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In addition to The Arizona Republic's print edition, the Phoenix plant also prints USA Today, The Desert Sun from Palm Springs, The New York Times, Arizona Daily Star from Tucson, Arizona Daily Sun from Flagstaff, and many other publications that are distributed throughout Arizona and into New Mexico and California, according to an article by Corina Vanek, Arizona Republic.

### SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

# Stop the Press! The Drum now printing in Phoenix

*Farmington Daily Times shutters printing press*

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum newspaper probably felt a bit thicker when you picked it up last week. You may have also noticed subtle improvements to the print quality of the newspaper, perhaps the colors popped a bit more, or the photographs seemed a bit crisper. This is a result of our new printing process. We upgraded our paper stock and switched to a new printing press at the end of 2022, when the Southern Ute Drum began printing with the Arizona Republic, which boasts a larger, more modern printing press in Phoenix, Ariz.

This move coincided with the closure of the Farmington Daily Times' Printing Press in Farmington, N.M. — both facilities are owned and operated by Gannett Co., Inc. The Farmington press rolled out

its final newspaper Dec. 5, 2022, with the Southern Ute Drum's last Farmington print run just a few days prior.

Other regional publications effected by the Farmington Daily Times press closure include the Durango Herald, Durango Telegraph, Cortez Journal, and Gallup Independent. While the Ballantine publications (Durango Herald, Cortez Journal) moved their printing to Santa Fe, N.M., the Drum opted to continue printing with Gannett at the Arizona Republic.

This is not the first time the Drum has opted to change printers, or even been forced to move its print operation. In May of 2012, the Southern Ute Drum moved printing operations from The Farmington Daily Times to print in Cortez, Colo. under Ballantine Communications. The new agreement with Four Corners Printing ushered in an

era of full color printing for The Southern Ute Drum, but that relationship was short lived. In 2015 Four Corners Printing shut its doors. Its parent company, Ballantine Communications entered into a deal with The Farmington Daily Times to print all of its publications, the Drum followed suit. Which brings us back to present.

The Farmington Daily Times currently operates under Gannett and has since moved its printing operation to the Arizona Republic in Phoenix. Gannett is an American mass media holding company headquartered Virginia. Gannett owns the USA Today, as well as dozens of local newspapers across numerous states. In 2019, GateHouse Media merged with Gannett, creating the largest newspaper publisher in the United

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courtesy Justin Gilbert

Máyki, my name is Justin Gilbert and I am the owner and operator of Kuvua Design. Kuvua started with me wanting to give back to the community that has given me so much. Being born and raised on the Southern Ute Reservation, I have come to take great pride in my culture and wanted to carry it on through design.

### NATIONAL LACROSSE LEAGUE

## Gilbert creates logo for 'Every Child Matters' initiative

*To represent those affected by residential schools*

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The National Lacrosse League recently announced its expanded support and awareness schedule for "Every Child Matters." It is a league-wide initiative that brings awareness to the forcible placement of Indigenous children in residential and boarding schools by the Canadian and United States governments from the 19th century to as late as 1996 in Canada.

The "Every Child Matters" initiative is a part of

the league's ever-growing participation and awareness programs tied to Indigenous culture, which is at the core of the league's values and the history of the sport of lacrosse. The work includes educational programs for athletes, coaches, staff and fans, land acknowledgment ceremonies, and charitable and social responsibility programs to strengthen and enhance the ties between league stakeholders and the Indigenous community.

"Our continued work with Indigenous athletes and communities is a ma-

jor priority for the National Lacrosse League, and the 'Every Child Matters' education process and activations are key components of that platform," said NLL Commissioner Brett Froot. "This program presents an opportunity to facilitate meaningful conversations about the atrocities perpetrated by the residential and boarding school systems, continue the journey toward reconciliation, and honor survivors and their families."

In the campaign's sec-

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## Stories of the Nuche



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Pearl Casias shared a personal family story with students and other attendees on Tuesday, Jan. 24 during the Ute Storytelling event hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department. Clementine Carrillo, a student at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy and Casias' great granddaughter, gifts Casias with a bundle in appreciation for sharing her stories.

Southern Ute tribal elder Russell Box Sr. shares a story with students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, visiting tribal elders, employees of the Tribe, and members of the community. Hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department, the event was held during the noon lunch hour and staff helped to serve stew, bread, and other refreshments.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Nevaeh Sandoval (center) shouts out in joy as she rides the merry-go-round at the Ignacio Elementary School's playground, while attending a Boys and Girls Club's after school program in 2019.

### EDUCATION

## 'Activity Fridays' serves up programming for youth of all ages

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Ignacio School District moved to change the 2022-2023 school year to a four-day school week as a result of several surveys sent to the students, their families, and the community. Local youth groups and businesses quickly developed programming to aid students and families, providing activities and safe spaces for students every Friday throughout the duration of the school year. Multiple Tribal entities assist in providing programming for students to attend each Friday including SunUte Community Center and the Boys

and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

As the four-day schedule began, the team at SunUte Community Center worked diligently to plan programming for Ignacio School District students. SunUte's Recreation and Aquatics departments played a big role in offering activities for students. In the beginning, students had the opportunity to try gymnastics, rock climbing, basketball, and volleyball along with free swimming in the pool area, swimming became the most popular program and is now the main activity offered on Fridays.

In an interview with SunUte Community Cen-

ter Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth, she spoke to the new programming aimed at students in the community and is pleased to have more youth utilizing the facility. "There were two groups, one would go in the pool one week and then go into the gym one week," Duffy-Wirth said. "Our kids come swimming every Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.— [students] have been offered swim lessons and they love it; they love coming in and going swimming."

Aquatics Coordinator, Roman Vasquez, is grateful for all the students who

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States, which adopted the Gannett name. Gannett acquired the Farmington Daily Times in 2015 from Digital First Media.

This unexpected change to our back-end operations will have no impact to our readers and the Southern Ute Drum will continue to publish very other Friday on our normal bi-weekly schedule. The benefits to our readers will be improved quality from the higher-grade paper stock and modernized printing facility.

The typical printing process for a newspaper run begins with the electronic transfer of information from digital files to the plate burner. The pages are transferred to plate via a Computer To Plate (CTP) image processing machine onto a thin metal plate by laser. The plates are then mounted to the print press rollers

where they transfer the images to paper by picking up the different colors of ink, a four-color CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Black) process is used. The paper is fed into the “web” and through a series of ink rollers at high speed. The stock paper is pulled from large spools measuring over four feet in diameter. The rollers will lay down black ink or color depending on the specific requirements of each page as needed.

During this rapid process, the press technicians are kept busy checking the ink flow, print registration, and overall print quality. The final product is visually inspected as it rolls off the conveyer belt, where the newspapers are finally stacked and bound for shipment.

The older offset printing press operations are run manually, whereas new-

er facilities and equipment have automated much of the print process. The results are more consistent and generally produce higher quality print results.

The Southern Ute Drum is available for pick up on newsstands at a variety of locations in Ignacio, Bayfield and Durango. Annual newspaper subscriptions are also available at a rate of \$29 per year, or \$49 for two years. Southern Ute tribal members are eligible for a free subscription by mail.

Contact Southern Ute Drum Administrative Assistant, Krista Richards for more information or to purchase a subscription, 970-563-2251 or by email at [krichards@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:krichards@southernute-nsn.gov)

The Southern Ute Drum is available online as an e-Edition: free digital downloads can be found at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)

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come to utilize the facility and he looks forward to celebrating with them as the end of the school year approaches. “One idea I am having towards the end of the year – maybe doing a themed pool day, looking for some palm trees, give them a tiki day and just letting them relax,” Vasquez said. “It’s what makes us really happy is when the youth take advantage of what they have in this building – you could be having kind of a bad day waking up, then you see a kid smiling and enjoying playing foosball or swimming and it’s rewarding.”

Vasquez goes on to mention that having more youth utilize the facility is what makes his job worthwhile. “It’s the reason I come in to work, I love this job just because I get to see kids smile,” he said. “When they learn to swim, especially when they get the goal, it’s just amazing.”

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (BGC) has also had a large part in creating programming for youth in the Ignacio School District. When Activity Fridays was first introduced, BGC attended local schools on Friday mornings to offer various activities for students in addition to the afternoon club programming at the SunUte.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

SunUte Community Center is home to a swimming pool with two lap lanes, a hot tub, and sauna. Aquatics programming is popular amongst people of all ages within the community. The Aquatics Department offers swimming lessons, water aerobics, and hosts various specialty events.

Cassandra Sanchez, site manager for BGC, gave an update to the programming now offered for students since the beginning of Activity Fridays. “We started getting some questions from our parents about if we would offer all day club, because that would better meet their needs,” Sanchez said. “So, we had conversations with the school and SunUte about what that would look like and if that would be beneficial to them.”

Sanchez also gave kudos to all who stepped forward to assist students and their families in this change. “Kudos to everybody who has been working on this, because I think it’s a big undertaking as a community

to make sure that our youth have something to do on Fridays,” she said. “I know, it’s a big change for the school, and for everyone else who serves youth, as well as the [students]. I think it’s important that we’re there to support them.”

In this schedule transition, tribal entities and local businesses worked together to create a plan to keep youth active and safe on Fridays every week. The action is a testament to the community’s strength and the drive to continue to uplift local youth in various ways – through arts, exercise, and education. For more information on the new scheduling curriculum, contact the Ignacio School District at 970-563-0500.

2023 Southern Ute Calendars



Southern Ute Tribal Information Services (TIS) is currently in the process of mailing one calendar to each Southern Ute tribal members age 18 and over. **Please call Tribal Information Services at 970-563-2208 for more information.**

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Dancers made their way through Fort Lewis College’s Native American Center following the unveiling of the center’s recently commissioned totem pole. The pole recognizes and celebrates the hundreds of Alaska Native students at the college as well as the diversity of the campus as a whole. Bringing the community together on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 were the Git Hoan dancers and David Boxley of the Tsimshian people, who carved the elaborate totem.

This photo was first published in the Jan. 25, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Indian Academy students from Anne Peck’s Elementary Classroom 4 finish their ribbon shirts and dresses on January 14. The ribbon work was done in the Ute Language class and was instructed by Georgia McKinley and Stacey Oberly. Pictured are Jessica Ross, Susie Richards, Springwind Frost, Renita Williams, Orion Watts and Deion Hudson showing their work.

This photo was published in the Jan. 24, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Elder, Bertha Groves receives a gift of pottery from a representative of the Tarahumara Indigenous people of Mexico. Also pictured are Eugene Naranjo, Everett Burch, Orian Box, Lindsay Box and Bertha Frost.

This photo was published in the Jan. 22, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairperson Judy Lansing swears in the newest member of the Housing Authority Board, Carl Baker.

This photo was published in the Jan. 21, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





GILBERT CREATES LOGO • FROM PAGE 1

ond year, all 15 teams will participate in the program, which will run from Week 9 (Jan. 23-29) through Week 11 (Feb. 6-12) of the 2022-2023 season. Then for the remainder of the season, players will wear specially designed helmet decals supporting “Every Child Matters.”

For “Every Child Matters,” the league created a new logo for this season with designer Justin Gilbert of Kuvua Designs. Justin was selected due to his work in support of Indigenous organizations and his connection to the cause, being born and raised on the Southern Ute Reservation. The logo contains the silhouette of an Indigenous child wearing a ribbon shirt and holding a wooden lacrosse stick, similarly used by players during the years the schools were established. The text “Every Child Matters” appears next to the image with a heart and feather.

“In this logo I wanted to celebrate the culture we as Native Americans endured to keep. Since there are so many tribes that were affected by residential schools, my goal was to represent all Indigenous people who have been impacted,” Gilbert said.

Gilbert is the owner and operator of Kuvua Designs, whose Mission Statement reads – “KUVUA’s goal is to help other Native American businesses with their design needs. In turn, helping advance our culture, not just preserve it, in our journey as Native American business owners.”

All 15 NLL teams will be involved, either as host or as a road participant, with a planned home activity later in the season for some teams. Players will sport the NLL’s “Every Child Matters” logo on a specially designed warmup shirt, along



courtesy National Lacrosse League

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with the helmet decal. The league will also produce audio and video messaging for broadcasts on TSN and ESPN. Additional content will be incorporated into NLL.com and league social channels, as well as into game presentations.

Several NLL teams played games and conducted youth programs on Indigenous reservations earlier this season, with Philadelphia facing off against Georgia on Nov. 26 at Tshah’Thon’nes (Where They Play Ball) Arena at Onondaga Nation. Meanwhile, Las Vegas, San Diego and Halifax played a mini tournament in Akwesasne at the A’nowara’ko’wa Arena (colloquially called the Turtle Dome). This was the first of more in-person events ranging from clinics to other happenings that are currently in the planning stages and will be announced later in the season.

Fans will be able to purchase cotton shirts through the league’s online stores, NLLShop.com and NLLStore.ca. For every shirt sold, the NLL will donate the proceeds to the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund in Canada and The National Native

American Boarding School Healing Coalition in the United States.

“With support from third-party fundraisers like the National Lacrosse League, we are reaching even more people throughout Canada, building cultural understanding, and creating a path to-ward reconciliation,” said Sarah Midanik, CEO and President of the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund. “Thank you for answering Gord’s call to ‘Do Something’ to improve relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.”

“We are grateful for the National Lacrosse League’s willingness to partner with us and use its platform to bring awareness to the atrocities forced upon Indigenous children, families and sovereign nations across Canada and the United States,” added Deborah Parker (Tulalip), CEO of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. “As we continue to work with boarding school survivors, educate the public, and advocate for policies that promote truth, justice and healing, partnerships like this will make our work more impactful.”

UNITY

Actress Amber Midthunder and producer Jhane Myers to be featured speakers at UNITY conference

Staff report  
UNITY

United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) announces that acclaimed actress Amber Midthunder and producer Jhane Myers will join life coach James W. Anderson as guest speakers at the UNITY Midyear Conference taking place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix-Tempe on February 23-26. Attendees can take advantage of the advanced registration rate of \$375 through January 31. The rate increases to \$450 on Feb. 1.

“Native Americans are gaining prominence and earning acclaim in the entertainment industry now more than ever,” said Mary Kim Titla, UNITY executive director. “People like Amber Midthunder and Jhane Myers are working to increase representation, and we are proud to add them to our Midyear speaker lineup.”

The midyear will engage Native youth from across the country through workshops, breakout sessions, and cultural sharing. UNITY is also accepting applications to present a speed workshop.

UNITY has been fostering the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and helping build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement since 1976.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**James W. Anderson**, an enrolled member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe, is one of the nation’s leading authorities on peak performance and personal development. Over his 20 years of leadership development, he has worked with businesses, tribal organizations, universities, and high schools sharing the skills it takes to succeed in today’s world. The Oprah Winfrey Show featured James’ Training company, LifeSkills Center. He has been named twice one of the 40 Outstanding Native Americans in Business under age 40 by the National Center for American In-



dian Enterprise Development. He owns and operates the award-winning Old Southern BBQ restaurants in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Old Southern BBQ has been named one of the 20 BEST BBQ Restaurants in the country by the BBQ News.

**Amber Midthunder**, an enrolled member in the Fort Peck Sioux tribe, was recently named one of Variety’s 10 Actors to Watch for her critically acclaimed performance as the star in “PREY,” the prequel to the “Predator” franchise. She is one of a handful of Native Americans in the industry and one of the first to lead a franchise film. Next up, she will be seen in Netflix’s live action “Avatar: The Last Airbender” as Princess Yue, the compassionate spiritual leader of the Northern Water Tribe. After uncovering a love for acting at a very young age, Midthunder began her onscreen career early in life. Her first speaking role was at the age of nine opposite Alan Arkin in the indie hit “Sunshine Cleaning.” Her philanthropic efforts focus on industry representation, environmentalism, and the humane treatment of animals.

**Jhane Myers**, A member of the Comanche Nation, is an Emmy award-winning filmmaker and Sundance Alumni recognized for her passion and dedication to films surrounding the Comanche and Blackfeet nations and preserving the legacies of the Native communities. After working with non-Native created projects about Native people, Myers began to seek out a producing career to support Native filmmakers and storytellers to help bring their stories to fruition. She served as the film project manager and special projects director at

the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe, N.M., where she also developed a Native Youth Film Camp, and as the project manager for Native Cinema Showcase in Santa Fe and the SWAIA Class X division, both of which feature juried competitions for Native filmmakers and screenings of new Native films. Previously she served as the executive director of the American Indian National Center for Television and Film in Los Angeles, working to increase the representation and visibility of American Indian talent in all aspects of the entertainment industry.

Hailing from the Penneduckah (sugar eater) and Yappaducuh (root eater) bands of the Comanche Nation in Oklahoma, Myers has achieved recognition as a world champion Women’s Southern Buckskin dancer. She is also an accomplished artist specializing in traditional arts, beadwork, and silversmithing and is a two-time People’s Fund Fellow for Culture Capital 2014.

ABOUT UNITY

Founded in 1976, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) is a national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native Youth. UNITY’s mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 14-24 and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement. UNITY’s network currently includes 320 affiliated youth councils in 36 states. Tribes, Alaska Native villages, high schools, colleges, urban centers, and others sponsor Youth Councils.

"Come out everyone, get up and Dance! Don't be shy tonight, quit standing by the door, hit the floor...!"

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ALL ART-MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 1ST, 2023 AT 3 PM. LOGO SHALL BE NO LARGER THAN 8.5 INCHES BY 11 INCHES. LOGO SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE A THEME TO COINCIDE WITH RESPECTIVE ARTWORK. ARTWORK MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ARTISTS.

SELECTED ARTWORK WILL BE PROPERTY OF THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE FEATURED ON ALL ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$750 MONETARY AWARD PLUS FAIR MERCHANDISE.

SUBMIT TO THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 737, IGNACIO, CO 81137 OR CALL (970) 563-2988 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.





HEALTHY RECIPES

Comfort foods made with homemade ingredients

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

How do you prepare comfort foods with homemade ingredients? One classic comfort food is chicken and rice casserole. Instead of using canned creamed soup, you can make a homemade cheese sauce, it's easier than you think!

Also substituting brown rice for white and adding something green like broccoli, helps make this comforting and healthy!



courtesy What A Girl Eats

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

Chicken Brown Rice and Broccoli Bake

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. chicken breast, cut into bite-sized pieces.
- 2 cups cooked brown rice, prepared according to package directions.
- 2 medium heads of broccoli, cut into bite-sized florets.

For the Sauce:

- 2 T olive oil, divided
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 2 T flour (regular or GF)
- 1 ½ cups milk of choice (cow's, almond, soy)
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp onion powder
- ½ teaspoon dried mustard
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ tsp salt (to taste)
- ½ tsp pepper (to taste)
- 1 ½ cups shredded cheddar
- Chopped parsley for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and spray non-stick cooking oil into a large baking or casserole dish and set aside.
2. Cook brown rice according to package directions.
3. While brown rice is cooking, place 1 T olive oil in a large skillet and heat to medium-high. Add diced chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

Remove chicken from pan and set aside.

4. In the same large skillet, heat the remaining 1 T oil and sauté onions until translucent.
5. Add flour to onions and whisk quickly for about one minute.
6. Slowly add the milk while continuing to whisk. As it starts to bubble, add the garlic, onion, mustard, paprika, salt and pepper. Stir to combine.
7. Turn heat down to low and while stirring, let mixture simmer until thick and bubbly (about 3 minutes), then turn off heat.
8. Add 1 cup shredded cheese and stir until melted.
9. Add cooked chicken, cut broccoli and cooked rice to mixture, stir to combine. Place in the large, prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup shredded cheese.
10. Place baking dish in oven and bake uncovered for 20-25 minutes or until heated through, broccoli is tender, and cheese is melted and golden.
11. Remove from oven, sprinkle with fresh parsley. Let rest for 5 minutes before serving.
12. Enjoy!

Serves 6

Nutrition per serving: 482 Calories, 12g Fat, 60g Carbohydrates, 5g Fiber, 33g Protein, 467mg Sodium

BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE HEARD: What about those New Year's resolutions?

By Dr. Patti Hamrick  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Raise of hands, who made a New Year's resolution?

On the first of January we were excited for the New Year. A time for new beginnings and fresh starts. With enthusiasm you saw changes you want to make in your life and made a New Year's resolution. Maybe more than one.

Here we are at the end of January and how are you doing on those goals? The truth is while we start out strong, it is really common to fall off those good intentions within a couple of weeks.

So, let's see what you can do to get back on track for becoming healthy and happy in the upcoming year. Try the tips below and do a restart on those New Year's resolutions.

Get on track for success.

Two common resolutions are to lose weight and get more exercise. To reach those goals prepare ahead and decide exactly how to achieve your goals. Consider what you are going to do – when, where, and how.

Collect recipes and foods you will enjoy. Get a scale. Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes or go check out the gym. To set goals, start small and build up. If you want to lose weight, make a goal of losing 5 lbs. and celebrate when you reach it. Know that if you can reach that goal, you can set another 5 lbs. goal and keep going.

For exercise try walking for 10 minutes each day and after a week, up it to 15 minutes. Each week, build on this goal. The same for the gym. Keep track of your progress. Make a chart of weight loss. Keep a calendar and put a star on days you walk or work out. Do something special for hitting bigger milestones such as losing 20 lbs. or being able to walk for 30 minutes.

Build a support system.

Support is important. Do you know someone with the same goals? Get a wellness buddy. It is a lot more fun with someone by your side. Be sure to set up times to get together to exercise or talk about how you are doing.

Also, you can get your family involved for better health for yourself and family members. Other support includes talking to a nutritionist, getting a gym trainer, and joining a class. There are also support groups locally and online.

Don't lose sight of your WHY.

Wellness includes what makes us happy and these goals need to be included. Enjoying life and having fun are the foundations of health. Make a list of things you like or have always wanted to try. Each week pick out one and commit to doing it. This could be a hobby, a nature walk, or reading a special book. Just think outside the box and get off your computer or iPhone.

Research shows that life-long happiness is based on the support of good relationships. Be sure to include things like a family game night, lunch with friends, or day trips and outings with friends or family.

If you are struggling with relationships, setting goals, or other life issues know that Southern Ute Behavioral Health has great staff to support you. Just give us a call at 970-563-5700.

Wishing you Wellness.  
Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

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

Or you can call the NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8.

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

And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes.

Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

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Enrolling in Alternate Resources

Why You Should Apply

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- Access to non-emergency transportation
- Allow us to expand our Purchase/Referred Care Priority (Currently at Priority Level 1)

The Tribal Health Department has made enrolling our patients in alternate resources (Medicaid, Medicare, VA, etc.) a priority.

If you are contacted by a Southern Ute Health Center Benefits Coordinator, we respectfully ask you to take their call and listen to what they have to say. Their job is to help you enroll in an alternate resource.

Does it Cost Money?

There is no cost to you to apply. The process takes about an hour to an hour and a half. One of the Southern Ute Health Center Benefits Coordinators will help walk you through the process.

Contact Us To Apply TODAY!  
Lori Herrera at: (970)-563-2371  
Carmen Allanic-Ryder at: (970)-563-2211

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Contact for further information:  
EMS Coordinator Carter Smith  
[Carter.Smith@puebloc.edu](mailto:Carter.Smith@puebloc.edu) | 970.564.6206





Cervical Cancer luncheon



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Morgann Graham, Diabetes Program Manager with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness held a luncheon to raise awareness surrounding Cervical Cancer in the Buckskin Charley meeting room on Friday, Jan. 20. Southern Ute Councilwoman Marge Barry gave the invocation and prayer before the meeting started (Councilwoman Linda Baker attended as well). Graham spoke about the risks of young adults of getting cervical cancer through different STI's and how important it is for ages 11-26 to get their HPV vaccine. If you have any questions regarding this luncheon and want to learn more, contact Morgann Graham at 970-563-2349 or email: mograham@southernute-nsn.gov

Margret Manzanares and Elijah Lucero, both employees of Sun Ute Recreation Center, attended the Cervical Cancer Awareness Luncheon held at the Leonard C. Burch building, Friday, Jan. 20.



CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùumuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Positive Childhood Experiences

By Sandra Beirne, MD  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CLINIC

This is the first in a series of four articles this year about the effects childhood experiences can have on people throughout their lives.

In 1997 researchers found that what children experience in their early life can have long-term impacts on their health and behavior. Their study looked only at negative events: child abuse and neglect, exposure to domestic violence, and parents with substance use disorders or mental illness among others. They called these “Adverse Childhood Experiences” or ACEs. They found that children who experienced these events had higher rates of chronic health problems such as cancer and diabetes, substance use disorders, and mental illness as teenagers and adults.

For many years, the focus was on the potential negative impacts of these experiences. Over time it became clear that what happened



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

to people in childhood did not determine their future. Some adults who had ACEs had lots of struggles, but others with the same early experiences were doing really well in adulthood. While negative childhood experiences increased the risk of adult health and behavior problems, there were positive experiences that could minimize those effects.

The focus has now shifted to the impact of resilience, the ability to recover from difficulties, and the protective effect of positive childhood experiences.

The next article in this series will talk more about the great hope these provide in raising healthy, strong, resilient children.

For information about negative and positive childhood experiences check out: <https://centerforyouthwellness.org/>, <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/index.html>, or <https://positiveexperience.org/>.

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to talk more about these topics or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

ANNOUNCING THE NEW IGNACIO AA MEETING

Ignacio Alcoholics/Addicts Anonymous Group

WHEN: Fridays from 5:30PM to 6:30PM

WHERE: SunUte Community Center

390 Mouache Drive

Ignacio, Colorado

Covid Testing, Vaccines and treatment are available at the Southern Ute Health Center

COVID Testing

- Covid testing is being done in the modular building next to the Health Center
- Tuesday – Thursday, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. for testing and walk-in patients.
- No appointment necessary.
- Open to all Native Americans and Tribal employees.
- For more information on testing from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

COVID Vaccines

- Available to all Native Americans 6 months of age and up and all Tribal employees.
- Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. for vaccinations.
- Vaccinations will be administered inside the SU Health Center.
- By appointment only, call 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment.
- For more information on vaccines from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

Treatment

- Medicines are now available to treat COVID.
- Any Native American who has COVID can make an appointment to discuss taking the medicine.
- By appointment only, call 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment.
- Treatment is especially important for people over age 50 and those with medical conditions.
- For more information on treatment from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/treatments-for-severe-illness.html>
- High risk conditions from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>



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Join us and discover a remedy to life's hurts, hang-ups and habits!

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Discover the road to recovery, paved with God's promises through this 12-step Biblically based program

SCHEDULE

6:30-7:30pm I Praise & Worship  
and Lesson or Testimony

7:30-8:30pm I Small Group Sharing

LOCATION

Ignacio Community Church  
405 Browning Avenue

Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information contact Teresa at 970.779.8133 or [tmmsex@yahoo.com](mailto:tmmsex@yahoo.com)

COVID TESTING KITS AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERS FOR TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS

Contact Tribal Information Services



Kits are available 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

Contact Samantha Maez for more information  
970-563-2208  
[smaez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:smaez@southernute-nsn.gov)



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





SUIMA

# Kwanachigani pə’əkwatu

## Eagle’s Nest

Thank you, parents, guardians, and grandparents

By Mari Jo Owens,  
Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Thank you, parents, guardians, and grandparents, for getting your child to school. Since the returned from Christmas, the student attendance rate has improved. With no week-long holidays over the next few months, we typically show the largest amount of academic growth in schools across the nation.

Help your child stay healthy by getting a good night’s sleep and eating well.

Montessori Tidbits

Math: why do we teach it, why do we need to learn it? Other than the obvious reasons such as paying our bills or budgeting for the high cost of groceries and fuel, we have an inborn need for order and routine.



Krista Richards/SU Drum archive

Tribal member Kryss Carrillo helps her daughter, Clementine write her name on purchased candy canes during the fundraiser on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 in the Hall of Warriors.

Math is the tool we use to help us learn how to routinely calculate our everyday lives. Math is also the word, or thought, we could use when we need to make order out of chaos. Because math is in many of our day-to-day activities, we need to teach math in such a way that it is fun and meaningful.

Maria Montessori saw

the importance of it when she categorized math as one of the four fundamental kinds of activities essential to children’s development. She believed that the children have a mathematical mind because of their sensitive period for order.

The prepared environment in a Montessori classroom helps bring calmness to the child so that their need for routine is easily pursued and fed. The child will then discover the math materials and understand that math is concrete before it becomes abstract. It is at this time that math becomes meaningful and magical.

Positions advertised

We still have job openings and would truly welcome you into our SUIMA family. There are openings in the infant/toddler level, the primary level, and the elementary level. You can find applications by going to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe Jobs, click on Career Portal – Government, then click on View Current Jobs. It’s as easy as that!

Nuu’apaghapi

### Ute phrases and sentences

Brrr, it’s cold out there! To help our families continue using Ute language at home, refer to these sentences.

- təmeri - winter
- naghakáachoghopə - winter hat
- səpə’a - cold
- tapapəgáachoghopə - ski cap or ski mask
- para’sikyatə - frozen
- ‘agharat’aqh təəravachi? How is the weather?
- Nəvwayaqh. It is snowing.
- Kawayaqh. It is frosty.

Upcoming events

- Fancy Fridays and Early Release every Friday!
- Feb. 15 – Family Night – grandparents’ dinner
- Feb. 20 – No school – Presidents Day
- Feb. 21 – PAG via Zoom



courtesy Shauna Branch/Ignacio Elementary School

Ignacio Elementary School Fifth Graders receiving the Q2 SportyCat Awards from Coach Casio.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

## Lil’ Bobcat: Ignacio Elementary School update

By Shauna Branch,  
Interim Principal

IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome to 2023! The Elementary School is rocking and rolling in the New Year. We have some new faces and events to share with you!

Over the past few months, we have added some new faces to the staff that works with our littlest Bobcats. First, Mrs. Johnston resigned in December to pursue a family opportunity in Northern Colorado. Mrs. Branch, former Assistant Principal, has been moved into the Principal Position. Branch has 30 years’ experience in education. She began her career as a Special Education teacher, and coach in New Mexico. After teaching and coaching for 11 years, she earned her master’s degree at the University of New Mexico and embarked upon 17 years in educational administration and leadership, working primarily as a principal. Before she retired from New Mexico, she took on the task of turning around three schools that were in need of improvement. She then retired from the New Mexico schools and moved to Ignacio to pursue a second career in Colorado. Mrs. Branch is quite excited to be a principal again and looks forward to helping staff and students make Ignacio Elementary into the school to attend in Southwestern Colorado.

Welcome back, Mr. Karl Herr. Herr has joined our Bobcat staff as the Interim Assistant Principal. Mr. Herr is a former principal at Ignacio Elementary School. He served for eight years before returning seven years ago. Many of your older children likely remember him as principal. He has agreed to help the school until the end of the year. We are happy to welcome him to our team.

Welcome to several teachers and classified staff as well. Mrs. Teresa Lewis is our new reading interventionist and works in the Title Program helping struggling students with reading and math. Ms. Kamry Chewing has joined us as a long-term substitute in Mrs. Zafar’s class while she is out on maternity leave. Mrs. Chewing graduated from Fort Lewis College in December as a certified teacher and has completed practicum hours in Ignacio. Mrs. Jorgina Herrera is a new para-professional working mostly in kindergarten and 1st grades. Mr.



courtesy Ignacio Elementary School

December Character Counts Caring Award Winners at the Ignacio Elementary School.



Shauna Branch  
Interim Principal  
Ignacio Elementary School

John Branch is our new Bobcat Habitat Supervisor and helps students needing to take a break and refocus on school.

The time between Winter Break and Spring Break is focused on students mastering academic content in preparation for the next grade level, CMAS testing in April, and End of the Year tests. Currently we are assessing students in Middle of the Year (MOY) tests with STAR Reading, STAR Math, and DIBELS. We are already seeing tremendous growth with our students this year. Your child’s teacher will share the MOY data with you at parent teacher conferences in February. In the meantime, teachers continuously check to ensure their students are learning what is taught.

Our students have been reading up a storm this year! They have already reached over eight million words read and are on track to read 25 million by the end of the school year. Keep reading Bobcats!

Ignacio Elementary has re-established our student council! Thanks to our sponsors, Ms. Ellen

Young, Ms. Lee, and Mrs. Pepper, the Student Council is busy planning events and giving students a voice at the school. In December, the Student Council held a new sock drive. Thank you to all who donated socks! The socks were distributed to those in need in our community. Currently, the Student Council is selling candy grams. The Valentine Grams will be delivered on Valentine’s Day. You can purchase a gram in the office through Feb. 12. Grams cost \$1 each or you can get six for \$5. Send one to an Ignacio student or staff member.

Colorado Universal Pre-K is on its way to Ignacio! This new initiative will provide free, quality Pre-K to all four-year-olds in Ignacio. The district is working with IELP to establish a program for all four-year-olds to begin in August 2023. We are currently identifying all families that will have a four-year-old as of August 1 that would like to participate in the program. All four-year-olds qualify for a half day program at no cost. We predict most four-year-olds will qualify for a full day free program with qualifying additional factors.

If you have a child that will be four years old by Aug. 1, 2023, PLEASE call IELP or the Elementary School to get on a list for updates as we get more information available. You can show your interest by filling out a simple form at this website: <https://upk.colorado.gov/>. If you have questions or need help filling out your application, please call the Ignacio Elementary School or ILEP.

Upcoming Events in the District

- Tuesday, Jan. 31: Bobcat Assembly, 1st grade, 3 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 3: Bobcat Assembly, Kindergarten, 10 a.m.
- Friday, Feb. 3: Make up Snow Day for Jan. 17

Week of Feb. 20-24: Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Middle School: Monday, Feb. 20, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
- High School: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
- Elementary School: Thursday, Feb. 23, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
- All Schools: Friday, Feb. 24, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

## Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

Tuesday February 14, 2023  
10:30 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)

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world.

In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –

Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in January 2023

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up  
(970) 563-2337





Ignacio Middle School  
First Quarter Honor Roll

Sixth Grade		Eighth Grade	
Matthew Maestas	3.5	Lainee Bradley	3.5
Chadlyn Cundiff	3.8	Cyrus Cosio	3.5
Brekan Romero	3.8	Alahna Cundiff	3.6
Brynlee Burcham	4.0	Daevon Claw	3.7
Carmen Candelaria	4.0	Matrim Jones	3.7
Kirstyn Jameson	4.0	Alexa Lopez Rodriguez	3.7
Carley Martinez	4.0	Tarah Baker	3.8
Kodi Rima	4.0	Jaelyn Alston	4.0
Ava Sage-Morgan	4.0	Cayson Burcham	4.0
Paiten Tucson	4.0	Katie Cundiff	4.0
		Leandra Litz	4.0
		Maliyah artinez	4.0
		Lily Quintana	4.0
		Kelly Sirios	4.0
		Gage Smithson	4.0
		Paisley Vezeau	4.0
		Thunder Windy Boy Hebert	4.0
Seventh Grade			
Travis Bliss	3.5		
Mirra Bourriague	3.5		
Hayden Melton	3.5		
Veronica Brown	3.7		
Leeland Huwig	3.7		
Joseph Atencio	4.0		
Jade Howell	4.0		
Amira Montoya	4.0		

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL  
ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

1. A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2. Deserving
3. A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
4. Interested in continuing his or her education
5. Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
6. Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and but be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may nominate and submit a letter of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**\*\*Nomination must be submitted in writing** to Ellen S. Baker at Southern Ute Education Department **by \*\*5:00 pm on Friday, May 12, 2023**, and shall state the basis for the nomination. Or email the letter to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information call 970-563-0235.

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute student.

HIGHER EDUCATION

MOLAS scholarship  
application now available

Staff report  
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is offering a new scholarship opportunity called the MOLAS, which stands for Meaningful Opportunity through Learning and Advancement. Applicants must be first-generation college students (neither parent has completed a bachelor's (or four-year) degree). The MOLAS scholarship is need-based for low-income individuals, including non-traditional students, who are rising first-year college students in the fall of 2023.

The winner of the scholarship will receive up to 85% of tuition and room and board at a Colorado or Four Corners college, university, trade-school or vocational school. The MOLAS scholarship is renewable for up to four years. It is the intention of the MOLAS Scholarship to support one to two students per year



who might otherwise not have the opportunity to further their education without financial help.

"We've witnessed too much talent slipping between the cracks for first-generation college students who can't continue their education merely as a result of not enough money available," says the anonymous Community Foundation scholarship donor. "In our families, education was the highest priority after health."

The deadline to apply is March 1 and decisions will be announced in early April. The 2023 scholarship winner will be selected from La Plata County. In future years,

residents of other Southwest Colorado counties may be eligible. The online application can be accessed on the Community Foundation's website, [swcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships](http://swcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships). Please review eligibility requirements and call the Community Foundation at 970-375-5807 if you have any questions.

Mentorship throughout school, particularly with budgeting and financial advising, is included for all MOLAS scholarship winners. Recommendations and referrals from contacts at local schools and nonprofit organizations will rank highly in the selection process.

BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you...  
life doesn't stop  
Ignacio High School  
GYM



Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023  
9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

315 Ignacio St  
Ignacio, Colorado

For an Appointment Contact  
Crystal Redman @ 970-563-0500

If you are 16 or 17 Years Old Bring  
Signed Parent Permission Form

Save Time by Doing your Online  
Fast Track Questionnaire

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The SAME DAY as Your Appointment

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and Bring an ID



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Related Instruction (RI)	• Minimum of 600 hours of RI per year • Courses delivered in classroom and on-line instruction
On-the-Job	• Minimum of 2,000 hours of structured and supervised on-the-job training (OJT) • Mentoring from experienced professional in the field
Credentials	• Apprentice earns nationally-recognized credentials once demonstrating occupational identified competencies. These include a PCC Medical Assistant Certificate, RMA certification and a Federal Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Certificate

Requirements to Apply

- 18 or older
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Physically able to perform job duties
- Demonstrate interest in the job
- Able to pass a background check and drug test
- Provide copy of required immunizations including flu and COVID vaccine
- Demonstrate motivation, ambition, and a willingness to take direction
- Demonstrate trustworthiness

Invest in Your Future – Contact Us Today!

Contact our Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator at 719-549-3318 to schedule an appointment or email your interest to [maapprenticeship@pueblocc.edu](mailto:maapprenticeship@pueblocc.edu).

NATIVE LENS  
MEDIA FELLOWSHIP



Native Lens and Vision Maker Media announce the inaugural  
Native Lens Media Fellowship!

This week-long workshop for aspiring Indigenous filmmakers and storytellers ages 18-24 focuses on story development, production and post-production practices.

Participants will meet for several hours each day from February 25 - March 3, 2023 in-person in Durango and Ignacio, Colorado, with Native filmmaker mentors to produce short videos that will premiere in a showcase at the *Durango Independent Film Festival* on Saturday, March 4.

For more information and to apply  
please visit  
<https://forms.gle/K1tjHRpA7LtpIT67>

SCAN ME







ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute, Alternate

Izabella Cloud

Maykh,  
My name is Izabella ‘Oawichichi Cloud. I’m 21 years old and recently graduated from Fort Lewis College with a bachelor’s degree. My maternal great-grandparents are the late Mollie Tobias Buck Cloud and Julius Cloud. My maternal grandmother is Renee Cloud. My mother is Marquette Cloud. I have many brothers and sisters.

I’m the 2022-23 Miss Southern Ute Alternate. This will be my fourth non-consecutive year representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as an ambassador. It’s been an honor and privilege to represent the Southern Ute membership. I would like to give the membership an update on all my participation in events and travels that I have attended. I want to thank the Royalty Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for giving me this opportunity.

August

I was first crowned on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Multi-Purpose Facility. I wanted to thank everyone in attendance, especially the other royalties who traveled to support all contestants. The first event that I attended was the same day after the crowning. I introduced myself and danced with the heritage dancers for a motorcycle event at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center.

September

The next event I attended was the weekend of Sept. 9 for the 100th annual Southern Ute Fair. All my fellow royalty joined me as we started the powwow weekend by participating in the parade. After the parade, we



Izabella Cloud  
Miss Southern Ute, Alt.  
2022-2023

all participated in the powwow. We introduced ourselves and then danced for the Grand Entries and inter-tribals over the weekend. Thank you to the Powwow Committee, Culture Department, and all those who helped to make these events successful.

October

In October, I attended the Disability Employment Awareness Event on Wednesday the 12th at the Southern Ute Museum and Culture Center. I introduced myself and gave thanks to Bobbie Rosa and all attending.

November

I then attended the annual Southern Ute Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Saturday, Nov. 12. After giving a brief introduction, I helped serve meals to elders with my fellow royalty members. I am so thankful to everyone who was able to attend this dinner. It has been a long time since I have seen all of us together for a meal. Once again, thank you to all of those who coordinated this dinner.

I also attended Fort Lewis College’s Nike N7 game.

The Nike N7 game was to honor Native American communities in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

My next event was at the Ignacio Middle School for Native American Heritage month. I introduced myself once again to the audience of students and briefly described the responsibilities of being an ambassador for the Southern Ute Tribe. I am grateful to Dayna Talamante-Montoya and Marvin Pinnecoose for this opportunity to represent the Tribe. I also wanted to thank the heritage dancers who danced with us, especially those who traveled from Towaoc, Colo.

Alongside my fellow royalties, I participated in our sister tribe’s Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow starting on Friday, Nov. 25, and ending Saturday, Nov. 26. I introduced myself and thanked everyone who participated, including the dancers, singers, and those who watched. I want to thank Aislinn Ryder for traveling with me and keeping me company.

This wraps up my royalty report for August through December. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays, staying safe and strong, and respecting each other. I am looking forward to updating the membership with my next quarterly report. I am hopeful for 2023 and all the cultural events to come. I hope to see you all soon. Take care!

Toghoyagh,  
Izabella ‘Oawichichi Cloud  
Miss Southern Ute, Alt.  
2022-2023

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Southern Ute Brave

Henry ElkRiver Whiteskunk II

Maykw(a) Nuchu,  
Greetings to the tribal membership and everyone in Indian Country!

My name is Henry ElkRiver Whiteskunk II. I’m 14 years young. Currently I’m a freshman at Ignacio high school. My favorite subject is welding. My Ute name is Supurnay (Whiteskunk). My paternal great grandparents are the late William Thompson (egap) and Doris Red (egap) and my maternal great grandparents are the late Clifford and Annabelle Eagle (egap).

On Aug. 27, 2022 I was selected to for the Southern Ute brave for 22-23. I have attended the following events:

September

- Sept. 9-12, the Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow.
- Sept. 9, I attended the Southern Ute tribal luncheon kickoff for the Tribal Fair and Powwow I gave my first welcoming speech at this event.
- Sept. 10, I attended the elder’s Sip, Chat, and Chew held at the Multi-Purpose Facility. I introduced myself to all who attended. I helped serve the food also.
- Sept. 17, I travel to Colorado Springs, Colo. to the 12th annual garden of the gods rock-ledge ranch powwow.
- Sept. 23, I Participated



Henry Whiteskunk II  
Southern Ute Brave  
2022-2023

at the 10th annual anniversary of the designation of Chimney Rock Monument. I perform my dance style(fancy) with other fancy dancers. I also welcome all who attended the event.

- Sept. 24, I attended the 2nd annual “988” skate-parks jam at the Piinuu nuuchi skatepark. I welcome everyone in attendance and all the tribal departments who put the event together.

October

- Oct. 7, 8, and 9, I traveled with my family to attend the 34th He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskate Blackhills powwow in Rapid City, S. D. At this powwow I met the outgoing Miss He Sapa 2019-2022 Lauren McNabb. This is one of my favorite powwows on my list.

- Oct. 28, I attended the tribal Employee Appreciation Day held at the casino parking lot. During the event I gave my gratitude and thanks to all the tribal employees.
- Later the same day I attended the exhibit revealing of the chiefs at the Southern Ute Museum.
- Oct. 29, 30, and 31, I volunteer at the multi-purpose haunted house.
- Oct. 31, I participate in the Sky Ute Casino Halloween Trunk or Treat drive by. Where I, along with my fellow royalty members handed out candy and goodies.

November

- Nov. 4, I participated at the Autumn Abundance Seasonal Jamboree gathering. Which was put together by Ignacio Youth Services and Southern Ute Culture department.
- Nov. 5, I attended the Masquerade powwow at the Multi-Purpose Facility.
- Nov. 12, I attended the tribal Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Sky Ute Event Center.
- Nov. 17, I attended the NAIG Games meeting for the 2023 games.
- Nov. 17, I attended the Pueblo and Hopi dance performance at the museum.
- Nov. 18, I attend the col-

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Little Miss Southern Ute

Cyana Whiteskunk

Mayw(a) Nuchu,  
Hello, my name is Cyana Whiteskunk. I’m at the Little Miss Southern Ute for 22-23. My Ute name is Muutuch(i) Hummingbird. I’m nine years young, I attend the third grade at the Ignacio Elementary School. My parents are Henry Whiteskunk and Daisy House Eagle.

On Aug. 27, 2022, the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant was held at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Cyana was selected for Little Miss Southern Ute.

Ms. Cyana first quarter reports.

September

- Sept. 5, Little Miss Southern Ute attended the White Mesa Bear Dance.
- Sept. 9, Cyana attended the Southern Ute luncheon kick-off to the 100th annual Tribal Fair and Powwow. Along with fellow royalty members introduced themselves to those who attended at the Sky Ute event center.
- Sept. 10, Cyana attended the elder luncheon which was held at the multi-purpose facility. She introduced herself and shook hands with tribal elders and visitors.
- Sept. 17, Little Miss Southern Ute attended The Garden of The Gods Rock Ledge Ranch 12th Annual Powwow in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Sept. 23, Cyana attended the 10th Anniversary of the Designation of the Chimney Rock Monument. Along with fellow royalty an introduction and speeches were given. A dance performance was done by fancy dancers, men and women.
- Sept. 24, Little Miss Southern Ute attended the 2nd Annual “988” skate-park jam. As a part of the suicide and crisis lifeline.

October

- Oct. 7, 8, and 9 Little Miss Southern Ute attended the 34th Annual He Sapa Wacipi



Cyana Whiteskunk  
Little Miss Southern Ute  
2022-2023

Na Oskate Blackhills Powwow in Rapid City, S. D.

- Oct. 28, Cyana attended the Southern Ute tribal Employee Appreciation Day held outside the Sky Ute Casino Resort overflow parking lot. She gave her appreciation and thanks to the tribal employees for their hard work for the Tribe. The same day she attended the new exhibit of the chiefs held at the museum.
- Oct. 29, 30, and 31 Cyana volunteered at the multi-purpose for the Halloween Haunted house. She also participated in the Sky Ute Casino Halloween Trunk-or-Treat.

November

- Nov. 4, Cyana attended the Autumn Abundance Seasonal Jamboree gathering held at the museum. She and others danced their respective styles.
- Nov. 5, Little Miss Southern Ute attended the Masquerade Powwow at the Multi-Purpose Facility.
- Nov. 12, Cyana attended the Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving dinner at the Sky Ute event center. She gave a welcoming speech following with shaking hands. She helped get plates of food to elders.
- Nov. 17, Cyana attended the dance performance done by the Hopi and Pueblo Dancers at the Southern Ute Culture Center.
- Nov. 18, Cyana attended the Fort Lewis college

basketball games honoring Native American Heritage Month.

- Nov. 19, Cyana attended the Gourd Dance held at the SunUte Community Center. Where she helped in her father’s give away.
- Nov. 22, Cyana performed her dance style along with a welcoming speech at the Ignacio Middle School and the High School.
- Nov. 24, 25, and 26 Cyana attended the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

December

- Dec. 2, Cyana participated in the parade for the Taste of Christmas event. She along with other royalty rode on the Sky Ute float.
- Dec. 6, Cyana attended the End of Term Recognition for Ramona Y. Eagle and Marjorie Berry. Swearing-In of Marjorie Berry and Marvin Pinnecoose for 22-25 term.
- Dec. 10 Cyana participated in the LCB 9th annual memorial walk held at the SunUte. Along with other royalty, she expressed gratitude to the staff and the Burch Family.
- Dec. 17, Cyana attended the Southern Ute Christmas Dinner held at the Sky Ute event center. Cyana welcomed all for coming and gave thanks to departments and staff for putting the event together. During the day she helped get elders food, drinks, and dessert.

During this time Cyana has been Little Miss Southern Ute she very thankful for this opportunity. Cyana has enjoyed this experience and looks forward to the future.

She wishes you all good health and love for the new year. Little Miss Southern Ute wishes you all a blessed 2023.

Togwaychak,  
Respectfully,  
Cyana Whiteskunk  
Little Miss Southern Ute  
2022-2023

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Little Miss Southern Ute, Alt.

Shayne White Thunder

Mique Nuchu,  
My name is Shayne Morning Star White Thunder. My Ute name is Winter Rose, my grandmother Mikki gave me that name because I was born in winter and the rose signifies our people. I am the current 2022-2023 Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate.

I am nine years old, and I attend school at Florida Mesa Elementary in Durango, Colo. My mother is Heather White Thunder, and my father is Seth Roubidoux. My paternal grandmother is Mikki Naranjo, and my great-grandparents are the late Eugene Naranjo and the late Dixie Naranjo. My maternal grandparents are Bobbie White Thunder from El Reno, Okla. and the late Ross Denny.

I come from the Moache-Capote bands and I’m a descendent of Buckskin Charlie. I am also Cheyenne and Arapaho from my mother’s side. I like to read, play video games, draw, paint, ride my scooter, and I am learning how to bead and sew. I enjoy representing the Southern Ute Tribe and I continue to learn every day.



Shayne White Thunder  
Little Miss Southern Ute Alt.  
2022-2023

The following are events that I have attended and participated in during my reign:

September

- Attended the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. I also rode in the Tribal Fair parade 9/9, 9/10, 9/11.
- Attended and participated in the Chimney Rock dedication and did a dance performance 9/23 and 9/24.
- Attended and participated in the Skate Jam event 9/23.
- Attended the Durango School District Title VI

back to school event and provided a prayer in Ute 9/28.

October

- My sister and I did a performance for our classes at school for Indigenous Peoples’ Day and I provided my Royalty introduction 10/10.
- Attended and participated in the Indigenous Peoples’ Day event at Fort Lewis College 10/10.
- I did a performance for the Red Willow staff at SkyUte Casino 10/13.
- Attended the Breast Cancer Prevention Dinner 10/26.
- Attended and did a performance for the Employee Appreciation Day 10/28.
- I got an award at school for my resiliency for doing my performance in front of my classmates 10/28.
- My sister and I were asked by Tanaya Windler to participate in a short film with Kyle Bell 10/29.
- Participated with other Royalties at the community Trunk or Treat event 10/31.

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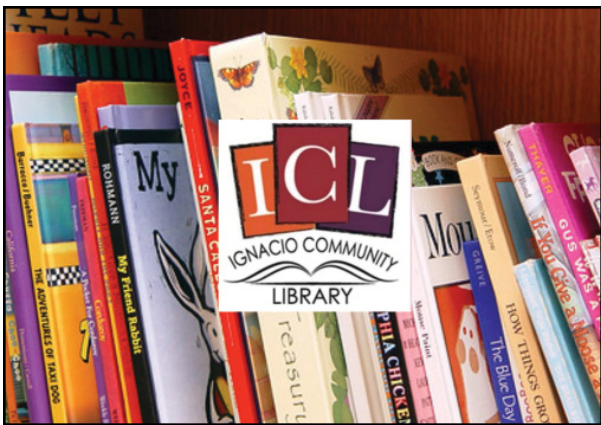
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Taking advantage of all your library offers

Ron Schermacher, IDEA LAB Educator  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In the 1989 film “Field of Dreams” a disembodied voice tells the main character, “if you build it, he (they) will come”. Well, for many years now the current staff at the Ignacio Library has been busy acquiring equipment and supplies as well as building challenging and engaging programs, and nowhere is that more true than in the IDEA LAB, ICL’s makerspace and digital media lab. And even though many members of the community have found and taken advantage of these opportunities, we know there are many in our town and surrounding areas who have yet to visit our active and welcoming library. So now that we have built it, what will entice you to come?

Maybe it will be to join one of our ongoing groups that meet to work together and collaborate on projects. The Art Group meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Electronics Hour is at noon on Wednesdays, the Knitting Group takes over the community room on Thursday afternoons and open maker-



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

space times are from 2 to 4 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays.

Maybe it will be to join one of our Night Sky Parties or help us build a cardboard bookmobile for the Purgatory Derby or bring in one of your projects for help or to share the process and experience.

Or maybe it will be to attend one of our programs to learn a new skill like stop motion animation and video editing, design and 3D printing, aeronautics, electronics and robotics to name a few. Regardless of your current age or situation, make a positive choice today and join us in our lifelong learning journey in a way that can contribute to a more satisfying and productive life.

Also, for High School

students, ICL is accepting applications for a non-paid internship which will train participants to work in a library and provide valuable training and experience that will enhance a resume. Many local schools will provide credit for successfully completing the internship. Also, please don’t forget that the IDEA LAB at ICL accepts used electronic devices and broken plastic lids and containers for repair practice and the library still accepts book donations excluding encyclopedias, textbooks over 10 years old, and digest compilations.

Don’t let your friends and neighbors reap all the benefits, come join the fun and activities and learn how to take advantage of all your library offers for you.

SOUTHERN UTE BRAVE • FROM PAGE 8

- lege basketball game at Fort Lewis College honoring Native Heritage month.
- Nov. 19, I attended the gourd dance that was held at the SunUte Community Center. I danced as well as helped with a giveaway for my father.
- Nov. 22, I performed my dance style at the Ignacio Middle School and the High school.
- Nov. 24, 25, and 26, I attended the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

December

- Dec. 2, I attended the Ignacio Taste of Christmas by riding the Sky Ute Ca-

- sino float along with fellow royalty.
- Dec. 6, I attended the End of Term Recognition for Ramona Y. Eagle and Marjorie Berry. Swearing in ceremony for Marjorie Berry and Marvin Pinne-coose for term 2022-2025.
- Dec. 10, Brave participated in the 9th annual LCB memorial walk. I welcomed at who attended and gave thanks for the SunUte and the Burch Family.
- Dec. 17, I attended the Tribal Christmas Dinner Where along with fellow royalty members gave welcoming speeches. During the event I gave plates of food to elders.

- Dec. 24, I attended the Ute Mountain Christmas Powwow.

It’s an honor for me to get this opportunity to represent my tribe; the Southern Ute Tribe!! I look forward to future events. The knowledge and experience I will gain during my time as the Brave.

I hope everyone got what they asked for Christmas. Blessings for everyone and their families bringing in the new year!

Toghoyagh,  
Henry Whiteskunk II  
Southern Ute Brave  
2022-2023

LITTLE MISS SO. UTE, ALT. • FROM PAGE 8

November

- I attended and participated in the Masquerade Powwow held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility 11/5.
- I participated in Girls on the Run with Boys and Girls Club 11/5.
- I greeted and introduced myself at the Southern Ute Annual Thanksgiving Dinner to tribal members and guests. I helped pass out dinner plates to elderly 11/12.
- I attended and danced at the Durango School District Title VI event at the Science Powerhouse 11/15.
- I attended and greeted the Pueblo and Hopi dancers and attendees at the Culture Night event 11/17.
- I attended the Fort Lew-

- is College Skyhawks basketball game to represent for the honoring of Native American Heritage Month 11/18.
- I attended and participated in the Gourd Dance held at SunUte 11/19. My grandma took me to help feed the homeless in Durango, Colo. 11/20.
- I danced and introduced myself to the students at Ignacio School District for Native American Heritage Month 11/22.
- I traveled to Ft. Duchesne and danced and participated in the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Powwow 11/24, 11/25, & 11/26.

December

- I participated in the Parade of Lights in Ignacio 11/2.

- I participated and greeted guests for the Leonard C. Burch Day walk at SunUte 11/9.
- I delivered gifts to a boy in need in Bayfield 11/24.
- My mom took me to pass out stockings and help feed the homeless in Durango 12/30

I have enjoyed attending different events and traveling to represent the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and meeting new people. I look forward to attending upcoming events.

Tog’oiak’  
Shayne Morning Star  
White Thunder  
Little Miss Southern  
Alternate  
2022-2023

Southern Ute Elders Department

REUSABLE BAG GIVEAWAY



Elder Services would like to offer **FREE** reusable bags to local Southern Ute Elders for their grocery shopping needs. Elders can pick up their **FREE** reusable bags at the Southern Ute Elders Department.

Limit 4 bags per household, while supplies last.

If you have any questions, please call Elder Services @ 970-563-0156.

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

PURCHASE PRICE  
\$20 EACH

If you have any questions please contact:

Mikki Naranjo  
970-563-2441

Rochelle Aguilar  
970-563-2990



LIVINGWORKS ASIST

Provide a Suicide First-Aid Intervention

LivingWorks ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) is a 2-day, interactive, skills-based workshop that prepares people to provide suicide first aid using a unique 6-task model.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone aged 16+ years is encouraged to take LivingWorks ASIST. It provides a suicide first-aid intervention model for relationships with family, friends, and co-workers. It can also be incorporated into more formal helping roles such as counseling, health care, crisis services, or chaplaincy. You can play a vital role in creating Networks of Safety from suicide.

What Will You Learn?

In LivingWorks ASIST you will learn how to help someone thinking about suicide develop a personalized SafePlan to keep safe-for-now and connect with further help.

You will learn to apply a Safety Framework to guide the development of this SafePlan through a collaborative helping relationship.

You will also consider how personal and community attitudes about suicide affect someone's openness to seek help and your ability to provide it.

This workshop will increase your willingness, confidence, and capacity to provide suicide first aid.

How Will You Learn?

We aim to provide a safe learning environment. The learning process includes:

- Trainer presentations and powerful videos to stimulate discussion and support learning
- Extensive opportunities for skills practice
- Shared participant experiences that enrich learning
- Trainer-facilitated workgroups to optimize participation

Direct and honest discussion about suicide is encouraged. While sometimes challenging, this prepares helpers to openly approach people with thoughts of suicide, and to help them keep safe.

Where Can You Find Out More?

A growing body of published research and evaluation supports the value of this training to individuals and organizations while informing program improvements.

More than one million people have attended LivingWorks ASIST globally over 35 years. Use the contacts below to find out more.

info@livingworks.net

(Toll free in North America)

1.888.733.5484 or 403.209.0242

www.livingworks.net



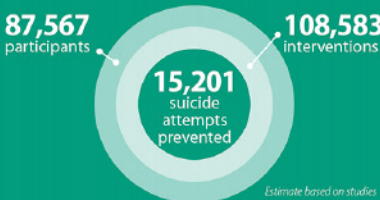
Learn the skills.

Help save a life.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

ASIST's impact in 2016



ASIST works

Studies show that ASIST participants gain:

- Knowledge about suicide
- Skills to reach out
- Confidence to help save a life

Upcoming ASIST Workshop

When: January 30 & 31, 2023

Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Where: Leonard C Burch Building (Buckskin Charlie Room)  
379 Ouray Dr / Ignacio, CO 81137

Cost: \$50.00

20 SPACES AVAILABLE

To inquire or register call: (970) 563-2694  
or email: bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov

ASIST is cost-effective  
50:1 return on investment in decreasing long-term costs of suicide (2015 study)

Learn more about ASIST and see the evidence at www.livingworks.net/ASIST





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.





# Sip, Chat, and Chew



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum  
Multi-Purpose Facility Administrative Assistant, Jacqueline Frost serves tribal elder, Georgia McKinley during the monthly Sip, Chat, and Chew at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, Jan. 21. Tribal members were able to get a meal, get involved in a raffle for prizes and participate in a Men's Frybread Making contest later in the afternoon.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

# Club Connect: Highlighting student intern, Destini Hernandez

Alexis Sandman is BGC Youth of the Month

Staff report  
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

What does club mean to you?  
"Club to me is an opportunity to learn" – Journii Cordova

Youth of the Month  
Our Youth of the Month focuses on acknowledging and making club members aware of their own unique character and abilities. As staff, we want to recognize them on their positive attributes seen in their club driven experience.

For this month of January, our Youth of the Month award goes to Alexis Sandman. She has been with club for over two years and our staff enjoy seeing her at BGC. She comes to club in a good mood and shows all six pillars of Character Counts daily. In group, Alexis is a team player and goes the extra mile. She has a kind personality, and we admire how patient she is with everyone around her.

Congratulations Alexis on behalf of BGCSU staff!



Alexis Sandman  
Youth of the Month

Club Member Birthday Shout outs

- Alexis, 11 years old
- Shayne, 9 years old



## BGC Shoutouts

Thank you to Permanent Fund Employees 2022 payroll deduction donors and new 2023 payroll deduction donors.

## BGC highlights

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have been partnering with Fort Lewis College to offer their students a real-life learning experience.

We currently have a student intern, Destini Hernandez, who is majoring in Sociology and Human Service and will be graduating this coming May 2023. She has been working with our club

since Sept. 2022. We appreciate her time working with our staff and club members.



Destini Hernandez  
Student Intern  
Fort Lewis College

## BGC Announcements

- Jan. 30-31: ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). This 2-day training is an in-depth, interactive, skills-based workshop that prepares people to provide suicide first aid using a unique 6-task model. To inquire or register call: 970-563-2694 or email: bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov
- Jan. 31-Feb. 24: BGC SUIT Heart Fundraiser. Purchase a heart for \$1 from any of the businesses listed on the flyer to support your local club.
- Feb. 20: No Club – Presidents Day.
- Casino Tickets: Please donate your casino tickets at box by the pay window.

# Multi-Purpose Facility February Senior Breakfast Wednesday February 1, 2023 10:00 - 11:30 AM



Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older

Enjoy good food and good company



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

# Multi-Purpose Facility February Indoor Yard Sale



Saturday February 4, 2023  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

Crafting with Sandy Seibert  
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or  
e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Support your local  
Boys & Girls Club

\$1.00

Buy a heart!  
Our Club serves local community youth.  
We appreciate your support.

Jan 31st-Feb 24th  
2023

Locations

- Ignacio Chiropractic
- Walkers True Value
- Farmers Fresh
- Town of Ignacio
- Pine River Chiropractic, Massage & Acupuncture Bayfield, CO
- Ignacio Floral & Gifts
- Thriftway
- The Rose Café
- Lil Bit Ranchy
- Ignacio Community Library
- Rolling Thunder Lanes

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

## Audiocare

Beginning Dec. 13, 2022 the Southern Ute Health Center will begin utilizing a system called "Audiocare" to call/text patients to remind them of their upcoming appointments.

## What to Expect

The call you receive will have the same number as the Health Center 970-563-4581, be sure to take the call. There will be prompts for you to Confirm, Cancel, or to Reschedule your appointment. If you need to Cancel or Reschedule, an SUHD staff member will contact you to reschedule your appointment.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.  
970-563-4581



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Distribution Friday, July 7      | NOON, Friday, June 30       |
| Distribution Friday, Sept. 29    | NOON, Friday Sept. 22, 2023 |
| Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023 |
| Distribution, Friday, Dec. 29    | NOON, Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 |

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





courtesy John Fielder/History Colorado

Photograph of Hovenweep National Monument, Cortez, Colo. This collection was distilled from the more than 200,000 photographs taken by John Fielder over the last 50 years and will be digitized and cataloged by History Colorado to make it easily accessible and searchable by the public.

## HISTORY COLORADO

# Colorado nature photographer donates life's work

*Fielder's collection includes 50 years of photography*

Staff report

HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado is overjoyed to announce that John Fielder, landscape photographer, renowned conservationist, and nature writer, has donated his life's work to the people of Colorado. History Colorado will serve as the steward of this collection of more than 5,000 photographs which immortalize the landscapes of every county in the state. This collection was distilled from the more than 200,000 photographs taken by Fielder over the last 50 years and will be digitized and cataloged by History Colorado to make it easily accessible and searchable by the public.

Since he began photographing Colorado in 1973, Fielder has effectively been to each of Colorado's 104,984 square miles, compiling a record of the Centennial State's landscape and how it has changed over the past half-century. His photography has been featured in dozens of books, garnered him multiple awards for his service to Colorado and its people, and influenced the passage of laws to protect public lands in Colorado and beyond.

"My goal was always to reveal and preserve the essence of the place that I think is the most beautiful on Earth: Colorado," Fielder said. "I am humbled that these photos have inspired others and spurred the passage of numerous environmental protection projects and laws across this beautiful state that I love and cherish."

Fielder and his photography have influenced policy that protects Colorado lands including Congress' Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993, which created 36 federally protected wilderness areas that amount to 660,000 acres; and the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund, which has contributed \$1.3 billion in funding to thousands of conservation, recreation, and stewardship projects across Colorado.

Amongst Fielder's publications is the Colorado 1870-2000 series made in partnership with History Colorado. This series pairs Fielder's photographs with matching ones taken by William Henry Jackson a hundred years prior, allowing readers to compare



and contrast the landscapes while prompting the question: "do we like the changes we see?"

Fielder's connection to History Colorado was an important reason why he chose to donate his collection to the organization. Equally important was History Colorado's pledge to make this collection publicly available for personal and commercial use so Fielder's work may serve as an inspiration for future publications, exhibitions, and research around climate change.

"I have both a practical and an emotional connection with History Colorado," Fielder said. "I have always been a history buff and ever curious about what life in Colorado was like before I arrived. Seeing the same landscapes that I have explored as they appeared decades ago – and through the eyes and lenses of people who shared my passion for Earth – inside History Colorado's collection has always fascinated me. Since History Colorado is a leading institution for historic preservation it felt like the natural caretaker for my work."

Over the coming months History Colorado will catalog, and make digitally available, the more than 5,000 photographs gifted by Fielder so they can be accessed through the History Colorado website. Furthermore, History Colorado will open an exhibition at the History Colorado Center in late summer of 2023 dedicated to the art of John Fielder and create a rotating gallery of his work starting in January 2024. The digitization and exhibition development of John Fielder's generous donation is made possible by a grant from the Telluray Foundation.

"The magnitude of John's donation to the people of Colorado is as breathtaking as the landscapes he captures," said Dawn DiPrince, History Colorado's Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer. "This body of work represents the culmination of a

lifetime dedicated to documenting and preserving the vistas that define our beloved state so that future generations might be both inspired in their stewardship and informed of how humanity has impacted these lands we call home."

It is Fielder's hope that this collection will provide a chance for Coloradans to follow in his footsteps of exploring the 28 mountain ranges, numerous rivers, and diverse ecosystems of Colorado. He also hopes it will foster a desire to be stewards of the environment which he holds so dear.

"I have come to know that photographs can influence human action," Fielder said. "Though I want people to be able to enjoy and savor the simple and manifest beauty inherent in my images, I also want the photos to influence how they act in their lives. I hope people who view them will understand the inextricable connectivity between all living things on the entire planet Earth, as well as the delicate connectivity between the environments, or ecosystems, in which life exists."

This delicate connectivity has been a consistent theme in Fielder's work as he built a catalog of images that spanned Colorado and began to notice how the environment changed during his 50 years of documentation. Having access to this collection will allow future generations to judge the impact of climate change and better preserve the landscapes of the Centennial State.

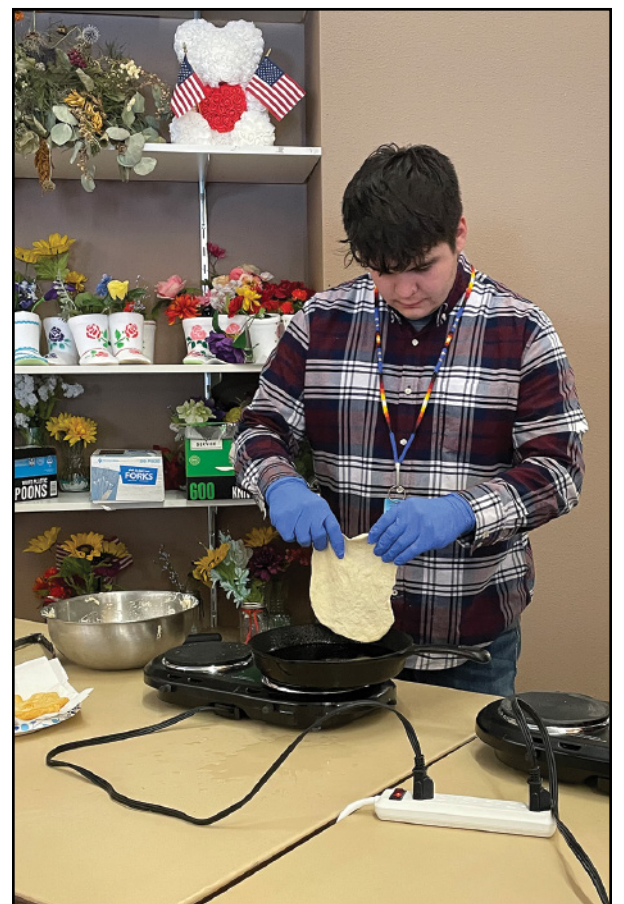
"As my knowledge of the science of ecology evolved, it has become perfectly clear to me that Earth is a much smaller thing than we had ever imagined, and it is constantly shrinking in relation to the number of creatures demanding to live on it," Fielder said. "The web of life promoted by the connectivity of all things, animate or inanimate, is fragile and when it unravels, humanity will no longer be able to exist."

## Men fry up the pana at MPF



courtesy Marie Joy

Contestants for the Men's Frybread Contest show off their creations after judging. Pictured are; first place winner, Stais Harlan; second place winner, Dermarr Harlan; third place winner, Larenz Wilbourn; and fourth place winner, Shelton Thompson.



courtesy Maleina Carel

Men's frybread contestant, Larenz Wilbourn places his frybread dough in a pan to begin the frying process on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Multi-Purpose Facility.



## Multi-Purpose Facility February 2023 Events

**Senior Breakfast—Wednesday February 1st - 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
----- Open to all Seniors 55+ years -----

**Yard Sale Saturday February 4—9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Hand Crochet—Thursday February 9—10:30 AM—3:30 PM**

**Valentine's Pow Wow Saturday February 11 - 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Elder Crafting Wednesday, February 14, - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
----- Elders or Adults Only Please -----

**Quilting Class Monday & Thursday, February 13 & 16—10:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Sip, Chat & Chew Friday, February 17 - 11:30 AM—1:30 PM**  
-----All Three Ute Tribes & Families-----

**Beading Class Two Sessions—10:00 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM**  
**Tuesday And Thursday, February 21 & 23, 2023**

**MPF Food Sale Friday, February 24—11:00 AM—2:00 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 Valentine's Day Pow Wow



Photo Credit: Robert Ortiz/SU Drum

### Saturday February 11, 2023

**Gourd Dance - 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM - Dinner Break - Pot Luck 5:00 PM - Grand Entry - 7:00 PM**

Head Singer—Alfred Wall Jr.	MC—Micco Wesley
Head Gourd Dancer—Terry Knight	Arena Director—Shilo Harjo
Head Man—Henry Whiteskunk	Head Lady—Grace Gonzales, Miss So. Ute
Color Guard—So. Ute Veteran's Association	

**Special Contests:**

**Two-Step Owl Dance**

**Mr. & Mrs. - Longest Married**

**Mr. & Mrs. Newlyweds**

**Cake Dance**

**All drums welcome**

**Pot-luck - bring a dish to share**

**Arts & Crafts Vendors**

**Raffles - 50/50 pot**

**Donations Are Welcome**

**Drug & Substance Free Event - Family Fun, Everyone welcome**

**Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**  
**Call for more information 970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640**





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (20) looks to start a fast break after a defensive rebound Thursday, Jan. 19, against Bayfield inside BHS Gymnasium. Quintana totaled a team-high 11 points, but the Wolverines pulled out a 50-42 win in IML action.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

'Cats almost stun Wolverines in Bayfield

IHS boys fall 50-42 vying for IML win

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Trailing by 17 points (29-12) at halftime, and ultimately 21 (35-14) early in the third quarter Thursday night, Jan. 19, the Ignacio Bobcats couldn't afford to lose any more ground in their road game at Bayfield. Incredibly, they didn't.

Nearly pulling off a historic comeback in enemy territory, IHS rallied back to as close as 42-38 with 4:32 remaining in the fourth and final eight-minute quarter before the hosting Wolverines, outscored 30-21 after intermission, did just enough down the home stretch to claim a 50-42 victory.

"We tend to, when we do have a big lead, sometimes kind of get a little too comfortable. And we're working on developing that 'killer instinct' to take it all the way through," admitted BHS head coach Scott Key. "But Ignacio's got a good program; they're well-coached, and they're going to make a run."

A Devante Montoya three-pointer had accounted for the guests' only second-quarter points, but after the junior guard drained two more treys in the third, the 'Cats (3-8 overall, 0-3 3A/4A Intermountain) had clawed back to 39-27 with 1:23 left. Fellow junior guard Phillip Quintana recorded five (of his ten total) points during the frame, as Ignacio soon went into the fourth down 40-29 after Wolverine senior Lance Mazur's buzzer-beating 3/4-court heave rimmed out.

Hampered by three personal fouls, all incurred during the third quarter,



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Ignacio's Gabe Cox (21) elevates for a shot against Bayfield during IML action Thursday, Jan. 19, inside BHS Gymnasium. Cox was one of three Bobcats scoring in double figures, but the Wolverines pulled out a 50-42 win.

IHS senior guard Eppie Quintana – back in action after a nasty ankle sprain had forced him to miss a couple games – kept the 'Cats coming back into contention. After junior center/forward Gabe Cox began the fourth with a basket inside, Quintana dropped in back-to-back mid-range runners in the paint within the first 90 ticks.

Bayfield senior Jackson Queen countered with a two-pointer, but the elder Quintana struck back with a corner three cutting the deficit down to just four points with more than half the stanza still remaining. BHS, however, caught a critical break when Ep-

pie Quintana (11 points) fouled out with 2:07 remaining, and Wolverine junior reserve Devin Cundiff sank two free throws rebuilding the locals' lead to 48-40.

Hounded constantly by a rotation of Queen, senior Noah Chamblee and senior Silas Wilbourn, Cox (10 points) managed one last bucket late but the Wolverines (6-5, 1-2 IML) still prevailed by eight. Even with interior force Caden Wood, one of BHS' nine saluted seniors, out sick (senior reserve Kord Tide-man was also out), Queen racked up a game-high 19 points with his first two (of

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BOBCATS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats go one-up on Bayfield

IHS earns IML win away, 66-34

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Late-arriving fans didn't really have to enter BHS Gymnasium Thursday, Jan. 19, to get a sense of how the girls' varsity showdown between Bayfield and Ignacio was unfolding.

Needing not necessarily a trained eye, but more so a casual ear, all one needed to do was stand by the doors nearest the visiting Lady Bobcats' bench and listen for one of several shouts emanating from skipper Trae Seibel, stoked to see his high/low-style offense threaten from the perimeter, then zip pass after pass into the paint to repeatedly pounce upon point-blank opportunities.

And with senior Harmony Reynolds booking four two-point baskets, plus junior Solymar Cosio her first two, IHS' 1-2 low-post punch produced 15 of the visitors' 20 first-quarter points, with BHS managing just four Alaysia Kremer points in reply.

Helped by a three-point-er and five total points from junior Michelle Kirk, Bayfield lost the second stanza by a much-closer 16-11 margin. But after going in to halftime trailing 36-15, the Lady Wolverines saw the deficit re-grow to 53-24 beginning the last eight regulation minutes in a 66-34 home loss.

"We played our game, so that we're prepared for other games," said Cosio, who



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Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds drives around Bayfield's Alaysia Kremer (32) during IML play Thursday evening, Jan. 19, inside BHS Gymnasium. Reynolds scored a game-high 17 points in the Lady Bobcats' road victory.

totalled 16 points – right behind Reynolds' game-high 17. "We wanted to make sure that we were disciplined, and we came out with the win."

"My guards, they've got to look inside and go for a high-percentage shot," Seibel had stated earlier this season. "Whether it's Solymar or whether it's Harmony ... whoever is posted up on the block, we're looking in-

side. We're just trying to get the repetitions to make that move and be confident."

Kremer, a senior, totaled a BHS-leading ten points before fouling out with 3:58 left in the contest, and Bayfield (2-7 overall, 0-3 3A/4A Intermountain) caught a fright when emerging junior cog Genesis Barrera collapsed 51 ticks later, clutch-

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Page meet pushes Bobcats' envelope

IHS gents wrestle to 18th, ladies 14th

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Preparing most properly to host the 2023 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 28, Ignacio Wrestling traveled to, and competed against stout resistance at the Sand Devil Classic, January 20-21 in Page, Ariz.

After two days of action, IHS' boys ended up finishing 18th overall, totaling 45 points and landing between Window Rock (57), Ariz., and Phoenix, Ariz., Barry Goldwater (43) as 27 scoring schools – and 28 total – were represented at the event, held every year but two since its 1991 unveiling.

For Jordan Larsen's Bobcats, freshman Zane Pontine led the way with his sixth-place result at 132 pounds.

Including one no-contest victory in the consolation rounds, he finished 5-3 at the meet after dropping a 13-2 major decision to Show Low senior Caleb Cisneros (an Arizona Interscholastic Association Div. III State Championships qualifier last season at 120) in the fifth-place match. Pontine's other losses were courtesy PHS' Tsinajinnie Green – a 12-8 decision in the winners' second round, and a 5-0 decision in the consolation semifinals as Green went on to place fourth at the weight.

Competing at 144 pounds, senior Keaton McCoy won his first match by pinning Mohave Valley, Ariz., River Valley's Connor Gerard

in just 51 ticks, but McCoy then lost by pin to Mesa, Ariz., Skyline's Ethan Harrington. Regrouping well, McCoy then scored a 16-0 technical fall and a 7-6 win against his first two consolation-round opponents before injury-defaulting to Camp Verde, Arizona's Ari Hammond.

Freshman 138-pounder Lincoln deKay finished 4-2, including two pins and a tech, but was stopped short of placing via an 8-3 loss to fellow Colorado representative Ryan Pipkin – who later earned fifth place – of Montezuma-Cortez.

Eliminated via pin in 0:54 by Gilbert, Ariz., Higley's Ryder Hockett, IHS sophomore Kendrick Nossaman finished 1-2 at 165, while Asher Gallegos, also competing at 144, finished 2-2 (with two pins) after losing 6-4 to Wayne, Utah's Ryker Grundy. Freshman Aven Bourriague went 1-2 at 106 pounds, notching a 10-1 major over Blanding, Utah, San Juan's Grady Lacy, while young 'Cats Joshua Kerrigan (113) and Dillon Brann (120) each finished 0-2.

Phoenix Desert Vista – an AIA Class 6A school, enrollment of roughly 3,000 students – piled up 310 points to beat two-time defending AIA Division II State Champion program (DVHS took fourth in Div. I last winter) Queen Creek Casteel's 205.5. Cedar City, Utah, Canyon View (187) placed third, followed by Page (160) and Show Low (135)

in the standings' top five.

Running concurrently during the weekend was PHS' She Devil Classic, the girls' equivalent tourney, into which Ignacio skipper Aimee Larsen entered five Lady 'Cats. One was senior Faye Hackett, who suffered her first two losses this winter but still finished a fourth-place 2-2 at 132 pounds, helping IHS total 35 points and place 14th out of 27 represented (25 scoring) schools.

Canyon View (163) placed first, ahead of Casteel (146) and Page (126).

After receiving a first-round bye, Hackett pinned St. George, Utah, Dixie's Alexis Mora in 1:13 but was then pinned by Casteel's Mia Johnson 42 ticks into the second period. Making amends, Hackett – who'd won 14 consecutive matches beginning the 2022-23 season – responded by pinning Goldwater's Sade Peters 47 seconds into the third period, but ultimately succumbed 8-6 to Winslow, Ariz., sophomore Tatum Estrada (a 2022 AIA Girls' State Championships qualifier at 120) in the third-place bout.

IHS 120-pounder Audrey Roderick went 1-2 with a pin of Ganado, Arizona's Johanna Attson, and Kacey Brown went 1-2 at 126 with a pin of GHS' Naima Hubbard. Marlene Martinez-Perez finished 0-2 at 138, but Larissa Espinosa went 1-3 – pinning Page's Kayden Lee 1:14 into the second period – and placed sixth at 185 pounds.

Ignacio vs. Bayfield action



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Neato Wilbourn (3), a freshman at Bayfield High School and Southern Ute tribal member plays against Ignacio High School C-team on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Bayfield High School's auxiliary gym. Andre Thompson (23), who is a Southern Ute first descendant, plays with Ignacio High School.





New Year's Bucket Bash!



photos courtesy Bird Red/SunUte

The first annual New Year's Bucket Bash took place at SunUte Community Center Saturday, Jan. 14. The women's champions were "Run It Back" from Farmington, N.M. The game play was originally planned for New Year's Day but was postponed due to weather. A total of eight men's and four women's teams participated in the one-day tournament.



The men's champions were "Hardwood Warriors" from Towaoc, Colo. The New Year's Bucket Bash had a great first-time turnout in terms of participants! The tournament was facilitated by Bird Red and Virgil Morgan, with support from SunUte staff.

Senior Wilbourn recognized



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Part of Bayfield High School Boys' Basketball's nine-player Class of 2023, Silas Wilbourn stands proudly between father Lawrence and mother Rhonda inside BHS Gymnasium, after the Wolverines' 50-42 win Thursday night, Jan. 19, over visiting Ignacio.



Bayfield senior Silas Wilbourn, part of BHS Boys' Basketball's nine-player Class of 2023, looks to pass over Ignacio's Phillip Quintana (10) during the Wolverines' 50-42 home win Thursday night, Jan. 19. Wilbourn and Bayfield's seniors were recognized prior to tip-off.

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three total) threes helping the Wolverines hold a slim 10-9 lead after the opening quarter.

Mazur logged 11 points, Chamblee contributed five, Cundiff four and senior guard Max Meyers three.

Each squad canned six treys in the game, but BHS ended up 12-of-22 from the free-throw line and IHS just 2-of-2.

Montoya finished with nine points in defeat, and sophomore reserve forward Charlie Pargin two.

"The fans were amazing; it was one of the fullest houses we've had," Key noted. "Ignacio, their fans travel well so it made for a really loud, anxious gym!"

The Bobcats will next see action Friday, Jan. 27, when they face fourth-ranked (CHSAANow.com Class 3A Boys' poll, 1/23) Centauri in La Jara. Ignacio will then overnight in the San Luis Valley, in order to visit 4A No. 6 Alamosa – scheduled to play on the 27th at BHS – the next evening.

Well aware that Ignacio had one vicious run – at the least – in them despite trailing by 17 points at halftime Thursday night, Bayfield head coach Scott Key later attributed his team's 50-42 victory to two things:

An amped Senior Appreciation Night atmosphere, and a second-quarter effort he felt couldn't have been much better.

"Probably some of the most flawless basketball I've seen in a really long time; we executed well," he said afterwards. "I wish we would have taken that momentum into the third...but we got the job done."

"I mean, we were playing as a team. Had the ball movement, found the open guys and they hit their shots – that's what worked for us, so we kept doing it," sophomore guard Lincoln Williams said. "Executed our offense and played good defense."

Getting one three-pointer from senior Jackson Queen, plus a somewhat-unexpected trey from senior Noah Chamblee – part of a special



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Devante Montoya (11) tightly guards Bayfield's Devin Cundiff (32) during IML action Thursday, Jan. 19, inside BHS Gymnasium. On offense, Montoya made three three-pointers and totaled nine points, but BHS pulled out a 50-42 win.

starting unit also including the regular Williams, fellow senior reserve Silas Wilbourn and varsity call-ups Byron Pringle and Jonathan Chapman – the Wolverines capped off the second stanza with senior Lance Mazur's buzzer-beating triple from four feet behind the arc. That gave the hosts 19 points in the period, compared to just a Devante Montoya trey for the guests.

And as the third quarter began, with Mazur cashing another three, things seemed as though they'd only improve in favor of the Wolverines – especially when Mazur converted an and-one three-point play, inflating Bayfield's advantage to an imposing 35-14.

"We come out and we play really good for maybe a half, and then we let fatigue or something mental get to us – we're still trying to figure it out," senior guard Max Meyers said. "But we know that we can play with anybody in our league; we just need

to figure out how we can come back from halftime as hot as we were going into halftime."

"The biggest thing was trying to put (Cox) in foul trouble – which, really, we didn't do a very good job of doing," Key explained. "But we did stay active with people cutting in and out, keeping him (occupied); that left open a lot of opportunities on the perimeter, and it really showed... where we were getting touches on the inside, then kicking it outside and making our threes."

"You know, any time that you have some kind of special night, it always brings a different kind of intensity," he noted. "And we have nine seniors, nine guys that were pretty pumped up and ready to play, and I think we really played well as a team."

"After this big win, we have more confidence," said Williams (8 points). "We're just going...into every game pushing."

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ing her left calf after being fouled on a shot attempt.

Fortunately, her departure appeared to be due to a cramp rather than serious injury, and the Lady Wolverines collected a morale boost when freshman Lily Muir came in ice-cold off Lauren Moran's bench and netted both resulting free throws. She and Barrera each finished with two points, sophomore Renae Foutz and senior Abria Thayer each recorded four, junior Madison Mead five and Kirk seven.

With two three-pointers and eight total points during the third quarter, sophomore Marissa Olguin totaled 12 for Ignacio (7-4, 1-2 IML), and classmate DaLaney Wesner came off the bench to contribute seven points. Entering as a reserve following a doctor's appointment earlier in the day, senior Laci Brunson buried two treys for her six points, and starting-lineup juniors Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga and Maci Barnes each scored four.

All told, Ignacio made five threes and went 9-of-18 from the foul line while Bayfield (one three) ended up 9-of-17.

"(Seibel) just wanted us to be mentally prepared, no matter what," explained Cosio (4-5 FT). "Just stay disci-



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Ignacio Girls' Basketball head coach Trae Seibel, left, reviews a scheme with Lady Bobcat Marissa Olguin (3) during a pause in IML action Thursday evening, Jan. 19, at Bayfield. IHS prevailed 66-34, helped by Olguin's 12 points.

plined in our offense and our defense, that we can become better for when we play Pagosa and Alamosa again."

The Lady 'Cats will next see action Friday, Jan. 27, when they travel to La Ja-

ra to face Centauri. Ignacio will then overnight in the San Luis Valley, in order to visit AHS – scheduled to play on the 27th at BHS – the next evening.

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OBITUARY



**GOODTRACKS** – Robb M. GoodTracks, 62, of Ignacio, CO, peacefully passed away on Jan. 22, 2023 from health complications.

Robb was born on May 12, 1960 in Durango, Colorado to Shirley Williams and Antonio Monte.

He attended Ignacio Elementary School and loved playing baseball as a first baseman. When the family moved to Oklahoma, he continued attending cultural events and as a young man was initiated into the Otoe Eloska Society and Kiowa Northeastern Tia-Piah Society. Later, he became a member of the 4-Corners Gourd Dance Society. He was a Sundancer, first entering the Sundance circle in Ignacio and then Towaoc. He continued Sundancing for many years, dancing with his brothers and sons.

Robb graduated from Tahlequah High School in 1978 and he went on to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. After graduating from college, he moved back to Ignacio. He loved working on cars and trucks, and spending time racing cars in Cortez. He enjoyed motorcycle riding and the Denver Broncos were his football team. He had a lot of fun bowling which he continued to play into his later years. He enjoyed the slot machines

and mostly bingo at the Sky Ute Casino. Robb served as a Police Reserve for SUPD. He became a long-time worker with the elderly. He worked at the Ignacio Sr. Center, Tribal Elder Services, and CHR Department. He was able to share his compassion with them, listen and laugh at their stories all while providing the service they need. He enjoyed his work.

Robb married Wilinda Sue Price on Dec. 25, 1996 and although the marriage later ended, they had 4 children; Olin, Bradlin, Kalin, and Kela. All of whom he was proud. When he became a grandfather, he helped care for the grandchildren. As a proud father and grandfather, he enjoyed watching his kids and then his grandchildren play sports.

Robb was a man of few words, preferred engaging in activities and laughter rather than long conversations. He was quietly appreciative of life, his children and grandchildren, the things other people did for him and how he served others.

Robb is survived by his adoptive father, Jimm GoodTracks, four children Olin, Bradlin, Kalin and Kela; granddaughters Myla, Sakarii, Maylana, Nora'Lyn, Abigail, Sierra; grandsons Damarion, Osias, Tavian, Tayton, Tylin, Koda, Brandy, Dominick, Myklin, Julio; two sisters Pathimi, Jennifer and cousin Corliss Taylor; and two brothers Lark and Joachim. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Robb was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley A. Williams; brother, Taka X. GoodTracks; and biological father, Antonio Monte. His maternal grandparents are the late John Spencer Williams and Cora Allen Burch. His paternal grandparents are the late William Cloud Monte and Ruth Chavez Archuleta.

Wake services were held Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 at the home of Olin GoodTracks. A Sunrise Ceremony was held Thursday morning, Jan. 26, followed by a Rosary and Services both held at Saint Ignatius Church in Ignacio. Burial took place at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery with lunch served afterward at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

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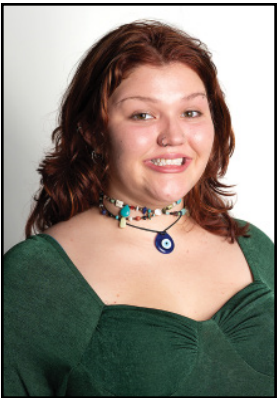
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Dated this 9th of January, 2023  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NEW EMPLOYEES



**Jerrika Rarick**  
**Job title:** Behavioral Health Receptionist  
**Description of duties:** I handle scheduling appointments, checking patients in and out, and creating a warm environment for all.  
**Hobbies:** I enjoy spending time with family and friends, thrift shopping, and all things COFFEE!  
**Comment:** I am currently learning the ins and outs of this job title and am very honored to be a part of this team!

**Kiana Chavez**

**Job title:** Behavioral Health Patient Care Coordinator  
**Hobbies:** I enjoy spending time with my family, going on hikes, and running.  
**Comment:** I recently earned my bachelor's degree in Psychology from Fort Lewis College. My favorite part about working in this field is empowering Native youth to influence change and increase hope for the future.



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Aug. 21	Aug. 25		
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Acting Tribal Planner, Mary Evening Star Eagle was misidentified as Mary Eagle in the “Year in Review” feature in the January 13 edition of the newspaper.  
Southern Ute Executive Officer, James “Mike” Olguin was misidentified in the “Year in Review” feature in the January 13 edition of the newspaper.  
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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HOUSING SNOW CLEARING • 2022/2023

### SNOW PLOWING – FOR SU TRIBAL MEMBERS, DRIVEWAY for HOME ACCESS SU TRIBAL CAMPUS & LIVESTOCK

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

**Construction Services Route 970-563-0260:** Cedar Point East and West, Cedar Point Townhomes, Chief Shavano Ignacio Peak, Town of Ignacio – Elders/ the Disabled, HWY 172 South from County Rd. 318 to La Boca, East of Pine River, South of Bayfield to La Boca. Allison an Arboles area.

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**BIA Route 970-563-9484:** BIA does not clear driveways: Roads include Ute Rd., Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Howe Dr., Sunset Circle Loop, PowWow Circle, Sunset Meadows, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Ave., Bear Dance Rd., and North Ridge.

**Housing Authority Route 970-563-4575:** Snow clearing for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled, & Elder: Roads include Sunset Circle, Senior Center, Ignacio Peak's Northridge Rentals, Shoshone Ave., and Jefferson Dr.

**Grounds Maintenance 970-563-0272:** All campus parking areas: Museum, Justice & Regulatory, Justice, Purchasing, SunUte, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, I.H.S., Higher Education, Election/Tribal Housing, Food Distribution, Parking lots, an Sidewalks.

**General Information:** During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please **move your vehicles** to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snowstorms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also please know our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow clearing. **If you are Disabled or a Frail Elder and you need assistance with manual snow clearing, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710.** Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates are available by calling the **Southern Ute Tribal Hotline at 970-563-4800.**

**Walkways – Snow Clearing:** Snow clearing from walkways will only be done for the **Disabled or Frail Elders** the order of priority is: **1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders;** If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact **Southern Ute Tribal Housing 970-563-4710.**

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

**Livestock – Snow Plowing:** Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snowplowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus .35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. If you believe you need this service, please contact Agriculture Division, **Custom Farm at 970-563-0220.**

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

**Note: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders.**

**Please contact department to notify them of early morning doctor appointments.**

## CPW's big game license distribution and preference point comment form live until February 20, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is considering changes to policies and regulations that direct the distribution of big game hunting licenses in Colorado. To help inform this process, CPW is looking for input from residents and nonresidents interested in big game hunting in Colorado. Follow the link below to fill out a comment form on the current big game license distribution process. The comment form will be open through Feb. 20, 2023. Results from this comment form will be shared with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to inform their decision-making process on big game license distribution. Find more info at <https://engagecpw.org/big-game-license-distribution>.

## St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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among the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church  
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## Native American Heritage Mass

**Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ**

+ Candlemas +

**THU. February 2, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

**Blessing of candles after the celebration.**

Our celebration is followed by a fellowship gathering  
with food and refreshments at the Parish Hall.  
Everyone is Welcome! Come Join Us!



## Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 01/11/23



### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



JAN. 16<sup>TH</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY — **CLOSED**  
FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT'S DAY — **CLOSED**  
MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — **CLOSED**  
JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — **CLOSED**  
JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — **CLOSED**  
SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — **CLOSED**  
OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — **CLOSED**  
NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**  
NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**  
DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — **CLOSED**  
DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — **CLOSED**

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Tribal Members: Pick up new 2023 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp.

#### JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* Tribal Member Customers: January 2023 — The current variable Natural Gas rate is \$34.39 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet). Expect higher than normal gas bill.
- \* **NO HOT ASHES** allowed in the open tops at the Transfer Station

**2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.**

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

#### Office Hours

**Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM**

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

*Happy New Year!*

#### Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN!
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:  
*January 4th / February 1st  
March 1st / April 5th*

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

## ENTER FOR THE TRIBAL PLANNING LOGO CONTEST WINNER TAKES ALL

Ends



March 3rd

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

**Cash Prize: \$500**

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

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Confirmation Notice of Direct Final Rulemaking

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission hereby confirms that no adverse comments were received in response to the Commission’s notice of direct final rulemaking for Article II: Parts 2 and 3 of the Reservation Air Code that was published on Nov. 18, 2022, and the Commission’s action (i.e., certain non-controversial revisions to the Commission’s Reservation Air Code), therefore, became effective on Jan. 17, 2023. The purpose of the revisions was to: (1) adding, in RAC Part 2, certain Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 111 New Source Performance Standards, and (2) adding, in RAC Part 3, certain CAA Section 112 Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards. A copy of the Commission’s Reservation Air Code is available at the following website: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission/) For further information contact: Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colo., 81137; 970-563-2202; and [mwampler@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mwampler@southernute-nsn.gov)

Notice of Withdrawal of Direct Final Rulemaking 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 providing notice of withdrawal of the direct final rulemaking for Article I and Article II: Part 1 of the Commission’s Reservation Air Code. A public notice of direct final rulemaking was published on Nov. 18, 2022. The notice provided a 30-day public comment period. The Commission received relevant comments from interested parties. Based on its receipt of those comments, the Commission is hereby providing notice of withdrawal of the direct final rulemaking of Article I and Article II: Part 1 of the Reservation Air Code. For further information contact: Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colo., 81137; 970-563-2202; e-mail [airquality@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:airquality@southernute-nsn.gov).

Notice Of Draft Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan And Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division’s Air Quality Program has prepared the 2023 draft Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan. Under 40 CFR 58.10 (relating to annual monitoring network plan and periodic network assessment), air quality monitoring agencies must adopt an annual air monitoring network plan and make the plan available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final submission to the EPA Regional Administrator. This public comment period is open for 30 days from this notice (Dec. 30, 2022). The draft plan is available on the AQP’s public comment website [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/) and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the plan to the AQP in care of John Volkerding, Ambient Air Quality Technical Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [jvolkerding@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jvolkerding@southernute-nsn.gov).

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

**SO. UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
Closes 2/6/23 – The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is currently seeking an individual to serve on the SUIHA Board of Directors. The Board adopts policies and enacts resolutions of the SUIHA. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit a letter of intent to SUIHA stating their qualifications and why they would like to serve on the Board. All letters of intent need to be submitted to SUIHA, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137, emailed to [rtorres@suiha.org](mailto:rtorres@suiha.org), or hand deliver to the SUIHA office located at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO by 4 p.m. Feb. 6, 2023. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required.

**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.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@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 Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for 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 month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

**KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Open until filled – KSUT now an opening on our board of directors for one Southern Ute Tribal Member. KSUT board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 pm. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, contact Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org), 970-563-5780.

**POWOW COMMITTEE**  
Open until filled – Màykh! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. 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. 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. 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.

Southern Ute Water Use Options Team Vacancy

The Southern Ute Water Resources Division has one (1) opening for a Tribal Member to serve on the Water Use Options Team (WOT). The Tribal member will serve on the WOT with SUIT staff from Water Resources Div. (WRD) and other stakeholders. The goal of the WOT is “to assist and advise the WRD in the exploration and analysis of available markets and options for the Tribe’s unused federal reserved water rights.” Members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe. Tribal members with water resources knowledge and/or experience are preferred. WOT members will serve at least one year with the possibility of continuing past one year. Members will be compensated for meeting attendance at the current rate of pay (\$20/hour) and will require at most approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. Please submit all letters of interest via email to [pnylan@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:pnylan@southernute-nsn.gov) or mail them to Water Resources Div., ATTN: Water Use Options Team, P.O. Box 737 #63, Ignacio by Feb. 10, 2023. All qualified applicants will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and WOT member selection. Contact Pete Nylander, 970-563-2931 with any questions.

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## 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

#### Active Kid Care Leader (Part-time)

Closes 2/1/23 – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### After School Program Attendant

Closes 1/30/23 – A regular part time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Communication Specialist

Closes 2/2/23 – Under the general supervision of the Executive Office Manager for Tribal Council Affairs, incumbent proactively manages Tribal Council Communication and Public Relations Strategy. Acts as the communication liaison, and in some cases representative, for the Offices of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Tribal Council. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

#### Community Health Representative

Closes 1/27/23 – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Economic Development Project Coordinator

Closes 2/7/23 – Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will assist with projects to develop, plan, organizes and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Internal Auditor

Closes 2/7/23 – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk, and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. In order to gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Stock Clerk – Food Distribution

Closes 1/27/23 – Provides assistance to the Food Distribution Specialist in identifying, stocking and unloading shipments; cleaning of overall program building; maintaining adequate inventories; assisting in issuing, loading, distribution and transporting commodities to eligible recipients, and provides clerical support. Pay grade N5; pay range starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Tribal Ranger Captain

Closes 1/27/23 – Under general supervision of the Director of Justice & Regulatory, performs a variety of administrative and field supervisory functions over the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers and Animal Control Programs in accordance with all applicable Tribal, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Chief of Police

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$86,609.29/year.

#### Clinical Supervisor

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

#### Controller

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

#### Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; pay range starts at \$12.54/hourly.

#### Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Dispatcher

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

#### Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

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

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

#### Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Family Court Case Manager

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

#### 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.

#### Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$41,456.65/annually.

#### 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.

#### Human Resource Generalist

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Human Resources Director, the HR Generalist will perform a wide range of Human Resource duties to include policy interpretation and application, recruitment, applicant processing, employee orientation, data entry and management, and providing assistance and guidance to supervisors and employees on employment matters. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/annually.

#### Investment Associate (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other

## TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117

Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

Lawrence Construction (Durango, Colo.) is currently looking for the following, all jobs are open until filled.  
Pay based on experience.

- Carpenters
- Loader/Excavator/Dozer Operators w/pipe laying experience
- Laborers

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

Information, job descriptions and applications: [www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310](http://www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310)

- Finance Director
- Bus Driver
- High School Assistant Soccer Coach
- High School Counseling Secretary
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
- High School Head Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Head Volleyball Coach

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4545/4517.

- **Dial-A-Ride Driver**  
Open Until Filled – \$18.71/hr. Road Runner Transit
- **Addiction Specialist**  
Open Until Filled – Starting: \$54,000-\$60,000 DOE, Peaceful Spirit, Ignacio, CO
- **Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Technician**  
Open Until Filled – \$18.25/hr. DOE Road Runner Transit, Ignacio, CO
- **Bus Driver/ICB Operator**  
Open Until Filled – \$23/hr. Road Runner Transit
- **Janitor**  
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- **Monitoring Technician**  
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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

#### Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/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 uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time)

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

#### Public Education Tutor (Temp/Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Position is temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/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.

#### Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – A full-time temporary Registered Nurse position responsible for providing

professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/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. This is for 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. This is for 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.

#### Umpire / Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/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.





Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Lease Operator II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 1/27/23 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foremen, managing and maintaining field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow and Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

Project Engineer II – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/3/23 – Providing engineering and project management related to the planning, design, cost estimating, detailed scheduling, AFE development, procurement specifications, and construction handover packages of new facilities. Optimization of existing Company facilities for the gathering, compression, treating, and processing of natural gas while working closely with the Operations staff to help ensure existing facilities are safe, in regulatory compliance, efficient and reliable.

Senior Project Engineer – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/3/23 – Providing engineering and project management related to the planning, design, cost estimating, detailed scheduling, AFE development, procurement specifications, and construction handover packages of new facilities. Optimization of existing Company facilities for the gathering, compression, treating, and processing of natural gas while working closely with the Operations staff to help ensure existing facilities are safe, in regulatory compliance, efficient and reliable.

Maintenance Foreman – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/3/23 – Oversees Red Willows Maintenance team ensuring the maintenance and repair of oil and gas equipment, well sites, facilities, lease roads and pipeline rights-of-way; and is responsible for the coordination of maintenance activities between Operations and Maintenance vendors.

Measurement and Revenue Accounting Manager – Red Cedar Production Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/3/23 – Manages and supervises the gas measurement accounting related to the accumulation, processing, accuracy, and editing the Elec-

tronic Flow Meter (EFM) data. All gas measurement accounting functions related to commercial and/or operational obligations associated with the purchase and sales of natural gas. Coordinating activities required to accurately account for natural gas through the system to various downstream locations. Manages and supervises all revenue activities and producer and pipeline gas imbalance, assuring accuracy, consistency, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. Provide support to the Controller, as well as provide timely and accurate information to other departments, management, and external parties.

Project and Materials Controls Specialist – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/3/23 – Supporting various materials management functions for RWPC operated properties, focusing on asset database management, systems integration/consolidation, and inventory tracking. Tracking costs, identifying deficiencies, and implementing process changes to optimize efficiencies. Position will issue and receipt purchase orders, review invoices, coordinate deliveries, receiving materials, reporting materials variances, track material movements, conduct field inventory audits, and allocate costs to the proper project and cost centers. Will require managing and manipulating large transaction data sets, advanced data analysis and occasional field work.

Process Plant Operator – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 2/13/23 – Safe operation of one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in compliance with all Tribal, federal, and state regulations.

General Accountant – Growth Fund Accounting and Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/26/23 – Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, fixed assets entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Communicates and coordinates with Growth Fund business units and third-party accounting providers to provide accurate and timely monthly closing of books and records. Supports the preparation of the monthly financial reporting packages and the audit function. Providing accounting support as needed to the Growth Fund Controller's office and presents a positive and professional image to the Growth Fund and its entities, Tribal employees, Tribal members, and to the general public.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Computer Technical Support Administrator II – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/9/23 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

Business Intelligence Developer I – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/10/23 – Performing data analysis, de-

velops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments.

Systems Operation Manager – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 2/17/23 – Responsible for enterprise systems, data center operations and support for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The organization, including planning, directing, improving, monitoring, and maintaining computer operations to maximize the use of the Tribe's information processing systems and resources.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
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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.

\*Benefits Specialist (Full-time)

Directs, plans and implements the day-to-day operations of group benefit programs (group health, dental, vision, long-term disability, life insurance, flexible spending plan, 401(k) plan, retirement plan and COBRA). Investigating and resolving issues relating to the application of Benefit plan provisions. As a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe benefits team, assists in researching new benefit programs, assessing, and improving existing programs, and providing analytical and technical support in program delivery.

\*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. Responsible for 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.

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.

\*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.

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.

\*Lead Facilities Tech. HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to insure 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 including: boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

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.

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

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative. 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.

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.

\*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests.

\*Slot Technician II (Full-time)

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

\*Surveillance Video Technician (Full-time)

Installing, repairing, and performing preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV cameras, recording devices, upgraded equipment, and related wiring on property. Technical troubleshooting using basin electronic testing equipment.

Willows Busser (Full-time)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

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.

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

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Seeking TEAM Workers

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund is seeking 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 at Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application.





FLY FISHING

200 and counting

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I feel sure it's hard for you to imagine a columnist being without words. Yet, as I sit here beginning this column, I find myself at a loss for words. The reason, this is the two-hundredth column of mine to be published by the Durango Herald and Southern Ute Drum. I feel humble.

To write this column I did my usual in-depth job of research, only this time without some computer-generated research program. My research consisted of reading the 199 columns that precede number 200. Being a fairly slow reader, and easily distracted, it took me several days. Column number one was titled "A Fish With An Attitude" and number 199 was titled "Tie One On." Between those two, Flies and Lies has given you lots of thoughts on a variety of topics.

As I read the columns, two thoughts came to mind. Why hadn't I won a Pulitzer Prize for fly fishing columns? And, I can't believe my editors let me get away with what I had written. The question above is easily answered, there is no Pulitzer Prize for fly fishing columns; I think there should be. As far as editors missing items that should have been rewritten, I have no clue.

I did notice that my columns covered a wide spectrum of material. I gave sound advice on lots of topics. From tying flies to your stance and balance to



help with your casting. I informed you of unusual places to cast your fly (irrigation canals) and catch fish. You were also instructed on how to use a flashlight and the right angle of a wall and ceiling to help get rid of a tailing loop. I'm still working on that exercise. I truly enjoyed telling you about the fun places SWMBO and I visited on our annual road trips. Those trips provided many ideas for columns including how to visit with a highway patrolman to finding hidden parks and lakes that provided the opportunity to catch fish in all fifty states. One of my more memorable trips was when a pet deer ate a fly rod of one of my fishing partners. And, to follow it up, how the rod manufacturer replaced his rod for free.

I also, from time-to-time, got on my very low soap box and made editorial comments. I made sure those comments included local, state, and federal entities. I didn't want anyone to get their feelings hurt by being left out. As expected,

when I made those comments there were occasional letters to the editor or emails to me, about how I was wrong. However, being that those that fly fish know how to courteously express opposing opinions, my feelings were never hurt.

The topics, 199 of them, were fun to find and even more fun to write about. As I read the columns, I made a discovery. It was column 100 where I stopped using a hyphen in fly fishing. The editor for the book I was writing told me to drop it. It was very confusing when or when-not to use the hyphen. Plus, according to her, the vast majority of readers either didn't know when to use one, or just didn't care. Obviously, I can take directions. However, I have noticed in reading other authors, who write about fly fishing, almost all of them use a hyphen. Correctly or not, I don't know. See, I can pontificate about almost anything.

In closing, I want to use the thoughts from column 198, Gifts That Don't Cost Money.

I would not have been able to write Flies and Lies without the support of the publishers and editors of the Durango Herald and Southern Ute Drum. Next, and most importantly, I'd like to thank the readers of Flies and Lies. Without you, the publishers, editors, and I would not have jobs. Thank you, from the bottom of the pockets of my fly vest. Good fly fishing.

MPF Hand Crochet Workshop

Thursday February 9, 2023  
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Call the MPF to sign-up  
Supplies will be available to learn.



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Snowflakes are symmetrical and have a six-sided shape, but atmospheric conditions like air temperature and humidity can change the shape of ice crystals branching off of the six sides/arms. Air temperature creates long and thin crystals, at around 28°F, and changes to very flat crystals as it gets colder, around 5°F.



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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, Jan. 27



Sunny 28°F  
Afternoon winds

Saturday, Jan. 28



Mostly sunny 34°F

Sunday, Jan. 29



Mostly sunny 36°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



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

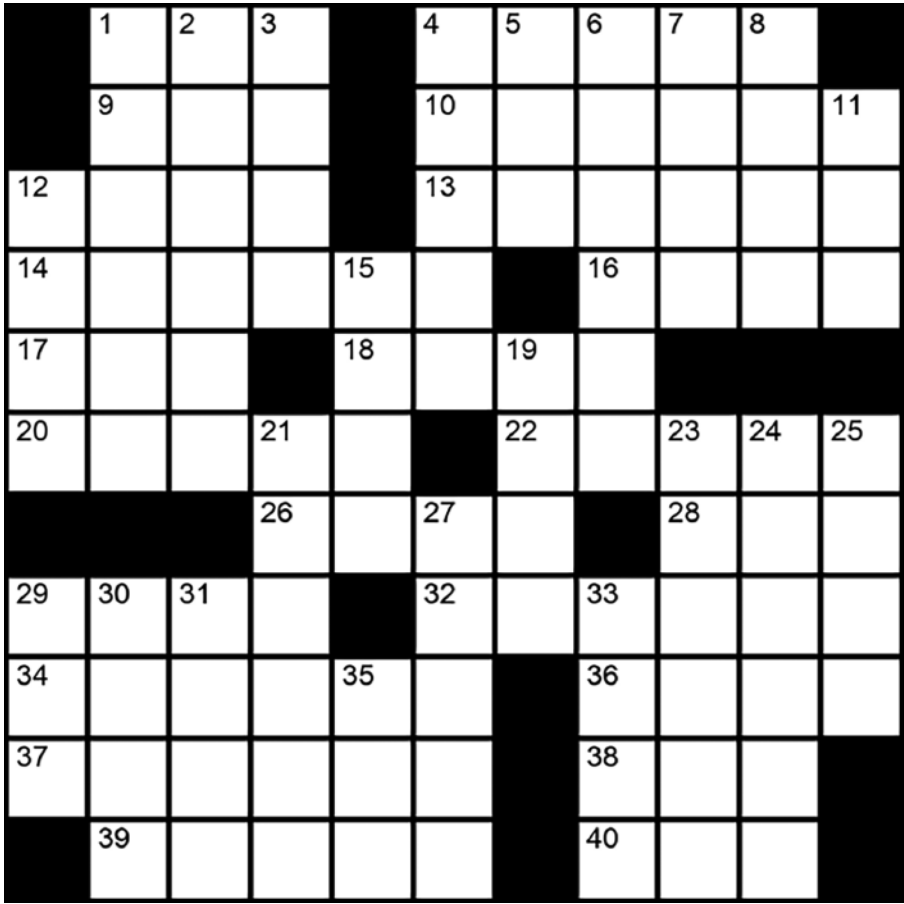


Attention Tribal Membership:

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.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Boardroom bigwig
- 4 The Little People of the --- Mountains (Crow legend)
- 9 Engine sound
- 10 Hide out
- 12 Global airline body
- 13 Highest orbital point
- 14 The --- Lake tribe, North Dakota
- 16 "Mayflower" pole
- 17 "Cool" amount of money
- 18 "Absolutely not!"
- 20 Dishonest sort
- 22 Ill-suited
- 26 HS junior's exam
- 28 Animal house?
- 29 Relative of the codfish
- 32 Hole in the floor of a Hopi kiva
- 34 Congo border river
- 36 Considerably
- 37 Conked with a fastball
- 38 "Offside" official
- 39 Bouillabaisse seasoning
- 40 UK aces?

Down

- 1 Private girls' school in Manhattan
- 2 Hopeless
- 3 Poet --- Khayyám
- 4 "The Republic" author
- 5 Tear
- 6 Naval petty officers
- 7 "Quantum of Solace" actress --- Kurylenko
- 8 Various fish eggs
- 11 In need of toweling off
- 12 Beliefs
- 15 Dark liquids
- 19 Mortgage payment components acronym
- 21 Proverbial bid for one's thoughts
- 23 Showy shrub
- 24 Die suddenly
- 25 Racetrack figure
- 27 Comment to the audience
- 29 Center of activity
- 30 Actively encourage
- 31 Kluti --- native village, AK
- 33 Henry VIII's 6th wife, Catherine ---
- 35 Absolute beauty

Answers for this crossword will appear in February 10 issue of the Drum.

Answers for January 13, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 PPK, 4 Frit, 8 Palm, 9 Say no, 10 Upas, 11 Pre-amp, 13 Men, 14 Ham, 15 Wed, 16 Arthur, 18 Best, 19 Okay, 21 Crow, 24 Lies on, 28 REM, 29 Lex, 30 Tao, 31 Yeager, 33 Fuse, 34 Knots, 35 Ekes, 36 Sits, 37 Was.  
Down: 1 Paper, 2 Plant, 3 Kms, 4 Farm, 5 Rye, 6 In awe, 7 Tomes, 8 Puma, 9 Sparklers, 12 PDT, 14 Huh, 17 How, 18 Bye, 20 Aix, 21 Cry, 22 Reeks, 23 Omani, 25 Stuka, 26 Oases, 27 Noes, 29 Let's, 32 Got, 33 Few.