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Winner of 13 Colorado Press Association and 9 Native American Journalists Association Awards



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cutline Southern Ute Veterans Association members, pictured left to right: Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy Retired), Bruce Valdez (U.S. Army), Gordon Hammond (U.S. Marines), Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army), and Southern Ute Tribal Council member, Linda Baker (back row), march in a procession across the National Mall on Friday, Nov. 11, as part of the color guard assembled for the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

SMITHSONIAN

National Native American Veterans Memorial dedication brings tribes together in D.C.

Southern Ute Veterans Assoc. represents with color guard

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian celebrated the

dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial Thursday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13 in Washington, D.C., hosting a weekend of special events

and cultural programming to highlight the service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families. Native Veterans were also formally recognized at the

Pentagon in Washington, D.C. for a special event honoring Native American Heritage Month, the first of its

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2022 General Election Results



Marjorie Barry



Marvin Pinnecoose

photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

On Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 during a Special Meeting, the Southern Ute Tribal Council approved the Southern Ute Election Board’s recommendation to accept the certification of the 2022 Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election results. Pursuant to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Election Code, to be elected as a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in a general election, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for that position. The Tribal Council candidates receiving majority of votes (143) are elected to Tribal Council. The two Tribal Council candidates that received the majority of the votes are Marvin J. Pinnecoose (175) and Marjorie D. Barry (157), who are therefore, the newly elected Tribal Council Members. A swearing-in ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. Additional details are forthcoming.

The 2022 Tribal General Election vote count and official results:

Marjorie Barry: 157
Edward Box III: 74
Matthew Box: 95
Marvin Pinnecoose: 175
Conrad Thompson: 67

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Sanchez earns prestigious Native Spirit Award

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe received national recognition last week when one of their team members was nominated and honored at the 2022 Native Summit for Boys and Girls Club of America. Cassandra Sanchez, Site Director for the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, received the prestigious Native Spirit Award, Thursday, Nov. 20, in Orlando, Fla. Carla Knapp, National Vice President of Native Services presented the Native Spirit Award to Sanchez in person, thanking Sanchez for her exemplary service.

“I’m very honored to have received this award,” Sanchez said. “Working in the BGC movement for as long as I have, I know that there are so many individuals across the country that are doing good work, and that could easily be awarded for their efforts for what they do for youth. There are a lot of people who have their heart in it.”

“The Native Spirit Award is the most prestigious Boys & Girls Clubs of America award presented to Club staff. It recognizes individuals from our Boys & Girls Clubs on Native lands who most exemplify service to members and their families, passion for and commitment to the work, creativity and imagination, and support of the community,” according to BGC National Vice Presi-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cassandra Sanchez, Site Director, Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, received the prestigious Native Spirit Award at the 2022 Native Summit for Boys and Girls Club of America, Thursday, Nov. 10, in Orlando, Fla.

dent of Native Services, Carla Knapp (Penobscot).

Cassandra “Cass” Sanchez began working as a Program Aid in 2011, she was then promoted to Program Coordinator two years later, then Behavioral Coordinator in 2015 and Site Director in 2017. Sanchez was born and raised in Ignacio.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America has two subsets, one recognizing and supporting Native Service and another for Military Service.

“This is the first-time in the history of the club that one of our staff has been awarded a national level award,” LeClaire said. “That really kind of elevates us in front of our peers, and hopefully motivates them to continue to develop in order to gain similar recognition at a national level.”

The Native Spirit Award gives \$2,500 to the club for general operation, which

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Psychotherapist Jennifer Goodtracks wears a brand-new Pendleton blanket she received as a gift from Southern Ute Tribal Council and gives her thanks to all who attended her retirement party on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Goodtracks retires from SUHC

Long time psychotherapist bids farewell

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Psychotherapist Jennifer Goodtracks prepares for retirement after 35 years of service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Indian Health Service and the community. Employees of the Tribe gathered for a farewell event on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Multi-Purpose Facility to share food, good company and memories made with Goodtracks. She began working for Indian Health Services in 1987 and was stationed at the Southern Ute Health Center, not only working to benefit to the Tribe but also serving other tribal entities as well.

Goodtracks began working for the Tribe as a teen through the Youth Employment Program. She worked within the Southern Ute Head Start, KSUT Trib-

al Radio, Pino Nuche, and the Southern Ute Health Center. Goodtracks was also a night attendant at the Peaceful Spirit Residential Treatment Center working as a Southern Ute Police Reserve Officer.

Reflecting on the beginning of her career at the Southern Ute Health Center, Goodtracks gave good remarks to the team that was established there at the time. “When I started my job at the clinic there was a great group of people who were very helpful, very encouraging and also very, you know, honest,” Goodtracks said. “I learned a lot, you know, from the professionals that were at the clinic because I worked among the doctors, the dentists, the eye clinic people, and then my supervisor Dr. Myrna Jacobson, at that time.”

“I think that a 35-year ca-

reer at one place is not for everyone – I thought you know coming back to the Southern Ute Tribe, it was a huge goal of mine,” Goodtracks said. “Give back because the Tribe has been really good to me in terms of an education.”

Goodtracks started her educational career at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. and began studying in the nursing program. As time passed, she started to become more involved in psychology courses and eventually decided that counseling was a better fit as she personally believed it was a better route to healing people. Following her graduation, Goodtracks returned to Ignacio.

“My mom always said, you know, if you’re going to take a job, do the best that

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can be used at the discretion of the club; Sanchez also receives a personal monetary award for her exemplary service to BGC – all in conjunction with the Native Spirit Award.

“I was very surprised, because I was under the impression that I was receiving an award on behalf of Bruce LeClaire,” Sanchez said. “As she was reading the award, I figured out it was me.”

The list accomplishment that Sanchez was recognized for include Club Director’s Academy through BGC America, certified learning coach, tier one national training associate, certified trainer in first aid and CPR, certified trainer in non-violent crisis intervention, and extensive knowledge of community and diverse cultures of the tri-ethnic community in which the club services. Sanchez also sits on the board led safety committee. “Staff training is the most important because safety is our number one priority,” Sanchez said. “We have several certified trainers on staff.”

Chief Executive Officers can submit a nomination, and Sanchez was selected.

“I’m very proud of Cass and everything she does for our club, which is why I nominated her for the award,” said Bruce LeClaire, CEO for the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. “I appreciate her willingness to do whatever it takes to benefit our club and move forward as a team.”

“I started BGC as a Fort Lewis student, fell in love with it and have been here ever since,” Sanchez said. She attained her Sociology degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., and a then her Senior Seminar project became her first foray into the world of BGC. “I was already an employee of BGC [by the end of college] and moved straight into the position after graduation.”

“I think this sets the stage for our club,” Sanchez said. “Going to conferences,



courtesy Anna Bear/BGCA

The Southern Ute Veterans Association was the color guard for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2022 Native Summit Opening Ceremony, Tuesday Nov. 8, in Orlando, Fla. Pictured left to right, Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army), Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy Retired), Gordon Hammond (U.S. Marines), and Brandee Paisano (U.S. Navy).

and networking with other clubs; it gave me a perspective on how great our club is doing. Our club is specifically leading the way in best practices in many areas for clubs across the country.”

The Native Summit is a bi-annual conference, specific to clubs working in Indian Country, drawing in around 400 participants each year. Representing alongside Sanchez at this year’s summit in Florida were CEO Bruce LeClaire, Behavioral Coordinator, Journii Cordova, BGC Program Aids — Nick Sanchez, Dawrence Romero, Armondo Dominguez, plus Board President Laura Sanchez.

BGC of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is part of the Colorado Alliance. The Colorado Alliance has a council made up of directors, from each board of directors, to vote on national issues; the council is comprised of 17 clubs all together for the state.

“We pay membership dues to the alliance, which help with state funding through grants; they also lobby at the state level on anything around youth initiatives,” LeClaire explained. “National BGC of America also provides marketing, professional devel-

opment training, and funding opportunities.”

“The biggest benefit of being a department of the Tribe is that we are supported with a budget,” he added. “Additional funding opportunities come from the Colorado Alliance and national – but are not guaranteed.”

The club’s Mission Statement reads, “The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will provide a safe and nurturing environment that guides each young person on their path to developing good character, a respect of culture, diversity, academic excellence, and development of a healthy mind, body, and spirit.”

“The BGC Board of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is very proud of Cassandra Sanchez and her accomplishments as the BGC Site Director,” BGC Board President Laura Sanchez emphasized. “Receiving this award on a national level goes to show the greatness that the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is doing and that it doesn’t go unnoticed. The rest of the BGC staff also play a huge role in such great success – congratulations and way to go Cassandra and the entire BGC staff!”

Many Moons Ago



Ace Stryker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Jimmy R. Newton Jr., chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, stands before the Capitol Christmas tree shortly before cutting on Friday, Nov. 2. The tree, a 73-foot-tall Engelmann spruce, which grew to maturity in the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest about 40 miles east of Meeker, Colo., will adorn the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol this December. The U.S. Forest Service invited elders from the three Ute tribes to offer a traditional blessing before it was cut.

This photo was first published in the Nov. 16, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On November 11, 2002, a Veterans Day Gourd Dance was held to honor the veterans of the past at SunUte Community Center. Pictured is Jack Frost Jr. and Jim Jefferson honoring their comrades.

This photo was published in the Nov. 15, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Vice-Chairwoman Vida Peabody congratulates Brandy Naranjo for her hard work as a member of the 1991-92 Southern Ute Royalty.

This photo was published in the Nov. 13, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

A dinner was hosted in honor of Linda Baker and her crowning of Miss NCAI. The dinner was attended by many Southern Ute tribal members and invited guests. Seated is Judy Knight, representative from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; standing is Ella Vigil, Vida Vigil and son, both are representatives from the Jicarilla Apache Tribe.

This photo was first published in the Nov. 19, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

9th Annual LCB Memorial Walk

December 10, 2022

SunUte Community Center

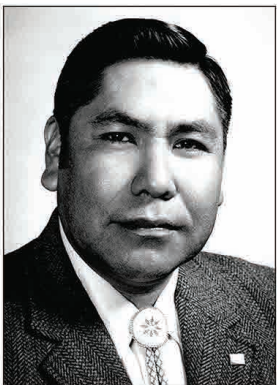


Registration 9 a.m.

Walk/Run Starts 10 a.m.

The family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to thank all involved in the annual LCB Memorial Walk/Run. The former Southern Ute Chairman, Leonard C. Burch is honored every year, on Leonard C. Burch Day.

- The first 100 adults to register will receive a free T-shirt.
- Children will receive a special prize.





Stick gamers test their skills



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Hand Game extraordinaire, Mike Santistevan demonstrates to his niece, Ruby Tallbird which “bone” is being chosen by the opposing team during stickgame action. The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. hosted the 3-man Stick Game Tournament in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's large classroom, Sat., Nov. 12, after the Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner.



First place winners, “Biya” at the conclusion of the 3-man Stick Game Tournament. “Biya” were undefeated throughout the 15-team tournament.

Betty Howe of team DGs, drums with a rattle and a beautiful hand drum during a game in the 2-man stick game tournament. DGs took home fourth place.

Bird Singers broadcast live



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Mojave Bird Singers from the Fort Mojave Reservation in Arizona were invited guests to KSUT to give a special in-studio performance Thursday, Nov. 10 as part of Native American Heritage Month. The singers sang three songs, which were simulcast on both KSUT Tribal and KSUT Four Corners radio signals. The young singers led by Johnny Ray Hemmers (center), who also is a council member of the Mojave Indian Tribe, sang a few songs in the KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center's performance studio.

The Mojave Bird Singers and Dancers from the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation stand with KSUT staff members, after the bird singers' performance, which was broadcast live-in studio. The singers and dancers later performed at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum as part of Native American History month hosted by Southern Ute Cultural Preservation.



Ft. Mojave Bird Singers



The Rez Life Bird Singers of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe visited the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum to share their unique song and dance with the community. On Thursday, Nov. 10 the group performed in the Large Classroom as part of Native American Heritage Month. The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department has collaborated with various tribal entities to organize educational events, this performance was one of many set to occur this month.

Visiting Bird Dancers proudly shared their individual style with members of the audience and encouraged attendees to dance along. The dancers adorn silk shawls, beadwork, and intricate ribbon skirts while they move in time with each song.



Rez Life Bird Singers and Dancers stand alongside elder Irene Burch following the conclusion of their performance. Burch was gifted a beaded necklace from the group as a sign of their respect, in the Fort Mojave culture elders are highly respected and are key members of their community.

Events and Heritage Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose is brought out to try Bird Dancing on Thursday, Nov. 10 during the Rez Life Bird Singers performance at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum

Native American Heritage Month

10 NOV 06:00 PM

Fort Mojave Bird Dancers and Singers
Dinner will be provided
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Large Classroom

12 NOV 11:30 AM-3:30 PM

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Sky Ute Casino Event Center

13-19 NOV 02:30 PM

3-Man Hand Game Tournament
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Large Classroom

17 NOV 06:00 PM

Pueblo and Hopi Dancers
Dinner will be provided
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Large Classroom

19 NOV 12:00 PM-7:00 PM

Gourd Dance
SunUte Community Center

22 NOV 06:00 PM

Culture Night
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Large Classroom

29 NOV 06:00 PM

Native American Heritage Month Closing Celebration
Light refreshments provided
SunUte Community Center, Gym

For more information, contact: Marvin Pinnecoose at 970-563-2988

JOIN US FOR

Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner

December 17, 2022
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sky Ute Casino Events Center

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Immediate Family, Ute Mountain Ute & Ute Indian Tribal Members.

For more information, contact:
Marvin Pinnecoose at (970) 563.2988



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Exciting things are happening at Behavioral Health

By Rebecca Gale, LCSW
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH

It has long been our desire to offer an Intensive Out-patient Program (IOP) for those clients with substance use or co-occurring (mental health and substance use) disorders. The Behavioral Health Division is now offering this programming at our facility!

What is IOP?

IOP is at least nine hours of treatment each week which occurs in an outpatient setting. Those treatment hours include groups and individual sessions that are focused on learning about addiction, trauma, life skills, physical well-being, vocational skills, emotional regulation, self-discovery, and relapse prevention.

Our groups are taught by licensed and credentialed professionals and consist of the following: Addiction Education, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Life Skills, Self-Care, Moral Reconant Therapy, Peer Recovery Coaching, Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle virtual via Teams, Medicine Wheel & 12 Step group in-person at the museum, we believe it is important to treat the whole person: mind, body, and spirit. Therefore, we are excited to collaborate with Sun Ute, and other Health Center de-

IOP Schedule

MONDAY

- **Addiction Education Grp.:** Robin Chavez, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- **Talking Circle:** Marvinina Olguin, 12 – 1 p.m.
- **Seeking Safety:** Robin Chavez, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

- **Tai Chi:** Karen Forest, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- **Nutrition** (even weeks); **Fitness** (odd weeks): Lisa Smith/Sun Ute Trainers, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- **DBT:** Jay Hayes, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

- **Life Skills/Self Care:** Robin Chavez/Jay Hayes, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Group:** Marvinina Olguin, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- **MRT:** Marlene Schafer, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

partments to also offer classes on nutrition, diet, and exercise – as we know these are important components of the recovery process.

What else is new that we are offering? We will also be offering motivational speakers on a quarterly basis. These are members of the community who will contribute by sharing their own recovery stories, and elders who will share about traditional teachings on sobriety and wellness. Our first speaker will be Southern Ute Vietnam veteran, Rod Grove who will share his recovery journey

with us on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9a.m. at the Behavioral Health Building.

Look for future articles describing in more detail the groups and classes being offered on the schedule below. We encourage anyone who might need extra support for a Substance Use or Mental Health Disorder to sign up for any of these groups they feel would be helpful for them. You do not have to be court ordered to IOP to participate in any of our groups. You only need to be enrolled as a patient at the Southern Ute Health Center. Please call 970-563-5700 for more information or to sign up. We are located at 4101 CR 222, in Durango, Colo. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8

Simply calling or texting 988 or chatting 988Lifeline.org will connect you to compassionate care and support for mental health-related distress. #988Lifeline

HEALTHY RECIPES

Cornbread using locally sourced blue cornmeal

By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Try this take on cornbread using locally sourced blue cornmeal. This delicious side dish goes well with chili, soups, and stews. It's got a higher protein content, heartier texture and nuttier flavor than white or yellow cornmeal. Blue cornmeal is a traditional Native American ingredient that can be used to make tortillas, muffins, or mush. This is also a gluten free dish!



courtesy Flippin Delicious

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

Green Chili Cheddar Blue Cornbread

Ingredients:

- 2 cups blue cornmeal
- 1 can creamed corn
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- ½ cup oil (vegetable, canola)
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 3 eggs
- 4 oz can chopped green chilies
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter

Servings: 12

Nutrition per serving: 216 Calories, 16g Fat, 14.5 g Carbohydrates, 1.4g Fiber, 5.6g Protein, 452mg Sodium, 32% DV of Vitamin D

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, place all ingredients except butter, stirring well to combine.
3. Place the butter in the bottom of an oven safe 9" baking pan and place in oven to melt.
4. Pour ingredients into the pan with melted butter.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the edges are browned. To check for doneness, the middle shouldn't jiggle and/or a toothpick placed in the middle comes out clean.
6. Let cool for about 10 minutes before cutting and serving.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Introducing Brandilyn Peabody-Archuleta

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

My name is Brandilyn Peabody-Archuleta. My maternal grandparents are Vida B. Peabody and the late Frederick Peabody. My paternal grandparents are the late Mary and Raphael Herrera. My mother is Helene Peabody and my father is Michael Herrera. I have four sons and two grandsons. I have been happily married for 16 years. I have lived on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and worked within my community my entire life.

My education and background are in family development and case management. I received my certification in 2008 from the University of California-Berke-



Brandilyn Peabody-Archuleta
Referral Coordinator
Southern Ute Health Center

I have worked with children and their families for over 20 years regarding health tracking, goal setting, referrals to resources/specialty providers and emergency services. I am also

certified by the State of Colorado to assist with Medicaid applications.

My current position is the Referral Coordinator for the Southern Ute Health Center. In this position I maintain on-going tracking of patient referral for in-house or outside services. I assist patients with making appointments for outside services and answering any questions regarding referrals. I work closely with our providers, Tribal Member Health Benefits and referred offices, so our patients receive the best care possible.

If you have any questions, please call me at 970-563-2358 or stop by my office located in the Southern Ute Health Center.

I look forward to speaking with you!

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

The following list of providers are Non-emergency Medical Transportation providers who transport NM and CO Medicaid enrollees to their medical appointments.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND INFORMATION

Durango, Colo. Area

- Southwest Rides – Accepts Medicaid.
- Animas Transportation – Accepts Medicaid
- Visiting Angels – Does not accept Medicaid or Medicare just VA.
- Durango Cab – Accepts Medicaid but must call in advance to fill out paperwork.

Farmington, N.M. Area

- Safe Ride (Phone is shut down)
- Lou Go's Taxi (Travels to CO, NM) – Does not take insurance.
- Painted Hills Transport – NM Medicaid only and does transport to Durango area.
- Shima Transport – NM Medicaid and commercial ins plans. Areas to serve are: Navajo Nation, Zuni Reservation, Laguna Pueblo, and some outlying areas.

Elder Services Program

Nana-pu-chiu Káni

November Activities 2022

Nov 24th & 25th Tribal office
Closed for Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day – Kwiyut Tavay

Nov 29th Farmington Shopping Trip
Van will be Leaving at 9:00AM

Call Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156 If you have any Questions.

Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center

+ introduce +

Patient Advocate Line

(970) 563.4757

Tribal members and Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) patients can utilize the new Patient Advocate Line for issues and concerns regarding the provision of their healthcare. This will help the Tribal Health Department and SUHC ensure that we are providing the highest quality care for tribal members and our patients. The line can also be used to give shout-outs to healthcare staff who are going above and beyond.

Try it out today!

Produced by Lindsay J. Box



Sharing Indigenous ingredients



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Karlos Baca – founder of Taste of Native Cuisine – taught students and their families how to make acorn stew and deer meat on Monday, Nov. 14. Participants Lori Herrera, Sabrina Black and family had the opportunity to break acorns and turn them into acorn powder. The event provides hands on cooking skills while also teaching the importance of utilizing traditional and nutritional Indigenous ingredients.

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness partnered with Cooking Matters to provide monthly Indigenous Cooking Matters classes for families of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy located at the Southern Ute Education Department. Diabetes Coordinator Shawmarie Tso takes a turn splitting acorns.



SUIMA traditional meal



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

O’Hozhoni Larry serves herself dessert during the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) traditional meal on Friday, Nov. 4 in the dining hall. Upper elementary students celebrated the start of Native American Heritage Month with a traditional meal of buffalo stew and fry bread or yuvaana. Throughout the month students at SUIMA will participate in a variety of activities learning about Ute culture and the importance of why Native American Heritage Month is celebrated.

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you can at whatever job you can because it does give you a paycheck and to be humble about that,” Goodtracks said. She was hired as a Mental Health Professional at the Southern Ute Health Center in June of 1987 and has been working there since. Goodtracks became a recipient of the Indian Health Service “Outstanding Customer Service” award on May 1, 2015, and during her 35 years of service worked to complete her master’s degree. As a Southern Ute tribal member and elder, Goodtracks has helped the Behavioral Health Department to have a better understanding and respect for Southern Ute culture, according to Behavioral Health Manager, Mary Trujillo Young, Ph.D., Goodtracks was a great educator within the department. She also gave recognition to three individuals who were the driving force in her journey through education and eventually her career choice as well. “My late mother [and] the late Lorraine Duran who was a tribal member and has been a nurse for the clinic, and the late Shirley Frost who is also a tribal member and was a medical records person,” Goodtracks



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jennifer Goodtracks stands alongside past co-workers Dr. Myrna Jacobsen, Sheryl McManus, Corliss Taylor, Patricia Torres, Marge Barry, and Sharon Cook following her presentation of gifts at her retirement party. Goodtracks worked alongside these ladies for many years at the Southern Ute Health Center prior to her retirement. said. “Those three ladies have been a foundation for pushing education and career-doing the job that you are passionate about; I think they were the driving force.” Transitioning into retirement, she is looking forward to spending more quality time with her family, specifically her husband, children, and extended family. “Spending more time with my young adult kids—because you know they kind of sacrificed their mom to this job,” Goodtracks said. “And to be able to spend more time with my husband as well, and my extended family members.” “But I am also excited that I am going to have more time to be creative in terms of sewing and beading,” Goodtracks said. “If anybody knows me, that’s something I am really passionate about.” Young gave her best regards to Goodtracks in her retirement. “I have enjoyed working with and learning from Jennifer so much,” Young said in an email. “I will miss this daily contact and laughter, but I am happy she will be able to spend more time with her family and contribute to the community in different ways.”

Tribal Health Dept., Patient Advocate Line 970-563-4557

CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùumuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

What is RSV?

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

In the past couple of weeks, local and national news agencies have been talking a lot about a virus called RSV that has recently infected many children, some severe enough to require hospitalization. RSV stands for respiratory syncytial virus. It is a very common virus: nearly all children are infected by two years of age and can be reinfected many times. While RSV can infect people of any age, it usually only causes disease during the winter and severe illness in children under five years old. Premature infants and young children with other serious, chronic illnesses are most at risk of having a severe disease caused by RSV. Fortunately, RSV infection is usually mild and looks like a typical cold, but it sometimes causes disease in the lower respiratory tract, most commonly a condition called bronchiolitis. The smallest breathing tubes at the end of the many branches that occur in the lungs are called bronchioles and are like the tiniest twigs on a tree branch. A viral infection in these bronchioles can cause inflammation there called bronchiolitis. Because they are already so small (particularly in a tiny human), a little bit of inflammation-causing narrowing in these tiny tubes can impact breathing. Sometimes the narrowing can cause loud breathing called wheezing and it almost always causes coughing. It can also make it hard for oxygen to get from the lungs into the bloodstream, resulting in a low oxygen



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

level. In the very youngest babies, bronchiolitis can cause a pause in breathing called apnea. Many other viruses cause bronchiolitis, but RSV is one of the most common and one we can most easily test for. There are different ways to diagnose RSV, but the most used method in clinics is with a swab of the nostrils and a test that takes less than 30 minutes. Sometimes the symptoms are so consistent and there are so many RSV infections in other kids in the community that the provider doesn’t need a test to know it is likely an RSV infection. Most clinics don’t test healthy kids older than four years old because they so rarely have serious infections or need to be hospitalized. If a young child is diagnosed with RSV bronchiolitis, the provider will check their breathing to see if they are working harder than usual, their oxygen level to be sure it is at a safe level, and that they are drinking enough fluids to stay well hydrated. For most kids with RSV, there is no treatment and what they need are rest, fluids, and close monitoring. Unfortunately, sometimes kids with RSV bronchiolitis need to get hospitalized because they need oxygen support and/or IV fluids.

RSV is very common this time of year, but 2022 has had rates in kids much higher than any of the past five years. It spreads like all respiratory viruses: through particles in the air, spread most widely by uncovered coughs or sneezes. The good news is that it is mild in most kids and they will recover fully from an RSV infection after seven to 10 days, though some kids will go on to have recurrent wheezing. As a parent, you know your child is sick and you definitely know when they are coughing, but it can be hard to tell how hard they are working to breathe and impossible to know their oxygen level. If you have any concerns about your sick child, it is a good idea to bring them to a provider to be evaluated. You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic for illness symptoms or anything else by calling 970-563-4581. For more information about RSV check out: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/chest-lungs/Pages/RSV-When-Its-More-Than-Just-a-Cold.aspx> or <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/high-risk/infants-young-children.html>.

FUN DENTAL FACTS

- The hardest substance found in the human body is your tooth enamel.
- Flossing is an essential part of oral hygiene. When you do not floss, you are missing over 40% of tooth surfaces, which is why your dentist always emphasizes flossing!
- Those who drink three or more cups of soda per day are 62% more likely to suffer from tooth decay, tooth loss, and fillings than others. Stay away from soft drinks!

Promoting pink



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Manager Morgann Graham mingles with attendees of the Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner, the event room is adorned with pink decorations as guests enjoy a catered dinner and informational presentation explaining the importance of being screened for breast cancer.

Colorado State Patrol officers stand next to their pink patrol car, during the Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Attendees had the opportunity to sign the colored vehicle to show their support for Breast Cancer awareness.





SUIMA

Kwanachigani pe’ekwatu

Eagle’s Nest

Parent teacher conferences build partnerships

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
So. Ute Indian Montessori Academy

SUIMA’s parent teacher conferences were held last week, and our turnout was wonderful! Though we didn’t make 100% due to various circumstances, we did reach 95%! The purpose of conferences is to help set goals: culturally, socially, and academically.

Conferences also help build partnerships between home and school. But these partnerships involve more than just attending conferences. These partnerships build as soon as parents’ step through the door of the SUIMA office or their child’s classroom. Partnerships are also built through involvement and cooperation in the form of volunteering or being present in the community.

We know that all parents lead very busy lives, and we thank you for taking the time to attend the conferences. We believe that the most important and effective involvement that parents can engage in is involvement with their own children. We also believe we have some awesome parents!

Comments heard during the conference week

- I am so happy to see how far my child has progressed.
- My child is happy when he/she comes to school.
- My child loves being here. His/her teacher takes time to listen and makes him/her feel welcomed and important.
- It is good to hear the staff speaking Ute, my child is speaking more at home.
- There is so much more pos-



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy assisted in erecting a tipi on Thursday, Nov. 10 just outside of the Ute Language Classroom. Zitaviyus Richards, Raphael Herrera, and Kiko Pardo work together to move tipi poles into the field.

- My child has learned to enjoy reading and reads at home all the time.
- My child is reading an older Ute book he/she found at the grandparents’ house.
- It makes it easier to drop my child off in the mornings.
- It feels like a family, and we are all connected.
- He/she keeps testing us on math!

Nuu’apaghapi
(Ute phrases and sentences)

To help the families continue using Ute language at home, refer to these sentences next week.

- ‘úmu ‘áa’ túu’ay? – Are you fine?
- ‘úu túu’ayinu. – Yes, I am fine.
- Kachinu, tuu’ay wa. – Not me, I am not fine.
- ‘úmu ‘áa’ wəini? – Are you tired?
- ‘úu wəininu. – Yes, I am tired.
- Kachinu, wəini wa. – Not me, I am not tired.
- núuchi – Ute People
- pa’amanuni – all
- núupacha – moccasin
- təkay – eat
- kumuy – corn
- núuaghatəghochi – spirit plate

Upcoming events

- 11/19 – Gourd Dance at Sun Ute, noon – 7 p.m.
- 11/21-25 – No School: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 – Upper Elementary Candy Cane Sale
- 12/1-10 – Open Enrollment
- 12/9 – No School: Leonard C. Burch Day
- 12/20 – PAG via Zoom
- 12/22 – Upper Elementary Bake Sale
- 12/23-1/6 – No School: Christmas Break

SUIMA’s open enrollment take place from Dec. 1- 10: Space varies depending upon the level, but there is room in all classrooms which includes infants, toddlers, primary, lower elementary, and upper elementary. Registration forms can be found at www.suima.org.

Hello Bobcat Family!



photos courtesy Ignacio Elementary School

We love to share some pictures of the collaboration between the Elementary school and the Middle School. Mr. Quiroz (a.k.a. Mr. Q), our middle school Affective Education teacher, and the following elementary teachers: myself (Ellen Young), Ms. Lee, Mrs. Herrera, Mrs. Pepper and Ms. Godwin have partnered up to host middle school students to come read with our littles in the late afternoon around 2:15 on Wednesdays.



We are seeing wonderful progress with our middle school students reading to our classes. Last week we implemented AR testing after the read-aloud. The kids did great!!! We hope to have more teachers from K-3 to join the academic venture.

If you are interested in having a middle school student from Mr. Q’s classes come read to your class, please contact Mr. Q at dquiroz@ignacioschools.org. Thank you, Mrs. Johnston, and Mrs. Talamante-Montaya

EDUCATION

Non-profit aims to improve education opportunities for rural students

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative (SWCEC) kicked off their “Building Our Shared Future” event on Friday, Oct. 21 at Ignacio High School. Formed in 2021, SWCEC is the first of its kind model in Colorado aimed towards improving educational opportunities for rural students in Southwest Colorado.

In an interview with the Executive Director of SWCEC, Jessica Morrison, she explained that SWCEC is a nonprofit organization that brings together K-12, higher education, and industry leaders to build career and college pathways for our region. The collaborative’s overall mission is to help all students have equitable educational access to career and college pathways, that the student will be excited to engage in, that will ultimately



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Kristi Lewis, CTE Business Teacher at Durango High School, shares pathway ideas during the third breakout session of the “Building Our Shared Future” Pathway Design event hosted by the Ignacio School District.

grow the next generation of the workforce.

“There’s a lot of pieces that are a part of our current college pathway, but all of the different components always have this one specific lens of equitable access,” Morrison said. “Meaning any student, regardless of zip code in our region, if their school district is a part of our collaborative, they will have ac-

cess to the same resources in those pathways as a student in another district.”

Students have the opportunity to participate in five career pathways; education, environmental, tourism, hospitality, and health sciences. SWCEC is an implementer, they help support work-based learning opportunities for students

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Eagle reads to SUIMA students



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Vice-Chairman Ramona Eagle visited the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy primary three and four classrooms to read them stories for Native American Month on Thursday Nov. 10. The students interacted with finger puppets, which Vice-Chairman Eagle brought as she read through each story, asking and providing Ute words for questions for the students.

SUIMA tipi raising



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Darwin Whiteman Jr., Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Councilman, and his nephew Chazton Goodblanket visit the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) to teach the importance of the tipi and share their knowledge of erecting tipis. Whiteman Jr. gave encouraging words to all in attendance and gave a prayer for all the staff, students, and their families.



SUIMA student, Osias Goodtracks hammers stakes into the ground helping to add the finishing touches of the tipi.



BOBCAT BULLETIN

November: Expressing our thanks

By Barb Fjerstad, Principal
IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

November is the month we express our thanks for so many wonderful things in our lives. This November I reflect on much that we can be thankful for. Thankful for the Veterans young and old who took the oath to defend and fight for our country. We can continue to enjoy the freedoms and rights granted to us because of their sacrifices. Ignacio High School students had the exciting opportunity to sit and converse with two of our Southern Ute veterans, Ronnie Baker and Howard Richards Sr. The students commented that they really appreciated the visit because they were able to ask questions and get to know the veterans on such a personal level.

Thankful for the hard work of our student athletes, musicians, and scholars this fall. Our athletes on the volleyball court, cross country course, and on the football field had some tremendous wins and fought some hard battles. The students worked hard to improve their grades this fall and took advantage of our tutoring on activity Fridays. Our Knowledge Bowl team, under the guidance of a new coach, Mrs. Schulz, traveled to “in person” knowledge bowl meets and is learning more every single competition. We are now moving into our winter sports. Boys and girls bas-



Barb Fjerstad
Principal
Ignacio High School

ketball and wrestling start practices this week and contests are just around the corner. Our student musicians, under the tutelage of Mr. Moraga, did an outstanding job with their fall concert. Our students may be small in numbers, but they are mighty.

Thankful for the hard-working teachers, support staff and so, so many others who make educating the young adults in our building possible. Our two science teachers, Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Larsen, took a group of about 100 students to Fort Lewis College so the students could see where various science pathways could lead them in future careers. Our amazing FFA advisor and Ag Teacher, Mariah Klingler, just got back from a trip to the FFA National Convention with a small group of students. They got to tour Churchill Downs, In-

dianapolis Speedway, and the Louisville Slugger Museum. The students learned a lot at the leadership conference and had a great time. Mrs. Gullion and her amazing Student Senate students organized and led an incredibly successful homecoming week full of activities, sports, and dances.

Thankful for the time and effort our community put into our Strategic Plan last school year; it has helped me focus on the needs of our students and school. One of the goals identified focused on increasing parent involvement in our school. The addition of a Tailgate Party to Homecoming this year was one effort. We learned a lot from that event and know how to make it bigger and better next year.

Additionally, we are currently planning several activities that parents can be a part of to celebrate our amazing students. We always welcome parents and community members to be a part of our school and district. All buildings have Building Accountability Meetings, we have a District Health Team, and many other opportunities to be involved and to help your student’s school become even better. Please feel free to reach out to any building administrator for more information.

And finally, I am thankful for the amazing and supportive community that helps us guide and teach the young Bobcats who are our future.



Students of the season



Zaliyah Bluestar
Elementary School

Zaliyah Bluestar

I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Fall. My name is Zaliyah Bluestar and I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a first grader. My mom is Daisy Bluestar. I enjoy math and specials; my favorite subject is math. My positive role models are Mrs. Herrera and Miss M. When I grow up, I would like to be a Police Officer.

Southern Ute Education Teacher Comments: “Zaliyah is a delightful student, and this is her second year joining me for after-school tutoring. She is a hard worker with a positive attitude who is excited to learn and accept new challenges. Zaliyah is kind to her classmates and respectful to her teachers. I enjoy her infectious laughter and her kind, gentle spirit. She is a joy to have in my classroom!” Mrs. Krispin said.

Classroom Teacher Comments: “Zaliyah is a very sweet girl who shows respect and kindness to her teachers and peers daily. She has a nurturing heart and is always helping someone out, whether it is helping tie their shoes, helping them with schoolwork, reading them a story, or cheering them up. Zaliyah brings joy to our classroom. She also comes to school each day ready to listen and learn. I am grateful that she is part of my classroom.” Mrs. Herrera said.

Family Comments: Zaliyah is a loving sister. She helps keep the family in line with her supportive directives. She looks out for everyone and has a big heart. She helps her mom clean house, do dishes and cook. Zaliyah is our beautiful baby sister ‘Z’”.



Neeka Howe
Middle School

Neeka Howe

I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Fall 2022. My name is Neeka Howe and I attend Ignacio Middle School, where I am a sixth grader. My pwarents/guardians are mom Shyida Howe, dad Jake Ryder, and stepmom Mariah Peña. I most enjoy the people I've met at middle school and my favorite subjects are science, math, and history. My positive role models are Mrs. Burch, my older sister Torrica Howe and my mom Shyida Howe. When I grow up, I would like to be a photographer and travel the world.

Southern Ute Education Teacher Comments: “It is a pleasure to nominate Neeka for this honor. She is well liked by students and teachers alike and came with glowing recommendations from the IMS teaching and administrative staff,” Public Education Teacher Julie Stone said.

Classroom Teacher Comments: “Neeka is enjoyed by all! She demonstrates maturity and many qualities of Character Counts. She is a good friend to others and works hard to keep good grades and has very few absences from school. She is a joy to have in class! Good job Neeka, you are a deserving student and a positive role model to your peers!” Public Education Teacher Julie Stone said.

Family Comments: “Neeka has always been very independent and outspoken,” mother Shyida Howe said.

“Mae, I am so proud of you and your achievements keep working hard,” sister Torrica Howe said.

“Neeka, you are amazing and always thinking of others around you, keep being a leader,” stepmother Mariah Peña said.

“You hear my words when I say, ‘be a leader’ and for you to hear me means a lot in today’s world of technology,” father Jake Ryder said.



Amaira Brown Watts
High School

Amaira Brown Watts

I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Fall 2022 because of “My positive attitude and growth in her academics.” My name is Amaira Brown Watts and I attend Ignacio High School where I am a tenth grader or sophomore. Lunch is what I like the best about school and my favorite subject is lunch.

Southern Ute Education Teacher Comments: “Amaira always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude when I see her. She has shown improvement with her schoolwork. I am proud of her growth in her academic success,” Public Education Tutor, ShaRay Rock said.

Classroom Teacher Comments: “Amaira is always a joy to have in classes. She has shown progress in her academics,” ShaRay Rock said.

Songs of the season



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The combined Ignacio High School and Middle School Concert band present the song “Celtic Air and Dance,” on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Ignacio High School Auditorium. The bands were conducted by Music Department Director, Chris Moraga.



Southern Ute tribal member, Nate Hendren performs his solo during the popular Herbie Hancock song, “Cantaloupe Island,” Hendren is one of four students in the Ignacio High School Jazz Band.



Ignacio high school clarinet player, Solymar Cosio performs the “Star War’s Main Theme” along with her bandmates as part of the closing song for the program.

Durango Shared School visits



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Raelynn Torres, Museum Education and Outreach Coordinator, gives a tour to visiting students from Durango Shared School. The group visited on Wednesday, Nov. 9 and throughout the tour students learned the history of the Ute people and explored the artifacts within the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

Grace Gonzales, Miss Southern Ute, introduces herself to the visiting Durango Shared School, she shared what her role as an ambassador entails, she also taught each student how to introduce themselves in the Ute language and encouraged the importance of being proud of who you are.



Spring 2023 Student Internships at AASTEC

AASTEC is seeking eligible American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) undergraduate and graduate student applicants for a remote, paid internship this upcoming Spring 2023 semester (approximately 20 hours/week). AI/AN students enrolled in a public health, health education, or other allied field degree program at an accredited university are invited to learn more about the internship program and apply online by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 here: <https://sites.google.com/view/aastecinternship>. If you have a student interested in completing a practicum/capstone, or fulfilling a field experience course requirement with AASTEC, please have them reach out to me directly at cparshall@aaihb.org. First-time applicants will need to submit a letter of recommendation, a current CV/resume, and up-to-date transcripts. Undergraduate applicants must have completed a full year of college coursework before they may be considered for an internship position.

Honoring veterans in Washington, D.C.



Koren War veteran, Donald E. Loudner serves as the National Commander for the National Native American Veterans, accompanied by the organization's National Director of Governmental Affairs, Frank Ramirez. Loudner leads Friday's procession across the National mall in Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the National Native Americans Veterans Memorial.

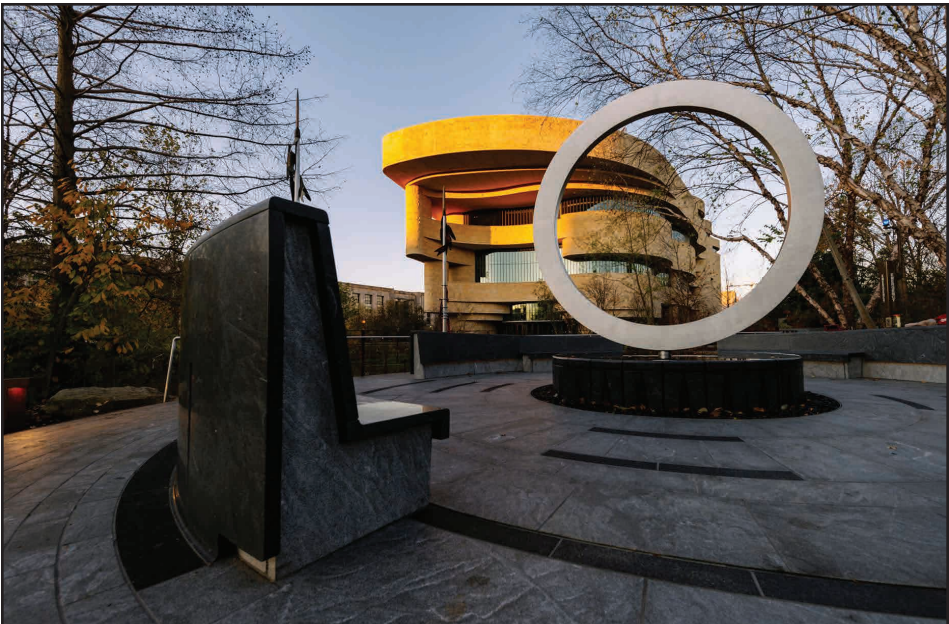
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Southern Ute Council Member, Linda Baker shows support for the Veterans Association, joining the procession in Washington, D.C. The National Native Americans Veterans Memorial was formally dedicated last weekend. The three-day event brought tribes together from across Indian Country for historic procession down the National Mall, Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.



Southern Ute Veterans Association members, pictured left to right: Bruce Valdez (U.S. Army), Gordon Hammond (U.S. Marines), Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy Retired), and Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army), during the Native American Heritage Month program at The Pentagon, Thursday, Nov. 10.



courtesy Alan Karchmer/National Museum of the American Indian

The National Native American Veterans Memorial, November 2020, On the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Designed by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes).

VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION BRINGS TRIBES TOGETHER IN D.C. • FROM PAGE 1

kind, bringing guest speakers, cultural performances, and a formal presentation of the eagle staff and flag song by the Kiowa Black Leggings Warriors Society from Carnegie, Okla.

The Pentagon is the headquarters building of the United States Department of Defense. Built during World War II as a symbol of the U.S. military; construction took place between 1941 and 1943 in the heart of Washington, D.C. – the nature of this specific location added another layer of historical significance and symbolism to the Native American Heritage Month program honoring Native veterans.

“The invitation to the Pentagon’s first open event for the Native American Heritage Month and the Smithsonian’s dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial was historical at a national level,” emphasized Southern Ute Veteran Raymond Baker, U.S. Navy Retired.

“The opportunity to represent Indian Country, my Tribe and all warriors past and present was a true honor,” Baker said. “Our Southern Ute Veterans Association members are true stewards and ambassadors that have a proven track record for getting positive results and establishing new ways ahead. I

look forward to seeing what other endeavors we can accomplish in the future.”

Joining Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy Retired) in Washington, D.C. were fellow Southern Ute Veterans Association members – Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army), Bruce Valdez (U.S. Army), Gordon Hammond (U.S. Marines), and Southern Ute Tribal Council member, Linda Baker.

The National Museum of the American Indian purposefully celebrated the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day this year, Friday, Nov. 11. Describing the memorial as a “special space that rightfully honors the military service and sacrifice of generations of Native heroes,” according to an NMAI press release. “Currently, more than 31,000 Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives serve on active duty, and more than 140,000 veterans identify as Native – and we are honored to celebrate their enduring contribution and sacrifice.”

The dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial was symbolically kicked off with a historic procession of Native Veterans and their respective color guards on the National Mall, Friday, Nov. 11

– commemorating this highly significant event by recognizing the enduring service of Native American soldiers.

The procession brought an estimated 1,700 Native veterans and their supporters down Independence Avenue SW and onto the National Mall, where tribal flags were lined up representing sovereign tribes across North America. Following the formal dedication speeches, the flame of the National Native American Veterans Memorial was lit for the first time as dusk settled over the nation’s capitol.

“On this Veterans Day, we hope you will celebrate with us as we reflect on the impact of this inclusive space that honors all Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans and their families, and welcomes visitors from all walks of life,” said David Saunders, NMAI Director of Membership. “Native Americans have served in the United States military in extraordinary numbers since the country’s founding. Despite this 250-year legacy of sacrifice, however, the military contributions of Native Americans have often gone unrecognized at the national level. Until now.”

“Through elements that are significant to Native cultures throughout the Americas – such as the memorial’s

circular shape, representing the cycle of life, and the water pulsing on the memorial’s base, representing the drumbeat calling people to gather together – the National Native American Veterans Memorial serves as a place to honor the sacrifices and service of generations of Native veterans,” according to the NMAI press release.

“Thanks to the generosity of its members, the National Museum of the American Indian opened the National Native American Veterans Memorial to the public on November 11th – Veterans Day, 2020,” Saunders said. “And today, on the two-year anniversary of the monument’s opening, the museum will pay tribute to our nation’s long overlooked Native heroes through a three-day dedication of the memorial.”

The structure’s designer, Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), is a Southern Cheyenne Peace Chief, a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, and an artist. His concept, entitled “Warriors’ Circle of Honor,” was unanimously selected by a jury from 120 proposals.

The National Museum of the American Indian raised \$15 million for construction of the memorial. Those Fundraising efforts contin-

ue with a \$5 million goal to support ongoing programming, interpretation, maintenance, and endowment.

“The memorial functions as a long overdue homage to the tens of thousands of Native Americans who have served this country in every major military conflict since its founding – as well as the loved ones who have supported them along the way,” Saunders said. “Helping us bring awareness to a long history of military service that has too often gone unacknowledged.”

The National Museum of the American Indian remained open to the public, where visitors had an opportunity to visit the exhibition Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces on the museum’s second floor.

The non-fiction book, “Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces,” acts as a companion piece to the NMAI exhibit and chronicles the generations of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the United States Armed Forces during every military conflict since the country’s founding. Published in conjunction with the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Me-

morial at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., the book features seldom told stories of Native service as well as a wealth of images, including sketches, photographs, contemporary art, and objects from the museum’s collections.

In the book, Native veterans discuss their reasons for serving. “Foremost among these was an inherited duty to protect their homeland, family, community, and way of life,” according to the book’s authors. “At a consultation hosted by the Southern Ute Tribe, tribal member and Vietnam Veteran Rod Grove remarked, ‘Our great-great-grandparents’ bones are in this land that we live on, so we still think of it as our own. We’re willing to put forth our lives to keep enemies away.’”

Similar sentiments echo across the country by generations of Native Americans who have served, or continue to serve, to protect their homelands through military service in the U.S. Armed Forces. “I found out I am not fighting for the little bitty piece of land I talk about, or my immediate family. I found out I was fighting for all the Indian people, all the people of the United States,” stated Samuel Tso (Navajo), United States Marine Corps.



The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society served as color guard during the Native American Heritage Month celebration at The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia – recognizing Native veterans and their dedicated service to this country.

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The Southern Ute Drum



“Native people have been serving in the military since before we were citizens,” said U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Maureen Trujillo (Cochiti Pueblo), during the Native American Heritage Month program at The Pentagon, Thursday, Nov. 10.



Attending the procession in Washington, D.C. is one of the remining Navajo Code Talkers, Thomas H. Begay (U.S. Marines) who hails from New Mexico.



Bruce Valdez (U.S. Army) readies for the procession along Independence Avenue SW. The long-awaited dedication of the National Native Americans Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park, Washington D.C. brought tribes together from across Indian Country for a historic procession down the National Mall, Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.



The Southern Ute Veterans Association was among the many retired and serving military groups being recognized in the U.S. Capitol this weekend.

Vets gourd dancing in Utah



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Miss Indian Broken Trail hosted a veterans gourd dance at the Whitehorse High School in Montezuma Creek, Utah on Saturday Nov. 12. Head Gourd dancer was Marine Corp Veteran and Southern Ute tribal elder, Jack Frost Jr. The gourd dance was to honor all veterans past, present and future.



Jack Frost Jr., (USMC) head gourd dancer dances during the afternoon session at the veterans gourd dance in Montezuma Creek, Utah.

Veterans visit Ignacio schools



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association members Ronnie Baker and Howard Richards Sr. answer questions from students at the conclusion of Veteran's Recognition Day at the Ignacio Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 10. Students asked a variety of questions about their time in the military, their routines, their experiences in battle, and the locations they visited, making for a great discussion.

Ignacio Middle School students attentively listen to stories told by Southern Ute Veterans Association members Howard Richards Sr. and Ronnie Baker during their visit to the Ignacio School District. This will be the first year the school district has organized a day of recognition for local and Tribal veterans and hopes to make this a tradition for the district in years to come.





AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

If we're lucky, it never ends

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

THE CLOSING OF A CHAPTER

Some people are still farming some types of agriculture. Some are experimenting with green houses. Some have mastered the concept of year-round growing. I can only speak for my own farm. This be-



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

A fear of many farmers is that of burning willows. The way I am facing this fear is to brush hog the current willows that creep out beyond the ditches. This should make burning willows easier in the winter and keep flames from running away. My ditches have also been disced out to prepare to implement spring plans.

ing the first year on my own, I have been keeping a daily journal of the farm, my expenses, and my activities. This will serve as a benchmark next year. I expect that there will be striking similarities to habits and actions that will be needed next year that will coincide with what happened this year. No need to reinvent the wheel. Having the journal, making notes on my tribal calendar, and keeping every receipt should cut down on unpredictability. This year was tricky with no rain in April and May. We also had an endless supply of rain in August and September. Both dilemmas made it hard to bring in a first cut or second cut of hay. The tricky time of year that it was, it is over for me. I've noted that the third week of September seems to be when the sun stops drying the hay on the ground, the temperature keeps the grass moist, and the moisture just seems to be constant. It was a rough year, but much was learned and I'm anxious to implement better practices to give the fields a better start next year.

DOWN TIME

Make no mistake, there is still so much that needs to be done. At this point in the year, the limiting factor is that the sun goes down before 6 p.m. Not much time to get home from work and get much done. The mornings greet us with ice and temperatures below 20 degrees. The past few weeks have been overcast in the daytime and cold just cuts to the bone. Best hope is to just make a strong game plan for the weekend. Much time has been spent on brush clearing, ditch repair and removal, and discing the fields in preparation for next year. I was hoping to do a fall planting into fields that were not used this year, but



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

This field was riddled with prairie dog holes and mounds. It also wasn't irrigated this year. Much tractor time has been spent getting it ready for planting and fertilizing next year. Look forward to great things when the time and effort are put in.

it is too late to do that now. At least I can prepare the ground for a spring planting and heavy dose of fertilizer. Even then, we may not see anything worth cutting from those fields until 2024.

The point is to keep improving. When I built the business plan for the farm last year, by mission statement I chose was "20% more productive land each year, 100% given every day". The idea was to start with two fields and add two more fields each year. Within five years, 100% of the farm would be up and running. We are well ahead of that plan. Being two years in, we are already at 60% of the property producing grasses that can be baled. More impor-

tantly, the ground is greener, the soil reports are looking better, and the ground is healthier. This was always my mission, to reestablish the farm to be healthy...to be a good steward to my tribal assignment.

THE BEAT GOES ON

Waking up at 4:30 a.m. to irrigate in the spring and summer was getting to be difficult as we got into September. I was getting burnt out. Seems like the end of season came just in time. So now the focus switches to cutting down invasive trees, thinning down willows along the ditches, fixing fences, and leveling trouble areas and prairie dog mounds. I recommend keeping a journal because it also gives sanity at times to people who may need a reminder of all the things that were accomplished throughout the year. Take pictures of your fields throughout the year and track the changes.

Hard work and labor are rewarded in the progress you make and the memory of each obstacle that each field presents. In late April or early May, the wa-

ter should be ready to come on again. Be prepared for a great year and avoid last minute panic. Now is a good time for barn repairs, tractor or implement maintenance, and planning the success for next year's harvest to be stronger than this year. I used my tribal calendar to track things such as when the water came on, when to plant, when to fertilize, when grasses started to emerge, when those same grasses turbo charged, when grass heads seeded out, when I cut hay, when my neighbors cut their hay, when people said monsoon season was, when I saw monsoons actually close cutting windows and soak hay cut on the ground, temperatures were tracked on a weekly basis, the amount of sunlight was recorded every two weeks, and finally, when the season seemed to end. For me, this was right around the third week of September.

Note to self: Be done before then...next year. Remember, wisdom is simply knowledge coupled with experience. With one more year under our belt, we all should be wiser for the wear.



JOURNEYMEN

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CELEBRATE SKY UTE CASINO RESORT'S 14TH ANNIVERSARY WITH JOURNEYMEN!

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Notice

Firewood Distribution


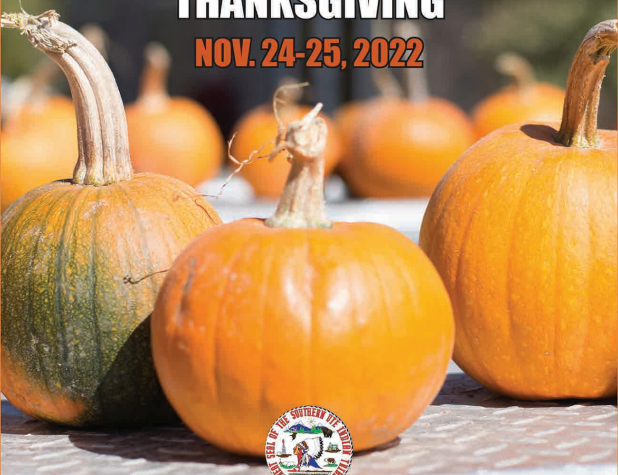
FIREWOOD SEASON
Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 through April 30, 2023

You may call the Forestry Division at 970-563-4780 Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to place an order for firewood. Firewood may be picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and from 12:30 – 4 p.m. Firewood deliveries for Tribal member elders residing within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Reservation occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the order in which they are received. No firewood pickups or deliveries will occur on Fridays. To be eligible for the firewood program you must be a Southern Ute Tribal member 18 years and older and have a functioning firewood place or wood stove at your primary residence.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSURE

THANKSGIVING

NOV. 24-25, 2022



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Film sneak peek



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The screening of “Colorado Experience: The Tabeguache Ute in Twin Lakes” held a panel discussion. Featured guests included Ute Mountain Ute tribal member, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, tribal lawyer and Twin Lakes resident, Judy Leaming, and architectural historian and Twin Lakes resident, Kurt Schweigert. This episode of depicts the untold history of Twin Lakes which is the homeland to the Tabeguache Ute people – from broken treaties to modern day discussions of reconciliation within the area.



Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer, Marg Barry, attended the screening of “Colorado Experience: The Tabeguache Ute in Twin Lakes.” She adds her take to the question “what does the term ‘land back’ mean to you” from a viewer and shared her insight as a Ute woman to the audience.

Williamette deKay views the “As Seeds, We Grow” art exhibit on Monday, Nov. 7 in the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College.

Environmental meeting



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Danny Powers, EPD Air Quality Program Manager, goes over the action items listed on the Environmental Commission Meeting agenda with board members on Wednesday, Nov. 9 in the EPD Large Conference Room. During the meeting the Board of Commissioners went over multiple updates including air quality updates, introduction of new staff, Minor Source Program, Long Term Plan, CDPHE, and revisions to the Reservation Air Code.

NONPROFITS

Online platform now accepting donations to support local charities

Staff report
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado spearheads a regional effort to promote local participation in Colorado Gives Day, which is Tuesday, Dec. 6. Beginning on Nov. 1, donors may schedule their donations in advance in support of causes they care about through swcogives.org.

Southwest Colorado Gives is a safe, secure, and easy platform for donors to contribute online to local nonprofits. Last year on Colorado Gives Day \$55 million was donated statewide, with almost \$500,000 going to nonprofits in our five-county region. The regional platform, swcogives.org, features more than 100 nonprofits. This year the local giving goal is to exceed \$550,000.

“Since, 2017, we have seen tremendous growth in the number of nonprofits that have joined the Southwest Colorado Gives platform -- from housing and food security to animal protection, arts and culture to youth support -- all sectors are part of the Local Giving Local Living movement,” says Brigen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. “The level of giving has increased from \$209,000.00 in 2017 to almost \$500,000 in 2021, which showcases the generosity of our local communities.”

The Community Foundation encourages charitable giving that keeps dollars local. Southwest Colorado Gives is an opportunity for donors in our region to support the nonprofits that are making a difference in local communities. The site, swcogives.org, offers donors a well-vetted array of nonprofits to choose from. Scheduled donations will run from Nov. 1 for about six weeks until Colorado Gives Day on Dec. 6. Southwest Colorado Gives is sponsored locally by First Southwest Bank and the Ballantine Family Fund. For more information visit www.swcogives.org or call 970-375-5807.

Sharing resources



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Visiting hunters from the Pueblo of Laguna introduce themselves to the Southern Ute Tribal Council before taking part in the Cultural Hunt on Monday, Nov. 14. During this meeting in Council Chambers the Laguna Pueblo hunters presented gifts to the Tribal Council thanking them for allowing this hunt to take place on Southern Ute Tribal lands. Through the Cultural Hunt the Laguna Pueblo people had the opportunity to bring youth hunters to experience their traditional teachings in harvesting deer, for many this will be their first-time harvesting.

Hunters from the Santo Domingo Pueblo, also known as Kewa, take part in the Cultural Hunt on Southern Ute Tribal Trust Land on Monday, November 7. Kewa tribal leadership presented gifts of squash, melon, beans, and corn to members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council to give thanks for allowing the visiting hunters to participate in this year’s harvest.



Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

7TH ANNUAL

ELK HUNT RAFFLE

SIX PRIZES

TWO CHANCES TO WIN A TAG!

Raffle tickets will be sold through November 30th, 2022

Tag winners must attend a **MANDATORY** orientation when permits are picked up. Cow tags are nontransferable.

Tickets are \$10.00/each and are sold by BGC Board & staff or at the BGC Office inside the Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.2666

Grand Prize: Cow Elk Tag

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1st: 2 Night Stay @ Sky Ute Casino

2nd: \$150 Seven Rivers Steakhouse

3rd: Wood Burning Fire Pit

4th: Custom Benchmade Knife

Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from Dec. 13th –15th, 2022. One free guest allowed. Additional guest requires an additional fee. Both require crossing permit which can be obtained from the Southern Ute Wildlife. Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety license. Winners will be drawn December 1st, 2022, at 4:30pm online via Facebook live. Tune in on the Boys & Girls Club page. Winners will be notified via phone immediately.

All funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

For questions, call BGC at (970)563-2666

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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Big Game Hunting Season

Big Game permits are now available for the 2022/23 Season.

Big Game Season Dates:

SUIT Reservation

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

General

Sept.6 – Dec.31

Brunot Area

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Aug. 27 – Nov. 27

Multi-Purpose Facility

November 2022 Events

Pie Baking Workshop—Tuesday November 22—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday November 29 & 30, Two Sessions

10:00 AM—3:30 PM or 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Native Love is now open



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Native Love opened their doors to their new home in the ELHI Community Center Building, Saturday, Nov. 12. The event was to introduce the community to what Native Love is, and what they are about. The mission of Native Love is to empower Native youth by provided culturally responsive programming. Native Love seeks to preserve culture through providing services to indigenous people and indigenous youth by supporting culturally sustaining practices in the Four Corners region. Ceriss Blackwater served as the evening's emcee introducing the Native Love team. Native Love board members are (left to right) Nieda Chakee (Southern Ute elder), Cythia Buckskin (Southern Ute elder), Oolcu Buckskin (Southern Ute) Daisy Bluestar (Southern Ute) Executive Director and Ceriss Blackwood (Indigenous Chicana). Native love (formerly Daughters of the Red Road) are involved with events such as: the New Years Walk, Children's Powwow, Run Against Drugs, Voices of Our Sisters, MMIWP, various Round and Gourd dances and other cultural events.

Native Love's Executive Director and founder, Daisy Bluestar (Southern Ute) discussed the upcoming events that Native Love will be involved in, such as the Gourd Dance, Saturday, Nov. 19 at Sun-Ute, as well as the Taste of Christmas, Friday, Dec. 2 at the ELHI. Contact Native Love for more info via email at native.love.501c3@gmail.com, by phone 970-553-0662 or check out their website at www.nativelove.one/



Masquerade Powwow



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Siblings, Daniel and Sage Rhode take part in the potato dance, the pair work hard to keep the potato from falling while dancing to songs provided by the drummers. In this dance, partners must only use their faces to keep the potato balanced, if it is dropped the pair will forfeit.



Human Resources Career Coordinator Rochelle Aguilar wears white face paint in preparation for her upcoming category in the Halloween costume contest at the Masquerade Powwow, she is dressed as the Basket Lady.

Sophia Box participates in the hand drum contest, although she did not have a drum readily available Box still sang a hand game song using a leftover soda box. "A true hand gamer can't find a drum, you make one," she said.

Touring new homes



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Housing Authority hosted an Open House event on Friday, Nov. 4 for the tribal membership to tour new Cedar Point home sites on Rolling Thunder Ave., the event was also catered by local restaurant Porky's Smokehouse. The site now has four double-wide trailer homes available to tribal members and their families for more information please contact the Southern Ute Tribal Housing Department.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

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2022

DECEMBER 2ND FROM 6PM - 8PM

AT THE ELHI COMMUNITY CENTER

UNIQUE HANDMADE POTTERY BOWLS
HOMEMADE SOUP | FRESH BREAD

DANCING SPIRIT

COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

OFFICE & STUDIO: 115 UTE STREET, RM # 19 & 20

GALLERY: 695 GODDARD AVE, IGNACIO CO

WWW.DSCAC.ORG | DANCINGSPIRITGALLERY@GMAIL.COM

970-563-4600

Join Dancing Spirit at the ELHI Community Center immediately after the Taste of Christmas Parade for our annual Fill Your Bowl fundraiser. Buy a one of a kind pottery bowl and fill it with homemade soup and fresh bread for only \$15.

Dec. 2, 6 - 8 p.m. 115 Ute Street, in the Commons

2nd Dec
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM



Ignacio's Taste of Christmas

DOWNTOWN IGNACIO

LINE-UP OF EVENTS

5:30PM

Parade starts with Santa helicopter flyover sponsored by Alpine heli tours,
Free goodie bag hand outs sponsored by ICL,
Cookies & hot chocolate booth! At ICL

5:30-8:00pm :

Town light display, at ICL
Christmas tree fundraiser at ICL,
Letters to Santa at ICL
Gingerbread decorating contest, at ICL
Holiday market, at ELHI,
DSCAC Fill your bowl fundraiser, at ELHI,
Face painting at ELHI,
Ugly sweater contest at ELHI,
Photos with Santa, at ELHI
Visit with the Grinch at Lil'bit ranchy
And MORE!




IGNACIOCREATIVEDISTRICT.ORG

Boat storage moves forward



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Construction of the boat storage units at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds (SUFG) is progressing despite cold, wet weather. SUFG Manager Jay Dee Brunson anticipates having the slabs for the units finished by mid-December weather permitting. More information will be coming from the Growth Fund in the near future as far as reservations, price, and sizing per unit. Construction is still on schedule to have the project complete by late spring – once again weather permitting. Workers put down hay on plastic coverings, Thursday Nov. 10. at the entrance to the Southern Ute Fairgrounds.

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to be connected with an industry to learn about their careers and determine if the student would like to pursue that career. “So, what that looks like is that we connect industry leaders and students to do job shadows that offer either hands on or brains on activities for students to get a real taste of what it means to be in the career field that they’re talking about,” Morrison explains. “For example, we did our first annual building tree summer camp—we brought M&R Plumbing, in four days students learned basic plumbing techniques and skills to determine if that was a path that they would be interested in.”

The list of resources continues, SWCEC also hosts summer programs and regional events connecting students to industry leaders. The non-profit works hand in hand with local teachers and industries to identify equipment that is needed for a pathway and that students should be trained on in order to be competitive within that industry, the collaborative will then purchase that equipment to be shared across the school districts and will then train the teachers on how to utilize the equipment in their classrooms.

“A very concrete example of that is our machining and fabrication, mobile learning lab—that mobile learning lab had three pieces of equipment, worth \$75,000, that rotates through five of our

school districts in our building and trade courses,” Morrison said. “I went out to go see Molly [Turner], who’s the building trades teacher in Ignacio. She had taken that piece of equipment, trained her high school students on how to utilize it, and the high school students created a project where they created magnetic sight words for every single student in Ignacio, in the kindergarten class, to be able to learn how to read with.”

SWCEC also does professional development with school counselors across all the regional school districts to help them understand what classes a student would be able to take and access, also further helping the student to identify if there are any certifications they could obtain from higher education partners such as Fort Lewis College or Pueblo Community College; aiding the student in learning the pathways to earn an associate degree or a bachelor’s degree from those institutions.

Leaders from Archuleta, Bayfield, Durango, Ignacio, and Silverton school districts— as well as Fort Lewis College and Pueblo Community College— got together in the year 2019 with a support partner and discussed how to begin sharing resources in a rural region for educational access. After a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this

group of leaders applied for the RISE (Relevant Information to Strengthen Education) Grant which was received by the Colorado Department of Education in 2019 as a federal grant to improve Colorado’s Statewide Longitudinal Data System. The collaborative was awarded a \$3.6 million RISE Grant and in this past year the collaborative has been awarded an additional \$5 million in order to be able to continue their work. Through that funding the original five school districts established the Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative in 2021.

“There’s a lot of inequities across school districts and individuals that have access to what higher ed looks like, and I feel really fortunate that I have partners in all of these school districts and our higher ed institutions that also recognize that and what to do [to be] better,” Morrison said. “Everyone is at the table trying to figure out how we can support our region to have equitable access just within the region, but then also provide the same opportunities that students on the Front Range in Colorado are able to receive.”

For more information on SWCEC, students and families can contact Executive Director, Jessica Morrison at 970-355-4112 or Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor at 970-563-2781.

Tribe gives thanks



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Junior Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz introduces herself in her Ute language at the Southern Ute Thanksgiving Dinner, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Sat., Nov. 12. The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept., organized the annual Thanksgiving dinner.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice-Chairman Ramona Eagle serves herself at the Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Department on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. The dinner saw large crowds from both the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes, the Event Center filled with laughter and smiles.

Ute Mountain Ute council member, Lyndreth Wall helps himself to the bread bin. Wall and other members of the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribal councils gave introductions and welcomed attendees at the Southern Ute Thanksgiving Dinner.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miss Ute Mountain Ute, Lyona Pavisook and Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz go table to table visiting with attendees of the Thanksgiving Dinner, welcoming the visitors and giving well wishes for the upcoming holiday.

Seeking participants for the 2023 Native Lens Youth Media Training Workshop!

The Native Lens Team, a partnership between KSUT and RMPBS, is collaborating with Vision Maker Media to bring motion picture training and opportunities to the Native youth and young adults of the Four Corners!

The training workshop:

- Will take place between February 25th and March 4th of 2023.
- Is open to Native youths and young adults ages 16+.
- Will have training workshops for hands-on training in up-to-date filmmaking techniques and practices.
- Access to industry standard production equipment.
- Participants will get to create a 30- to 60-second PSA that they can use as work experience or for reels.
- Participants will also get to attend the Durango Independent Film Festival and have their projects created for the workshop publicly screened at DIFF.

If you have questions, or would like to participate, please email tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org, colten@ksut.org, or call 970.563.5794.

Fort Lewis College
Durango, Colorado

Seeking student applicants for the 2023 Tribal Water Media Fellowship Program!

The Tribal Water Media Fellowship is a collaboration between Fort Lewis College, Rocky Mountain PBS, and the KSUT Tribal Media Center that gives students the opportunity to research, create, and present multimedia projects centering on water usage and the community.

Applicants accepted into the Fellowship will get to:

- Participate in a 10-day spring intensive (May 8th-17th) at Fort Lewis College with workshops on water usage, cultural representation, and media training.
- A three-day river excursion on the San Juan River guided by FLOW (Fort Lewis on the Water) during the May intensive.
- A \$1000 stipend split between the summer intensive and the ensuing project.
- A mentorship where the fellows will work with a mentor in their chosen media field on the fellows' project.
- Earn up to 4 upper division elective credits towards a Fort Lewis College Degree – 3 credits for SU23 and 1 credit for FA23.
- Finally, applicants will present their projects at a public symposium on the Fort Lewis campus in October of 2023.

To find additional information, or to apply, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone or tablet. You may also follow this link online, fourcornerswater.org/flc-students/water-media-fellowships, or reach out to tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org if you have any questions.

QR Code for fellowship website

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

IHS Volleyball's season ends at regionals

State-caliber 'Cats go unsuccessful 1-1

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When Vail Christian's Jessie Allen began the third and last Region VI match serving the Lady Saints to a 9-0 lead against Lake County, it was evident their prayers of Ignacio tenderizing LCHS in the preceding contest had been answered.

Needing help from the same Leadville-based Lady Panthers – whom they'd just defeated 25-19, 17-25, 25-22, 25-11 – to even have an outside chance at qualifying for the 2022 CHSAA State Championships, the Volleyscats didn't need to remain inside VCHS' Thomas Morgan Wheeler Arts & Athletic Center long to realize they'd left LCHS lacking enough fuel to burn.

Already without junior middle Jaycee Windorski, lost in recent weeks to a multi-ligament knee injury, and suddenly minus setter Maggie Roeder after the sophomore injured her left wrist/forearm against IHS, skipper Sean Sprague's shaken squad soldiered on but succumbed 25-13, 25-17, 25-8 to the tourney-hosting side – which clinched outright the Denver Coliseum trip.

Afterwards, Vail Christian head coach Adina Petersmeyer wasn't hesitant to imply her team's late dominance Friday, Nov. 4, had materialized as a direct result of surviving the event's 11 a.m. opener against, yep, Ignacio.

"You always expect that everybody's going to bring their A-game," she said. "But Ignacio ripped apart our deep corners, cut some



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Supported by Kacey Brown (left), Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (3) makes an off-balance pass towards the Volleyscats' front row during 2A-Region VI action Friday, Nov. 4, in Edwards against tourney-hosting Vail Christian.

hard angles, and really threw us some quality volleyball. That forced us to really slow down and set up our offense."

"Overall, the match was a lot tighter than I think any of us expected; they got every ball," Petersmeyer continued. "It was actually great to have to play that kind of volleyball to start regionals off."

"I thought it was one of our best games of the season," said IHS head coach Shasta Pontine. "They played hard."

Aggressors ever since balancing the Lady Saints' 25-

18 win in Game 1 with a 25-19 win in Game 2, the 'Cats pressed Petersmeyer into calling a timeout down 12-7 in Game 3. And though VCHS would eventually tie the score at 15, Ignacio – seeded 31st in the Class 2A State Tournament's initial Round-of-36 – rallied to retie at 22-22.

IHS senior Trinity Strohl then served long, and Allen brought up game point by acing junior libero Kacey Brown. Junior Solymar

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Solymar Cosio (20) asserts herself at the net against Leadville-based Lake County's Kassandra Riquetti (21).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ollyvia Howe (8) prepares to feel the force of Vail Christian's Payton Vermeer (11) during 2A-Region VI action.

Girls on the Run



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was well represented once again in the Girls on the Run 5K race this year, Saturday, Nov. 5 at Three Springs in Durango, Colo.



Cassandra Sanchez and Tristany Sanchez complete the Girls on the Run 5K race with medals and big smiles on Saturday, Nov. 5 in the Mercado Marketplace at Three Springs.

Seraya Ruybal and Shayne White Thunder "kick" to the finish line of the Girls on the Run 5K race. Girls on the Run is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging girls to pursue their dreams.

World Series representation



photos courtesy RC Lucero

2022 Native American/Pacific Islander World Series Champions Da Vibes!!! The team is based in Ignacio, Colo. and is composed of individuals from Colo., N.M., Nev. and Hawaii. This team has played together for a few years and was finally able to bring home the gold. Southern Ute, Ute Mountain, Cheyenne and others from the Islands of Hawaii put it all together in walk off fashion this past weekend. The team was able to beat the five-time back-to-back winners from previous years, The Seminoles out of Oklahoma. The final score in the Championship game was 19-18. Pictured L-R Mikey Padilla, Ikaika Wilhelm-Loane, Johnny Castaneda, William Marable, Tyler Young, Codey Yates, Vince Maldonado, Robbie Galvan, Patrick Loane, RC Lucero and Orion Watts.



Rez Dawgs are the 2022 Native American/Pacific Islander World Series Runner up. The team is composed of individuals from Colo., N.M. and Tex. The team has only been together two years and have already solidified their stature as a powerhouse not only in the Southwest Region but across Indian Country.

Back row, Brandon Padilla, RC Lucero, Codey Yates, Tyler Young, Mikey Padilla, Jaden Aguino, Erin Benally, Josh Sylestine. Front row, Tylia Sylestine, Aspen Pinnecoose, April Abeyta, Wanda Abeyta, Alyssa Padilla, Kelsey Frost. Tribes represented are Ohkay Owingeh, Navajo, Southern Ute, Ute Mountain and Alabama-Couchatta Tribe of Texas.



Volunteer!!

Volunteer!!



YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

Basketball coaches are needed for the new 2023 SunUte Youth Basketball season!

Registration forms can be picked up at SunUte Community Center.

All volunteers are subject to a background screening. Must schedule appointment with Human Resources @ 970-563-2190.



For info contact the Recreation Dept. @ 970-563-0214 Virgil Morgan ext. 2652, Tara Vigil ext. 2667, Daphnee Washington ext. 2655, Bird Red ext. 2664



Attention Tribal Membership



The Cultural Preservation Department has received interest pertaining to the tipi's that are displayed in front of the museum. The interested is where Tribal Members are able to order their own Tipi's.

The Cultural Preservation Department utilizes a company near Dove Creek, Colorado. The information included, will answer some questions; ordering replacement poles, replacing covers, size, and pricing. You may contact the Tipi Supply directly to place orders or ask specific questions.
www.TipiSupply.com
(970) 560-1884

If you have further questions, contact Marvin Pinnecoose at (970) 563-2988





FOOD SECURITY

10th annual Food, Friends & Fund Drive

Staff report
PINE RIVER SHARES

It pays to dream big! When we dream together and join forces, we make those dreams come true. As we reflect on our journey together over the past 10 years, we are grateful for the vision of our founders. They believed that the work of creating thriving communities is in our hands and that sharing is at the heart of every beloved community. “When everyone shares, no one goes without” is more than a motto at Pine River Shares (PRS). It’s become a way of life and a road map to a thriving, more equitable, Pine River Valley (PRV).

Check out what we’ve accomplished together in 2022!

Food Support Programs: As Pine River Valley residents continue to struggle to make ends meet, we’ve seen unprecedented numbers of residents participate in our numerous food support programs. Over 3,000 residents per month participated in a PRS food support program. These include weekly backpack projects in Bayfield and Ignacio schools and pre-schools, weekly Food Shares, and monthly mobile pantries. Pop-up pantries were offered throughout the summer in Vallecito, Forest Lakes, Ignacio, Allison and Sam Brito, to help families defray the high costs of fuel.

Field to Fork: The Field to Fork Project plan developed by community members to increase healthy food production and rebuild our food system continues to guide our long-term food security efforts. PRS gave out 110 heritage apple trees to neighbors to plant at home. This fall volunteer gleaners collected over one ton of local apples to share at the Fourth Annual Bayfield Area Community Harvest. In addition, PRS volunteers generated 1,000 pounds

of fresh produce from the PRS garden and grow dome that was shared with food insecure community members. A new Garden Share project provided opportunities for home gardeners to share free produce with neighbors in need. All the while PRS continues to invest funds in meat, eggs, and fresh vegetables grown by our local farmers and producers.

Thrive in Place Project: Thirty Thrive in Place (TIP) peer advocates living in communities throughout the Valley provided information, resources and support to dozens of vulnerable residents who are aging in place. In 2022 TIP advocates hosted the annual 01’ Timers Picnic, created a Resource and Referral Guide for seniors and hosted a community workshop on trauma-informed responses.

Youth Engagement: Over half of the PRS volunteer workforce is comprised of teens and young people. Local youth, including 4H club members, kids attending Bayfield and Ignacio schools, Wolverine Academy students, and others who find us on their own, are a dynamic and driving force behind our work. Young volunteers pack backpacks of food, help unload delivery trucks, conduct food drives, and harvest food from the garden. Most importantly, PRV young people shape the work we do as we listen to them speak about their community and lives.

The Future Looks Bright at Pine River Shares: We were selected by our County Commissioners to receive funding allocated by the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA). Funds will be used to purchase food system infrastructure identified in the valley-wide Field to Fork Project (F2F). A key theme of the F2F Plan is to increase homestead and community food production, and to establish community and commercial kitchens equipped

for food preparation, storage and preservation. The plan seeks to revive agricultural practices in the Valley where there was once a vibrant food system.

How is all this possible? We depend on a team of over 80 dedicated volunteers working together throughout the Valley, contributing over 8,000 hours annually helping friends and neighbors thrive. That’s how everything is possible. We invite you to dream with us and to dream big. When we pool our unique skills, talents, and expertise our dream of a thriving Pine River Valley doesn’t seem so far away.

The Annual Food, Friends, and Fund Drive is back!

Please join us. Everyone has something to offer. Organize a food drive within your circle of friends and colleagues. Join our Community Leadership team every Wednesday at 9:30. Call 970-884-6040 to find out about volunteer opportunities. Make a cash donation and watch your dollars grow. Every dollar you give circulates through our community. Our local benefactor has once again offered to match ALL cash donations until Dec. 31. All donations will be doubled! Don’t delay, donate today. To say that our founders are humbled by your generosity is an understatement. This is the stuff dreams are made of. We are the stuff dreams are made of.

Donate online at www.coloradogives.org/story/pinerivershares
Mail a check to: PO Box 993, Bayfield CO 81122. Please make your check out to: Community Foundation Serving SW CO with Pine River Shares in the memo.
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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Casias Family Thanks
The family of Andrea Casias would like to thank the friends and all of those that assisted during the time of our loss. Ricky Archuleta and Ramoncita Achuleta, Mary Serrano, Derek Watts, Leigh Sage, and Gloria Frost, Hospice nursing staff, Cat from Hood Mortuary, Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, and Marilyn Silva (The Rose Café) for catering service.

Congrats Kodi Mae!



courtesy Esther Rima

Kodi Mae Rima is thrilled for the opportunity to represent Team Total Feeds, Inc. at the Mike and Sherrylynn Johnson’s Vegas Tuffest Jr. World Championship in Las Vegas. Her and her team will be leaving out in 21 days for an exciting adventure.

The 2022 Multi-Purpose Facility Haunted House was a success thanks to the following volunteers & Staff

Preparing the Haunted House requires many hours of planning, and shopping for affordable and available props and costumes. The event improves each year and the people responsible attend meetings, plan areas, prepare wish or shopping lists. Each area is given a budget, all items in the MPF Haunted House storage are available, some props are modified. The creativity of the people is amazing to say the least. Many of the volunteers have been involved since the inception of the Haunted House. They donate and purchase many of the items you see in the haunted house. They also bring food, help cook or purchase carry out for the volunteers. Young volunteers are always welcome to join in, at the beginning of planning or just to walk in and volunteer to help with ticket sales or to appear as a character. The artwork for the posters, and banner was designed by Terena Hight. Thank you for sharing your talent to promote the Haunted House this year. I apologize if I forgot to mention anyone it is not intentional.

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| Amber Box | Terrance Hight | Terena Hight | Christen Heart |
| Adrienne Rock | Alicia Rock | Avery Herrera | Leandra Litz |
| Gideon | Two Crow | Andrew Two Crow | Ivory |
| Cyana Whiteskunk | Katie Whiteskunk & Friend | Stefanie Fasano | Phillip Velasquez |
| Micco, LeAnn Wesley & Family | Frank & Lilley Powell | Ivory | Jade Howell |
| Kia Ketchum | Taya Ketchum | | |
- The following Tribal Staff and Departments:
- | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Building Maintenance Staff | Jeremy Rock—Clean Team | Food Distribution | SunUte |
| Multi-Purpose Facility Staff—Dermarr Harlan, Dennis Vicenti, Jackie Frost, Stais Harlan. | | | |

MPF Masquerade Pow Wow Thank You

The Masquerade Pow Wow is just the beginning, we will be holding more Pow Wows in the coming year. Once again this year the Pow Wow is the result of volunteers coming together to plan, donate, solicit donations to cover the costs of the contests, pot luck, raffle, set-up & clean up after. Thank you to the following I apologize if I forgot to mention someone it is not intentional.

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Stef Fasano | Tooley Box | Ramona Frost |
| Jackie Frost | Phoebe Kent | Elise Redd |
| Cynthia Buckskin | Lorelei Cloud | Mel Baker |
| Connie Baker | Terry Box | Linda Baker |
| Leann & Micco Wesley | Matthew Box | |
| Amber Box & Terrance Hight | Marge Barry | |
| Rhonda Wilbourn | TJ Frost | Dennis Vicenti |
| Shilo Harjo | Terena Hight | |
| Capt. Hamby SU Rangers & Animal Control | | |
| Southern Ute Veterans Association | | |
| Southern Ute Royalty | | |

All those who baked cakes, prepared food for the pot luck or who came to support and enjoy the Pow Wow
The next Pow Wow will be held on Saturday January 7, 2023

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee will be selling the remainder of t-shirts to the public. The Southern Ute Powwow Committee wants to remind everyone to do your part to stay safe and healthy.

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If you have any questions please contact:

Mikki Naranjo
970-563-2441

Rochelle Aguilar
970-563-2990



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Deadline
Nov. 28

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Notice Of Direct Final Rulemaking and Request for Comments On Changes To Article I and Article II: Part 1 of the Reservation Air Code

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on certain changes to the Commission's Reservation Air Code (RAC).

I. Dates. This action is effective on Jan. 17, 2023 without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by Dec. 18, 2022. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public this action will not take effect. The revisions to the RAC will become effective upon approval by the EPA.

II. Authority under which the changes are proposed. Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated Dec. 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission's direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

III. Submission of comments. Please provide any comments no later than Dec. 18, 2022. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Supplementary information and summary description of RAC changes. The Commission is proposing to revise RAC Article I and Article II Part, by:

- (1) updating the "major source" definition in RAC § 1-103 (38) for consistency with EPA's updated "major source" definition in 40 CFR 70.2;
- (2) removing outdated provisions concerning the transition of EPA-issued Part 71 permits to tribally-issued Part 70 permits from RAC §§ 2-104, 2-106, 2-107, and 2-118;
- (3) revising RAC §§ 2-106 and 2-110 to require permittees to use the most current forms provided by the Tribe;
- (4) updating the permit application completeness determination and permit issuance language in RAC § 2-107;
- (5) adding a new provision in RAC § 2-111 to require permittees to apply for an administrative permit revision to incorporate new and revised New Source Review permits into their Title V operating permit;
- (6) updating RAC § 2-111 to clarify that submitting a minor permit revision application does not authorize construction or modification of a source;
- (7) correcting typographical errors and incorrect incorporation by reference citations and making certain other administrative improvements to RAC language (e.g., replacing the use of certified mail with electronic mail with delivery and read receipts).

These revisions are described in detail below. First, the Commission is updating the "major source" definition in RAC § 1-103 (38) to align the definition with EPA's updated "major source" definition in 40 CFR 70.2 of the federal Part 70 operating permit program. The updated definition at 40 CFR 70.2 better aligns the definition with the June 3, 2016, oil and gas source aggregation rule published at 81 Fed. Reg. 35622. Second, the Commission is removing language relating to the three-year permit transition plan for the transition of federally-issued Part 71 per-

mits to tribally-issued Part 70 permits. These revisions remove obsolete RAC provisions. All EPA-issued Part 71 permits were transitioned to Tribe-issued Part 70 permits pursuant to a three-year permit transition plan approved concurrently by EPA at the time of EPA's approval of the Tribe's Part 70 operating permit program on March 2, 2012. Since that time, all initial Part 70 operating permits have undergone five-year permit renewal issuances. Therefore, the transition plan-related permit provisions are no longer needed in the RAC.

Third, the Commission is revising language in RAC §§ 2-106 and 2-110 to require permittees submitting forms to the Tribe for permitting or compliance purposes to use the most current forms provided by the Tribe. The Tribe's permitting and compliance forms have been developed to encompass the requirements of the RAC and applicable regulations, and to be compatible with the Tribe's compliance database.

Fourth, the Commission is updating the permit application completeness determination and permit issuance timeline language in RAC § 2-107. These revisions have been made to clarify the Tribe's permit application completeness deadline of 60 days for initial applications, renewal applications, and significant permit revisions. The revisions also clarify the 30-day completeness deadline for minor permit revisions. Finally, the Commission is revising the timelines for the Tribe to take final action on complete permit applications for clarity and consistency with the analogous language in 40 CFR Part 70. The Commission is making no changes to the timelines for the Tribe to take action on final permit issuances.

Fifth, the Commission is adding a requirement to RAC § 2-111 for Part 70 sources operators to apply for administrative permit revisions to add new or revised New Source Review (NSR) permits to their Part 70 permits within 10 working days of the NSR permit becoming effective. NSR permits are an applicable requirement of the Part 70 operating permit program and can be added to permits administratively, due to the permits having already undergone the public comment process during the NSR permit issuance process. Sixth, the Commission is clarifying in RAC § 2-111 that a permittee's filing of a minor permit revision application is not authorization to construct or modify a source. The permittee is responsible for determining and receiving the appropriate New Source Review preconstruction permitting authorizations for construction or modification of a source.

Finally, the Commission is correcting numerous typos and making certain revisions to promote administrative clarity. Additionally, the Commission is correcting several incorrect incorporations by reference citations to correctly align the RAC with the federal standards at 40 CFR Part 70 or to correctly cross reference other RAC citations. The Commission considers these revisions to be administrative in nature. The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed rule because it views the changes as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

V. Where a complete copy of the RAC and RAC changes can be obtained. A copy of the RAC and a redlined version showing the changes is available upon request from the Tribe's Air Quality Program Manager who can be contacted by e-mail, phone, or mail, at the addresses or phone number noted below. The RAC and the exhibit showing the changes also is available at the following website: www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/

For further information contact: Danny Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2256; e-mail dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

Notice Of Direct Final Rulemaking and Request for Comments On Changes Article II: Parts 2 and 3 of the Reservation Air Code

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on certain changes to the Commission's Reservation Air Code (RAC).

I. Dates. This action is effective on Jan. 17, 2023 without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by Dec. 18, 2022. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public this action will not take effect. The revisions to the RAC will become effective upon Jan. 17, 2023, as set by the Commission.

II. Authority under which the changes are proposed. Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated Dec. 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission's direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

III. Submission of comments. Please provide any comments no later than Dec. 18, 2022. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Supplementary information and summary description of RAC changes. The Commission is proposing to revise RAC Article II Parts 2 and 3 by:

- (1) adding, in RAC Part 2, certain Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 111, New Source Performance Standards;
- (2) adding, in RAC Part 3, certain CAA Section 112, Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards; and

These revisions are described in detail below.

The Commission is adding certain New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) of CAA Section 111, and Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards of CAA Section 112, RAC Parts 2 and 3, respectively. More specifically, In RAC Part 3, the Commission is adding NSPS Subpart 0000a, titled Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for which Construction, Modification or Reconstruction Commenced After Sept. 18, 2015.

In RAC Part 3, the Commission is adding MACT Subpart DDDDD titled National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters, Subpart CCCCC titled National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Category: Gasoline Dispensing Facilities, and Subpart JJJJJ titled National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers Area Sources. The Commission is adding these federal subparts because they are applicable to Reservation sources and have been promulgated since the original inclusion of RAC Parts 2 and 3, or because the Tribe has identified them as being potentially applicable to sources on the Reservation.

The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed rule because it views the changes as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

V. Where a complete copy of the RAC and RAC changes can be obtained. A copy of the RAC and a redlined version showing the changes is available upon request from the Tribe's Air Quality Program Manager who can be contacted by e-mail or phone, as noted below. The RAC and the exhibit showing the changes also is available at the following website: www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/

For further information contact: Danny Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2265; e-mail dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

*Let there be
Peace on
Earth, and
let it begin
with me!*

Join us in this prayerful event
as we gather to celebrate
the Author of life.

*Christmas
Concert!*

When:
Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 2:00pm

Where:
Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish
15449 HWY-172
Ignacio, Colorado

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OFFERED AFTER THE PERFORMANCE

Attention Tribal Membership:

Construction Services Division would like to remind everyone to plug in your Heaters at your pump house and heat tape your water lines to prevent any freeze-up on your home this winter.

Please contact us at 970-563-0260 if you need assistance.

Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Programs Division Water Quality Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division (EPD) received a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification request from Red Cedar Gathering Company for the proposed South Ignacio Pipeline Project on Oct. 19, 2022. Red Cedar Gathering Company also submitted a pre-construction notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Nationwide Permit No. 12, Oil or Natural Gas Pipeline Activities, for the project. The EPD is proposing to grant certification with conditions and is seeking public comments on the proposed 401 Certification. More information regarding the proposal is available through the EPD Public Notice webpage at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>. All timely comments will be considered in the formulation of a final certification issuance and associated conditions. Written comments or questions will be accepted via email at wqs@southernute-nsn.gov until Nov. 14, 2022 at 5 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish
+ St. Bartholomew Church & St. Peter St. Rosa Church +
among the **SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**
One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
UNITING CULTURES IN CHRIST

Native American Heritage Mass
First Sunday of Advent
SUN. November 27, 2022 @ 11:00am
Our celebration is followed by a fellowship gathering
with food and refreshments at the Parish Hall.
Everyone is Welcome! Come Join Us!



Safer surveying



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Sam Brescia, Lands Division Tribal Surveyor, begins archaeological surveying off Colorado Highway 172 just outside of the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Monday, Nov. 7. Due to current events along Highway 172 and the high profile of the Tribe's Broadband Project, the Lands Division has upgraded its safety measures by purchasing additional safety equipment for their surveyors.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD
Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ETHICS COMMISSION
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. Submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

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

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE
Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a

month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Open until filled – KSUT now has two openings on our board of directors – one for a Southern Ute Tribal Member and one Native American at Large, member of a federally recognized Native American tribe. KSUT board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 pm. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, at tami@ksut.org, 970-563-5780.

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

TERO COMMISSION
The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Tribal Member At-Large: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.



Southern Ute
Tribal
Members

REMINDER TO CHECK YOUR
Carbon Monoxide Detectors & Smoke Alarms

To Schedule
Installation Contact
Construction
Services Division

970.563.0260
270 Hwy 151

Construction Services Division would like to remind all Tribal Members to check their Carbon Monoxide detectors & smoke alarms. If a detector is going off call 911 immediately. Emergency responders are trained to identify & treat the symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Also they are equipped to find the source of the carbon monoxide leaks & to stop them. Construction Services has Carbon Monoxide detectors on hand for tribal members to pick up or call us & we can make a work order to help install Carbon Monoxide & smoke alarms in your home. Contact Construction Services at 970-563-0260 if you need assistance.

Safety Tips

Signs of Carbon
Monoxide Poisoning

Headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, confusion, drowsiness, increased heart rate, unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio-respiratory failure, and death.

In the event of an
Emergency

Immediately leave the home and dial 911 for assistance. Do not return to the home until emergency responders have authorized you to do so.

SUPD - 970.563.4401

Replace smoke detectors every 7 to 10 years. Change batteries when you adjust your clocks for daylight savings.

Please do not just disconnect the detector to stop the beeping.

Hard-wired detectors still operate with a battery. The wires connect all detectors together for them to initiate throughout the house.

Test smoke detectors monthly.

If you need to find how old your smoke detector is, typically this info is found on the back of the detector.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week
• Distribution, Thur., Dec. 8 NOON, Mon., Dec. 5, 2022
Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.



CALL FOR APPLICANTS!
for the
AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM
2023

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Cost-share program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Due to limited funding not all applicants will be chosen. Projects are scored based on the potential to reduce agriculture related water pollution and improve water quality. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at (970) 563-2295 or skem@southernute-nsn.gov for more information. Applications are due November 23rd, 2022.



OFF STREAM WATERING SOURCES



RIPARIAN FENCING



GATED PIPE

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/09/COST-SHARE-AGRICULTURAL-PROJECT-2023.PDF>
OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 11/10/22



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRANSFER STATION
2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED

NOV. 24TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED

NOV. 25TH TRIBAL HOLIDAY — OPEN

DEC. 9TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED

DEC. 26TH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Utilities Office CLOSED on November 11th, 24th, & 25th.
- Transfer Station CLOSED on NOVEMBER 11th & 24th, but will be OPEN on Friday, November 25th.
- Need help unloading heavy items at the Transfer Station? Call Utilities Office to coordinate assistance at the ramp with mattresses, large items, heavy trash bags, etc.
- Tip: Winterize your homes to save energy.



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

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN!
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:
- November 2nd / December 7th
- January 4th / February 1st
- Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Assistant Environmental Programs Manager
Closes 11/22/22 – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Cultural Education Coordinator(So. Ute tribal member only)
Closes 11/30/22 – Design and development of the cultural and language curriculum which shall be used in teaching and instruction to tribal members, staff, clients, and community. Working with the Ute Language Teachers, Elders, and Southern Ute tribal members on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials on how to assist in learning and retaining Ute language and culture. Assists tribal members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Culture Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture, and folklore into the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Events/Heritage Coordinator (So. Ute tribal member only)
Closes 11/30/22 – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Collections Assistant
Closes 11/21/22 – Works under the supervision of the Collections Manager to carry out tasks related to the registration, conservation, curation, and digitization of collection items for the Southern Ute Tribal Museum. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member
Closes 11/18/22 – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hourly.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member – (So. Ute tribal member only)
Closes 11/18/22 – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hourly.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)
Closes 11/18/22 – 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; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Medical Records Technician
Closes 11/18/22 – Provides a complete and accurate patient health record that will be maintained and processed for all patients utilizing the health center. Enters accurate and updated patient data extracted from PCC forms, Reports, EHR to generate health summaries and monitor health maintenance requirements. Performs technical functions of retrieving, tracking, and maintaining medical records. Must have received the COVID primary series. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Public Health Nurse
Closes 11/30/22 – A Registered Nurse position providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour.

Tribal Legislative Attorney
Closes 12/1/22 – Review, revise, and draft the Tribe's Codes and ordinances. Develop a plan for regular review of all tribal codes and will develop and establish a process for Code prioritization and revision. Maintaining the Tribe's official code. As necessary, will assist the Legal Department with general legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal Departments, and tribal staff. Will work in the Legal Department subject to the supervision of the Director and Deputy Director of the Legal Department to support the needs of the Tribe.

Air Quality Planner
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Animal Care Technician – (So. Ute tribal member only)
Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/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; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

Clinical Supervisor
Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-

workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$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. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Controller
Open Until Filled – Integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade X19; Pay starts at \$95,745.85/year.

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

Early Childhood 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. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

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 E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

Family Court Case Manager
Open Until Filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/annually.

Family Court Therapist
Open Until Filled – Provides direct and clinical supervision to Family Court Support Office staff and program services. Assists the Chief Judge and the Court Program Analyst/Grant Writer with recommendations for new or enhanced program services requiring grant funding. Provides grant and data reporting. Assists judges in assigning court appointments to Family Court Caseworkers or Family Court Therapist. Manages a small family court caseload conducting mental health Guardian ad Litem investigations, Special Advocate investigations, parent coordination, and mediation services. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Grounds Maintenance Worker
Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/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. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer II
Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserv-

TEAM Temporary Workers

Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions. Please Contact Rochelle Aguilar, Southern Ute Human Resources Assistant at 970-563-2990 or stop by at LCB – Building 356 Ouray Drive Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application

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ing the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

Patrol Officer Trainee
Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time)
Open Until Filled – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

Receptionist – Council Affairs
Open Until Filled – Greeting Tribal Members, employees, and the public. Performs reception duties by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting with inquiries and appointments. Requires a positive and professional attitude with demonstrated integrity, dependability, trustworthiness, and teamwork. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services
Open Until Filled – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Small Business Specialist Trainee – (So. Ute tribal member only)
Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will learn how to develop, plan, organize and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Will learn how to promote the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. The length of this program is designed to last (2) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below the entry level for a grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Small Business Specialist position.

Social Services Division Head
Open Until Filled – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family group, and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance

Program, Title IV B – Foster Care Program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/year.

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

TEAM Worker – (So. 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 – (So. Ute tribal member only)
Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members 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. May be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After your application is submitted, you will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Attorney
Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in this position is essential, as is an ability to provide legal advice on a variety of topics in a fast-paced environment.

Vital Statistics Clerk
Open Until Filled – Administration and oversight of the Tribe's Enrollment Ordinance and related documents. Meets with the Tribal Council to obtain formal approved enrollment records of eligible Southern Ute Tribal Members. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Water Quality Specialist: Animas River Coordinator
Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.63/year.

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Maintenance Worker I – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 11/28/22 – Repair and maintenance of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds grounds and buildings while assisting with the daily operations of the RV park and horse stalls to include contracts and payments. Provides excellent customer service while maintaining a safe and pleasurable environment for our customers and their animals.

Lands Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 11/28/22 – Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of

changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

Petroleum Engineering Analyst – Red Willow Production Co. (Houston, TX)
Closes 11/30/22 – Requires a strong understanding of petroleum engineering and financial data manipulation and analysis. Works collaboratively with Reservoir Engineering staff, as well as with other technical and commercial staff. Contribute to robust economic and subsurface evaluations, annual budget forecasts, corporate reserves, downtime analysis, financial lookback reports, and various business solutions.

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**NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Kyle Andrew Williams, Deceased
Case No.: 2022-0104-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JANUARY 2, 2023 at 3:00 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 detennination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of November, 2022
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2022-0108-CV-PR
Donald William Rock, 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 **DECEMBER 13, 2022 at 3:30 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 3rd of November, 2022.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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***Audio and Video Lead System Engineer (Full-time)**
Maintains and is responsible for the support and repairs of all AV equipment within fully integrated conference rooms, boardrooms, hotel rooms, public areas, Casino floor and other similar rooms containing AV equipment throughout the property. Will interface directly with customers daily and setting up and the functionality of all AV components.

***Bingo Staff (Part-time)**
Serving guests during Bingo games including selling additional special games and pull tabs, instructing customers in Bingo play, calling Bingo games, beverage service and other duties promoting guest satisfaction and play. Verifying winning Bingo cards and making payouts accordingly.

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

***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)**
The Count Department 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.

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

Event Staff (Full-time or On-call)
Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. In this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

***Executive Chef (Full-time)**
Oversee all functions of the main kitchen, including production, food safety, staff training and development, and product management. Ensures the highest quality and consistency as it relates to food handling, sanitation, food quality, service in the dining room, and food presentations.

***Facilities Manager (Full-time)**
Established for the purpose(s) of planning, organizing and directing the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds. Ensuring that jobs are completed efficiently and within regulatory guidelines and projected deadlines; assisting in the preparation and management of the annual budgets for the maintenance, grounds, kitchen custodial departments and audio and visual department. Reports to the Director of Facilities with the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance; ensuring optimal utilization of personnel and other internal or external resources.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)
Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians.

***Facilities Tech (Full-time)**
Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)
Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests.

Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)
Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities.

***Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)**
Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. Ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

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.

***Night Auditor (Full-time)**
Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Responsible for answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

***Player's Club Representative (Full-time)**
Performs all administrative functions, 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.

***Promotions Coordinator (Full-time)**
Leading special events and promotions from conception to post event follow up. Working closely with the Marketing team on design work and copywriting, as well as implementing the marking strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions.

***Rolling Thunder Cashier (Full-time)**
Greet guests in a friendly manner, take and deliver orders, calculate checks, and receive payment for the Bowling Grill Window and Restaurant.

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.

***Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***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. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

***Slot Technician II (Full-time)**
Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

***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.

***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.

Willows Server (Full-time)
Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift Covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

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Cosio kept the 'Cats alive with a scoring tip shot, but 6-seed Vail Christian won 25-23 when IHS setter Laci Brunson bumped a pass off the net but also the antenna.

Able to remove Allen from the service line early in Game 4 via a Cosio kill tying the score at 1-1, IHS went up 3-1 before VCHS, via a Logan Nobrega ace plus Payton Vermeer over-pass kill, forced Pontine into taking a timeout down 8-3. The Volleyscats responded, pulling even at 9-9 and again at 10-10, but after the Lady Saints forged ahead and went up 17-14, the stage was set for a wild finish when Ignacio junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga drilled VCHS senior Aria Webster with an equalizing serve as Webster, perhaps thinking the ball would sail long, was ducking out of the way.

Petersmeyer called timeout moments later after Cosio put IHS up 19-17 with a slide kill off senior Grace Engleby's block, but even though VCHS would tie at 20-all, Ignacio went up 23-20 via a kill by senior Harmony Reynolds. Petersmeyer decided she had to use her second and last timeout, and after a lengthy rally started by a Brunson serve, Engleby placed a perfect roll shot into empty space – gaining the serve for a nervous teammate.

Junior Hannah Leonard then terminated a Nobrega set, and Pontine took a timeout in hopes of protecting Ignacio's 23-22 lead, but VCHS senior Daisy Palacio followed with a shot the 'Cats couldn't cleanly pass. While heading back to serve again, senior Maya Telles was stopped by Allen, and the libero quickly gave her a brief, emphatic pep chat worthy of an MVP award.

After Telles successfully served in bounds, Leonard and Nobrega combined to block Strohl and thus brought up match point. And with one of her best serves yet, if ever in her career, Telles caused an IHS passing error bringing the action to a close.

"The remarkable thing was that it was a sophomore going to a senior captain



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marissa Olguin pushes a shot over Vail Christian's Logan Nobrega (12) during 2A-Region VI action.

and telling her she's got it," said Petersmeyer. "That was the underclassman knowing that the senior was feeling a lot of pressure on that line. This team, young and old, they really do love each other and support in any way." "But I can't go without remarking about our home crowd," she added. "They actually won some points for us – when the principal held up a sign that said 'Cheer! Or you're expelled' – and really made a difference."

Against Vail Christian, Reynolds downed 11 kills and Cosio did likewise, though both were held below .200 hitting. Strohl and sophomore Ollyvia Howe each recorded four kills, as Brunson totaled 29 set assists. Reynolds finished with her 18 digs, a number exceeded by only Brown (21). Brunson came up with seven digs, while Howe and Maci Barnes each logged five. Cosio was also credited with an impressive five solo blocks.

Reynolds led the way offensively against Lake County with 11 kills and Cosio followed with seven. Brunson finished with 28 assists as Strohl booked five kills and

sophomore Marissa Olguin four. Brown totaled 19 digs defensively, Reynolds finished with seven, and Barnes and Strohl each had five.

Regional runners-up, the 'Cats improved to a season-ending 14-11 overall; LCHS, the No. 19 seed, finished 19-6.

"I think when we started ... they were let down because we'd lost. And it was a hard loss," Pontine said, referencing her players' demeanor as play against the Lady Panthers commenced. "And not knowing at that point the outcome – not knowing how Lake County was going to rank (against VCHS) – it took us a little while to get our energy back." "We started to get into a huddle to talk," she continued, recalling her post-match address to her team, "but they were kicking us out of the gym – it was kind of a fast transition! But I got to go around and give most of them a hug before they left with their parents. I told them I was proud of them, and that it was a great season."

One of 12 Class 2A teams traveling to the Championships, Nov. 10-12, Vail Christian improved to 20-3.

FLY FISHING

Where can I cast a fly?

By Don Oliver
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When going to a new state "where to cast my fly" is always one of my first questions. And, unless I'm in an area with multiple fly shops where I can obtain information, or booking a guide for several days, it can be a perplexing issue. Other than guides and fly shops, I have found two ways to solve that question. The first way might get me into trouble. The second will keep me legal and out of trouble.

When in a new area, I like to look at a map of the area and find parks with ponds. The ponds usually have lots of pan-fish, bass, and sometimes trout. The problem with some of these ponds is they are designated, "Kid Only." Since, from time-to-time I've been known to act childish, I always feel like I should be allowed to fly fish in these ponds. However, I have been fussed at by more than one mom when I try to buy bait from their kids. The moms just aren't comfortable with a bald-headed, mustached fly fisherman hanging out with their young fishermen. Even though I'm harmless, I get it.

The other areas I like to fish are the tailwaters of the



lakes in the areas I find myself. Right now that area is south, middle Tennessee, and there are many lakes that have tailwaters exiting them. If the maps, in whatever area you find yourself, don't clearly mark the roads to the tailwaters, go to Google Earth. I have found that Google Earth will guide me to most any lake with a dam and tail water.

It is my experience tailwaters provide many of the things I like in fly fishing areas I am not familiar with. Safety is always my first concern. A tailwater area usually has some type of parking area, so I'm not having to leave my truck in the middle of nowhere to be stolen or vandalized. To avoid not having to boot and suit with a hundred of my nearest and dearest new friends, I find it best to be in these parking areas on a weekday. Since most people

have to work on weekdays, you'll most likely find only a few people in the parking lot. I have found those few are always happy to share great information about flies and fish.

Unless I'm fishing right below a dam, I find the tailwaters are generally less than waist deep, and in many instances, have a smooth bottom making wading easier. In Tennessee I have caught, in the same tailwater, perch, bass, and trout. It's always fun to cast to multiple species of fish, and then be surprised at what is at the end of my line.

The one situation one needs to be careful about when fishing tailwaters is the release of water from a dam. Many dams release water for irrigation, flood control, or to generate electricity. Most releases are planned, with lots of warning. However, some dams only sound a siren or horn before releasing water. Being aware of what the area does where I am fishing keeps me in wadable water.

So, don't be discouraged if you don't know anything about the streams or rivers in a new area. Find those dams and tailwaters. If that fails, you can always sneak into a "kid only" fishing pond.

The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Ride the updrafts
6 Passover observers
10 Old fare on the air
11 United Nations air navigation org.
12 Command
13 Tulip-to-be
14 Lake Tahoe Great Basin tribe
16 Store, afloat
18 Sunday songs
20 Pugilists' org.
21 The Ponca are found here, but it's not OK
23 "Applesauce!"
24 Owned
25 Miles away
26 Major cinematic genre
28 Snip a snap
30 Pan a camera skyward
33 "At last, the weekend!"
35 Seminole reservation
36 Type of hoop
37 Modern letter, but not text
38 Ranked tournament player
39 Laxative pod plant

Down

- 1 Got bigger
2 Helen of Troy's mother
3 Part of a colleen's charm
4 Luxembourg, for example, is a Grand one
5 Finally shuts up
6 Crane arm
7 Old French coins
8 He wrote "Song of Myself"
9 The --- Band of Luiseño Indians, San Jacinto CA
15 Make into law
17 Big chunk
19 Some Muslims
21 Saints and Cardinals can meet under its roof
22 Lairs
27 Moth attractor
29 Building foundation, particularly on soft ground
31 "--- the Air" (2009 George Clooney flick)
32 San Luis Rey River Valley reservation, CA
34 Passing fashion

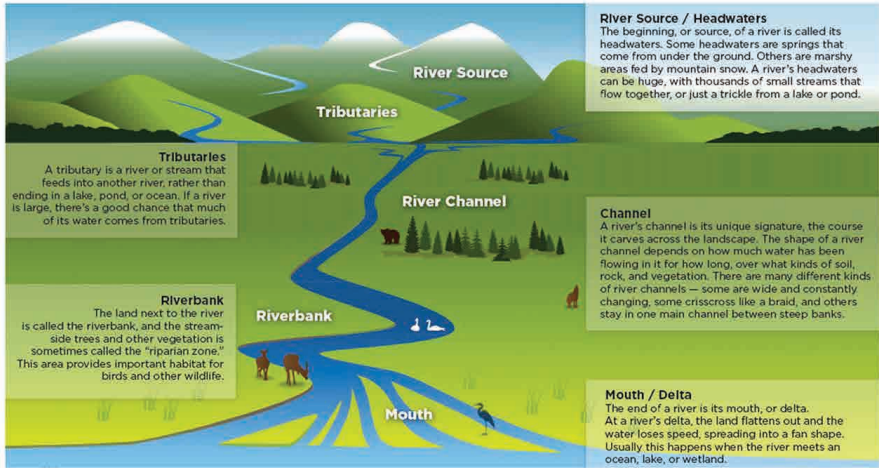
Answers for this crossword will appear in December 2 issue of the Drum.

Answers for November 4, 2022 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Mary, 5 Swag, 9 Wilco, 10 Kiki, 11 Maidu, 12 Uncle, 14 Dog, 15 Stashes, 17 Fee, 18 Lias, 19 Decrescendo, 23 Able, 24 Lat, 25 Roadway, 27 Eft, 30 Korda, 31 Uh-huh, 33 Keir, 34 Gourd, 35 Sten, 36 Adds.
Down: 1 Miao, 2 Ali G, 3 Rc'd, 4 You see, 5 Skua, 6 Winslet, 7 Ak Chin, 8 Gilead, 9 WMD, 13 Esso, 16 Tesla, 17 Freddie, 19 Dark, 20 E-books, 21 Claret, 22 Cayuga, 26 Warn, 27 Ehud, 28 Furs, 29 ThD, 32 Hod.

did you know?

Headwater streams are the smallest parts of river and stream networks, but make up the majority of river miles in the United States. SUIT's Water Quality Program monitors 5 major river basins across the Reservation, including the La Plata, Animas, Pine, Piedra, and San Juan Rivers. Can you think of any headwater streams that contribute to these larger river systems?

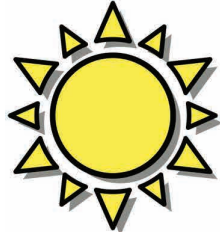


Sources: <https://archive.epa.gov/water/archive/web/html/streams.html> and <https://www.americanrivers.org/rivers/discover-your-river/river-anatomy/>

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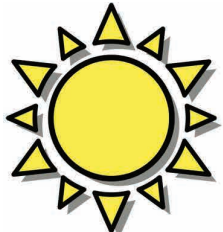
LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Nov. 18



Partly sunny 42°F
Afternoon winds

Saturday, Nov. 19



Sunny 43°F

Sunday, Nov. 20



Sunny 45°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



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