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty, & resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time & rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.

You don't have to do it alone; we can do this together.  
Marvina Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach  
Preston Barry, Peer Recovery Coach



# 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.

**POWWOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
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# SMITHSONIAN

## Smithsonian presents the Mother Tongue Film Festival

*“Through the Past Is the Future”*

By Marielba Alvarez

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

The Smithsonian’s Recovering Voices initiative will host a two-week film-screening series highlighting the legacy of the past and its ongoing influence on the future. Presented virtually, the seventh annual Mother Tongue Film Festival features 36 films in 45 languages from regions across the globe. The festival centers around International Mother Language Day, Feb. 21, and is co-presented with the UN Decade of Indigenous Languages. The festival opens Feb. 17 and runs through March 4. All screenings and events are free.

“This year’s Mother Tongue Film Festival takes its inspiration from the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i phrase i ka wā ma mua, i ka wā ma hope (through the past is the future), and in doing so, focuses on the gifts from the past and our obligations to those that came before as we chart our futures,” said Joshua A. Bell, curator of globalization at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History and co-director of the festival. “Language is foundational to these relationships, which the festival’s films this year explore.”

“We are honored to present highly innovative new work, much of it produced in times of duress and as a result of creative collaboration,” said Amalia Córdova,

festival co-director and museum curator of world cultures at the Smithsonian’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. “We are pleased to be among the first events marking the Decade of Indigenous Languages, declared by the UN, and while we are in this time of primarily online festivals, we hope to touch audiences near and far.”

A schedule of screenings and events and registration information can be found at [mothertongue.si.edu](http://mothertongue.si.edu).

Press release can be found here: <https://www.si.edu/newsdesk/releases/smithsonian-presents-mother-tongue-film-festival-through-past-future>



# Welcoming Home Sunrise Spring Blessing

## POSTPONED until 2023

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have questions, please contact the Southern Ute Powwow Committee:

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Members: Kayla Armstrong, Jalisa Paul, Brandi Naranjo-Raines, and Edward Box, III



# HONORING THOSE WHO NEVER MADE IT HOME

## HOZHONI DAYS POWWOW

APRIL 1ST & 2ND 2022

Fort Lewis College | Whalen Gymnasium | Durango, CO

**HEAD STAFF**  
Master of Ceremonies - Erny Zah  
Arena Director - Mike Salabiye  
Head Gourd - Rusty Cozad  
Head Man - Desmond Tippecannie  
Head Woman - Lyndee Archie  
Host Northern Drum - Iron Colt  
Host Southern Drum - Cozad

**SPECIALS**  
Committee Special - Orange Regalia  
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**DRUM CONTEST**  
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Sponsored by the Committee

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**DANCE CONTEST CATEGORIES**  
Men's & Women's Golden Age (55+) - All Categories  
Men's (18-54) - N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy  
Women's (18-54) - Traditional Combined, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Teen Boys (13-17) - Traditional Combined, Grass, Fancy  
Teen Girls (13-17) - Traditional Combined, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Jr. Boys (6-12) - Traditional Combined, Grass, Fancy  
Jr. Girls (6-12) - Traditional Combined, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Tiny Tots (5 & Under) - All Categories

**FRIDAY APRIL 1ST**  
Gourd Dance - 5PM  
Grand Entry - 7PM

**SATURDAY APRIL 2ND**  
Gourd Dance - 3PM  
Grand Entry - 12 PM & 7 PM

**ADMISSION**  
Single Day Pass - \$8  
Weekend Pass - \$15  
Veterans & Seniors (55+) - \$6/Day & \$10/Weekend

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

This is an alcohol, tobacco, & drug free event  
All attendants must abide by FLC & State of Colorado COVID-19 guidelines

**Vendor Info:** Lisa Cate - [lsocate@fortlewis.edu](mailto:lsocate@fortlewis.edu) - 970.247.7221

Event subject to postponement and/or cancellation, pending ongoing COVID-19 public health recommendations and guidelines - plan accordingly  
Wanted! Ota & Fort Lewis College are NOT responsible for any theft, accidents, and/or injury.  
Absolutely NO soliciting / raffing / walking vendors





HEALTHY RECIPES

A twist on your everyday meatloaf

By Lisa Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Keep portions in check by using a muffin tin to make these mini-meatloaves! Pair with a salad and roasted fingerling potatoes with rosemary and you’ve got yourself, and your family, a healthy and delicious meal!

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



courtesy Spa Index

Muffin Tin Meatloaf

- Ingredients**
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
  - 1 ½ cups mushrooms, finely chopped
  - 1 medium onion, chopped
  - 1 stalk celery, chopped
  - ½ cup milk
  - 1 egg
  - ¾ cup quick cooking oats
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - ½ teaspoon pepper
  - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 ½ pounds lean ground beef (90% or greater)

- For the glaze on top**
- In a small bowl mix together:
  - 1/4 cup ketchup
  - 1 tablespoon brown sugar

- Directions**
1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 12 cup muffin pan with non-stick spray.
  2. In a large skillet, heat olive oil and sauté mushrooms, onions and celery for 5 minutes, remove from heat.
  3. In a large bowl, combine milk and egg. Add mushroom mixture, oats, salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce, stir to combine.
  4. Add beef and mix gently to combine.
  5. Divide mixture evenly among the 12 muffin cups.
  6. Bake for approximately 20 minutes.
  7. Remove pan, brush glaze evenly on each loaf and bake for an additional 5-10 minutes.
  8. Temperature at center of a loaf should reach 160 degrees.

Serves 6; 2 “loaves” each.  
Nutrition per recipe serving: 307 Calories, 9.8g Fat, 15g Carbohydrate, 1.7g Fiber, 38g Protein, 432mg Sodium, 66mcg Vitamin D, 23mg Iron, 648mg Potassium, 44mg Calcium.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Don’t forget to love yourself

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Like many across these lands, Valentine’s day this year was either greatly anticipated or dreaded. Either way, we were all exposed to the do’s and don’ts, the social media memes, the social media timeline reminders, and of course all the candy and marketing we ran into at every store. But no matter what your relationship status was over this past holiday, we might have forgotten how important it is to love ourselves. So, what did you do to show yourself TLC (tender, loving care) on Feb. 14? It’s never too late. Okay, V-day is over and maybe you didn’t get a chance to show yourself the love and appreciation

you wanted. Or maybe you are feeling a little anxious about all the expectations this holiday put on us to be loved or to give love. These tips can help balance all that energy we spent or did not spend on someone else these past couple of weeks. So, here we go: what can we do to create love and care for ourselves? Here are two tips from the “How to Survive (Thrive) This Valentine’s Day” article by Mental Health First Aid USA:

1. Try positive self-talk. The way we speak to ourselves and about ourselves informs how we feel. Try replacing, “I hate being alone,” with “I accept and love myself, and I choose to focus on positive thoughts.” If you’re interested in learning

more positive affirmations, try googling “Positive Affirmations,” and start from there. A couple good ones are “I am a good and kind person” or “I look forward to a happy bright future.”  
2. Treat yourself. Enjoy your self-care time! Do something you enjoy that also refuels you. Some ideas include practicing yoga or meditation or indulging in a midday nap if you are tired.

You may want to invest in learning a new skill, like cooking or dance. Whatever it is, do something that brings you joy even when no one else is around. Last but certainly not least, practice gratitude.

We can practice gratitude anytime of the year. We do not need a holiday to tell us, but it does help to remind us of how important other people such as friends, family, partners, co-workers, are in our lives. It’s nice to show your appreciation for them and for yourself by doing something or saying something like “I’m grateful to have family who \_\_\_\_\_”, “I’m grateful to be so loved by friends who \_\_\_\_\_”.

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

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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@southernutenativeconnections.org 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

- **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.
- **We R Native Movement:** Join them by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).



**Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division**

**Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Group**

**Presented by**  
**Marlene Schafer and Jennifer GoodTracks**

**The main goal is to teach people how to live in the moment, develop healthy ways to cope with stress, regulate their emotions, and improve their relationships with others**

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

**Who:** Adults 18 and Over  
(Must be able to receive services through the Health Center)

**When:** Every Tuesday from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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

**All Groups will be Via TEAMS**

Please call The Behavioral Health Division to sign up or If you have any questions

970-563-5700

**Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division**

**Recovery and Self-Care Virtual Group**

**Presented by**  
**James Hayes and Robin Chavez**

**Importance of self-care during recovery from substance abuse/addiction. Learn and discuss recovery, work/life balance, eating habits, and hobbies.**

**Who:** Adults 18 and Over  
(Must be able to receive services through the Health Center)

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

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

**All Groups will be Via TEAMS**

Please call The Behavioral Health Division to sign up or If you have any questions

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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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EDUCATIONAL SPORTS CAMP

Camp Abilities offers camp for visually impaired children

Staff report

CAMP ABILITIES FOUR CORNERS

We are pleased to announce that a new camp for visually impaired children ages 9-17 has been created especially for those living in the Four Corners area but open to any student who qualifies.

Camp Abilities Four Corners is being held June 12-17, 2022 with up to 15 athletes prepared to learn and participate in sports such as hiking, golf, swimming and basketball. Camp will be based at the Historic Cameron Trading Post in Cameron, Ariz., with activities at the Grand Canyon, Flagstaff and Tuba City.

Many students with VI are left out of athletic activities at school or at home. Camp Abilities Four Corners will encourage students to participate fully in athletic and recreational activities that will support a healthy lifestyle and full participation in school and community activities.

If you have a student who is interested in attending



ing camp this June, go to the website and fill out the student athlete interest form and we will contact you!

Camp Fee is \$200 with some scholarships available. Student athletes must have a documented visual impairment and meet the behavioral and physical qualifications required for camp. All athletes and coaches/staff must be fully vaccinated as per national, state and Navajo Nation guidelines.

Camp Abilities Four Corners is an educational sports camp for young people with visual impairments located in northern Arizona. CAFC

seeks to empower children who are visually impaired, blind, and deafblind by encouraging participation in sports and physical activities, and fostering self-advocacy for adaptations and modifications that will lead to increased independence and success.

Camp Abilities Four Corners information can be found at:

- Website: campabilities-fourcorners.org
- Facebook: CampAbilitiesFourCorners
- Email: campabilities-fourcorners@gmail.com
- Message: 970-946-2965

COVID-19 AT-HOME TEST FACTS

FACT:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, take an at-home test. A negative result does not always rule out infection, but repeating the test 24-36 hours after your first test will increase the confidence that you do not have COVID-19.



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Nike Pullover (Navy)- \$35

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The Addressing Family Violence and Abuse course was created by Native American Fatherhood & Families Association (NAFFA) and provides a program for families facing this devastating problem. This training will define domestic violence and abuse, identify contributing factors, and provide ways to overcome the effects of abuse. The curriculum offers hope and healing to individuals caught in the cycle of abuse and violence.

"I know of no tradition, belief, ceremony, or teaching that allows family members to abandon, abuse, neglect, ignore, harm, injure, or molest other family members, specifically children." -Albert M. Pooley, Founder and President of NAFFA

This class is free of charge and consists of 7 weekly sessions that will last up to two hours. We ask that you commit yourself to completing each session. You will need access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) and an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services at 970-563-2332 for more information or to sign up.



Addressing Family Violence & Abuse

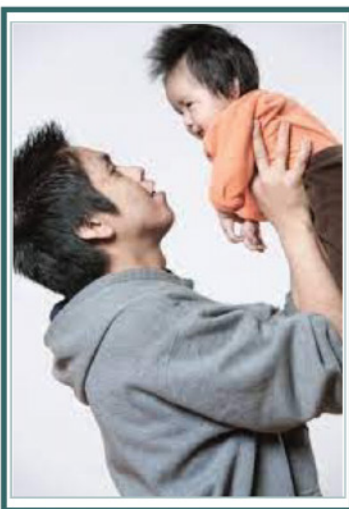
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At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security program is based on decades of research about how secure parent/child relationships can be supported & strengthened. You will learn how to support your child's ability to manage their emotions, enhance the development of your child's self esteem, learn to understand your child's emotional world, and honor your innate wisdom & desire for your child to be secure.

More connection with the children in your life

This class is free of charge and consists of 6 weekly sessions that will last up to two hours. We ask that you commit yourself to completing each session. You will need access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) and an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services at 970-563-2332 for more information or to sign up.



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## SUIMA

# From the Eagle's Nest

*Kwanachigani po'okwatn - Eagle's Nest*

By Mari Jo Owens,  
Principal

SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI  
INDIAN ACADEMY

As we have since March 2019, we require masks/face coverings to be worn on the SUIMA campus. Currently, minor adjustments were made we follow the SUIT Covid requirements of Phase II, Level 3. For our elementary PE program, we have incorporated a running club. From now until the end of the school year, these students will be participating in the power-building activity.

The second Tuesday of each month, we have a virtual Family Night. Our guest speakers, who range from beginning to fluent speakers, come from the three sister tribes. The one-hour time slot is filled with questions, information, and laughter.

The Parent Advisory Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. This group hears reports from the various levels at the school and it also provides parents the time to ask questions about school issues. Our newly formed school board has been working diligently on helping to steer the school in a good direction. They currently meet twice a month to discuss topics and set goals.

Our Family Conference week ended with a wonderful turnout. At the time of writing this article, I don't have the statistics on attendance, but based on the families I saw sitting in conferences, I think we had at least a 90% attendance.

It takes the school, the guides/teachers, and the parents/families to help the student learn and grow. Together, we are raising some amazing children!

### Tumiikukh kwanachii – Eagles of the Week

Our first tumiikukh kwanachii is seven-year-old, Destiny Valdez. Her Ute name is Múutatachi, which means "Hummingbird."



Destiny Valdez  
First grade



courtesy SUIMA

Malia White Thunder is working hard on her Montessori work, titled "the 49 layout."

Destiny is a first grader who has been at SUIMA since she was in the infant room.

When Destiny is at school, she can be found working hard on her lessons and completing her work. She enjoys reading, even attempting to read "The Little Mermaid" to younger students in the after-school program. Her favorite books are "There Was an Old Lady who Swallowed Some Leaves," "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."

Her favorite food is Chinese food and fresh fruit. She often asks adults to sit with her at lunch so that she can have conversations and tell them about her day.

When Destiny is not at school, she likes to play Roblox and loves going on walks. She loves hanging out with her family and friends as well as singing. Her favorite songs come from Disney movies, such as "Encanto," "Frozen," and "Coco." While Destiny is petite; she is mighty, feisty, and has a big heart. She also gives big hugs!

Our other tumiikukh kwanachii is Meonahan "Joe" Howell. His Ute name is Sookwanachi, which means "Soldier Eagle."

Joe is a fifth grader, with an amazing spirit, who has been at SUIMA since he was in the infant/toddler level!



Meonahan "Joe" Howell  
Fifth grade

His favorite food is pizza. Yummy and delicious!

When Joe is at school, he can be found working on his math, investigating science, and participating in STEM activities. One of his STEM projects was to make an Air-tight Vacuum, which he did with a classroom peer. Joe has made a goal for himself this year, which is to improve in his reading. He has found that, with practice, he is meeting his goal. Way to go!

When he is not at school, his favorite activities include video games and sleeping. He loves spending time with his Grandpa Howard and going to the mountains. He is very involved with his culture and loves learning the history of his people. Fun fact: Joe and his Great Grandpa Bear share the same birthday.

### 'apagha nuu


Not only are we, the SUIMA staff and students, increasing the use of Ute language, but we are also having more cultural discussions, events, and activities. By doing these in conjunction with one another, the school is helping the students build a strong sense of self and pride within themselves.

Every Friday, we continue to support their strength through our Fancy Friday's. The Eagle Wing Drum Group works in collaboration with SUIMA to help our students become drummers and singers. Community members have volunteered to come share stories, teach beading, talk about traditions handed down through generations, and help our students grow in a good way.

On March 18, the older students will walk to the Sky Ute Event Center so they can participate in the Yellow Nose Warrior Historical Society Event. They will have their afternoon filled with Indigenous arts, crafts, culture, and education as they learn about the Ute Warrior, Yellow Nose, who was a big part of winning the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

## 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](mailto: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.





## Parent Advisory Group (PAG)

# MARCH 29

6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting link will be sent via Remind text messaging to SUIMA families.

Attendance will be counted towards parent commitment requirement.



SUIMA Upper Elementary Students



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*Ignacio School District*

# STRATEGIC PLAN MEETINGS

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

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.

### Nuu'apaghapi - Ute phrases

These phrases will be said throughout the month of February. 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.

- me'evi – hand
- pe'ive – eyes
- mevot'ep – nose
- tepavi – mouth
- 'anewiini me'evi? Wáyni me'evi. – How many hands? Two hands.
- 'etm pe'etm punikya? Pui'i. – What do you see with? Eyes.
- 'etm pe'etm 'ugwikya? mevot. – What do you use to smell? Nose.
- 'etm pe'etm kamaytuk? Tapáa. – What do you use to taste? Mouth.
- 'agha-vaa m teka-v? Máy teka-v. – Where is your ear? Say "ear."
- 'agha-vaa m sevaav? Máy sevaa-v. – Where is your cheek? Say "cheek."
- 'agha-vaa m matak'avi? Máy matak'a-vi. – Where is your forehead? Say "forehead."
- 'agha-vaa m kanaqhop? Máy kanaqho-p. – Where is your chin? Say "chin."
- 'agha-vaa m sap-v? Máy sap-v. – Where is your stomach? Say "stomach."

### Upcoming events

- March 2: End of grading trimester
- March 8: Family Night – Guest speakers from sister Tribes (link sent that day)
- March 11: Upper Elementary – Snowshoeing
- March 14: Progress reports sent out
- March 18: Sunrise Blessing / Yellow Nose Warrior event
- March 21 – 25: Spring Break





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Tribal Housing Department

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

SNOW REMOVAL  
2021/2022

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

**Construction Services Route: 563-0260**

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

**Custom Farm Route: 563-0220**

Snow Plowing for Live Stock only.

**BIA Route: 563-9484**

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

**Housing Authority Route: 563-4575**

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

**Grounds Maintenance: 563-0272**

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

**General Information:**

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

**Walkways – Snow Removal:**

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

**Roof – Snow Removal:**

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

**Livestock – Snow Plowing:**

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

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

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

tor Robin Duffy-Wirth explained. “I think it’s important that we are kind, but it’s also important for people to recognize kind [acts].”

Individuals in the community can be nominated by their peers directly to Duffy-Wirth, they will receive a small gift and earn recognition for their acts of kindness. Duffy-Wirth compiles the stories of kind community members and designs flyers highlighting their acts of kindness, including photos of the nominee and nominator. These vignettes are then shared with the community.

Clean Team employee Jared Meier was recently nominated by Department of Gaming Administrative Assistant, Darlene Frost for his dedication to duties and friendly attitude. In the Kindness is Contagious flyer shared by SunUte, Friday, Feb. 18, Frost gave kudos to Meier for his outstanding performance and positive demeanor.

“He goes above and beyond, making sure everything is sanitized for the benefit of the employees and departments. He is very kind, respectful, and helpful,” Frost said. “He has a very positive demeanor and is always in a happy mood every day. Not once have I seen him unhappy. Kudos to Jared and what he does for the benefit of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the office departments.”

Sky Ute Casino Resort Food and Beverage Buyer Rhonda Uptain nominated Casino Purchasing Manager Melissa Kerrigan. In her statement, Uptain relates her personal story, “Last winter my son contracted COVID while working; he was an ambulance driver. I took two months off work without pay to care for him. My supervisor, Melissa Kerrigan, showed so much love and kindness I don’t know how I could ever thank her enough. Melissa made sure my job was done, along with her own job, so that I would have a job to come back to. She paid my health insurance out of her own pocket so that I wouldn’t lose it, went to my house every single day for two months and put pellets in my stove so the pipes wouldn’t freeze and watered my many plants. My son, Richard Blythe, passed



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center's Property and Facilities Manager, Kelsey Frost poses with a sweatshirt bearing SunUte's new slogan “Kindness is Contagious” on Tuesday, Feb. 1. The slogan is also part of a campaign that was created to thank those individuals working for Tribal entities and in the surrounding community for doing positive outreach and acts of kindness during the coronavirus pandemic.

away from COVID and there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think of him; and Melissa’s kindness. Thank you, my friend.”

Other nominations include MariJo Owens, Preston Rei, Linda Moore, Savannah Timms, and Harley Ferguson for their acts of kindness in the community.

‘Kindness is Contagious’ will also serve as SunUte’s new slogan, an idea that was recently adopted by the staff. “There was a big push during the pandemic to be kind, let’s come up with a slogan that is fun and more powerful than COVID-19,” Duffy-Wirth said. The slogan can now be found throughout the building, featured on new merchandise and advertisements made available at SunUte.

SunUte offers a variety of services to both members and guests, among those, group exercise classes are a fan favorite. Water Aerobics, being the most popular class since the re-opening, has had a surge in attendees, averaging between five to seven participants in each class. Instructors are also thrilled to be teaching once

again as the in-person interaction has been minimal over the past five weeks.

“We thrive on the energy of the members in class, it gives us the motivation to teach, and it feels good to see people.” Group Exercise Manager Sage Frane emphasized. “Instructors are excited to be here – we are creating that sense of community once again.” Group exercise has been missed by instructors and patrons alike.

After the brief cancellation, Active Kid Care programming is once again available to parents and their children throughout the week, operating Monday through Friday, 8:25 – 11:30 a.m., while offering evening sessions Monday through Wednesday, 5 – 7 p.m.

SunUte’s pool, hot tub, and sauna hours remain Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Full facility operational hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information on the SunUte Community Center, visit their website at [www.sunute.com](http://www.sunute.com) or call at 970-563-0214.

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KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS



Thank you Darlene Frost, Admin Assistant Dept. of Gaming (left), for nominating Jared Meier, Clean Team, (right), for his KINDNESS

I would like to nominate Jared Meier, of the Clean Team, for his acts of kindness. Jared is a very, very friendly individual who gets along with everyone he encounters. Jared takes his position very seriously and does an AMAZING job making sure the restrooms are spotless, emptying trash & refilling the trash cans, and all other duties he does. He goes over & beyond making sure everything is sanitized for the benefit of the employees & departments. He is very kind, respectful and helpful. He has a very positive demeanor and is always in a happy mood every day. Not once have I seen him unhappy. Kudos to Jared and what he does for the benefit of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe & the office departments.

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS



Thank you Nicole Pearson (left), Admin Assistant for Division of Wildlife, for nominating Linda Moore (right), GIS Analyst for Dept. of Natural Resources, for her KINDNESS

Linda Moore is an amazing co-worker who goes out of her way to make her fellow co-workers feel special! She always has the best ideas for our annual holiday events and goes ABOVE and BEYOND to execute them! She decorates for birthdays, going away parties, baby showers...you name it! She is truly a gem, and I am so grateful for her! Thank you Linda for bringing light to our workdays. We could all use a Linda in our departments!





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### Mail Delivery:

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CYBERSECURITY

Ten ways to avoid phishing scams

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE SHARED SERVICES

Nobody wants to fall prey to a phishing scam. There's a good reason that such scams will continue, though: They are successful enough for cybercriminals to make massive profits. Phishing scams have been around practically since the inception of the Internet, and they will not go away any time soon. Fortunately, there are ways to avoid becoming a victim yourself.

Here are 10 guidelines in keeping yourself safe:

- Keep Informed About Phishing Techniques** – New phishing scams are being developed all the time. Without staying on top of these new phishing techniques, you could inadvertently fall prey to one. Keep your eyes peeled for news about new phishing scams. By finding out about them as early as possible, you will be at much lower risk of getting snared by one.
- Think Before You Click!** – It's fine to click on links when you're on trusted sites. Clicking on links that appear in random emails and instant messages, however, isn't such a smart move. However over links that you are unsure of before clicking on them. Do they lead where they are supposed to lead? A phishing email may claim to be from a legitimate company and when you click the link to the website, it may look exactly like the real website. The email may ask you to fill in the information, but the email may not contain your name. Most phishing emails will start with "Dear Customer" so you should be alert when you come across these emails. When in doubt, go directly to the source rather than clicking a potentially dangerous link. And, use extreme caution with attachments – they can be disguised malware that will infect your PC. Don't click links within an e-mail that you are at all suspicious of.
- Install an Anti-Phishing Toolbar** – Most popular Internet browsers can be customized with anti-phishing toolbars. Such toolbars run quick checks on the sites that you are visiting and compare them to lists of known phishing sites. If you stumble upon a malicious site, the toolbar will alert you about it. This is just one more layer of protection against phishing

- scams, and it is completely free.
- Verify a Site's Security** – It's natural to be a little wary about supplying sensitive financial information online. As long as you are on a secure website, however, you shouldn't run into any trouble. Before submitting any information, make sure the site's URL begins with "https" and there should be a closed lock icon near the address bar. Check for the site's security certificate as well. If you get a message stating a certain website may contain malicious files, do not open the website. Never download files from suspicious emails or websites. Even search engines may show certain links which may lead users to a phishing webpage which offers low-cost products. If the user makes purchases at such a website, the credit card details will be accessed by cybercriminals.
  - Check Your Online Accounts Regularly** – If you don't visit an online account for a while, someone could be having a field day with it. Even if you don't technically need to, check in with each of your online accounts on a regular basis. Get into the habit of changing your passwords regularly too. To prevent bank phishing and credit card phishing scams, you should personally check your statements regularly. Get monthly statements for your financial accounts and check each and every entry carefully to ensure no fraudulent transactions have been made without your knowledge.
  - Keep Your Browser Up to Date** – Security patches are released for popular browsers all the time. They are released in response to the security loopholes that phishers and other hackers inevitably discover and exploit. If you typically ignore messages about updating your browsers, stop. The minute an update is available, download and install it.
  - Use Firewalls** – High-quality firewalls act as buffers between you, your computer and outside intruders. You should use two different kinds: a desktop firewall and a network firewall. The first option is a type of software, and the second option is a type of hardware. When used together, they drastically reduce the odds of hackers and phishers

- infiltrating your computer or your network.
- Be Wary of Pop-Ups** – Pop-up windows often masquerade as legitimate components of a website. All too often, though, they are phishing attempts. Many popular browsers allow you to block pop-ups; you can allow them on a case-by-case basis. If one manages to slip through the cracks, don't click on the "cancel" button; such buttons often lead to phishing sites. Instead, click the small "x" in the upper corner of the window.
  - Never Give Out Personal Information** – As a general rule, you should never share personal or financially sensitive information over the Internet. This rule spans all the way back to the days of America Online, when users had to be warned constantly due to the success of early phishing scams. When in doubt, go visit the main website of the company in question, get their number and give them a call. Most of the phishing emails will direct you to pages where entries for financial or personal information are required. An Internet user should never make confidential entries through the links provided in the emails. Never send an email with sensitive information to anyone. Make it a habit to check the address of the website. A secure website always starts with "https".
  - Use Antivirus Software** – There are plenty of reasons to use antivirus software. Special signatures that are included with antivirus software guard against known technology workarounds and loopholes. Just be sure to keep your software up to date. New definitions are added all the time because new scams are also being dreamed up all the time. Anti-spyware and firewall settings should be used to prevent phishing attacks and users should update the programs regularly. Firewall protection prevents access to malicious files by blocking the attacks. Antivirus software scans every file which comes through the Internet to your computer. It helps to prevent damage to your system.

You don't have to live in fear of phishing scams. By keeping the preceding tips in mind, you should be able to enjoy a worry-free online experience.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE  
Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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

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





## Council bids farewell to Yeager



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Council thanked Margo Yeager for her leadership as Incident Commander for the Southern Ute Incident Management Team (IMT), and fulfilling the Acting Tribal Health Director Role prior to her departure.

Southern Ute Council members, Linda Baker (left) and Marge Barry gift Margo Yeager with a blanket during her farewell ceremony in Southern Ute Council Chambers.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

FRIDAY MORNING

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

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG

## VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

With Council Member

+++ Lovelei Cloud +++

Tribal Council Member, Lorelei Cloud, will host virtual Office Hours the last Wednesday of every month.

February 23, 2022  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3snCpwn>  
Password: suit2022



## Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

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

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The Southern Ute Education Department,  
Public Education

## THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings



Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council  
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786  
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the CodeRED emergency notification system. This service is FREE and will send you voice or text alerts of an emergency situation near your location.



SIGN UP ONLINE AT

[onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/](https://onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/)



DOWNLOAD THE APP ON THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY





Multi-Purpose Facility  
March Senior Citizen Breakfast

Wednesday March 2, 2022  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older



This is a Drive Thru Event - Please wear a mask  
Drive up around the flag poles  
25 Breakfasts available



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



Sip, Chat, Chew to go!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

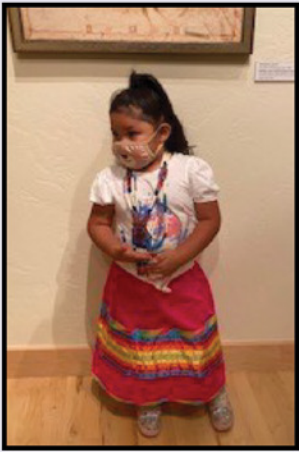
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Admin Assistant, Marie Joy gives Southern Ute tribal elder Linda Eagle lunch during the Sip, Chat and Chew event on Friday, Feb. 18 in front of the Multi-Purpose Facility. This month's lunch was held drive-thru style to ensure elders received a meal, while also practicing the COVID-19 health safety protocols currently in effect for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Southern Ute tribal elder Nathan Strong Elk participates in the drive-thru Sip, Chat and Chew event on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Invited Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute elders received a delicious meal that included meatloaf, stew, frybread and a variety of side dishes.



Multi-Purpose Facility  
Ribbon Skirt & Ribbon Dress Workshop

Tuesday & Wednesday March 8 & 9, 2022  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Space is limited to 10 - Must be able to use a sewing machine  
Please call to reserve your space

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 protocol in effect  
Masks are required for everyone. Please social distance.  
Events may be canceled or modified.



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

Living Heritage Research Council (LHRC)  
www.livingheritage.net  
Internship Program

Are you a Ute person who is 18 years old or older interested in visiting Ancestral Ute homelands with tribal elders and knowledge holders? Are you interesting in Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Education, and research opportunities? Well, LHRC is looking for you!

**Research Opportunity:** Come work with our team, as well as Ute Mountain and Southern Ute Tribal elders and knowledge holders at Browns Canyon National Monument (BCNM)! This project focuses on identifying important natural and cultural resources in BCNM, which is located in the Arkansas River Valley, near Salida, Colorado. This project will lead to the creation of tribally-approved educational and public outreach material that will be used both in Ute communities and for the general public at BCNM.

**About our internships:** Our internships are all expenses paid positions. Our interns will work with LHRC, staff from the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and BLM and USFS officials. Interns will have opportunity learn about Ute culture traditional Ute places from Ute elders and knowledge holders. Plus, they will get a chance to have a river rafting trip down the Arkansas River!



For information contact:  
Jessica Yaquinto  
jessica@livingheritage.net

This project is paid for in part by a History Colorado - State Historical Fund grant and the Colorado Bureau of Lands Management.



Multi-Purpose Facility  
March Events



Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:00 — 11:30 AM  
Carry out event—open to All Community Seniors 55 + 25 meals available

Ribbon Skirt/Dress Class—Tues. & Wed. March 8 & 9—10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Must know how to use a sewing machine.

Indoor & Outdoor Yard Sale—Saturday March 12, 2022 9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch—Friday March 18, 2022 11:30 AM—1:30 PM  
Drive Thru event—50 meals available—3 Ute Tribe Members & their families

Elder Spring Celebration! Elders Only Please 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Quilt Class —Tuesday & Thursday March 22 & 24, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Must know how to use sewing machine

Glove Class—Tues. & Thurs. March 29 & 31, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Classes fill up fast and are limited to 8 people - sign-up is required  
**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.  
Please watch for announcements, modifications and changes to our scheduled events -

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

March

2022



FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	TRUCK DELIVERY CLOSED	ELDER/DIS DELIVERY CLOSED	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Food package 1-4pm	
		Inventory day closed				

MANAGER, Edward box III

KELA HERNANDEZ, CRYSTALEE WAGNER, BRADLIN GOODTRACKS, CALVIN LEVATO

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







Tribal Forestry Wood Program

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

Colorado bill would protect endangered native fish species

Help effort to help maintain river ecosystems

Staff report  
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR  
HICKENLOOPER

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Mitt Romney introduced the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act to continue protecting four threatened and endangered native fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. The legislation would extend current conservation programs by one year and allow Upper Basin communities the time to develop a long-term management plan. “We must protect native fish in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River. This bill shows how states, tribes, federal entities, and water users can come together to get things done,” said Hickenlooper, a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. “I’m proud to team up with my colleague from Colorado to support Utah’s efforts to continue the recovery of the threatened and endangered fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan Rivers. This program has broad buy in from stakeholders in the eastern part of our state and represents an example

of what successfully recovering endangered species looks like,” said Romney. “In the West, unprecedented drought and climate-induced wildfires have drawn great urgency to the way we steward and protect our water resources,” said Congressman Joe Neguse, Chair of the U.S. Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. “That’s why we introduced the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act to ensure that critical water infrastructure projects in Colorado can continue operating while we protect and safeguard endangered species in these River Basins. We were grateful to see this legislation pass out of the House Natural Resources Committee late last year and are thrilled to now have the partnership of Senators Hickenlooper and Romney leading the way in the Senate.” The Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs work to recover four threatened and endangered fish species: the humpback chub, bonytail, Colorado pikeminnow, and razorback sucker. These differ-

ent species of fish help contribute to an overall healthy river ecosystem that benefits both people and nature. Specifically, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act would:

- Extend programs which currently study, monitor, and stock the fish, manage habitat and river flows, and combat invasive species.
- Authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to continue funding and implementing the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Recovery Programs for one extra year, through 2024. The programs are currently set to expire on September 30, 2023.
- Extend the Department of Interior’s reporting deadline by one year, to September 2022. Reporting includes program accomplishments, funds spent, and projected expenditures.
- Create the ability to transfer funds from San Juan Basin to Upper Colorado Recovery programs by shifting capital cost ceilings, keeping the total cost constant.



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.



https://zoom.us/join/register/tJltcu2sqz  
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To see the full list of financial and collaborating partners go to  
https://drought.extension.colostate.edu/drought-leadership-training/

Save the Date – Spring Clean Up 2022

The annual Southern Ute Spring Clean-up has been set for the third week of April. Stay Tuned for further info!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Professional Combined Heat & Power & Solar Power Services

Requested By:  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe d.b.a.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort

Contact:  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe d.b.a. Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Marvin Tom  
14324 Hwy 172 N / P.O. Box 340  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
Telephone: 970-563-1770  
Facsimile: 970-563-1771  
Email: marvin.tom@skyutecasino.com

Submit Proposals to:

Electronic Delivery:  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Marvin.Tom@skyutecasino.com  
Marketing Administrative Assistant  
Subject: Tribe Casino CHP Proposal

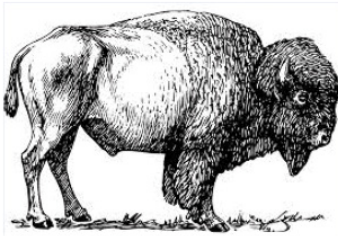
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Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Marketing Offices  
14324 Hwy 172 N  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
ATTN: Marvin Tom



Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
By appointment please call 563-0130

Bison Meat is Available

Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed  
Available at the Wildlife office



Five pounds of bison meat per SUIT tribal member household, per month.  
In addition, the Division also has certain special parts available:  
Kidneys, Oxtail, Tongue, Heart, & Rocky Mtn. Oysters

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM



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Give us a call to talk about opportunities that fit your interests

970.563.2973

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FEMA ADVISORY

# FEMA establishes time limit for COVID-19 funeral assistance

Staff report  
FEMA

Since starting to provide COVID-19 funeral assistance in April 2021, FEMA has provided more than \$1.8 billion to approximately 274,000 people. While there is no deadline to apply for this assistance, in April, FEMA will begin placing applications that remain incomplete after at least 365 days in a suspended status. This change allows the agency to focus attention on individuals who intend to finalize their application and avoids repeated contact to anyone who may no longer wish to continue this process. They can reactivate their application, without appeal, by submitting the required documents. After someone initially ap-

plies for COVID-19 funeral assistance, FEMA sends reminders to them to submit their documentation throughout the application process. The agency also reaches out by phone to anyone with an incomplete application to address any concerns in completing their application. Beginning this month, FEMA will notify applicants who have not submitted all required information and documentation that their applications will be moved to a suspended status 365 days after they initially applied for assistance. Notifications will be sent to applicants via auto-dialer by phone, email or text message up to 60 days in advance of the 365-day submission deadline. Applicants who still do not provide all documentation within this timeframe will receive

a letter from FEMA informing them their application for COVID-19 funeral assistance is in a suspended status. To apply for assistance or ask questions about an existing application, individuals are encouraged to call 844-684-6333, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday – Friday, ET. Multilingual services are available. Callers who use a relay service, such as a videophone, should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to them for that service. Applicants may also visit COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov for eligibility information and answers to frequently asked questions. *FEMA Mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.*

CORONAVIRUS

# Free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests, masks available

Provided by SJBPH in Archuleta and La Plata Counties

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce that free at-home rapid tests for COVID-19 will be available at SJBPH offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango starting Thursday, February 24th. The iHealth antigen test kits were provided to SJBPH by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and can be self-administered at-home, with results generated in 15 minutes. Up to four test kits (eight tests total) will be provided per person, per week while supplies last. Supply is limited and tests will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. SJBPH's Pagosa Springs office is located at 502 S. 8th Street and is open Monday through Friday 8am to noon and 1pm to 5pm. The SJBPH Durango office is located at 281 Sawyer Drive Suite 300 and is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. A mask is required for entry in SJBPH offices at this time, as outlined in SJBPH's Public Health Advisory. The rapid tests utilize a self-collected, lower nasal swab. Adults can collect a sample from younger patients if needed. Instructions on how to use the tests and read results will be provided in the test kits, with Spanish translation available

through an online link. Although the tests are reliable and accurate, they are not as sensitive as lab-based tests and may give a false negative result. A negative result can be confirmed with additional testing, or through a molecular assay test (PCR) which is available at community testing sites in La Plata and Archuleta counties and through other testing providers. If positive for COVID-19, patients should isolate following the guidance on SJBPH's website. At-home test users are encouraged to report positive results by using this online CDPHE portal. Positive results can also be reported to SJBPH directly via email (covidreports@sjbpublichealth.org) or by calling SJBPH at (970) 585-6185. "Thanks to our partners at the State of Colorado, we are pleased to offer free rapid tests to anyone who would like to stop by our SJBPH offices in Pagosa Springs and Durango. Although cases have been trending downward, we still have substantial transmission in our community and these tests will help people identify if they are COVID positive and need to isolate to stop the spread. The most important thing is to stay home if you are positive or symptomatic. We continue to provide free KN95 and surgical masks as well and have distributed more than 25,000 of those over the past few

weeks. You can pick up tests and masks when you stop by our office," said Liane Jollon, Executive Director, SJBPH. KN95 and surgical masks are currently available at SJBPH front desks on a first come, first served basis until they run out. Five masks will be provided per person. High quality masks can help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and keep individuals safe. Guidelines on how to correctly wear and care for your mask is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Community testing sites remain open and are free to the general public. More information about hours and how to make an appointment are available on the SJBPH website. Vaccines and boosters are shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness, and clinics with ample supply of all three vaccine types are widely available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer first, second, third and booster doses for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics and providers is available online with convenient dates and times across both counties. For COVID-19 data, vaccine clinics, and information about quarantine and isolation guidance please visit the SJBPH website.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE**  
(As of February 23, 2022)

<b>Southern Ute Health Center Cases</b> 809 Positives 20,133 Total Tests	<b>SUHC Vaccination Update</b> Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!
<b>Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases</b> 336 Positives 4 Deaths	<b>Vaccine Eligibility:</b> 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"

**Let's Keep Our Tribal Community Safe!**

**DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT** | **March 28 & 29th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center Parking Lot

Viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and community. Face coverings are not required, but encouraged if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms.

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

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

**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**

**Activities allowed 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.

- 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

**Activities allowed 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.

- Care for Family & Pets
- Buy groceries or household supplies
- Obtain medical supplies
- Engage in banking

## Southern Ute Tribe Begins Distributing KN95 Masks

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has begun distribution of KN95 masks to the tribal membership during the month of February. The Southern Ute elder mask distribution has been completed and the second distribution will be mailed out to Southern Ute tribal members (2-54) on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. Instructions on proper wear and usage is also enclosed along with resources to acquire home testing kits via the Southern Ute Tribal Health Benefit Plan (Silverback Rx), Anthem (tribal employees), and the federal government sites. KN95 mask disbursement will continue to be provided to Southern Ute tribal membership ages 2-54 via the U.S. mail. All mailings will be shipped to your current mailing address on file with the Tribal Information Services office. If you need to update your address, please contact Ms. Heather Frost, Vital Statistics Clerk, at 970-563-2248 or the TIS office at 970-563-2208. Additional mask requests for all Southern Ute tribal youth and adults will continue to be facilitated through the TIS office upon request. TIS is located at 398 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137. Requests can also be made by calling 970-563-2208 or emailing tis@southernute-nsn.gov.

## HOW TO USE YOUR N95 RESPIRATOR | COVID-19 |

### Wear your N95 properly so it is effective

N95s must form a seal to the face to work properly. This is especially important for people at increased risk for severe disease. Wearing an N95 can make it harder to breathe. If you have heart or lung problems, talk to your doctor before using an N95.

Some N95s may contain latex in the straps. If you have natural rubber latex allergies, see the manufacturers' website for information about your specific model.

Your N95 may look different than the one in these pictures. As long as your N95 has two head straps (not ear loops), these basic instructions apply.

1 Wash Your Hands

It is best to put on your N95 with clean, dry hands.

2 Check Your N95

Always inspect the N95 for damage before use. If it appears damaged, dirty, or damp, do not use it.

3 Put on the N95

Hold the N95 in your hand with the nose piece bar (or foam) at your fingertips. If yours does not have a nose piece, use the text written on it to be sure the top end is at your fingertips.

Place the N95 under your chin with the nose piece bar at the top.

Pull the top strap over your head, placing it near the crown. Then, pull the bottom strap over and place it at the back of your neck, below your ears. Do not crisscross the straps. Make sure the straps lay flat and are not twisted.

Place your fingertips from both hands at the top of the nose piece. Press down on both sides of the nose piece to mold it to the shape of your nose.



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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Bobcats come oh-so-close to State podium

Two fall in cons. quarters; IHS places 32nd

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Nearly able to lift and flip Rocky Ford's Kevin Tillman tie-down-roping style for a takedown-and/or potential pin, Jeremy Roderick made a State Championships freshman mistake in the process and ultimately lost his Day 1 bout – via pin in an elapsed 3:04 – Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17, inside Ball Arena to the Meloneer junior.

Relegated to the Class 2A heavyweights' consolation bracket, Ignacio's senior wasted comparatively no time rallying.

Drawing Cedaredge junior Jacob Anderson next, Roderick made quick work of the Bruin, pinning him in 27 seconds and surviving to next see Rangely senior Byron Mackay – victim of an



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum  
Ignacio senior Tyler Barnes is declared victorious after pinning Rocky Ford senior Jadon Huerta (foreground) to the mat during Class 2A, 170-pound consolation-bracket action Fri., Feb. 18, on Day 2 of the 2022 CHSAA State Championships in Denver.

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experience for me.” Unluckily for the Bobcats, the big ‘Cat exiting early was a daunting omen.

Senior Tyler Barnes’ title dreams also disappeared on the 17th, as he tangled with Wray junior Payton Wade and lost by 15-0 technical fall 50 ticks into the third period. Still with a best-possible, yet still-distant finish of third at 170 pounds, Barnes went back to work on Day 2 and first faced Rocky Ford senior Jadon Huerta in consolation-round action.

Surviving another round by pinning Huerta in an elapsed 3:53, Barnes next squared off against Crowley County sophomore Robert San Juan and prevailed by 9-6 decision.

Needing one more victory to be guaranteed sixth place at worst, Barnes’ run – and prep wrestling career – sadly came to an end the morning of Day 3 as Meeker senior Kelton Turner, the weight’s initial 7-seed, managed to flatten the Bobcat (25-11 final record) with just nine ticks left in the first two-minute period.

“What a couple seniors we’re losing in Tyler and Jeremy – plus Lexy Young, one of our girls,” IHS head coach Jordan Larsen said. “Losing those kids ... that’s going to suck, but I’m very, very much looking to what we have moving forward.”

“They’ve definitely earned it and I’m proud as a team-



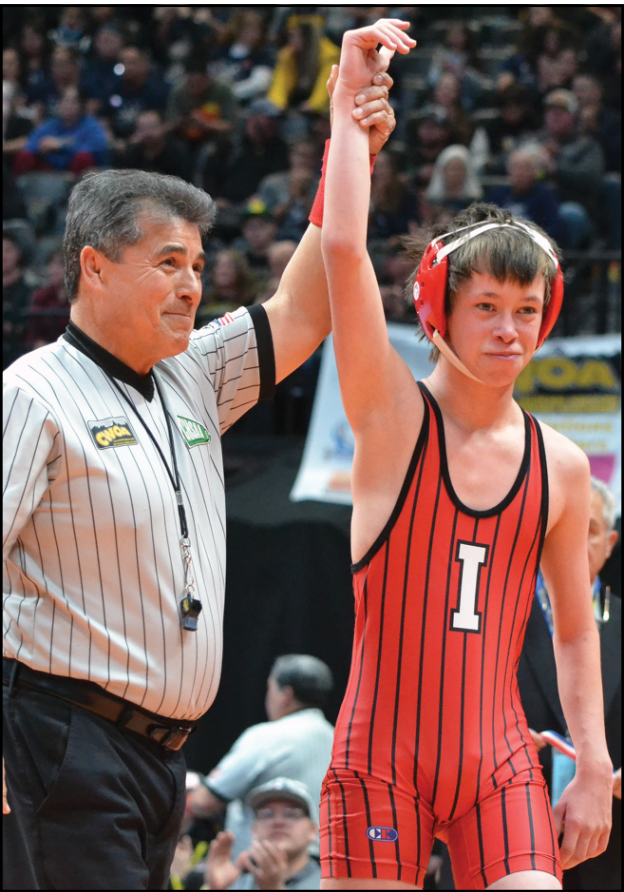
Joel Priest/Special to the Drum  
Ignacio junior Faye Hackett stares intently at opponent Melanie Perez of Broomfield Legacy during Girls' 127-pound consolation-bracket action Fri., Feb. 18, on Day 2 of the 2022 CHSAA State Championships in Denver.

mate,” said Lady ‘Cat Faye Hackett, speaking on her fellow grapplers’ achievements culminating with a return to the Championships. “It means a lot; I’m excited to watch them.”

Qualifying for CHSAA’s first Girls’ State Championships to be held simultaneously and under a shared roof, Hackett lost by pin on Day 1 to Yuma senior Fatima Duran, downed 18 seconds into the second period at 127 pounds. Pit next against 5A Broomfield Legacy – the girls’ tournament was single-classification – senior Melanie Perez in a consolation first-round, Hackett fought her hardest but fell short, 8-6, and finished her breakout junior season standing 19-10 overall.

“My heart just dropped down, like, to my stomach,” she said, having surrendered four points within the penultimate 12 seconds, including Perez’s winning two-point near-fall. “But I was excited ... and I was nervous, but that’s how you should feel before a match, right? I mean, it’s kind of overwhelming.”

“I’ve never achieved something like this and I’m just really grateful for all the support I have back home in Ignacio,” Hackett contin-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum  
Ignacio sophomore 106-pounder Cayle McCoy has his hand raised following his points win over Dove Creek’s Jayden Bailey during the 2022 CHSAA State Championships’ series of ‘Unified’ matches Sat., Feb. 19, on the season-ending tournament’s third and final day.

ued. “It’s just been a really good experience; we definitely are a big family, we love each other, and ... it’s important that our team just stays strong.”

Ignacio junior Keaton McCoy began the Champi-

onships in dominant fashion at 145 pounds, routing Pueblo Dolores Huerta Prep junior Omar Soto by 22-11 major decision to move into the quarterfinals where

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Walk of Champions



State Qualifiers Cayle McCoy, Faye Hackett, Jeremy Roderick, Keaton McCoy and Tyler Barnes (not pictured) prepare for their Walk of Championship course on Wednesday, Feb. 16, beginning at Ignacio High School. The team is celebrated by fellow students and community members before their sendoff to the Wrestling State Championship to be held at the Ball Arena in Denver, Colo.

Southern Ute Police Department, Ignacio Police Department and the Los Pinos Fire Protection District escort the state qualifying wrestling team through Ignacio on Wednesday, Feb. 16, in support of the student athletes. Law enforcement ensures the team leaves safely, and in style, as they conclude the Walk of Champions via CO HWY 151.







IGNACIO GIRLS ACCELERATE • FROM PAGE 1

ter points, however, couldn't be accounted for; THS' official scorebook claimed seven points with only six recorded) the previous evening, IHS' home win over the Lady Bears brought the team back to 9-9 overall, but a first-place 5-1 against the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's 2A squads.

Preparing to begin post-season play standing 13-6 overall, Mancos' 55-13 home hammering of DHS the night before the Lady Bears visited IHS Gymnasium improved the Lady Jays' 2A SJBL mark to 5-1, but Ignacio owns a plus-11 head-to-head point differential in the sides' two-game season split.

Dolores dropped to 5-13 overall (2-4 2A SJBL), and learned not long after their unlucky, initial postseason stop:

Ignacio, on Tues., Feb. 22, as part of the 2A-District 3 Tournament's play-in 'pigtail' phase. Results were unavailable at press time, with the winner advancing to the combined SJBL/Western Slope tourney's semifinal stage Fri., Feb. 25, at neutral Montezuma-Cortez H.S. The DHS-IHS winner will play then at 3 p.m. against top-seeded WSLers Cedaredge (16-3 overall).

Third-place action will commence Sat., Feb. 26, at 10 a.m., with the championship slated for 1 p.m.

Individual figures from Ignacio's win over Dolores were unavailable at press



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) puts up a difficult shot against 3A Montezuma-Cortez's Markylla Jones (30) during non-league action Wed., Feb. 16, at M-CHS. Reynolds would score 23 points, leading all players, but the Lady Bobcats fell 66-64 in overtime.

low seven points.

Of course, IHS began about as fast as the Lady Miners (0-17) would have feared by sinking five triples, tallying 21 first-quarter points, and building an insurmountable double-digit lead. Sophomore Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga contributed 11 points, while freshman JV/V 'swing' player Dalaney Wesner booked 10 (4-6 FT), Cruz five and sophomore Soly-mar Cosio four.

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BOBCATS RIDING WIN STREAK • FROM PAGE 1



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Devante Montoya (11) launches – and makes a fourth-quarter three-pointer over Ridgway's Cooper Ahern (12) during the varsities' first of two games Sat., Feb. 12, inside IHS Gymnasium. The Bobcats swept the Demons 45-36 and 52-38.

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Miner senior guard South Livermore drained four three-pointers and totaled 20 points in defeat, while junior Tony Ordonez netted three threes – all during the third quarter, when THS (which totaled eight triples) outscored Ignacio 17 to 11 – and totaled 17 points, and sophomore Townes Merritt booked six.



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Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (3) outleaps 2A Del Norte's Ben Parra (30) to try receiving a pass near the baseline during non-league action Tues., Feb. 15, at DNHS. Tucson booked 13 points in the Bobcats' 41-25 road win; Parra was held to 11 in defeat.

As far as how the Bobcats might maintain their rate of success into the playoffs, Tucson recently commented:

"Just be the 'underdogs' and upset everyone."

"We've got ... six or seven different guys we can run," added head coach Chris Valdez. "That's something we're

seeing – our JVs starting to develop a little – and now we're able to use those kids if we get into a situation."



Seniors shine at Snowcoming



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Snowcoming Queen Elisia Cruz and King Gabriel Tucson (not pictured) were crowned on Friday, Feb. 11 during halftime of the Ignacio Bobcat boys' varsity basketball game versus Sanford. Snowcoming is the annual event coordinated by the school's Student Senate club. Activities for students are held throughout the week, which culminates with the presentation of the royalty court as well as an evening dance for students.



Cyrus Naranjo stands with his mother, Marvinia Olguin, at Ignacio High School's "Senior Night" held on Friday, Feb. 11 in the school's main gym. Student athletes give a special dedication to their parents and supporters. This event celebrates senior athletes for their commitment to both academics and sports.

GO BOBCATS!



photos courtesy Maria Rivera

Congratulations to the Ignacio Middle School girls' basketball team on winning the San Juan Basin League Championship. I'm so proud of their hard work and dedication this season. Every time they stepped on the court, they worked hard to improve their skills.

Their hard work and teamwork showed in games. During the games when the score was close, their teamwork powered them through. They ended their season 12-1 and it was well deserved. Keep working hard on and off the court! I love you girls. GO BOBCATS!

– Coach Rivera



BOBCATS ACTION

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Thank you!



ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

Southern Ute Veterans Association Annual Meeting

March 3, 2022 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Multi-Purpose Facility (conference room)

NEW EMPLOYEES



**Chris Howlett**  
**Job Title:** Building Maintenance Tech (SunUte Community Center).  
**Description of Job Duties:** Perform maintenance primarily on SunUte Community Center, but also help with other buildings doing electrical, plumbing, concrete, framing, flooring, HVAC etc.  
**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, and camping.  
**Family:** Two kids – son and daughter.

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**In the Estate Of,**  
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**Mary Inez Cloud, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 22, 2022 at 4 PM**. 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 11th of February, 2022.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2021-0177-CV-PR**  
**Drake Dale Ray Frost, Deceased**  
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Dated this 26th of January, 2022  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

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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	Indigenous People's Day (Oct. 10)	Oct. 10
Oct. 17	Oct. 21		
Oct. 31	Nov. 4	Veterans Day (Nov. 11)	Nov. 11
Nov. 14	Nov. 18	Thanksgiving (Nov. 24)	Nov. 24 & 25
Nov. 28	Dec. 2	Leonard C. Burch (Dec. 10)	Dec. 9
Dec. 12	Dec. 16		
Dec. 23*	Dec. 30	Christmas (Dec. 25)	Dec. 26

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The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest from Southern Ute Tribal Members for One (1) Alternate Commissioner; to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, three (3) year terms and they are compensated positions.

### Applicant must have the following requirements:

#### Southern Ute Tribal Member Alternate

1. Does not have ownership interest in or are employed by a certified Indian Owned Business;
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Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2022. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

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### To General Public

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

*Learl E. Casias*

*9 June 2011*

## 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

### 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.

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



### Board of Directors Vacancy



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)

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<http://www.bgcsu.org>

Applications due February 28, 2022

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO  
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## KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

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Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916).  
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### KSUT Board of Director Duties:

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

### Desired Skills:

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

### Board Member Term:

- Board member will serve a three-year term.

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

## KSUT Employment Opportunities

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

### 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.



## Represent Your Community

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

- **Extension Advisory Committee** (seeking individuals interested in agriculture, horticulture, consumer & family education, 4-H and youth development programs)
- **Fire Code Board of Appeals** (seeking building design, fire protection engineering, industrial safety, general contractor and general or business professionals)
- **Living with Wildlife Advisory Board** (seeking individuals to develop educational programs to reduce impacts from animals)
- **Lodging Tax Panel** (seeking individuals to administer the tourism fund that markets tourism in the county)
- **Multi-Event Center Commission** (seeking individuals interested in the use and expansion of fairground activities at Ewing Mesa)
- **Southwest Basin Roundtable** (knowledge of water interests)
- **Southwest La Plata Library District Board** (resident of District)
- **Undesirable Plant & Rodent Advisory Committee** (owner of 40+ acres)
- **Wildfire Advisory Board** (seeking individuals with backgrounds in landscape or soil ecology and/or technical experience in fire behavior)

These volunteer positions are advisory only.

Visit [www.co.laplata.co.us/apply](http://www.co.laplata.co.us/apply)

for specific board member requirements, position descriptions and applications.

**Applications accepted through March 1**

For more information, please call (970) 382-6219.



## 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.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Closes 3/2/22 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O’Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent, to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact. Pay grade E11; \$41,456.65/year.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Southern Ute Members Only)

Closing 2/28/22 – Ensuring the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) operates in accordance with the Southern Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Plan and all associated processes, procedures, and relevant codes and law. Performs a wide variety of high-level specialized duties to preserve and protect Southern Ute Tribal resources and materials to include, but not limited to, cultural sites/lands, artifacts, funerary and sacred objects, and human remains within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation and throughout the Tribe’s ancestral territory. Pay grade E15; \$60,370.75/year.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute Members Only)

Closing 3/11/22 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. 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 Tribal Ranger position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 12 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Tribal Ranger

Closing 3/11/22 – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; the pay range starts at \$21.75/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Clinical Supervisor

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

Construction Services Repairman

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

Credit Division Head

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

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – ALL Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under dentist supervision, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

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

Dispatcher

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 Members Only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian

Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. 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. This 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 (Full-time & 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 \$400 sign-on bonus (full-time). \$200 sign-on bonus (part-time).

Media Technician (Part-time) (Southern Ute Members Only)

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

Native Connections Therapist

Open Until Filled – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. Mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E15; \$60,370.75/year.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Patrol Officer I

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

Patrol Officer II

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

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. Main-

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

\*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.

\*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.

\*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.

\*Multi Games Pit Boss

Supervision of all multi-games tables and staff as directed by the Table Games Manager. Ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations.

*\*Must be 21 years of age to apply.*

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of February 17, 2021

- Transportation, Mechanic-II – Closing 3/3/22
- Finance, Payroll/Bookkeeper – Closing 3/3/22
- Public Works, Maintenance Worker – Closing 3/3/22
- Behavioral Health, BH Aid/Navigator – Closing 3/3/22
- THPO, Contact Administrator – Closing 3/3/22
- Ute Counseling & Treatment, UA/BA Technician (male) – Closing 3/3/22
- Kwiayat Comminty Academy, Elementary Teacher – Closing 3/3/22
- Child Development, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT – Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Education, Director – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) is hiring: Addiction Specialist/Program Coordinator, Bus Driver, Clerical/Dispatch, Monitoring Technician Substitute, Program Manager w/ Celebrating Healthy Communities, Program Coordinator w/Youth Services, Substitute Teachers.

**SoCoCAA is recruiting Board members.** If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Nita Emerson at 970-563-4517 or visit our website at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org).

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tenance 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 Tribal Member only

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program – (Southern Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Mem-

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

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.





**Irrigation System Operator**  
Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

This position is located with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Superintendent, Southern Ute Agency, Office of the Program Manager, Deputy Superintendent-Trust Services, Irrigation Section in Ignacio, Colo. The incumbent collects and delivers the annual available water supply to users for agricultural production. Visit online for full job description and application process: [www.usajobs.gov/job/638446400](http://www.usajobs.gov/job/638446400)

**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 to 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](mailto:scott.nielsen@durangofire.org)) or John Gilbert ([jgilbert@lospinosfire.com](mailto:jgilbert@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>

**Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements**

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

**Utilities Operator – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 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 – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 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.

**Senior Production Accounting, Control, Marketing Analyst – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/4/22 – Under the supervision of the PACM Manager, provides quality control checks of marketed production and sales volumes (Natural Gas, NGL and Oil). Works with team and outside customers to reconcile issues related to production and sales volumes and values. Works with the Marketing Representative to forecast and sell natural gas and oil volumes. Responsible for developing and overseeing the work of junior team members including reviewing work, training, and quality control.

**Senior SCADA & Measurement Administrator – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)**  
Closing 3/4/22 – Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and measurement systems maintenance, repairs, upgrades and design. Performs work on SCADA and measurement components located among several different locations and environments. Performs SCADA programming, measurement and environmental data collection and reporting, and operational data collection and reporting for natural gas treating plants and compressor stations.

**Exploration and Regulatory Manager – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/10/22 – Provides oversight of employees and project activities for energy exploration and regulatory advocacy for the Department of Energy (DOE). Assists with evaluation of tribal energy resources for production activities, revenue forecasts and calculations of remaining reserves. Monitors applicable environmental and energy regulations. Provides support in drafting Tribal responses in coordination with Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Legal Department when necessary. Communicates and coordinates with federal, state, and local agencies regarding regulatory and legislative changes or proposals. Helps identify, evaluate, and assist in the development of new energy related projects including energy transition projects

**Health & Safety Compliance Specialist II – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/14/22 – 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 – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/14/22 – 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.

**Environmental, Health & Safety Technician II – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/15/22 – Provides support and assistance in regulatory compliance activities specific to applicable environmental, health and safety (EHS) laws and regulations for all Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises, to include OSHA, SPCC, water quality, waste management, record keeping and mapping projects.

**Gas Volume Analyst I – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/18/22 – Monitoring natural gas production volumes; nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/statements; enters daily gas sales and production data; maintains gathering and transportation contracts; controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances; works with the Marketing Specialist to forecast natural gas sales volumes.

**Senior Reservoir Engineer – Aka Energy Group (Durango, CO)**  
Closing 3/21/22 – Requires application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation and execution skills as they relate to energy transition opportunities, such as Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction. Works collaboratively with geology, engineering, and project development teams and partners to identify and evaluate potential subsurface targets associated with CCUS and GHG projects. Works to become the subject matter expert for the Company regarding governmental policy, initiatives, and permitting associated with CCUS and GHG reduction.

**Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements**

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://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.

**Computer Technical Support Administrator I-Desktop Support – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/4/22 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation. Works with Computer Technical Support Administrator II employees to help complete requests.

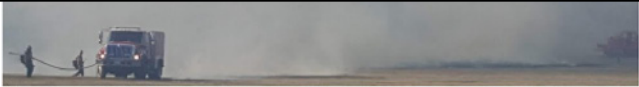
**PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/11/22 – Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply 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.

**Computer Technical Support Administrator I-SUDEP – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/11/22 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provide assistance to Tribal Membership in support of the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) providing support and training for Tribal Members to improve technology literacy. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

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**Southern Ute Digital Equity Program Administrator – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 3/19/22 – Defining the overall Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) strategy and charter, as well as managing the day-to-day activities to include program meetings, planning and collaborative execution of program deliverables. Drives communication including the planning of outreach events, webinars, training, and expanded program development efforts.



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

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- 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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REGISTRATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON



**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](mailto:2305_election@southernute-nsn.gov)



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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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Jeremy Roderick attempts to use his weight to roll Rocky Ford junior Kevin Tillman onto his back for a possible pin during Class 2A, heavyweight division action Thurs., Feb. 17, on Day 1 of the 2022 CHSAA State Championships in Denver. Roderick unfortunately lost his opening match to the Meloneer, succumbing via pin in an elapsed 3:04.

he met Ault Highland senior Zach Tittle, the division’s 1-seed. Showing form even more aggressive than what had earned him last season’s State Championship at 138, Tittle handled his business in only 0:51 – relegating McCoy to the consolation rounds via pin.

Pit next against Swink senior Jed Garcia, McCoy got back on track with a 9-5 victory and endured to next stand in against Wray freshman Samuel Meisner. Initially seeded fourth behind Tittle, Hayden senior Dylan Zimmerman and CCHS sophomore Aiden Halloran, Meisner followed up his preceding consolation-round pin of Greeley Dayspring Christian freshman Logan Clark needing seven fewer seconds (3:50 elapsed, then 3:43) to pin McCoy and reach the consolation semis.

“My freshman year ... it was a big eye-opener. This year, I just knew I had to come and get it,” McCoy said, comparing his two non-sequential State showings to date. “First match of a tournament is always a bit funky; you just have to have a little bit of fun out there, get loose, and get used to it again.”

“Won my first match, lost my second, then won my

third but ended up losing in the ‘blood’ round. Yeah, we had some tough matches – I guess we could take away from this just to keep pushing each other to do the best we can.”

McCoy finished the ’21-22 campaign 24-10 overall; Meisner improved at the time to an outstanding 44-10. (He’d then get a free pass into the third-fourth place bout, due to Halloran declaring a second medical forfeit after the first cost him his semifinals test versus Zimmerman.)

But the Bobcats wouldn’t depart Denver on a down note.

Following the three-day spectacle’s traditional Parade of Champions – presenting the two remaining contenders in each weight and classification – beginning the Saturday night session, the tournament featured a half-dozen ‘Unified’ exhibition bouts. Riling up the former Pepsi Center’s crowd, last to step onto a mat was IHS sophomore Cayle McCoy.

Facing, coincidentally, San Juan Basin League rival Jayden Bailey of Dove Creek before fans roughly 15,000 in number, the younger McCoy (6-25 after going 0-2 at the previous weekend’s Region I meet in Buena Vista) scrapped his

way to a 7-3 win showing improvement upon a close 6-4 win at the SJBL Championships in Norwood.

“Big crowd ... that kind of scared me a little bit! Most definitely,” said McCoy. “It’s kind of scary, kind of exciting – both at the same time. You make one mistake, and you could lose your match.”

“I’m excited for the next season.”

“On his development this year, he’s done a great job ... but it was a little harder to see – it’s just a different level of competition,” Larsen said. “But he’s a joy to have on the team, puts a smile on everybody’s face.”

“We brought a couple seniors that have been working for a while to get here, going through their own challenges, and we got a couple underclassmen – Faye, Keaton and, of course, Cayle – which is outstanding,” he added. “So, for the young kids I’m happy they got the exposure. In general, I’m just very, very proud of the kids we brought up here.”

All told, Ignacio’s boys totaled 13 team points and tied Olathe for 32nd place in Class 2A. 44 teams registered at least one point, led by State Champions Wray (167.5), Runners-up Meeker (146) and third place La Jara Centauri (144).

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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER  
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Feb. 25



Mostly sunny 37°F  
Afternoon winds

Saturday, Feb. 26



Sunny 38°F

Sunday, Feb. 27



Sunny 46°F

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COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Crews to continue crack seal operations next week

Travel impacts on CO 172 north of Ignacio

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation will continue to perform crack sealing operations on CO Highway 172 between Oxford and Airport Road, mile points 17-19. Work will take place, weather permitting, through the remainder of the February, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Travelers should allow for extra travel time as intermittent closures will be enforced to allow crews to work on the highway.

Traffic Impacts: Drivers will encounter full stops. Flagging personnel will guide traffic through the work zone. Up to 15-minute delays are anticipated. A speed reduction of 40 MPH will be in place and drivers should slow



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down and use extreme caution when approaching and driving through the work zone. Motorists are urged to be aware of crews and heavy equipment.

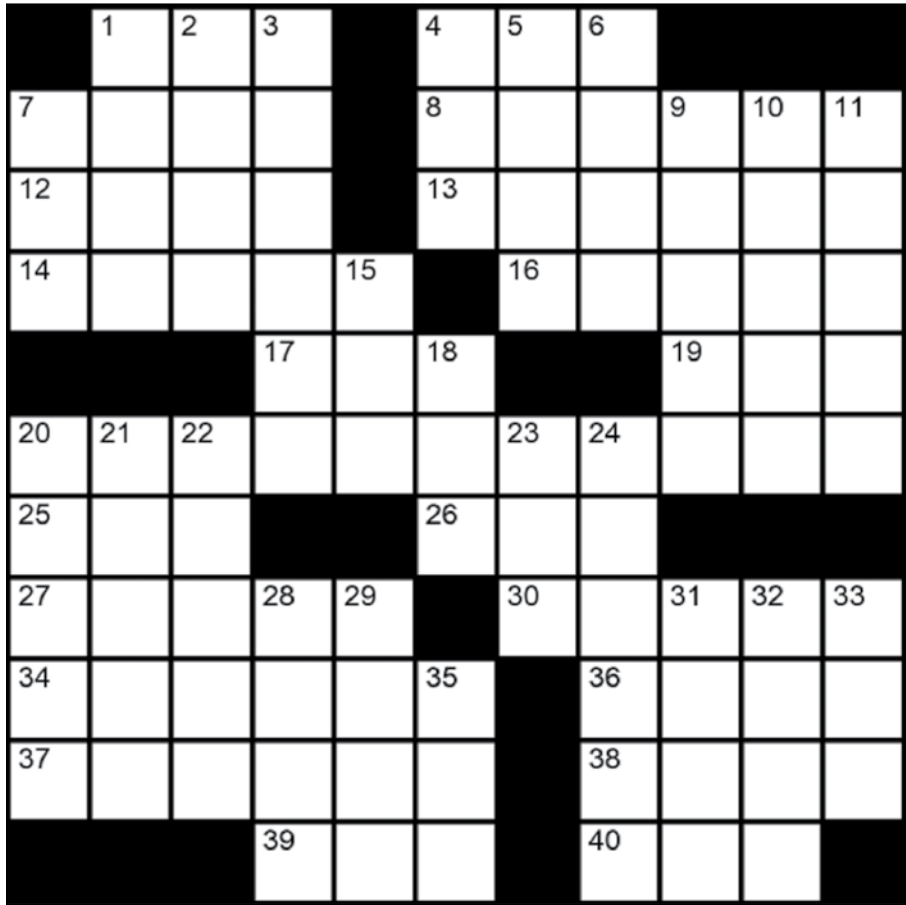
Know Before You Go: Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts, anticipated travel impacts, and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Travel: COtrip.org
- Mobile: COtrip Planner
- Hotlines for road and weather conditions: 511 or 303-639-1111
- Project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts
- Subscribe to construction updates & news releases: subscription.cotrip.org
- Social media: Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook facebook.com/coloradodot

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.

The Southern Ute Drum’s  
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Pro bono TV ad
- 4 “Delightful!”
- 7 Charlie ---, fictional Ute detective
- 8 The Hohokam Casa --- Ruins, AZ
- 12 The American Rescue ---, 2021
- 13 Borrowed
- 14 “Jump into Mommy’s lap!”
- 16 Choose
- 17 Pan top
- 19 A T M maker
- 20 Denzel Washington Oscar-winning movie of 2001
- 25 Monogram for Jesus
- 26 477 Program document: Abbr.
- 27 “This I --- see!”
- 30 Long hard seat
- 34 Locals’ organizations
- 36 Change in Istanbul
- 37 Expose to fresh air
- 38 Muslim holy man
- 39 Sawbuck
- 40 A short smoke?

Down

- 1 Chukka game
- 2 When soft, it’s flattery
- 3 Circles that are not filled in
- 4 “A long time --- in a galaxy ...”
- 5 Obama’s very tall Education Secretary
- 6 Ute ---, a Western Colorado University residence
- 7 Speed trap figure
- 9 ... with --- in sight
- 10 Bangladesh’s capital, old style
- 11 Contest attempt
- 15 Immobilize, in wrestling
- 18 Slow-witted
- 20 The --- Pueblo of Ysleta, El Paso, TX
- 21 French wine region
- 22 Moving about
- 23 San Francisco’s --- Hill
- 24 Irish language
- 28 Exactly
- 29 Upfront stake
- 31 Alternate name for the Bannock and Northern Paiute tribes
- 32 Ragged peak
- 33 Dress bottom
- 35 Hill V I P

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

Answers for February 11, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Sting, 6 Bus, 9 Genie, 10 Steam, 13 Tarns, 14 Cunha, 15 Tie to, 17 Ear, 18 Massacre, 21 Keep ahead, 23 Misnomer, 24 Orc, 25 Abase, 28 Worth, 31 Atilt, 33 Avola, 34 Norse, 35 Wry, 36 Greed.

Down: 1 Sgt, 2 Teat, 3 INRI, 4 Nine men, 5 Gestapo, 6 BSc, 7 Utu, 8 Seneca, 11 A hard, 12 Mare, 16 Osama, 19 Shebang, 20 Aerator, 21 Kirov, 22 Escrow, 23 Mowa, 26 Sire, 27 Else, 29 TLR, 30 Hay, 32 Tet.