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U&O RESERVATION

# Sister Tribe hosts holiday powwow in Utah

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Ute Indian Tribe hosts the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow on Thursday, Nov. 24 – Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Ute Indian Tribe Recreation Center otherwise known as the Fort Duchesne Gym. This powwow featured contest dancing and singing, vendors, and a turkey dinner for all visitors. Every November, members of the three Ute tribes travel north to spend their Thanksgiving holiday at this celebration, taking time to visit family and friends of the Ute Indian Tribe.

Beginning on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 24 a handful of dancers filled the gym floor for Grand Entry with songs by host drum “The Descendants” out of Fort Berthold, N.D., Thursday evening did not feature competition singing or dancing however attendees enjoyed intertribal dancing and even a “Turkey Call”



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The final five participants of the Red Dress Special stand in line awaiting the results of the winner. Fancy shawl dancer, Keya Clairmont took first place in this special. Dancers showcased their style in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People bringing awareness to the epidemic, which has become a national crisis.

contest. Tribal royalty attended all three days of the event with introductions to visitors on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon, in attendance: Miss Southern Ute Grace Gonzales, Miss Southern Ute Alternate Bella Cloud, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Leandra Litz, Little Miss Southern Ute Cyana Whiteskunk, Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Shayne White

Thunder, and Southern Ute Brave Henry Whiteskunk.

Friday evening, the Ute Indian Tribe Recreation Center filled all seats with competing dancers, singers, spectators, and vendors. Powwow Emcee Bart Powaukee, who is local, welcomed all to the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow as Grand Entry began

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BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

# \$44 million to connect Tribe to high-speed internet

Biden-Harris announces \$73M in broadband grants

Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was awarded nearly \$44 million in federal funding to deploy high-speed internet to nearly 1,800 Native American households, 16 community institutions, and 14 businesses. This was made possible with funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, a total of \$73 million was awarded to nine tribal entities in latest round of “Internet for All” grants. The announcement came on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit held at the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C.

“The Southern Ute Trib-

al Council made the deployment of affordable, high-quality, high-speed broadband internet on the Reservation a top priority,” Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker said. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is honored to be awarded this funding and with this grant we can now focus on making this important goal a reality and truly bridge the digital divide that exists within our tribal lands.”

“The money that we will receive from this award will go to connecting our Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans living within our reservation,” Baker said. “It will also set the stage to enable im-

proved access for non-native residents, schools, municipalities, and businesses that will benefit from the deployment of our new broadband infrastructure.”

The Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) awarded nine grants as part of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP). These new grants, totaling more than \$73 million, bring the total of the program to \$1.655 billion awarded to 121 Tribal entities. With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Elliott Hendren (65) congratulates senior John Riepel (4) on a successful end-zone breach during road action at Farmington, N.M., Navajo Prep. Both Hendren and Riepel were recently named First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

# ’Cats named All-Conference in football

Four players earn First Team nods

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Prior to kickoff Friday evening, Aug. 19, John Riepel admitted he’d felt some proverbial butterflies internally as his day to become Ignacio’s starting quarterback – replacing the graduated Gabe Tucson – had at last come.

“It was kind of nerve-racking, but I was expecting it from ... summer camp,” he said. “And I was like, ‘Hey, you’ve got to be a leader; you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do.’ So I just winged it, tried my best at everything.”

Week in, week out, Riepel proved to be the Bobcat for whom opposing coaches game-planned the most, but who still powered IHS to a second consecutive winning season, with five (and six total, counting their 8/19

scrimmage-game thrashing of Red Mesa, Ariz., by a 70-0 margin) victories against three defeats.

Including a 99-yard kickoff-return touchdown and a 95-yard TD carry, Riepel tallied 16 six-pointers (14 rushing) during official 2022 action and added three two-point conversions as he accounted for 102 of IHS’ 216 points. Splitting more and more time under center with freshman heir apparent Zane Pontine as the season progressed, Riepel still slung four TD passes. For his extensive offensive – and defensive – contributions, he was recently named First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference.

Joining him as First Teamers were junior wide receiver/defensive back/return specialist Devante Montoya (3 TD catches, 1 interception-return TD, 1

punt-return TD), junior offensive/defensive lineman Elliott Hendren and OL/DL Zane Ross.

“Zane Ross is ... a straight dog,” Riepel had said of the one-year senior. “Great lineman – he went from wide receiver to offensive line – and I’m glad he decided to stick it out, pull through and get after it ... in the trenches.”

Sophomore OL/DL Kendrick Nossaman and freshman Lincoln deKay – who saw time on both sides of the ball, including in the offensive backfield – were voted Second Team All-SPC, and junior OL/DL Cruz Martinez Honorable Mention All-SPC.

“I love our line,” remarked Riepel. “They block, go after the (other) quarterback every single game, and I’m so proud of them for what

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## SunUte hosts gourd dance



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Gourd dancers from the Southern Ute reservation and the Four Corners region, flank Head Woman Dancer, Heather White Thunder as she is honored during the Southern Ute Gourd Dance at the SunUte Community Center, Saturday, Nov. 19. Jack Frost Jr., Andrew Frost, Russell Blackbird, Henry Whiteskunk Jr., and Henry Whiteskunk II are among the gourd dancers.

Women dancers support the gourd dancers in bright and colorful shawls during an honoring dance for the Southern Ute Gourd Dance on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Sun Ute Community Center. More photo coverage on page 9.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

## Remember our history



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz and Jr. Miss First Alternate, Myla Goodtracks greet SunUte Community Center employees with a smile as they finish the “Remember our History” walk, which took place on Friday, Nov. 18 starting outside of Tribal Council Chambers and looped around the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s overflow parking area. The community walk celebrated Ute history and culture in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. More photo coverage on page 7.





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these grants will expand high-speed Internet service network deployment and digital skills training to improve access to education, jobs, and health-care on tribal lands.

Tribes in six states received grants – California, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Nevada, and Washington.

These awards are part of the Biden Administration’s commitment to nation-to-nation engagement and an effort to connect everyone in America, including Native Americans and Alaskan Natives, to affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet service. The funding comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which included \$65 billion to connect every household to high-speed, affordable broadband.

“The Biden administration is committed to fostering meaningful partnerships with Tribal Nations, which have been vital to our goal of connecting everyone in America, including American Indians and Natives, with affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet service,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “These grants – made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – highlight the Biden administration’s unprecedented commitment to closing the digital divide in Native communities.”

The projects funded by these awards will directly connect 3,107 unserved Native American households that previously had no connectivity to high-speed Internet as well as businesses and anchor institutions. Additionally, the nine grants will create 49 new jobs. Additional grant awards will be announced on a rolling basis.

“We started on this lengthy process over a year ago. We submitted our application Sept. 1, 2021, and now we are set to embark on this next phase of building out the broadband utility within the Reservation,” explained Jeff Engman, Chief Information Officer with Southern Ute Shared Services. “Phase I has been ongoing and is 81% complete. This phase is the backbone of the whole broadband network we are creating. The first phase was started due to a grant that the State of Colorado created by House Bill 21-1289.”

Phase II is funded by

the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

“The digital inclusion grant program was created for the purpose of advancing the state’s digital inclusion priorities and grant money was awarded to the Indian tribes for the purpose of deploying additional infrastructure on tribal lands and providing devices to Indian tribes. To build out infrastructure development to support Tribal Council operations, essential services, access to telehealth, ability to work remotely, and participate in remote learning on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.”

“Just being able to provide fiber service to Tribal and Native residents throughout the reservation, gives us better communications,” emphasized Delbert Cuthair, Broadband and Digital Equity Manager with Southern Ute Shared Services. By providing better fiber service, the cellular coverage in the area will also improve. The proposed broadband infrastructure will also help with emergency service responders, who have historically had a communication deficit in remote areas of the Reservation; emergency responders would often lose signal en route to their calls. The planned upgrades to regional broadband infrastructure will provide service coverage across the Reservation.

The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program is a nearly \$3 billion grant program and part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Internet for All Initiative. The funds are made available from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (\$2 billion) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (\$980 million).

Nearly \$2 billion in funding is being made available as part of the Notice of Funding Opportunity announced in June 2021. An additional Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1 billion in funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be announced in the coming months. NTIA held three Tribal Consultations with tribal leaders to solicit their input on the upcoming NOFO.

Hickenlooper was part of the bipartisan group of 22 senators who negotiated and

wrote the law. “Through the broadband working group, Hickenlooper helped deliver the largest federal investment in broadband access and affordability of our generation,” according to a PSA from the office of Hickenlooper. In June 2021, Bennet introduced the bipartisan Broadband Reform and Investment to Drive Growth in the Economy (BRIDGE) Act to provide billions in flexible funding to states, including \$2 billion to Tribal governments. The BRIDGE Act which was later incorporated into the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. To date, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has delivered over \$1.1 billion to Colorado, of the nearly \$3 billion in funds announced already and more expected.

“When we said the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law would connect every house to fast, affordable internet, we meant every house,” said Hickenlooper. “Tribes have waited too long for connectivity. That changes today.”

“Tribal communities too often find themselves on the wrong side of the digital divide,” said Bennet. “With this funding, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe can bring their families, farms, businesses, and schools online, help communities within the reservation boundaries improve their broadband services, and begin to close that digital gap.”

### INTERNET FOR ALL

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes a historic \$65 billion investment to expand affordable and reliable high-speed Internet access in communities across the U.S. NTIA recently launched a series of new high-speed Internet grant programs funded by the law that will build high-speed Internet infrastructure across the country, create more low-cost high-speed Internet service options, and address the digital equity and inclusion needs in our communities.

Additionally, the Federal Communications Commission’s Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Visit [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://AffordableConnectivity.gov) to learn more.

## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Students and dancers hold hands at the Ignacio Intermediate School for a round dance to close out a cultural dance presentation. The Southern Ute Heritage Dancers gave presentations throughout Ignacio on Tuesday, Nov. 20 in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

This photo was first published in the Nov. 30, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Little Miss Southern Ute Jasmyn Howell (center) greets Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman Joyce Dutchie during the 2002 Elders Thanksgiving Dinner held on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Sky Ute Casino’s Rolling Thunder Hall. Mrs. Dutchie’s husband, Gilbert is seated at the left.

This photo was published in the Nov. 27, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

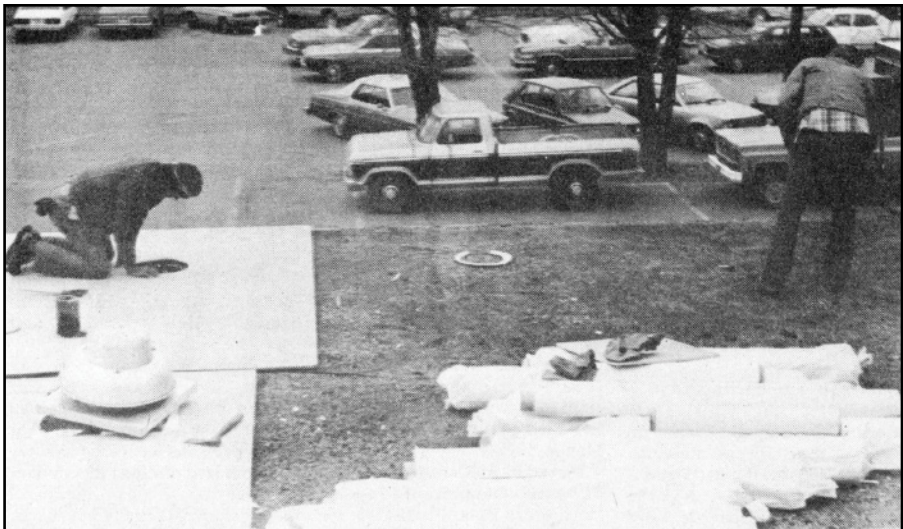


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### 30 years ago

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Angelina Vicenti, Little Miss Southern Ute, Carol Whiteskunk, and First Runner-Up Little Miss Southern Ute, Dawnette Naranjo represented the Southern Ute Tribe during the annual Indian National Finals Rodeo on Nov. 19-22, in Albuquerque, N.M.

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



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

The roof on the new Tribal Affairs building had previously been leaking. Repair work began right before a large winter storm approached the week prior with crew workers unable to finish before the storm hit.

This photo was first published in the Dec. 3, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



# 2022

## General Election Inauguration

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
- 2019-2022 End of Term Recognition for Ramona Y. Eagle and Marjorie Barry
- Swearing-In of Marjorie Barry & Marvin Pinnecoose for 2022-2025 Term

Chambers – Leonard C. Burch Building

356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137  
Social hour to follow in the Hall of Warriors

If you are unable to attend in-person, join virtually  
using the Webex link or QR Code  
Webex: <https://bit.ly/geEoT22>







# Sharing Pueblo culture



Dancers from Jemez Pueblo perform the Buffalo Dance at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. This dance performance, coordinated by the Cultural Preservation Department, brought in tribal members, their families, and the surrounding community.



Performing dances from their winter ceremonies, Jemez Pueblo dancers share the Eagle Dance at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum inside of the Large Classroom.

Malcolm Yepa, from the Jemez Pueblo Tribe, is the founder and lead singer of drum group “Black Eagle.” He sings for dancers during the Buffalo Dance and Eagle Dance on Thursday, Nov. 17, the Cultural Preservation Department looks forward to doing more with his group and the Jemez Pueblo.



**Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department welcomed Southern Ute tribal members and their families to view traditional dances from neighboring tribes, the Pueblo of Jemez and the Tesuque Pueblo, on Thursday, Nov. 17. Visitors gathered in the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum to watch the Buffalo Dance, Eagle Dance, and Bow and Arrow Dance. Dinner was also provided by Velma Armijo (Jemez Pueblo) who served traditional Pueblo style food for the cultural event.**

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum



Dancers of Tesuque Pueblo perform in part of the Native American Heritage Month celebration hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department. Their performance followed directly after the performance of the Jemez Pueblo dancers on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



## 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



## HISTORY COLORADO

# Remembering the Sand Creek Massacre

Staff report  
HISTORY COLORADO

November 29, 2022 marks the 158th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre, when U.S. troops attacked a peaceful camp of Cheyenne and Arapaho people. In addition to remembering the more than 230 people murdered that day, the anniversary compels us to face this history with raw honesty.

Just ten days ago, 150 members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes joined History Colorado to reflect on the massacre and commemorate the opening of the exhibition that we co-developed through many years of government-to-government consultations.

Over the coming year, History Colorado and our Tribal partners will offer more educational opportunities around this history. In December and January, our education team will be finalizing our field trip program to complement the Sand



courtesy History Colorado

“The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal That Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever,” at the History Colorado Center in Denver.

Creek Massacre exhibition.

### THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE

On April 19, Tribal representatives along with Dr. Alexa Roberts and Dr. Ari Kellman will discuss the establishment of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. We’re sharing additional resources designed to enable deeper learning about the massacre in The Colorado Magazine. And a Lost Highways podcast about the massacre will debut in spring 2023. We encourage you to keep learning and keep questioning.

The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever exhibition is open daily at the History Colorado Center and is included in a general admission ticket. The National Historic Site is open Thursday through Monday, and its website is, of course, 24/7. And we are always adding new things to our own ever-expanding website.

## Never forget the Ute language



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Members of the Ute Class sponsored by Shelly Thompson hosted a dinner for the class’ students and families, Friday, Nov. 18 at SunUte. Southern Ute Council Member, Dr. Stacey Oberly, Class Instructor Dorothy Wing, and Class Sponsor Shelly Thompson share a smile, laughs and information about the Ute language classes. The class started out with five or six members in July and there are now up to 20 or more students in the class. The classes are currently being held at the Ignacio Community Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. “The class teaches Ute words that are applied to real life,” says instructor Dorothy Wing, who is fluent in Ute, “It makes me feel good, I am proud of all the people who come to the class.” “We invite others who may want to learn to speak Ute,” Wing said. “We eventually want to have noon or day classes,” says class sponsor and Southern Ute tribal member Shelly Thompson. “We need more room to hold future classes, we are hoping more people come.”



## 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



## Prioritizing health



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Community and Home Health Services Department for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the 2022 Health Fair on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Students and visitors had the opportunity to talk with tribal departments, local health agencies, and other health related services about their work and services provided. For younger kids, games relating to healthy choices could be played, with a healthy snack alternatives given out as prizes. Southern Ute Health Center Dental Assistant, Lavera Holly hands out a box of tooth paste to a Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Student.



Tribal Services Executive Assistant, Shyida Howe discusses the importance of the Tribal Health Services Department and what programs are available for the tribal membership.



Life Coach Brooke Smith gives a small demonstration to a SUIMA class by showcasing the importance of eating healthy snacks such as fresh fruits and nuts versus unhealth snacks like donuts.

### HEALTHY RECIPES

## Holiday lasagna

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

Lasagna is a traditional layered pasta, sauce, and cheese dish. It can be made lower in fat and calories and higher in fiber by changing or adding a few ingredients.

Some folks actually serve lasagna as a dish on Christmas!

No matter when you serve it, this is simply a delicious dish!



courtesy A Family Feast

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

### Holiday Lasagna

#### Ingredients:

1 lb. whole wheat lasagna noodles, cooked "al dente"  
1 lb. lean ground beef or turkey  
4-5 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning (or 2 tsp dried oregano and 1 tsp dried basil)  
29 oz. can tomato sauce  
6 oz. fresh spinach, chopped  
8 oz. part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded  
5 oz. grated parmesan cheese, divided  
24 oz. low fat cottage cheese  
1 large egg  
Salt and pepper

#### Tips:

\*To keep lasagna from sticking, boil in a large pot and stir constantly through the first few minutes. You can also add a little oil to the water. When noodles are done, separate the sheets in a single layer and on a kitchen towel.

\*Noodles cooked "al dente" means they are still firm to the bite.

Serving size: 12  
Nutrition per serving: 374 Calories, 11g Fat, 30g Carbohydrates, 5g Fiber, 37g Protein, 866mg Sodium

#### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a large pot, cook pasta "al dente" according to package directions. Rinse under cold water then set aside.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat, brown beef (or turkey), using spatula to crumble as it cooks.
3. Add minced garlic, Italian seasoning and a pinch of salt and pepper. Continue to for cook a few minutes longer.
4. Add tomato sauce to meat mixture and stir to combine. Cook one minute then take off heat. Reserve one cup of meat sauce separately for the bottom and top layers.
5. In a large bowl, mix cottage cheese, half the mozzarella (4oz), half the parmesan (2.5oz), the chopped spinach and the egg, stir to combine.
6. Spread a thin layer (~1/2 of the reserved cup) of the meat sauce on the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan.
7. Begin layering: 3 lasagna noodles, 1/3 of cheese mixture, 1/3 of remaining meat sauce, do these 2 more times ending with the last 3 lasagna noodles.
8. Spread the remaining reserved meat sauce on top and layer with the remaining mozzarella (4oz) cheese.
9. Cover with foil and bake for 40- 45 minutes, uncover, add the remaining parmesan cheese (2.5oz) and bake uncovered for an additional 10 minutes to brown the top. Let rest for 10-15 minutes. Cut and serve!



Southern Ute  
Health Center

After Hours  
Care Line  
(970) 287.1180

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In the event of a health-related illness or emergency after hours, tribal members and SUHC patients may use the After Hours Care Line to speak with a on-call health provider to address your health-related questions.

### Elder Services Program

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### December Activities 2022

#### Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Albuquerque New Mexico Shopping Trip

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Van will depart from Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m. to Santa Ana Casino  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - Van will depart from Santa Ana Casino to Ignacio @ 10:00 a.m.

If you would like to attend the Albuquerque shopping trip, please call Elder Services to have your name added to the list 970-563-0156.

#### Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - Tribal office will be CLOSED – Leonard C. Burch Day

#### Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Farmington Shopping Trip

Van will depart from Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m. if weather permits

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Last day to call in your Christmas Dinner Delivery order. All orders must be in by 12:00 p.m.**

#### Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner at Sky Ute Casino

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Durango Shopping Trip

Van will depart from Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m. if weather permits

#### Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day – Kwisumas Taway

#### Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - Tribal Office will be CLOSED for the Christmas holiday

#### Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - Movie Day in Durango

Van will leave from Elder Services at 1:00 p.m. if weather permits

**All activities are subject to change without prior notice**

Call the Elder Services office at 970-563-0156 if you have any questions.

## 2022 SunUte Caring Tree

Greetings,  
With the 2022 Christmas holiday season here SunUte Community Caring Tree is ready to help 10 Ignacio families who are experiencing shortcomings. Please help us create a joyful season for these families.

You can pick an ornament, or as many as you want from our tree by signing them out at the front desk.

All the ornament requests are due no later than Monday, December 19th. Your generosity is always appreciated.

When you return the gifts, we need them wrapped and the ornament tag placed on them with information showing.

If you would like to help an entire family, please contact the Front Desk at SunUte, for more information (970)563-0214.

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





Holiday spice is nice



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Shining Mountain Health and Wellness division hosted a spice workshop where visitors could ask questions about spices and seasonings for all their holiday needs in the Hall of Warriors on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Diabetes Patient Coordinator, ShawMarie Tso talks with a tribal employee about the benefits of making your own taco seasonings as opposed to using premade seasoning packets which typically have higher salt content.



Human Resources Career Coordinator, Rochelle Aguilar uses a recipe and measuring spoons provided by the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness to make a turkey rub and seasoning.

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.

HOLIDAY HEALTH

Tips for coping with stress, depression and the holidays

Staff report  
MAYO CLINIC

Stress and depression can ruin your holidays and hurt your health. Being realistic, planning ahead and seeking support can help ward off stress and depression.

The holiday season often brings unwelcome guests, like stress and depression; and it's no wonder. The holidays often present a dizzying array of demands – cooking meals, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name just a few. And if coronavirus (COVID-19) is spreading in your community, you may be feeling additional stress, or you may be worrying about you and your loved ones' health. You may also feel stressed, sad or anxious because your holiday plans may look different during the pandemic.

But with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

Tips to prevent holiday stress and depression

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

1. Acknowledge your feelings. If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones for other reasons, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.
2. Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events or communities. Many may have websites, online support groups, social media sites or virtual events. They can offer support and companionship. If you're feeling stress during the holidays, it also may help to talk to a friend or family member about your concerns. Try reaching out with a text, a call, or a video chat. Volunteering your time or doing something to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships. For example, consider dropping off a meal and dessert at a friend's home during the holidays.
3. Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children or other relatives can't come to your home, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails or videos. Or meet virtually on a video call. Even though your holiday plans may look different this year, you can find ways to celebrate.
4. Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression too.
5. Stick to a budget. Before you do your gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Try these alternatives:
  - Donate to a charity in someone's name.
  - Give homemade gifts.
  - Start a family gift exchange.
6. Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, connecting with friends and other activities. Consider whether you can shop online for any of your items. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for meal prep and cleanup.
7. Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity. If it's not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the lost time.
8. Don't abandon healthy habits. Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt. Try these suggestions:
  - Have a healthy snack before holiday meals so that you don't go overboard with sweets, cheese, or drinks.
  - Eat healthy meals.
  - Get plenty of sleep.
  - Include regular physical activity in your daily routine.
  - Try deep-breathing exercises, meditation or yoga.
  - Avoid excessive tobacco, alcohol, and drug use.
  - Be aware of how the information culture can produce undue stress and adjust the time you spend reading news and social media as you see fit.
9. Take a breather. Make some time for yourself. Find an activity you enjoy. Take a break by yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm. Some options may include:
  - Taking a walk at night and stargazing.
  - Listening to soothing music.
  - Reading a book.
10. Seek professional help if you need it. Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Take control of the holidays

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays. Learn to recognize your holiday triggers, such as financial pressures or personal demands, so you can combat them before they lead to a meltdown. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during the holidays.

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Text **INDIGENOUS** to **741741**  
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SUIMA

# Kwanachigani pə'əkwatu

## Eagle's Nest

*Keeping the school as clean as possible*

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

With the hustle and bustle of the season upon us, as well as being in the midst of the flu/RSV/covid illnesses, we are trying to keep the school as clean as possible.

Not only do we have a phenomenal Clean Team crew, but our school nurse also sprays the classrooms with disinfectant, and our staff cleans the materials on a daily basis.

As many schools in our nation are demonstrating, SUIMA is also short on teaching staff. With the school already short on guides/teachers, we are being creative with what needs to be done when guides and teachers have to stay home due to their child being sick or being sick themselves.

To help with routine, we may get a substitute to step in for the day, use our aides/assistants, or move students from one room to another.

Thank you to the parents for being so understanding on days we may need to combine classes. We will let you know as soon as



photos courtesy SUIMA

Shawnee Rizzo mastered the Montessori table rods, which are a typical Montessori math material.

possible whenever this happens. With the curriculum we have, (the Montessori method), the students are familiar with all the materials so combining them is not a hardship.

### POSITIONS BEING ADVERTISED

If you are interested in working with children, increasing your Ute language, and having a sense of community, apply for one of SUIMA's positions. We have openings in the infant/toddler level, the 3-6-year-old level, and the elementary level. You can find applications at Southern Ute Indian Tribe Jobs, click on Career Portal - Government, then click on View Current Jobs. It's as easy as that!

### OPEN ENROLLMENT - DEC. 1-10

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

### Nuu'apaghapi (Ute phrases and sentences)

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

- Yəga – come in
- Yəvəpə - Pine tree
- Káatisi nəchi'napə - candy cane
- Núurugwapə - gift
- Para'si - icy

### Upcoming events

- 12/1 – Upper Elementary candy cane sale
- 12/1-10 – Open Enrollment
- 12/2 – Taste of Christmas event downtown
- 12/5 and 12/6 – Dental screenings
- 12/9 – No School: Leonard C. Burch Day
- 12/17 – Tribal Christmas Program
- 12/19 – Elementary classes skating at Chapman Hill
- 12/20 – PAG via Zoom: 6 p.m.
- 12/22 – Upper Elementary Bake Sale
- 12/23-1/6 – No School: Christmas Break



AnnaLicia Delgado Torres is focused as she works with her lowercase alphabet letters.



Kindergarten student, December San-tistevan is working on her math skills.

### Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet

The Education Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet is seeking 12 new members. To be considered for a cabinet position, candidates must complete an online application by Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023.

**About the Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet:** The Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet is an opportunity for Colorado teachers to share their hands-on classroom knowledge. This advisory group is made up of 22 practicing teachers from around the state representing small, medium, large, rural, suburban and urban school systems.

**Role of Teacher Cabinet Members:** Serve as a sounding board for the implementation of state education policy. Brainstorm solutions for some of the challenges facing today's educators, such as raising achievement among all students, supporting low-performing schools and increasing the number of individuals joining the teaching profession.

For questions or assistance, email [teachercabinet@cde.state.co.us](mailto:teachercabinet@cde.state.co.us).

## Kàpi and donuts



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) upper elementary students held a coffee shop sale on Thursday, Nov. 17 to raise funds for their end of the year Santa Fe trip. Southern Ute tribal staff, students and teachers from SUIMA and family members stopped by to buy coffee, hot tea, hot chocolate and donuts. The students made approximately \$150 to go towards their trip.



Osias Goodtracks and Meskvlvv Wesley take Records Manager Shiri Howell's order during the coffee shop fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Osias Goodtracks pours fresh coffee during the coffee shop fundraiser.

## SUIMA gives thanks



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students celebrate Thanksgiving with their families on Friday, Nov. 18, families enjoyed a turkey dinner in the SUIMA Dining Hall. Gloria Frost takes her turn to be served an assortment of Thanksgiving food including turkey, stuffing, vegetables, and rolls.

Jordan and Clementine Carrillo sit down to enjoy their turkey dinner on Friday, Nov. 18 in the SUIMA Dining Hall.



## SunUte Recreation: Telluride Field Trip

### December 15th-17th

Ages: 12-17 Years Old

Limited Space Available

Fee: \$30.00

Open to: Southern-Ute Tribal Member & 1st Descendants

We will be spending two nights in Telluride with two days of skiing/snowboarding. This trip is for beginners through advanced skiers and snowboarders.

**What to bring:** bed roll/sleeping bag, pillow, snow pants, coat, gloves, snow boots, goggles, & change of clothes.

**What will be provided for youth:** All Ski/boarding gear, Ski/Snowboarding lessons, lift ticket & food.

**Depart SunUte:** Thursday December 15th @ 4:30pm

**Return to SunUte:** Saturday December 17th @ TBA

For More Information Contact: Virgil @ 970-563-2652





SUIMA Heritage Walk



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students Saniyya Valdez and Sibrya Larry begin their walk while holding each other’s hand, during the “Remember our History” walk, which took place on Friday, Nov. 18.



In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students and their families participated in the “Remember our History” walk. Kelsey Frost, Assistant Facilities Ops Manager for SunUte Community Center, helps the participants to safely cross County Road 517 as they begin their 1.2-mile walk.

Candy cane fundraiser



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Tribal member Krys Carrillo helps her daughter, Clementine write her name on purchased candy canes during the fundraiser on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Hall of Warriors. The SUIMA class plans on doing two more fundraisers before the start of their Christmas break.



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) upper elementary classroom started off December with a candy cane fundraiser for their end of the year field trip to Santa Fe, N.M. Kaylee Cuthair purchases candy canes to go to different tribal departments on campus.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Happy Holidays from Ignacio School District!

By Cori Stevens,  
Curriculum Director  
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

It is an exciting time of year, filled with many festivities. On Thursday, Nov. 17th, the District hosted its annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Over 1,200 meals were served. The kitchen staff did an excellent job preparing the delicious meal from scratch. The Student Senate showed their gratitude by assisting with the serving.

More fun events are one the horizon: The High School Drama Team will host its first production of the year on Dec. 7, Tiny Stories: A Series of Monologues with Lives of Their Own. The play starts at 6 p.m. and doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Elementary will host their Winter Concerts on Dec. 7, 14, and 20. The High School/Middle School Winter Concert is on Dec. 21. Parents and community members can keep track of district events by visiting the online calendar on the District website. If you go



Cori Stevens  
Curriculum Director  
Ignacio School District

to the online calendar, you will see an option to sync the events to your personal calendar.

In the midst of the holiday cheer, the district is also focusing heavily on academics. On Friday, Dec. 2 the district will have its monthly Professional Development Day. During that time, the district will begin some intensive curriculum work that will carry on through the 2023-24 school year. Teachers will start by prioritizing state standards to determine

what our instructional focus will be. The end result will be K-12 pacing guides that will be accessible to all on the district website.

The District has also joined a rural collaborative called the Colorado Student Centered Accountability Program, or S-CAP. District members visit one another to share ideas and provide feedback on school improvement. Ignacio School District had its first initial review on Oct. 24. In turn, we’ve sent teams of administrators and teachers to La Veta and Buena Vista. We have upcoming visits to Monte Vista and La Junta School Districts.

As we approach the New Year, there is much to be thankful for and look forward to. We cherish those opportunities for collaboration and community involvement; It takes a village!

“TOGETHER WE WILL ENGAGE, EMPOWER, AND PREPARE ALL OF OUR LEARNERS FOR THE FUTURE.”

Sharing heritage with schools



photos courtesy Dayna Talamante-Montoya/Ignacio Middle School

The Ignacio Middle School gymnasium was filled with students, staff, and cultural dancers. The cultural performance and educational piece provided the school’s students with a wonderful learning opportunity. The school would like to thank all who made this event happen.



Members of the Southern Ute Royalty shared their roles as ambassadors for the Southern Ute tribe.

Ignacio Middle School celebrates Native American Heritage month, ahead of the Thanksgiving break, with lessons and stories from Southern Ute Heritage and Events Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose along with heritage dance performances and a drum group out of Towaoc, Colo.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Ignacio School District: Dec. 26 – Jan. 6  
S.U. Indian Academy: Dec. 29 – Jan. 6

7th Annual

Christmas

TOY DRIVE

For Ignacio Community

November 17th – December 20th, 2022

New toys under \$ 10.00

Please DO NOT wrap gifts

Look out for us on December 23!

Drop Off Locations

- SU Growth Fund
- Red Willow
- SunUte Community Center
- SU Permanent Fund (all buildings)
- Ignacio Community Library
- Farmers Fresh
- Family Dollar
- Taste of Christmas Event
- Southern Ute Tribal Curbside Christmas Dinner

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE





## Growth Fund: Sip, Chat, Chew



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Operations Office Manager, Debbie Garner shares a laugh with tribal elder Cynthia Buckskin while serving her at this month's Sip, Chat, and Chew which was sponsored by the Southern Ute Growth Fund on Friday, Nov. 18. The dinner is open to members of the three Ute tribes and their families, this month all Indigenous veterans and their families were invited as well.

Kourtney Hadrick, Growth Fund Operating Director and Darrell Owen, Growth Fund Finance Director help to serve at the Sip, Chat, and Chew event held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, Nov. 18. For the month of November, visitors ate a turkey dinner and participated in the door prize raffle.



### 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 8<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) 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, <https://fourcornerswater.org/flc-students/water-media-fellowships>, or reach out to [tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org](mailto:tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org) if you have any questions.



QR Code for fellowship website

## TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT

# HUD announces first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

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

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the members of the first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC). HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge is launching the committee to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between HUD and Tribal communities, coordinate policy across all HUD programs, and advise on the housing priorities of the American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. The function of TIAC is not to replace Tribal consultation, but rather serve as a tool to supplement it. The establishment of this first ever committee follows consistent engagement between HUD and Tribes across the country.

Announced during Native American Heritage Month and preceding the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Sum-

mit, the committee is born out of a 2021 Presidential memorandum that directed all federal agencies to take actions to strengthen their policies and practices on Tribal consultation. That same year, HUD Secretary Fudge announced her intention to establish the first HUD Tribal advisory committee.

Public comment was taken into consideration regarding both the structure of the committee and the nomination of its members. HUD's goal in selecting the committee members was to reflect appropriate representation across the federally recognized tribes. Several HUD representatives will serve on the committee as well.

"With the creation of the first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, HUD continues to answer the President's call to strengthen our relationships with our Tribal partners," said HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge, "As we commemorate Native American Heritage Month,

I'm proud to move forward alongside this new Committee with such esteemed members, who will help us to address the unique concerns of Indian Country."

"During Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate the many contributions of American Indians and the influence they have had on our country," said Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman. "I'm thrilled to work hand-in-hand with our new Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee in creating increased opportunities for Tribes and Tribal communities."

"Our nation's treaty and trust responsibilities are commitments we hold dear," said HUD's Rocky Mountain Regional Administrator Dominique Jackson. "I look forward to working with this important Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to reinforce this Country's promise to our Tribal Nations throughout the Rocky Mountain Region."



NATIVE LENS



VISION MAKER  
MEDIA

### Native Lens and Vision Maker Media announce the first annual Native Lens Media Fellowship for 2023.

The Native Lens Media Fellowship is open for applicants from American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians aged 18-24 interested in learning the craft of video production and digital storytelling. The fellowship will take place in-person in Durango and Ignacio, Colorado, on Southern Ute land. Participants will meet for several hours each day from February 25 - March 3, 2023, with project facilitators and Native filmmaker mentors to learn about story development, production, and post-production practices. Fellows will produce short videos that will premiere in a showcase at the Durango Independent Film Festival on Saturday, March 4.

In addition, fellowship participants will attend DIFF screenings and panels and can meet and network with other filmmakers in attendance. Fellows will also be encouraged to develop a film proposal for a future project, to submit to Vision Maker Media's Creative Shorts Fellowship for funding and project support.

Please note: There is no cost to participate in the fellowship, but at this time, there is no funding available to support travel costs or lodging for the fellowship.

Previous media experience is not required to participate in the fellowship.

To apply, visit: <https://forms.gle/K1tjHRpA7Ljtpi67>

Please direct any questions to Native Lens Project Coordinator Colleen Thurston or KSUT Tribal Media Center Coordinator Colten Ashley:  
[colleen@nativelens.org](mailto:colleen@nativelens.org)  
[tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org](mailto:tribalmidiacenter@ksut.org)  
(970) 563-5794  
(505) 860-5403

Applications are due December 31, 2022. Applicants will be notified in January.



## Multi-Purpose Facility December 2022 Events

Yard Sale—Saturday December 3, 2022—9:00AM—3:00PM

Tamale Workshop—Tuesday December 6, 2022—9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Senior Breakfast—Wednesday December 7, 2022 10:00 AM—11:30 AM  
----- Open to all Seniors 55 + years-----

Elder Crafting Tuesday December 13, 2022, - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

• ----- Elders or Adults Only Please-----

Sip, Chat & Chew Wednesday December 14, 2022 - 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

----All Three Ute Tribes & Families----

Cookies —Thursday December 15, 2022 —10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Holiday Bazaar—Saturday December 17, 2022 = 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Yeast Bread Class—Thursday December 22, 2022—9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday December 27 & 29, 2022

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](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

## Multi-Purpose Facility December Senior Breakfast

Wednesday December 7, 2022  
10:00 - 11:30 AM



Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older



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



# Southern Utes host Gourd Dance



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Department's Events & Heritage Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose helps during the giveaway from the SUIMA staff on Saturday, Nov. 19.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk shakes the hands of fellow royalty members, Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate, Shayne White Thunder and Junior Miss First Alternate, Myla Goodtracks after they each received gifts during a give-away sponsored by the Whiteskunk family.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Nathan Strong Elk, Arena Director Angelo Frost, Gourd Dance Emcee Afrem Wall, Arena Director Phoenix Traver and Ute Mountain Ute Councilmember, Afrem Wall gather for a photo after the two youth arena directors accepted gifts during a special held during the gourd dance.

## Ascent Classical Academy Community Events

### Ignacio's Taste of Christmas

Come and make a free holiday craft and discover the joys of a Classical Education  
December 2, 2022 6:00-8:00 Elhi Building



### Meet & Greet at The Rose Cafe

Join your local steering committee for appetizers and conversation!  
December 7 11:00 - 1:00

### QUESTIONS?

Join us at a community event or reach out to your local steering committee

email: [ascentignacio@gmail.com](mailto:ascentignacio@gmail.com)  
or on the web at:  
[swcolorado.ascentclassical.org](http://swcolorado.ascentclassical.org)

**LAST CHANCE** to make **YOUR VOICE** heard is Monday, December 12th at 7pm at the **FINAL** board meeting of 2022!

If we want our community to have a **TUITION-FREE** Charter School option for our children we must write to our board members, and speak at the December 12 meeting to ask the board to release Ascent of the Southwest to CSI!

## Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

Tuesday December 13, 2022

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

*Elders & Adults Only Please*

**Please call to sign up - space is limited -**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)



## Multi-Purpose Facility December Monthly Yard Sale



**Saturday December 3, 2022**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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

**Wreath making with Evalyn Russell**  
**space is limited**

**Call 970-563-2640 to sign up**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

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

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY December Sip, Chat & Chew

Wednesday December 14, 2022

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



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

Door Prize donations are welcome

**Storytelling Contest:**  
**Believe it or not? - Scariest - Funniest - Traditional**



**Sponsored by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council**

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





# Gathering for Thanksgiving Powwow



Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales welcomes dancers, singers, and spectators to the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow on Thursday, Nov. 24. Following her introduction, Gonzales took part in inter-tribal dancing with her grandmother Marge Barry and fellow royalty.



Two finalists of the Ojaydale "Odie" Trujillo Teen Boy's Traditional Special stand in line to be judged on their dancing skills, the winner was selected by the crowd's cheers. Teen boy's traditional dancer Nabahe Shebala (front left) took first place in this special.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum



Teen boy traditional dancer, Ojaydale "Odie" Trujillo competes in his respective category on Friday, Nov. 25. Trujillo's family also held a teen boy's traditional special in his honor on Saturday, Nov. 26 following Grand Entry.

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with direction from visiting Arena Director, Yahsti Perkinskiller of Birney, Mont., local veterans led Grand Entry with visiting tribal royalty following directly behind. Champion dancers from all over Indian Country hit the floor warming up for their respective category contests. The night started with a round of intertribal dancing—meaning all dancers and spectators are welcome to share the floor— and visitors moved to the sounds of seven singing groups as the selected drum judges surrounded each visiting drum. Shortly after competition dancing began for all junior, teen, adult, senior adult, and golden age category. Mem-

bers of all three Ute tribes proudly represented themselves as many donned their best regalia and participated in the competition dancing. On the final day of the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow, the event featured a Red Dress Special in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, a winner take-all teen boy's traditional special in honor Ojaydale Trujillo, and a tiny-tot dance special. The hallways of the Ute Indian Tribe Recreation Center filled with a variety of vendors selling jewelry, supplies, hides, shirts, beads, and food. Spectators of all ages had a variety of activities to participate in during their time at this

celebration. During supper break the Ute Indian Tribe hosted a turkey dinner, offering visitors a free meal in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Ute Indian Tribe welcomed visitors from across Indian Country, and it has become a long-standing tradition that members of the three Ute Tribes participate in the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow. Time and time again, tribal members and their families enjoy visiting extended family members and friends, participating in competition singing and dancing, and sharing their best memories of the celebration with one another.



CELEBRATE  
**LEONARD C. BURCH**  
DAY WITH US!

\$25

IN SKY UTE LOOT

&

\$15


FOOD VOUCHER

Under the leadership of Leonard C. Burch, the Southern Ute Tribe rose to economic significance in the Four Corners Region and became the largest employer in La Plata County. On Saturday, December 10, we're going to celebrate! All Southern Ute Tribal members can show their Tribal I.D. and Ace's Club card to receive \$25 in Sky Ute Loot and a \$15 Food Voucher!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 9AM - 9PM

14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137 | skyutecasino.com

DISCLAIMER: Must be 21 years or older, a Southern Ute Tribal Member and an Ace's Club member to participate. \$25 Sky Ute Loot and \$15 Food Voucher must be used on the same day they are received. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at any time without notice. Rules apply, see Ace's Club for complete details.



**Election Board is closed.**

**We will return:**

**July and August 2023**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Please contact 970-946-3474 if needed.**

**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL  
OFFICE CLOSURES**

All Southern Ute administrative offices will be closed, Friday, Dec. 9 in observance of Leonard C. Burch Day.

Leonard C. Burch Day is officially recognized annually on Dec. 10.

**NOTICE  
Firewood Distribution**

**FIREWOOD SEASON  
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.



INDIGENOUS FILM

Open casting call announcement for “Thorpe”

Film to portray Sac and Fox and Potawatomi athlete

**Staff report**  
**PR NEWSWIRE**

Pictureworks Entertainment, Director Tracey Deer, and Casting Director, Rene Haynes, announce an on-line open casting call event to find the next Jim Thorpe for the upcoming feature film Thorpe.

Deadline reported on November 21, 2022 that award-winning Indigenous director Tracey Deer (Beans) will direct Thorpe, written by William N. Collage (Emancipation). This will be the first time in history Thorpe will be portrayed by a Native man in a major motion picture.

Thorpe is an inspiring sports drama about the Indigenous multi-sport athlete Jim Thorpe. Aided by the legendary coach, Pop Warner, Jim attempts to overcome the devastation of the Native American boarding school system to achieve Olympic glory at Stockholm in 1912 and fulfill the words of his father to “show the world what an Indian can do.”

Rene Haynes (Prey, The

Revenant, The New World, and the upcoming Killers of the Flower Moon) is recognized, internationally, as one of the foremost experts in Native American/First Nations/Indigenous casting.

Producer Chris Taylor, Chitimacha Tribe of LA, said: “The challenge with this project has always been deciding which part of Jim’s story to focus the movie on. Previous versions of the script portrayed an older Jim, but what’s so exciting about Collage’s script is how youthful it is. We are very much looking forward to finding the right young Native man to step into Jim’s giant shoes. We invite every tribe in the U.S. and Canada to encourage their young people to audition.”

Deer, the first Indigenous Filmmaker to get the TIFF emerging talent award, said she was “honored and thrilled to bring Jim Thorpe’s incredible story to the screen so audiences worldwide can experience the tremendous hurdles he overcame to become the greatest athlete of the 20th century. His resilience, passion and pride are shining examples of the greatness that Indigenous people are capable of but that the dominant society has tried so hard to quash over the years. The residential school system is just one of the injustices Jim and so many of our people have had to survive.”

“Just as Jim has now been rightfully restored to his proper place as an Olympic champion, so too it is time for the world to face the realities of systemic racism and persecution that have permeated North American society so that we can begin to heal as a nation,” Deer said. “My goal for Thorpe is to create a film that offers hope and inspiration, in spite of so much darkness, to show what is possible when you dare to dream. This is the gift of Jim’s legacy to us all.”

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Sharing in the Ute ways



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder and Sundance Chief, Byron Frost highlights the significance of the drum in Native culture to a class of visiting students from the Ignacio Elementary School at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center, Wednesday, Nov. 30. Frost explained that the Drum brings energy and good feeling to those who hear it. He asked the young students to be kind to one another, and respect the world around them.

Southern Ute tribal member, Ivan Joseph takes notes during the cultural presentation, hosted by his grandfather, Byron Frost at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center.



Mia Armstrong Lopez (gray shirt) listens intently alongside her peers on a field trip with their fourth grade Colorado History class. Wednesday’s Ignacio Elementary School field trip included a tour of the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center’s Permanent Gallery as well as a special presentation by Southern Ute elder and Sundance Chief, Byron Frost.

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DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

# Colorado launches driver's license and State ID in Apple Wallet

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF REVENUE

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced the launch of Colorado ID in Apple Wallet, providing an easy, fast, and secure, digital version of their state-issued driver license or ID card.

Starting today, Coloradans can choose to add their driver's license or state identification (ID) card to Wallet, and easily and securely present it with a tap of their iPhone or Apple Watch at select Transportation Security Administration (TSA) PreCheck® security checkpoints, including within Denver International Airport (DEN).

"Colorado is at the forefront of digital innovation to better serve customers," said Executive Director Mark Ferrandino. "We are committed to saving people time, enhancing convenience and security, and expanding accessibility for all Coloradans."

Colorado is the third state to implement IDs in Wallet. It is only available to individuals with a current, valid Colorado-issued driver license or ID and serves as a companion to the physical, plastic driver

license or ID – it is not a replacement and Coloradans must continue to carry their physical driver's license or ID with them.

"Colorado is always looking for services that provide our residents security, privacy and ease of use," said Electra Bustle, senior director of DMV. "As we partner with the Transportation Security Administration to offer Colorado ID in Wallet to traveling Coloradans, we are thrilled to offer this new service to make their travel experience more seamless and convenient."

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For more information, visit [dmv.colorado.gov/applewallet](https://dmv.colorado.gov/applewallet).

NATURAL RESOURCES

# Bennet champions the Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act

Staff report  
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet spoke before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in support of his Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act.

"The Dolores River is vital to Southwest Colorado. The canyon carved by the Dolores is renowned — not just in our state, but across the country — for its majestic red rock walls that tower over the ponderosa pines," said Bennet during the hearing. "The Dolores River is not only a critical source of water for Southwest Colorado; it is central to the region's farming, ranching,

outdoor recreation, and way of life."

The result of more than two decades of discussion and collaboration between counties, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, water managers, conservation groups, landowners, ranchers, recreationists, and energy companies, this bill would protect over 68,000 acres of public lands in three Colorado counties of Dolores, Montezuma, and San Miguel. Senator Bennet submitted more than a dozen letters of support from conservation and outdoor recreation groups, local and Tribal governments, and a wide range of Coloradans to the committee this morning.

"The bill includes a range of designations that

reflect the range interests in the Dolores River — to conserve native fish, honor water rights, and protect existing uses for farmers, ranchers, communities, and outdoor recreation," continued Bennet during the hearing. "This bill represents a balanced, sensible way forward to resolve many of the long-standing disagreements, protect the river for all parties, and provide long-term certainty for generations."

Bennet and Colorado U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper introduced this legislation in the U.S. Senate in July. Colorado U.S. Representatives Lauren Boebert, Doug Lamborn, and Ken Buck introduced identical legislation in August.

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## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady 'Cats ready for Class 3A return

## Former skipper Seibel to lead IML invasion

*By Joel Priest*  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Still very much built for speed on the basketball court, Ignacio head coach Trae Seibel knows his Lady Bobcats will also have to be built for battle this winter as IHS returns to the Colorado High School Activities Association's Class 3A ranks.

Specifically, the rugged Intermountain League, of which Ignacio was last a member in the 2007-08 season.

“Our practices have been geared for that, big-time,” said Seibel, who’d previously led the Lady ‘Cats during the ’17-18 campaign, taking them to the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships in Loveland. “We’re really just getting them into shape; we have to be a team that is able to press well and be able to break a press.”

"We're back in the IML, so ... for us, it changes our whole dynamic; there's no more winning 89-2 or things like that," he continued. "It's going to be a dogfight day in and day out. Centauri looks great, Pogo's big, Alamosa's going to be tough ... and we have to go through those teams now to get to the next level. Our dynamic's had to change; it's intensified, for sure."

Having surfaced above .500 just twice during the 2021-22 grind, the Lady 'Cats fortunately broke even under one-year skipper Tony Gomez despite falling 47-38 at Peyton in the 2A-Region VIII semifinals. Ignacio finished 11-11 overall – making the Lady 'Cat program 180-126 in its 14 2A/1A San Juan Basin League seasons – and would later lose starter Avaleena Nanaeto, reserve Elisia Cruz and injured Monika Lucero to graduation.

"We did get basically everybody back," said Seibel, "so we're returning players and hoping that we can build off of last year, continue to grow. That's my biggest thing: To get better."

“What we’re doing a



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds lines up a shot against Telluride during San Juan Basin League action last season inside IHS Gymnasium. Now a senior, Reynolds will be a key contributor for the Lady Bobcats in the 2022-23 season as IHS returns to the Class 3A ranks in the Intermountain League.

lot different is bringing in a system of read-and-react. And a lot of low-post high-post attack,” he continued. “We’re really going to build upon the guard set we’ve got ... and the girls are now learning how to play their positions, learning about mismatches, and really growing their intelligence – to figure out how to take the basketball and put it in the hoop!”

Senior guard Laci Brunson returns to anchor the backcourt, and will be joined by junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, sophomore Marissa Olguin, junior Maci Barnes and others. Freshman Alyssa Atencio, according to Seibel, will be a prospect worth watching, with further depth offered by potential returnees Alexis Ortiz, Lauren deKay, Grace Pargin and Dalaney Wesner.

“We’ve got about four to five guards that are quick and know how to work hard. Right now it’s just about refining their skills,

teaching them how to go inside, pass to our posts,” he said, “and how to move with purpose and really take care of the ball.”

"We have a strong guard set, and a strong post set as well with Soly and Harmony," Seibel added, referring to junior Solymar Cosio and senior Harmony Reynolds. "It's a good balance we have."

Joining Seibel on the bench will be a coaching staff headed by varsity assistants Gina Cosio and Cloe Seibel. Avionne Gomez returns to direct the junior-varsity squad, and Makayla Howell will oversee the C-team.

"In the IML, Gina was a force," he stated. "And she'd coached under Chris Valdez when he was the girls' coach; she's got a lot of experience. These ladies that I've hired, it's good for the young ladies to look up to them and go, 'These girls

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**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

The Ignacio Bobcats prepare for action against Lotus School for Excellence in last season's 2A-Region IV tournament, hosted by Vail Mountain. Save for the graduated Gabe Tucson, most – if not all – of the players pictured should be returning this winter for head coach Chris Valdez (speaking at center).

## BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

## Remember us? Bobcats rejoining 3A ranks

## Valdez's team an IML member again

*By Joel Priest*  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Remembering full well the most recent game Ignacio's boys played as a Colorado High School Activities Association Class 3A basketball program, longtime head coach Chris Valdez sounded excited over the fact that, at long last, IHS can set about avenging a season-ending 60-47 home loss – on March 7, 2008 – to Gilcrest-based Valley in the State Tournament's Round-of-32.

For when the 2022-23 Bobcats first see action Thursday night, December 1, it will again be as a 3A-level team – ending an authoritative 14-year run hooping as part of the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League.

"You know, ever since we got the announcement late last year ... I think we can be competitive if we can get the kids on the right page," he said in a phone interview earlier this week. "But you always have to be ready for a battle every single night, and as coaches we're going to have to be preparing to ... adjust for every team – teams we haven't seen in the last 14 years!"

After amassing a 268-67 overall record – including last winter's 16-7 mark – as SJBLers, Ignacio will be amongst some former brethren in the 4A/3A Intermountain, including now-4A Pagosa Springs and Al-



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) challenges Mancos' Connor Showalter for the opening tip during district-tournament play last season at Montezuma-Cortez H.S. Now a junior, Cox will again provide IHS this winter with much-needed frontcourt height as well as increased strength.

amosa, as well as 3A hold-overs Bayfield, Centauri and Montezuma-Cortez. Postseason play will be interesting, with CHSAA designating Southern Peaks Leaguers Crested Butte to be part of a district comprised of IHS (reclassified to 3A this year for basketball only), BHS, CHS and M-CHS.

"We were in there before ... and there's a couple things that are different, obviously," said Valdez. "You're going to have more competition day in and day out – you know, you're not going to ... some of these smaller schools where you can almost take a couple

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### *All-State elation*



**Joel Priest/Special to the Drum**

Seen between parents Melanie and J.D., Ignacio Volleyball's Laci Brunson is presented to fans filling IHS Gymnasium prior to Senior Night action against Dolores. Most recently, Brunson played in the 2022 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Games' Class 2A showcase match Sunday, November 20, at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, Colo. Coaching her and the nine-player 2A-Blue team were Lorrie Mahoney of San Juan Basin League rival Telluride, plus former THS standout Emily McNamee (née Langley). "That was great," Mahoney said. "I'd never met Laci – obviously coached against her – but she was a great setter." Brunson's teammates also included THS' Emma Righetti, Meeker's Emma Luce, Hotchkiss North Fork's Payton Carver, Sanford's Alyssa Edgar, Edwards Vail Christian's Grace Engleby, Kremmling West Grand's Sage Lechman, plus Fowler's Olivia Romero and Kiara Sharp.

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used to play a high level of basketball!" It's good mentorship. And for the coaches a good opportunity to give back what they've learned."

The Lady 'Cats will get underway Thursday, Dec. 1, facing Olathe at the Centauri-hosted Mountain Top Classic. Tip-off in La Jara against the Lady Pirates (10-11 overall in '21-22) is scheduled for 7 p.m.

IHS defeated OHS twice last season – once at the MTC, and later in the 2A-District 3 Tournament's third-place game, ending Olathe's season while extending their own into the Class 2A State Tournament's opening Round-of-32.

The winner will then face either Dove Creek – which reached last season's Class 1A State Championships and finished 21-3 overall – or Centauri's JV at 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd; the IHS-OHS loser will face the DCHS-CHS JV loser at 11:30 a.m.

"Our goal is to really compete," Seibel said. "My focus is on Olathe, make sure we take care of business, and see what we've got right off the bat."

Also in the mix will be Centauri's varsity – last season's IML champion with a 7-1 mark, and 14-9 overall record after falling in the 3A State Tournament's 'Sweet 16' stage – plus now-5A Durango (17-8, eliminated in the Class 4A 'Sweet 16'), now-3A Cedaredge (22-4,



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Ignacio's Marissa Olguin dribbles around the wing during last season's non-league action at Del Norte. Now a sophomore, Olguin should again see major varsity minutes in helping the Lady Bobcats transition from the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League to the 3A Intermountain in the 2022-23 season.

fifth place at the 2A State Championships), and still-3A Brush (9-12).

"You know, coming back again to lead the girls ... it's a blessing," declared Seibel. "But we've got to stay humble; we're not trying to lead with egos, but trying to really commit to working our butts off ... and seeing where that takes us."

Now classified as a 4A/3A

league, the Intermountain includes now-4A programs Alamosa and Pagosa Springs, plus still-3As Centauri, Bayfield and Montezuma-Cortez. For postseason play, CHSAA has designated Southern Peaks Leaguers Crested Butte to be part of a district comprised of IHS (reclassified to 3A this year for basketball only), BHS, CHS and M-CHS.

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they've done this year. Just got out there and had fun."

Centauri's Kyle Forster was chosen Coach-of-the-Year after guiding the Falcons – including First Team All-SPC pick and Co-Offensive Player-of-the-Year Chaz Holman, a junior WR/DB – to a 5-0 SoPeaks record and 8-3 overall finish after falling 37-0 at Strasburg in the CHSAA Class 1A State Playoffs' quarterfinal round.

Monte Vista senior RB/LB Khegan Gunter was a First Team All-SPC selection as well as Co-Offensive POY after helping MVHS also reach the Playoffs' quarters, when the Pirates (9-2, 4-1 SPC) fell 50-20 at Limon. Senior OL/DL Alejandro 'Alex' Felix received Defensive POY, as well as First Team All-Conference.

Also named First Team were CHS' Leighton Curtis, Blade Absmeier, Ivan Lopez, Austin Stockebrand, and Josh Polkowski, plus Monte's DeAngelo Archuleta, Andrew Chavez, and Jonah Waggoner. Center's Cael Ruggles, Jesus Valadez and Aaron Valadez were all named First



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio juniors Cruz Martinez (left) and Elliott Hendren express excitement after a scoring drive during action at IHS Field in the 2022 season. Hendren recently received First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference honors; Martinez earned Honorable Mention All-SPC.

Team, as were Del Norte's Michael Laymon and Jace Pacheco, plus Trinidad's Jayden Maxfield and Jesse Gutierrez.

MORE SECOND TEAM ALL-SPC

Centauri – Troy Huffaker, Coby Thomas, Dylan Vasquez; Monte Vista – Jack Noonan, Jaxon Martinez; Center – Joaquin

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MORE HONORABLE MENTION ALL-SPC

Centauri – Adrian Prieto; Monte Vista – Addan Heredia; Center – Alexis Villagomez; Del Norte – Marques Quintana; Trinidad – David Romero.

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days off – so you always have to be on your toes."

"But 15 years ago, we won that league [after going 6-2 in regular-season IML play, equaling Centauri but earning first place via defeating CHS twice, IHS then downed Monte Vista 55-45 in the IML District Tournament championship] ... so it's not like we're scared to be in there!"

With a coach-estimated 25 players in preseason practices to date, Valdez said the varsity will likely be comprised of nine or ten individuals by the time the new season gets underway at the Centauri-hosted, three-day Mountain Top Classic. The 'Cats will begin Day 1 work at 8:30 p.m. against reclassified (up from 2A) 3A Olathe, with the Pirates – whom IHS did not face at last year's event – looking to build upon a 6-15 result in '21-22.

The winner will then face either Dove Creek (13-12, Class 1A State Championships qualifier) or CHS' junior-varsity crew at 4 p.m. Friday, December 2; the IHS-OHS loser will face the DCHS-CHS JV loser at 1 p.m.

"They're some strong kids, Dove Creek," Valdez said, acknowledging

the fact multiple Bulldogs, as of late, were on DCHS' 8-man football State Championship roster. "But if we get by Olathe and get by Dove Creek ... it lines us up with probably Centauri or Durango on championship day. You never like to look ahead but that's what we're hoping for."

Ranked No. 2 in this week's CHSAANow.com Class 3A preseason poll, the hosting Falcons (24-2 in '21-22, State Championships Runner-up after a 50-40 loss to Aspen), now-5A Durango (12-13, eliminated in the 48-team 4A State Tournament's Round-of-32), now-3A Cedaredge (14-8, eliminated in the 32-team 2A State Tournament's 'Sweet 16') and still-3A Brush (13-10, eliminated in the 32-team 3A State Tournament's opening Round-of-32) fill out the MTC bracket's other side.

"I think our practices are going pretty good; we're starting to figure out the pecking order – who's going to make the varsity team – and where everybody's lining up," said Valdez, to be assisted in '22-23 by JV coach Damon White Thunder and C-team mentor Travis Nanaeto, who guided the Lady Bobcats' C last season.

son.

"It's still kind of a young team, yet they all got a lot of experience last year because a lot of them had to play – which is good," he continued. "Leadership ... we're a little low on that with just a couple seniors, but we'll deal with that as it comes."

Seniors Eppie Quintana and Dylan McCaw return to anchor the backcourt and frontcourt, respectively. Juniors Devante Montoya and Phillip Quintana also return for the guard-blessed Bobcats, with '21-22 JV regular Coty Webb, a sophomore, said to be in the mix for a roster spot along with freshmen Trace Crane and Ambrose Valdez.

"Everybody has stepped up a notch, which they have to because we've got to make up 20 points a game – and 10 rebounds – that we lost with (the graduated) Gabe (Tucson)," Chris Valdez said, also emphasizing the return of post players Gabe Cox, a junior, and Charlie Pargin, a sophomore.

Ignacio's 2021-22 season ended with a 52-41 loss to Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence in the Region IV semifinals – the Class 2A State Tournament's opening Round-of-32.

Nike N7 night at FLC



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

College mascot, Skylar Skyhawk greets Southern Ute Tribal Royalty and visiting families at the Fort Lewis College Nike N7 Game held on Monday, Nov. 18 in the Whalen Gym. In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Fort Lewis College offered free entrance to the game. Nike N7 has a long-time commitment and mission to inspire and enable two million Native American youth in North America to participate in sports and physical activities.

Precious Collins and Shannon Howell show off the "Nawa' Yuchikay!" tee shirt they received from SunUte Community Center as part of the Nike N7 Game hosted at Fort Lewis College on Monday, Nov. 18. SunUte Community Center offered free tee shirts to 20 Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute first descendant youth that participated in the event.



Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker welcomes all visitors to the Fort Lewis College Nike N7 Game, he gave thanks to the institution and attendees for recognizing the importance of Native American Heritage Month, encouraging everyone to be proud of their heritage and culture. Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle and Southern Ute Tribal Council Members – Lorelei Cloud, Vanessa Torres, and Linda Baker also took time to welcome spectators and participants to the annual event.

SunUte presents NAIG update



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Sun Ute Recreation staff held the Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) update meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Sun Ute Recreation Center conference room. Recreation Manager, Virgil Morgan gave an update to families attending the 2023 NAIG in Halifax, Nova Scotia and opened the floor to questions. If you have missed the meeting and would like an update, please contact Virgil Morgan at 970-563-0214 ext. 2652 or Tara Vigil ext. 2667.





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**Comment:** I just want to thank the Tribe, Amy Barry, Jeremy Shockley and my co-workers for this wonderful opportunity to work with them at the Southern Ute Drum newspaper.

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**For more information, contact:**

Doug Parker, Coordinator

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## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
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### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2022-0125-CV-PR

**Robert Goodman Kean Richards, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JANUARY 10, 2023 at 4:00 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 determination therein necessary. Dated this 17th of November, 2022. Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
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 determination 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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Help us support local families.

TBK Bank has partnered with 'Housing Solutions for the Southwest' to adopt 15 La Plata County families this holiday season. We hope you can help us in making these families' holiday a little brighter!

No donation is too small and any gift is GREATLY appreciated!

## WAYS TO HELP

- Visit any TBK Bank in Bayfield or Durango to adopt an 'angel.'
- Make a FINANCIAL DONATION at any TBK Bank in Bayfield or Durango to the 'Housing Solutions Holiday Family Drive' account.
- Adopt any item(s) from SIGNUP GENIUS by scanning this QR code:



Contact Tiffany Griffith with questions.  
[tgriffith@tbkbank.com](mailto:tgriffith@tbkbank.com)



All donations are needed by Friday, December 16th

## Drum Deadline

Next issue  
Dec. 16

Deadline  
Dec. 12

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

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PRESENTS

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Wednesday, December 14, 2022

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

and

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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If you have any questions, please contact the Agriculture Division at 970/563-0220.

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.

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](mailto: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 permits 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/](http://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](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals requested for the installation and replacement of Building Automation Control System on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s J&R Administration & Mouache/Capote Buildings.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Building Maintenance/Property and Facilities: 970-563-0261/970-563-2945. Proposals due no later than Dec. 31, 2022

New Tridium Niagara N4 System To Include All Associated Controls. The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe’s (SUIT) Building Maintenance Division requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP).

**SUIT Project Team:**  
Southern Ute Building Maintenance, 970-563-2961  
Southern Ute Property and Facilities, 970-563-2945  
Chuck Mallett, Building Maintenance HVAC Specialist, [cmallett@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:cmallett@southernute-nsn.gov)  
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Tyson Thompson, Property and Facilities Director, [tthompson@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tthompson@southernute-nsn.gov)

Please call Building Maintenance to schedule on site visits for building your proposals. Please email your proposals to the entire project team. All services to be provided by the selected contractor shall be in accordance and agreement with the Southern Ute Tribes contract process with specific requirements for working on the reservation. Project managers can answer questions. The selected contractor will be responsible for procurement and payment for any subcontracted services, reports, materials, surveys, documents, copies, public notices, public meetings, travel, expenses, and any other item(s) or services required to complete the scope of work.  
Proposed Schedule Of Events: Projects to be completed before end of July 2023.  
SUIT TERO Requirements / Native American Preference /Crossing Permits: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The TERO policy must be applied to your selection of consultants and/or sub-contractors when putting together your bid proposal. For the purposes of this bid solicitation a 5% bid preference will be given to all TERO Certified Indian Owned Businesses. The firm awarded the contract will be responsible for paying a TERO fee at the end of the project which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. This should be included in your Fee proposal. The firm awarded the contract, and all subcontractors, will be responsible for obtaining and paying for crossing permits for the duration of the project. This should be included in your Fee proposal. For more information about crossing permits please contact the Southern Ute Lands Division at 970-563-0126. For more information Contact TERO at: Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office, 970-563-0117, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137

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.

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.

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- E-mail: [airquality@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto: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 OOOOa, 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/](http://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](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov).





### 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.

## ENTER FOR LOGO CONTEST

### WINNER TAKES ALL

November 28

January 27th

Tribal Planning is looking to the membership for a talented artist to create there very own logo for Tribal Planning.

**Cash Prize: \$400**

Contact for more info:  
Roman Seibel – Admin Support II  
[rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov)  
(970) 563-2283

### RULES

- MUST BE TRIBAL MEMBER.
- LOGO CONTEST STARTS Nov 28th AND ENDS Jan 27th. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED Feb 3rd.
- SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FULL NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) WHO DESIGNED THE LOGO, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR POSTAL ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.
- LOGO CAN BE SUBMITTED IN A TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.
- THE LOGO MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR A PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS SETTING.
- ALL SUBMITTED WORK MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF ENTRIE AND MUST NOT INCLUDE, OR BE BASED ON, OR DERIVED FROM ANY PRE-EXISTING OR THIRD-PARTY DESIGNS, TRADEMARKS, OR COPYRIGHT IMAGES.
- THE SELECTED WINNER WILL BE ASKED TO RE-SUBMIT THEIR LOGO, SO THAT IT CAN BE SUBMITTED IN JPEG OR PDF FILE.
- ALL THE WORK, INCLUDING THE COPYRIGHTS, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE TRIBE AND TRIBAL PLANNING. AND THAT THE ARTIST MUST DOCUMENT THAT THROUGH A WRITTEN AGREEMENT.
- CONTESTENTS ARE TO SUBMIT THERE LOGOS TO MY EMAIL PROVIDED OR TO BE DROPPED BY MY OFFICE AT THE ANNEX BUILDING (116 MEMORIAL DR, COLORADO 81137 2ND FLOOR OFFICE 211).
- CONTESTENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT WE DO AS A DEPARTMENT. [HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV/TRIBAL-PLANNING/](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-planning/)
- THIS LOGO WILL BE USED ON OUR TRIBAL PLANNING WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, POSTERS, AND ANYWHERE TP DEEMS APPROPRAITE.

Southern Ute Tribal Planning

### 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](http://www.bgsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a

#### 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](mailto:tami@ksut.org), 970-563-5780.

#### POWWOW 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](mailto: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.

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### Durango Native American Education

## Benefit New Year's Round Dance & Market

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La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, CO

**MC:** Erny Zah (Jicarilla Apache, Navajo) Farmington, New Mexico

**Invited Singers:**  
Jessie Waskahat (Cree)  
Frog Lake, Alberta, Canada  
Aaron Woody (Navajo) Table Mesa, NM  
Bradly Buffalocalf (Cree/Nakota)  
Nekaneet, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Jay Aguilar (Santo Domingo (Kewa)) Pueblo, NM  
Kyle Aguilar (Santo Domingo (Kewa)) Pueblo, NM  
Keshawn Begay (Navajo) Kirtland, NM  
Lucas Ernest (Cree)  
Ministikwan, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Marcus Williams (Navajo) Hogback, NM

**Market**  
10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Dinner**  
4:00 p.m.

**Round Dance**  
5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**Vendor contact:**  
Elfreida Begay  
(970)946-7033

This is an alcohol and drug-free event





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Custodian

Closes 12/6/22 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Gaming Regulation Specialist

Closes 12/13/22 – Protects the financial interest of the Tribe in gaming operations and maintains the integrity and fairness of gaming operations on the reservation through internal control and audit procedures. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

#### 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 (Southern Ute members 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.

#### Behavioral Health Clerk

Open Until Filled – Serves as the first line of communication for the Southern Ute Health Dept., Behavioral Health Division. Interfaces with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provides clerical/administrative support. Greets patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. 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 Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; 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 – Responsible for the 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 – (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. 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. Both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/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. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Open Until Filled – 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/hour.

#### Forestry Fuels Crew Member (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – 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/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 preserving 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 un-certified 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 – (Southern Ute members 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

## TEAM Temporary Workers

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund is looking for 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 Career Coordinator at 970-563-2990 or stop by in the LCB Building 356 Ouray Drive Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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.

#### TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

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

#### TERO Worker

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

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

#### 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.

#### Tribal Ranger

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

#### Vital Statistics Clerk

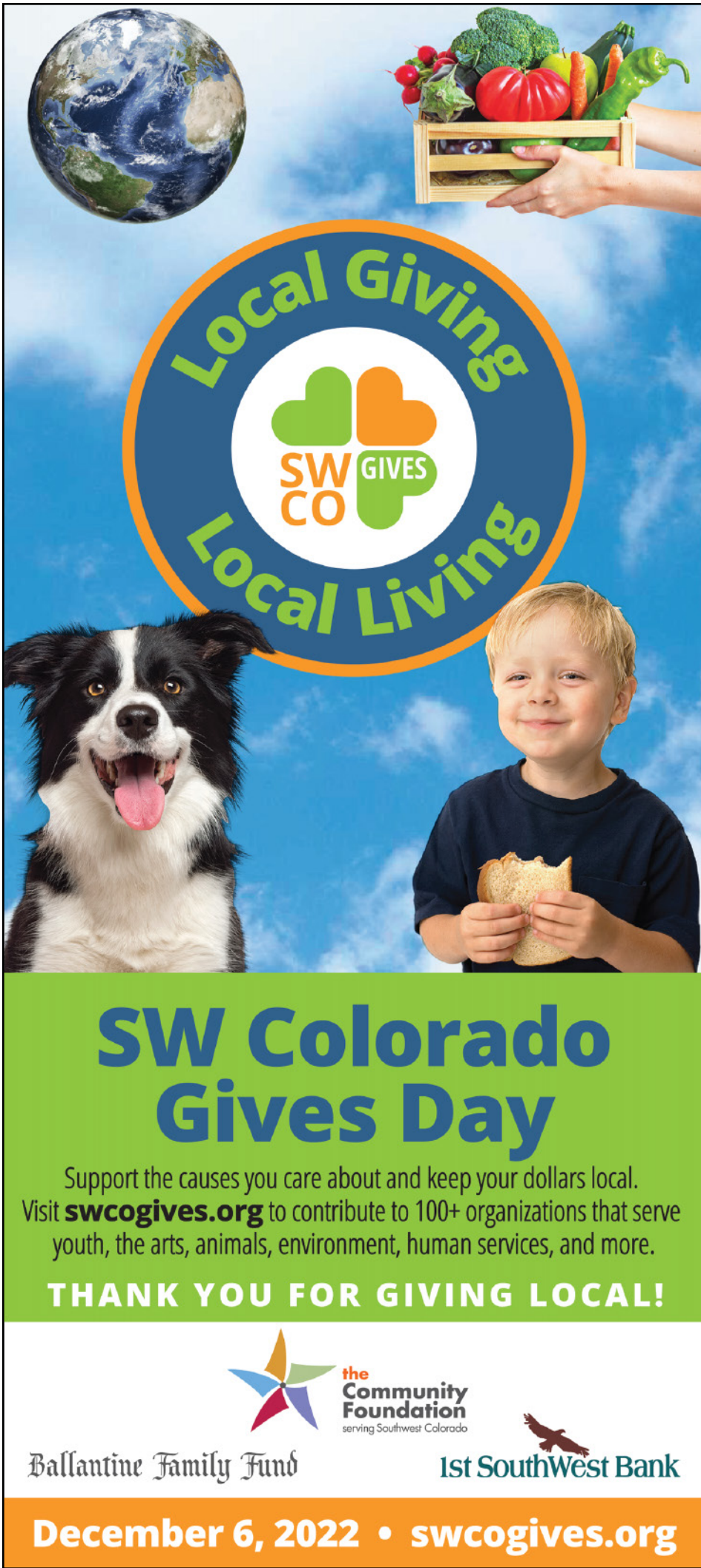
Open Until Filled – Administration and oversight of the Tribe's Enrollment Ordinance and related documents. Meets with the Tribal Council to obtain formal approved enrollment records of eligible Southern Ute Tribal Members. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### 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. 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.

#### Wildlife Biologist

Open Until Filled – Development and administration of the Terrestrial Wildlife program addressing wildlife resources management and conservation for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Reservation. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.



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Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

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

Closes 12/9/22 – Accurate collection, display and maintenance of gas well automation data, including maintenance, installations and repair of all automation equipment, to include contractor oversight of automation related projects.

GFMC Tribal Member At Large – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 12/14/22 – Assisting in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as established by Tribal Council, and in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Financial Plan. Serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GFMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. Reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member.

Land Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 12/12/22 – Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow (RW) interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to RW holdings. Works with RW landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

Maintenance Worker I – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 12/2/22 – 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.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

- Bus Driver
  - Custodian
  - Elementary Interventionist/Title 1 Teacher
  - Elementary Teacher
  - High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
  - High School Head Volleyball Coach 23-24
  - Middle School Asst. Volleyball Coach 23-24
  - Middle School Head Volleyball Coach 23-24
- Middle School Head Wrestling Coach
  - Opportunity Room Supervisor - Elementary
  - Reading/Language Arts Interventionist-Middle School
  - Substitute Bus Drivers
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  - Substitute Custodian
  - Substitute Teachers

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Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

\*Audio and Video Lead System Engineer (Full-time)

Maintains and 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 is responsible for setting up and the functionality of all AV components.

\*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

Servicing 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)

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. 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)

Planning, organizing and directing the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds. Further duties include 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. Responsibilities include 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: 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. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

\*Player's Club Rep (Full-time)

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

\*Player Development Host

Identifies, develops and creates relationships with Sky Ute Casino Resort gaming patrons. Facilitates VIP events that enhance the overall gaming experience. Fosters an environment that results in generating gaming related revenue measured by more trips and increased spending. Assists with all facets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Bear Club and Player's Center as needed. Reports directly to the Player Development Manager.

\*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 marketing 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.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

\*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.

\*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.

\*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.

Willows Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages: 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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It’s Christmas time. I know this because the ads for gift buying on television started as I was tuning into a football game on Thanksgiving Day. And, since Christmas is less than a month away, the bombardment will only get worse. It seems to me that the true meaning of Christmas has been taken over in a retail frenzy. If it weren’t for being able to see the fun of Christmas through the eyes of the Wild Bunch (my grandchildren) I could easily slip into a funk.

So, instead of getting out-of-sorts with all the buying hype for a religious event, I’m going to approach the season differently this year. I am going to think good thoughts, and express my gratitude, about the good things I have received from fly fishing this year. And, I’m not talking about receiving “stuff.”

I have found, for me, it’s other people that help make a year of fly fishing successful. This year was no different from past years. I am grateful to SWMBO (she who must be obeyed) for telling me to get out of the house and go cast a fly. It didn’t have to be a long expensive trip. Just stand in the river behind the house and lose myself in gentle casting.



I’m also thankful to Kim, my Friday fishing partner, who no matter the weather insisted on us going fly fishing. Those two are obvious, and I hope you have people like that in your fly fishing quests. Some not so obvious, but none-the-less very deserving of a show of gratitude, are the people who help get our fly fishing gear from point A to point B. Those folks are the baggage handlers that work for the airlines. I know the airlines, and their personnel, are the targets of many negative thoughts, words, and deeds. However, I am very thankful for them in helping to make a fly fishing trip successful.

I am also grateful for the men and women of the National Forest Service, Colorado Department of Wildlife, and Southern Ute Division of Natural Resources, who keep the area rivers and lakes in great fishing condition. You don’t often

see these professionals, but when you do let them know how grateful you are.

Even though I expressed a negative thought about the number of ads seen at this time of the year for retail goods, the men and women in our local fly shops are deserving of our gratitude. I can’t count the number of times someone in a shop has gone out of their way to help me with suggestions of places to go and flies to use. I’m sure many times they think their job is thankless. I will show my gratitude more often.

I am also thankful for the total stranger, on the water or in a parking area, who is more than happy to tell me what fly is working best, and where to cast it. This giving of gifts, through gratitude, is fun. I’m going to be giving the gift of my gratitude, on a daily basis, whenever I am fly fishing.

So, as 2022 comes to a close, I want to once again express my thanks to each of you for reading my columns. Now, I will once again leave you with my annual politely incorrect statement. I wish everyone Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid al-Adha, and, of course Merry Christmas. If none these fits your beliefs, then may whatever touches your heart with hope be with you for all of 2023.

Christmas Tree Cutting Permits

Christmas tree permits allow you to cut your own holiday tree on public lands managed by San Juan National Forest

“For many families, venturing into a National Forest to cut their Christmas tree for the holidays is a treasured tradition carried on for generations,” said Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest Supervisor. “For families creating new traditions, a trip to their local forest to cut their own Christmas tree may be a thrilling experience as they discover the joy of hiking through the forest in search of the perfect holiday centerpiece.”

When Can I Buy a Permit?

- Permits will be available to purchase online at Recreation.gov as well as Kroeger's Ace Hardware in Durango and Dolores Outfitters.
- Permits will be available to purchase at local vendors.

Where Can I Buy a Permit?

Online: Permits are available online through Recreation.gov for \$8 plus service fee

Local Vendors:

Permits are available at the following local vendors for \$8.

- Dolores: Dolores Outfitters, 341 Railroad Ave
- Durango: Kroeger's Ace Hardware, #8 Town Plaza

District Offices:

Permits are available at the following district offices for \$8.

- Dolores: Dolores Public Lands Center, 29211 Highway 184
- Durango: San Juan National Forest Headquarters, 15 Burnett Court
- Bayfield: Columbine Ranger District Office, 367 Pearl Street
- Pagosa: Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa Street

Every Kids Outdoors Pass:

The Forest Service is also offering one free permit to fourth-grade students who hold a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass.

San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) Christmas Trees for Conservation Lot

If you can't cut your own tree, consider purchasing a tree from SJMA's Christmas Tree for Conservation Lot. SJMA partners with the National Forest every year to cut over 300 local white fir trees for purchase at the Christmas Trees for Conservation lot. The San Juan National Forest helps designate areas that in the most need of thinning. Thinning white fir from along the road helps fire fighters manage the fire and protects the over story trees from a crown fire. All proceeds go towards public lands stewardship programs and conservation education.

Each year, the Christmas Tree Lot opens the Friday after Thanksgiving and is located in the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad parking lot at the corner of Camino Del Rio and College. Friday, Nov. 25, – Sunday, Dec. 18, (or until all trees sell out), Sundays – Fridays from 12 – 6 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 6 .pm. At the corner of Camino del Rio and College Avenue (Train parking lot). This location made possible by a generous partnership with the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and the City of Durango.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Cairo cobras
- 5 Israeli intelligence agency
- 11 The Yocha --- Wintun Nation
- 12 Alabama Cherokee tribe
- 13 Full of oneself
- 14 “A Farewell ---” (Hemingway)
- 15 90-degree bends
- 16 Intertwine
- 17 Take a refresher course
- 19 Lovers’ liaison
- 20 Gems from Australia
- 25 Night sky marvels
- 27 Fishing vessels
- 31 Indomitable spirit
- 32 “Whoopie!”
- 33 Cleanses
- 34 Like Watergate evidence
- 35 Article bordered in black, often
- 36 Ban from practicing law
- 37 Archaic grinding stone

Down

- 1 Refer to
- 2 Driveway gunk
- 3 Cheesesteak capital
- 4 Sight and smell
- 5 Cab-fare calculator
- 6 Bunker player
- 7 Counterfeit
- 8 Angry
- 9 Bill dispensers, briefly
- 10 Short footrace
- 18 Old Texas/Louisiana people
- 21 Organized persecution
- 22 Upstairs, in Uruguay
- 23 Hoarded
- 24 Tackles
- 26 Ballpark seater
- 27 Wearing shoes
- 28 City bond, informally
- 29 They may be fine or lost
- 30 Scuttling crustacean

Answers for this crossword will appear in December 16 issue of the Drum.

Answers for November 18, 2022 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Glide, 6 Jews, 10 Rerun, 11 ICAO, 12 Edict, 13 Bulb, 14 Washoe, 16 Stow, 18 Hymns, 20 WBA, 21 Neb, 23 Bah, 24 Had, 25 Far, 26 Sci-fi, 28 Crop, 30 Tilt up, 33 TGIF, 35 Tampa, 36 Hula, 37 E-mail, 38 Seed, 39 Senna.

Down: 1 Grew, 2 Leda, 3 Irish brogue, 4 Duchy, 5 Entombs, 6 Jib, 7 Ecus, 8 Walt Whitman, 9 Soboba, 15 Enact, 17 Wad, 19 Shiites, 21 NFC, 22 Earths, 27 Flame, 29 Pile, 31 Up in, 32 Pala, 34 Fad.

Dream Maker Campaign

DANCING SPIRIT IS BUILDING A PERMANENT HOME! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING TODAY AND HELPING US RAISE THE MONEY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IGNACIO HAS A COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER THAT WILL BE HERE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



We have been helping the communities of Ignacio, Bayfield, Durango, Aztec and Pagosa Springs since 2010 through art programs and camps for children; classes and workshops for adults and families; by offering Ignacio's only art gallery and co-op; and through therapeutic arts at the Ignacio Schools, the Department of Justice and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. During that time, we have had to move four times, and each time, we have lost a little bit of our identity as Ignacio's community arts center. Most recently, we been an integral part of helping pilot the ELHI Community Center, and although we are glad for the collaboration and experience, it's past time that we finally focus on building YOUR community arts center.

Our current goal is to raise \$250,000 towards building a new building on our own property in downtown Ignacio. We plan to restart and build up our art gallery with art openings and shows for professional and aspiring artists; add more classes and workshops and bring in live music, pottery and art demonstrations while continuing to offer our children's camps and therapeutic art programs.

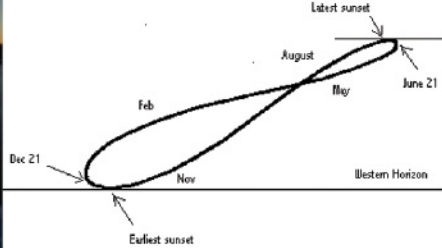


Or visit our GoFundMe page at:  
<https://gofund.me/f9852e28>



did you know?

Next Wednesday, December 7th, is the earliest sunset of the year! Winter solstice, the day of the year with the shortest amount of daylight, occurs two weeks later on December 21. This is due to the Earth's elliptical orbit around the sun, that appears like a lopsided figure eight, called an “analemma.”



Sources: <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/>, <https://science.nasa.gov/sunset-analemma>, <https://millstone.news.com/december-earliest-sunsets-at-northern-latitudes/>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Manager, Mandy Eskelson, at 970-563-2256 or meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Dec. 2



Cloudy 46°F

40% Chance of precipitation

Saturday, Dec. 3



Cloudy 49°F

20% Chance of precipitation

Sunday, Dec. 4



Mostly cloudy 52°F

30% Chance of precipitation

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

