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Southern Ute Council Member, Vanessa Torres and Vice-Chairman, Lorelei Cloud wrap tribal elder Vida B. Peabody in a Pendleton blanket given as a gift for her 93rd birthday. Peabody is currently the eldest member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Vida B. Peabody: Eldest living Southern Ute recognized

Celebrates 93rd birthday with friends and family

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal elder, Vida B. Peabody was recently honored and recognized as the eldest living tribal member. The celebration took place at the Multi-Purpose Facility’s Sip, Chat, and Chew event on Friday, Feb. 17. Throughout the recognition – friends, family, and tribal employees took time to thank Peabody for her years of service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, its membership, and the surrounding communities.

The community celebrated Peabody’s 93rd birthday by sharing stories and cake, alongside Peabody and her family. Beginning with an invocation from Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker, the celebration opened with a meal provided by the staff members of the Multi-Purpose Facility. Attendees were given time with one another and



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy give introductions and birthday wishes to Southern Ute tribal elder, Vida B. Peabody. For many students who attended the event, this was the first time meeting the former Tribal Council member in person.

the honored guest. Following the meal, a small greeting was read at the program by Peabody’s granddaughter, Randi Rock.

“As a mother she has always been there for her children, she has the best advice in the world, she says, ‘been there, done that,’” Rock shared. “She has encouraged all her family to make the best choices – her advice is excel-

lent, and she knows everybody in the Ute community and how we are all related.” Following the reading by Rock, the mic was then opened up to anyone who wanted to give their regards to Peabody.

Elise Redd, Ramona Eagle, members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and SUIMA students took to

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

US 160 Wildlife crossing a boon for big game migrations

Real time data shows quick adaptation to overpass



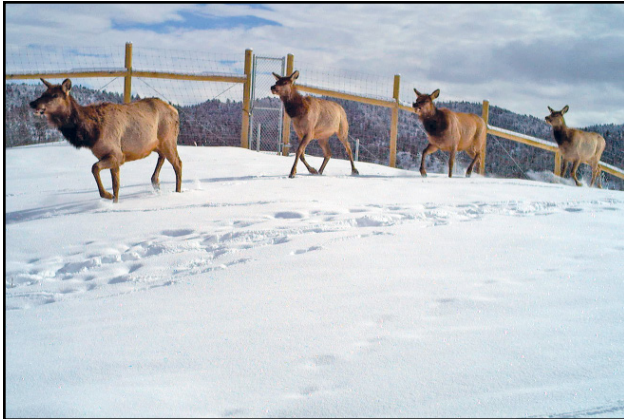
Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head, Aran Johnson highlights the importance of jump out features and the newly installed deer guard at the junction of US Highway 160 and CO 151 – key components of the wildlife fencing project, completed in the summer of 2022.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Last summer, tribal dignitaries and key personnel from the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe came together to celebrate the completion of the US 160 Wildlife Crossing Project neighboring Lake Capote. The project includes both an under and overpass for large game, as well as improvements to the intersection of US 160 and CO 151, which include fencing, earthen escape ramps and deer guards. This past fall marks the first migration season where animals encountered the completed project and began to readily use both the over and underpass structures in their annual migration routes.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division installed game cameras to monitor how many animals used the structures and the results have been very encouraging. Species caught on camera include mule deer, elk, red fox, gray fox, coyote, mountain lion, cottontail rabbit, and snowshoe hare.



courtesy Aran Johnson/SU Wildlife Dept.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division installed game cameras to monitor wildlife along the US Highway 160 overpass; herds of elk have been frequently captured on camera using the overpass crossing.

“There are similar structures across the western states designed to keep elk off highways, but the overpass at Lake Capote already looks to be more successful than most,” Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head, Aran Johnson said. “Elk use of the overpass has been a highlight. Images captured by Wildlife Division cameras show several large herds of elk using the overpass, which isn’t often seen at other projects.”

Some of these images were shared with other agencies so they could be assessed by a range of experts

in the field. Patricia Cramer, PhD, an independent wildlife and road ecology researcher who has studied wildlife crossings across the United States was shown images of elk crossing the Lake Capote overpass.

“This video shows more elk, and more various ages and genders of elk using the overpass than any other monitoring video or series of photos have demonstrated in the continental U.S. at any structure,” Cramer emphasized.

In total, between September and January the cameras

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Notes from the road: On behalf of Tribal Council

On-site visit at a Texas hemp processing facility

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Part I: Panda High Plains Hemp Gin, Wichita Falls, Texas

Oil and gas reserves are finite resources that are not renewable. In the late 50’s and 60’s, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe began business with numerous gas and oil companies in search of natural gas on the Southern Ute Reservation. As the years passed, the Tribe became very efficient. Our primary role in the fossil fuel chain is extraction from the ground, compression, and then sending it downstream to be cleaned, refined, and sold by other companies. In this sense, we as a tribe are like wholesalers.

To refine the process for



Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Tribal Council

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently partnered with Panda Biotech to process hemp in a facility located in Wichita Falls, Texas. Members of Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Growth Fund toured the processing facility in person, which is slated to begin production later this year.

end-user consumption would be very expensive in terms of capital expenditures, transportation, machine set-up, increased labor, regulations, and maintenance. These are factors for consideration and tribal leadership is carefully

reviewing the pros and cons. While we realize the limits of extracting fossil fuels, the Tribe is also seeking optional investment opportunities. One opportunity we think is

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MPF: Powwow & Round Dance



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Philman Lopez and his daughter, Mia Armstrong Lopez, dance hand in hand, moving along to each song during the round dance hosted by Native Love on Friday, Feb. 10. Held at the Multi-Purpose Facility, visitors and members of the community gathered to enjoy singing, dancing, and a potluck style meal.

See more powwow and round dance photo coverage on page 11.

Red Spirit Singers of Ft. Duchesne, Utah sing an intertribal song during the MPF Valentine’s Powwow on Saturday, Feb. 11. The group made the trip to support both the Valentine’s Powwow and the Native Love round dance event the previous night on Friday, Feb. 10.



WILDLIFE CROSSING A BOON • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Overview of the US 160 Wildlife Crossing Project neighboring Lake Capote. The project includes both an under and overpass for large game, as well as improvements to the intersection of US 160 and CO 151, which include fencing, earthen escape ramps and deer guards.

as recorded 1,334 mule deer and 603 elk crossing north-to-south, under or over Highway 160 at the project site. The north to south movement generally indicates animals migrating from summer range north of the highway to winter ranges on the reservation. Research of similar projects across the western United States shows that elk and deer use of these types of structures continues to increase for up to four years after completion of construction as the animals become familiar with the site and get more comfortable with crossing over or under the highway. As winter has set in and deer and elk have settled onto their winter range near the project site they are crossing back and forth daily using the structures, keeping them off the highway and keeping motorists safer.

“In the early 2000s, GPS integration into radio collars was new technology; it changed everything in terms of the data that could be gathered from collared animals,” Johnson explained. “Previously a radio collar simply transmitted a signal that a biologist followed with a receiver and tried to mark a location on a map. Best case scenario, with lots of time in airplanes, that biologist could record a dozen (not so accurate) locations for an animal in a year. This method was OK for making general assumptions about seasonal migrations; timing, survival, location of summer and winter ranges, movement corridors, but it was very labor intensive and quite expensive.”

With GPS technology, radio collars began collecting data around-the-clock at set intervals. Where a biologist collected a dozen annual locations of an animal in the past, with a GPS collar they could now get thousands of very accurate locations on that same animal over multiple years.

In 2004 the Tribe’s Wildlife Division started using GPS radio collars to track mule deer on the east side of the Southern Ute Reservation. The fact that mule deer were migrating out, and off tribal lands wasn’t surprising, past tribal biologists had demonstrated that. It was the amount of data and how it was analyzed and interpreted that was brand new to the Tribe and to state and federal partners that assisted with the work in those early years. New techniques for modelling large data sets allowed biologists to envision not just where animals were moving seasonally, but to know precisely when these events kicked off, how fast they moved across the landscape, and more importantly, what challenges they faced trying to get be-



courtesy Aran Johnson/SU Wildlife Dept.

A lone buck is caught on camera using the US Highway 160 underpass neighboring Chimney Rock National Monument. Species caught on camera include mule deer, elk, red fox, gray fox, coyote, mountain lion, cottontail rabbit, and snowshoe hare.

tween seasonal ranges. The mule deer project lasted until 2010 and then the Tribe transitioned to radio collaring elk, which it has continued to do since 2013.

“One thing that immediately stood out from the early data on was where and when collared animals were crossing US Highway 160,” Johnson said. “The Colorado Department of Transportation has recognized US Highway 160 in Southwest Colorado as one of the most dangerous in the state for wildlife vehicle collisions and the radio collar data helped explain why; the San Juan mule deer and elk herds are crossing the highway en masse twice per year on their seasonal migrations.”

“This was known anecdotally, but to map it precisely on paper with real-world data linking crossing points and high-hit areas was a new thing locally,” he said. “For deer and elk moving on and off tribal lands on the east side of the reservation, a clear pattern emerged of animals crossing the highway near Lake Capote. Dreaming began about a project to get deer, elk, and other wildlife safely across the highway way back in about 2008.”

Luckily the project idea had proponents in the tribal organization through the years including tribal planners, tribal project managers and most importantly Tribal Councils. They all recognized the dangers of wildlife vehicle collisions to divers and the impacts they have on wildlife populations. Partnerships between the Tribe, CDOT and Colorado Parks and Wildlife as well

as support from the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance saw the funding pieces fall into place. Construction took two summer seasons to reach completion on the two crossing structures as well as the game fencing that is critical to guiding animals to those crossings.

The Wildlife Division will continue to monitor the project monthly. Later this year, CDOT expects to contract an independent researcher to investigate the effectiveness of each aspect of the project. The biggest indicator of the success of the project will be how much it reduces wildlife vehicle collisions in the project area. It’s expected that the new infrastructure will reduce collisions by 80-90%, which is what other similar projects have experienced across the West including similar structures located in northern Colorado.

The 11-million-dollar project was made possible primarily through CDOT funding with a 1.3-million-dollar contribution by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, using funds available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Additionally, Colorado Parks and Wildlife helped fund this multi-year project with numerous NGOs including the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Mule Deer Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

“Considering that almost 2,000 deer and elk were kept off the highway in this first fall migration season, and many more as animals circle the project site on winter range — the results are already speaking for themselves,” Johnson said.

Total numbers of deer and elk crossing the structures. Between September 2022 and January 2023.			
UNDERPASS			
Does	Fawns	Bucks	Total Deer
216	150	90	456
Cows	Calves	Bulls	Total Elk
54	13	3	70
OVERPASS			
Does	Fawns	Bucks	Total Deer
427	263	188	878
Cows	Calves	Bulls	Total Elk
344	150	39	533



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Boys and girls of various ages were decked out Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, in their teams’ respective jerseys, which sported the names of well-known pro teams, during opening ceremonies for the SunUte Community Center’s youth basketball league.

This photo was first published in the Feb. 20, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute elder, Austin Box visited the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on February 13, 2003 and shared stories from the past, about his life and what he has accomplished. Box also showcases his traditional Ute crafts to the students.

This photo was published in the Feb. 21, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Ignacio High School senior, Tricia Olguin was crowned as the Winter Sports Queen along with other seniors. Marie Joy and Lisa Nail were crowned as runner ups.

This photo was published in the Feb. 19, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Little Miss Southern Ute Mikki Naranjo prepares as one of the Southern Ute Royalty representatives for the Denver March Powwow held at the stockyards Coliseum held that year on March 25-27.

This photo was published in the Feb. 25, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



NOTES FROM THE ROAD • FROM PAGE 1

profitable and ready this year is hemp processing.

Foreign hemp has become very lucrative and only recently has domestic hemp been fully explored in the industrial sector. Part of the new interest is keeping processing within the boundaries of the United States given the unstable international supply and logistical issues.

Hemp is resilient, and in different climates, it can produce high yields compared to competitive inputs from other industries. Hemp uses less water than cotton, absorbs more CO2 than many plants, uses minimal to no fertilizers, and can be rotated with other crops in agricultural fields, in addition to having multiple seasonal growing cycles.

Hemp gets bad publicity because of its similarity to marijuana. The primary difference is in the THC and flower that is produced and harvested from marijuana. Hemp processing is focused on harvesting the plant (the fiber, stalk, and herd) before it ever goes to seed and industrial hemp is genetically modified so that THC is not an issue. Hemp is becoming a high value product and is important in the production of textiles, plastic, paper &



courtesy Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Tribal Council

pulp, construction, and protein and feed.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has partnered with Panda Biotech to process hemp in a facility located in Wichita Falls, Texas. This facility was under renovation before the Tribe acquired its partnership. The facility is scheduled to begin production toward the end of 2023.

The facility is strategically located right next to Interstate I-44, with railroad access for loading and unloading, and can be accessed through the Port of Houston. The facility will run 24-7 when fully functional. Upon performing our due diligence from both the Growth Fund and Tribal Council, we requested a site visit of the facility in its initial stages of construction. The on-

site visit occurred Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Panda Biotech is very proud of its name, which is rooted in their focus on environmentally friendly processing in many of its ventures. The panda bear is the most sensitive animal in the wild and has established an identity of care and consideration. Panda Biotech makes every effort to lead the way in carbon neutrality and socially responsible business practices. Many of the machines that are necessary in the processing had to be brought in from overseas. The company has invested in the finest equipment that has been proven in the hemp industry and this machinery has a reputation for great performance, low maintenance, and a long-life span.

Path to Healing While Restoring Our Resiliency

MOZHONI DAYS POWWOW

MARCH 31ST - APRIL 1ST, 2023

Fort Lewis College • Whalen Gymnasium • Durango, CO

Head Staff

Headman: Ty Gier
Headwoman: George Gray
Head Dancer: Joe Gonsales
Master of Ceremonies: Rick Yacobi
Arena Director: Nathan Whitecloud Jr.
Host Southern Ute: Southern Ute
Host Northern Ute: Jack Sage

Dance Contest Categories

Mens & Womens Golden Age (54+) - All Categories
Mens (18-54): N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
Womens (18-54): N. Traditional, S. Crazy/Whisper, Fancy, Single
Teen Boys (13-17): N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
Teen Girls (13-17): N. Traditional, S. Crazy/Whisper, Fancy, Single
Boys (6-12): N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
Girls (6-12): N. Traditional, S. Crazy/Whisper, Fancy, Single
Tiny Tot (5 & Under)

*Youth Contests will be held on Friday
*Adults & Golden Age Contests will be held on Saturday

Friday March 31st

Grand Dance: 10PM
Grand Entry: 10PM

Saturday April 1st

Grand Dance: 10-12PM
Grand Entry: 10PM

Drum Contest

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes
Sponsored by the Growers

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INVITES

SOUTHERN UTE YOUTH GROUP REUNION (70S-80S - 90S)

ALL Southern Ute Tribal Members who had the opportunity to perform or chaperoned in the Youth Group in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's.

"Let's have a Reunion!"

"Let's reminisce on our dance performances, fund raising, traveling."

Do you

"Remember Gateway High School?"

"Remember performing in Winnipeg, Canada?"

"Remember performing at the Garden of Gods?"

"Remember the after-school meetings with Cynthia?"

"Remember the bake sales?"

"How about traveling in the green Tribal vans?"

Save the date: March 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM, Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Large Classroom. Meal will be provided.

For more information call Edward Box, III at (970) 563-2988 or email at ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov.

RSVP BY MARCH 18, 2023 BY 5:00PM

Ute Storytelling

The Southern Ute Royalty would like to invite the tribal community to an afternoon of Ute Storytelling with

Larry Cesspooch, Ute Tribe—Ft. Duchesne, UT

Colleen Cuthair Root, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe—Towaoc, CO

FEBRUARY 25, 2023

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

SU MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY
256 UTE ROAD, IGNACIO, CO

Welcome Invocation Meal

Introduction of Storytellers

Open Mic Storytelling

SU Royalty Storytelling

Presentation of Gifts

For more information, please contact Jennifer GoodTracks @ (970) 946-1241

Miss Southern Ute - Grace Gonzales
Southern Ute Bravo - Henry Whitesunk
Little Miss Southern Ute - Cyana Whitesunk

Southern Ute Royalty 2022-2023

Miss Southern Ute 1st Alternate - Izabella Cloud Jr.
Miss Southern Ute - Leandra Ute
Little Miss Southern Ute 1st Alternate - Shayne WhiteThunder

101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME & ARTWORK CONTEST

TRIBAL FAIR LOGO

THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE 2023 LOGO AND THEME CONTEST FOR THE 101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR. THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS.

ALL ART-MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 1ST, 2023 AT 5 PM. ARTWORK 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.

2023 Spring Blessing

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The 2023 Spring Blessing of all Tribal buildings (Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, & Sky Ute Casino Resort) as well as Tribal vehicles, will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd. The Ceremony will begin at Sunrise.

Sun Dance Chief, Matthew Box, asks that all Staff respect the ways of the Nuu-chiu and have all offices & buildings open to be blessed. If you have a specific Sun Dancer you would like to bless you, your office or your vehicle, please contact Cultural Events/Heritage Coordinator, Edward Box III, at (970) 563-2988 (ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov) and good faith efforts will be sought to accomplish that.

All Southern Ute Tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the SUCCM (Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum) South parking.

Community members and Tribal Staff that would like an individual Blessing are encouraged to get blessed at the sunrise ceremony.

LOCATION: SUCCM FIRE PIT

TIME: SUNRISE



HEALTHY RECIPES

Jambalaya: Celebrating New Orleans

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

Celebrate New Orleans style with this updated recipe for Jambalaya!

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



courtesy Delish

Jambalaya

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups uncooked brown rice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can chicken broth (14.5oz)
- 1 can fire roasted tomatoes (14.5oz)
- 1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 6-8oz chicken sausage, cut into coins (brands such as Aidells, Alfresco, Johnsonville)
- ½ lb. raw shrimp, shelled and deveined

Directions:

- In a medium pot, cook rice according to package directions (to make 3 cups cooked).
- While rice is cooking; Add olive oil to a large pan with deep sides (or a medium-

- large pot) and heat to medium-high.
- Add onions and peppers, sauté for 5 minutes.
- Add garlic and sauté for 1 minute.
- Add broth, tomatoes, Cajun seasoning, pepper, and bay leaf, and simmer over medium heat for 5 minutes.
- Add sliced chicken sausage. Simmer for 10 minutes.
- Add shrimp, cover, and reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for an additional 10 minutes.
- To thicken, uncover pan and continue to simmer. If needed, add 1 tablespoon of corn starch and whisk.
- Serve over ½ cup brown rice.

Servings: 4-6

Nutrition per 1/6 serving: 303 Calories, 8.3g Fat, 1.8 Sat Fat, 871mg Sodium, 21g Carbohydrate, 1.8g Dietary Fiber, 33.6g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Native American mentor highlight

Introducing the ‘Well for Culture’ organization

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Who is ‘Well for Culture?’

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Native Connections Program would love to introduce the community to “Well for Culture,” founded by two exceptional Native Americans, Chelsey Luger (Lakota/Ojibwe) and Thosh Collins (Onk-Akimel O’odham/Wa-Zha-Zhi/Haudenosaunee.) The Well for Culture organization promotes holistically well lifestyles.

The organization believes in mind-body-spirit optimization through the seven circles of wellness. Much like a ceremony, a song, a story, or an activist movement, Well for Culture is at once – a space, a place, a group of people, and an evolving idea (<https://www.wellforculture.com/home>).

How can ‘Well for Culture’ help local Native Americans?

Their website is a great place to learn about general Native American health and wellness and offers excellent tips and skills anyone can incorporate into their day-to-day lives. One of their goals is to help Native Americans reclaim and revitalize Indigenous health and wellness through lifestyle teachings from our ancestors and combining current information and merging them to build a healthier you.

The founders are active in their communities and travel around Indian Country, sharing their knowledge and support to help our Indigenous relatives create wellness in their own lives and society.

Some of their excellent programs include:

- Through movement: Revitalizing optimal physical wellness for the evolution of Indigenous Nationhood.
- Through food-ways:

Re-indigenizing food preparation and consumption to restore the spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical wellness of the people. Healthy food has always been central to indigenous cultures.

- Through Indigenous language: Fitness and movement using our Indigenous languages.

Knowledge and support for all

Check out their website, www.wellforculture.com, their book The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well, and their podcast on YouTube or their blog. All these resources can be found on their website. They also have a great list of books they love and recommend for those who want to study further the relationship between Indigenous teachings, western science, food and diet, and even political manifestos.

Be on the lookout for their participation and attendance in many Indigenous activities and events across Indigenous Country.

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.

Resources:
#wellforculture. WELL-FORCULTURE. (n.d.). Retrieved February 16, 2023, from <https://www.wellforculture.com/home>



RECOVERY AND WELLNESS IS POSSIBLE

Recovery Retreat

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 20, 2023 8:00AM-8:00PM

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Are you in your recovery journey and looking for support or connection? We welcome all persons at any stage of their recovery journey and their family and friends. Come find FELLOWSHIP, SKILLS, SUPPORT, RESOURCES, and INSPIRATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PRECIOUS COLLINS (970) 563 2487

MARVINA OLGUIN (970) 563 2359

Brought to you by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, Colorado Department of Human Services and the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health.





Native American Fatherhood & Families Association (NAFFA) created and designed this program for fathers and mothers using a Native American approach. The goal of the program is to strengthen families through responsible parenting. NAFFA teaches parents to connect with their heritage as they become actively involved in the lives of their families. NAFFA welcomes non-natives to participate in our program. When a foster parent or step-parent comes through the program, connections are more fully developed with other parents in the community, thus creating a stronger support network.

Parents, your children are right behind you and they will follow you.

This class is free of charge and consists of 7 weekly sessions that will last up to two hours. We ask that you commit yourself to completing each session. You will need access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) and an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services/Angelina Whitehorse at 970-563-2335 for more information or to sign up.

First Class Begins February 20th!



Motherhood/Fatherhood Is Sacred


TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of our Accreditation Survey

The Southern Ute Health Center, in accordance with AAAHC requirements, is posting Notice of our Accreditation Survey scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2023. The survey will evaluate the organization's compliance with AAAHJC Standards for ambulatory health care organizations and to determine if accreditation should be awarded to, or retained by, this organization.

Alternate Resource Benefits

WHY YOU SHOULD APPLY



Enrolling in Alternate Resources

Why You Should Apply

- Generates revenue to the Southern Ute Health Center, which allows us to:
 - o Buy new equipment
 - o Expand services
 - o Hire more staff
- Saves the Southern Ute Indian Tribe money
 - o The Tribe would not have to pay for services out of the Tribal Health Benefit Plan for Tribal Members
- The Southern Ute Health Center is required by law to exhaust all applicable alternate resources
- Could result in a denial from the Purchase/Referred Care (PRC) Program if you do not apply
 - o You may then be responsible to pay the bill
- 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





CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùchupikivi Sùumuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Kids' teeth are important for their health!

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

While dentists are the experts when it comes to healthy mouths in kids, pediatric healthcare providers get to examine those little mouths lots of times and try to keep those pearly whites strong. Dental cavities are considered a disease and are one of the most common diseases in kids. Cavities matter – even cavities in baby teeth that will be lost. Cavities are decay in the teeth caused by invading bacteria. Usually, cavities need to be removed due to pain and risk of spreading infection. Dentists try hard to make that process as easy as possible on children, but it can be scary and painful.

Any tooth can get a cavity. We encourage parents to start cleaning their baby's teeth as soon as there are teeth. This is for two reasons: most importantly, to try to prevent cavities. But also, starting tooth care early helps kids get used to the twice-daily routine. Tooth cleaning in babies is with a soft toothbrush made for kids their age and a tiny amount of toothpaste – about the size of a grain of rice. As children get older, they can use more of a pea-sized amount of toothpaste. Brushing should be two times per day, plus after any sugary foods or drinks, and for about two minutes per brushing.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

As kids become independent, they often want to start brushing their own teeth. That's wonderful and a great way to get them involved in caring for their own health. But, it is equally important that parents still help with an after-brush to ensure all the teeth are thoroughly cleaned until your child can do this themselves. This is often not until children are in the middle elementary grades and sometimes even later.

An important part of preventing cavities in your child is having less sugar in contact with their teeth – meaning less sugary drinks and less sugary foods. Step one is to cut down or out sugary drinks. Step two is to save sugary foods for “once-in-awhile.” Step three is to clean children's teeth after they have anything sugary in their mouth. Even babies sometimes get cavities from having prolonged contact with milk

on their teeth. That is one reason pediatricians and dentists recommend not letting babies take a bottle of milk to bed or have all day access to a bottle or cup with milk or juice.

Of course, seeing a dentist is a crucial part of healthy teeth for kids. Pediatric dentists recommend all kids be seen by their first birthday.

For more information about caring for your child's teeth, check out the many articles on this topic at: <https://www.healthy-children.org/English/healthy-living/oral-health/Pages/default.aspx>.

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to talk more about their oral health or anything else by calling 970-563-4581. To schedule an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Dental Clinic, their number is 970-563-4719.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Health Department would like to introduce you to Dr. Stephen Stockhausen, PT, DPT, OCS – in-house physical therapist for the clinic in Ignacio.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Spotlight on physical therapy: Introducing Stockhausen

Providing clients with highest quality medical care

By David C. Tonemah, MBA
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

In our constant effort to provide tribal members with the highest quality medical care, the Southern Ute Health Department would like to introduce you to Dr. Stephen Stockhausen, PT, DPT, OCS. Dr. Stephen Stockhausen joined our team in August of 2020 as our in-house physical therapist and is currently accepting new patients. He primarily sees clients in the clinic, but also makes home visits and has built a relationship with SunUte Community Center to perform aquatic therapy and gym-based services as needed.

Stockhausen has a broad background and is a highly respected member of the medical community nationwide. His expertise has been called on for advice in numerous physical therapy publications, including GQ Magazine. Stockhausen is a Board-Certified Specialist in Orthopedics and has utilized that skill set to develop



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Dr. Stephen Stockhausen examines Loni Acevedo, SUHC Clinic Nurse, Friday, Feb. 17, at the clinic in Ignacio. Stockhausen joined the Southern Ute Health Department in August of 2020 as the in-house physical therapist.

op new and innovative ways to help patients heal faster.

After receiving his doctorate from the University of Kentucky in 2011, Stockhausen moved to Durango, Colo. to begin his career and explore the beautiful mountains of Southwest Colorado. In 2014, he and his wife, also a physical therapist, began careers as traveling physical therapists, moving multiple times a year providing care in underserved areas throughout the country.

Together, they returned to the Four Corners region in August of 2020 and now live in Durango with their daughter and two dogs. An avid trail runner, Stockhausen has completed numerous ultra-marathons and enjoys being outside as much as possible.

Dr. Stockhausen has greatly enjoyed being part of our team and looks forward to further improving the health and mobility of our community.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATE TRAINING

February and
March 2023

- Saturday 2/25
- Wednesday 3/1
- Thursday 3/2
- Saturday 3/4
- Wednesday 3/8
- Thursday 3/9

in person Online

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LOCATION

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For more information contact Teresa at 970.779.8133 or tmmcox@yahoo.com

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Ignacio Alcoholics/Addicts Anonymous Group

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

WHERE: SunUte Community Center

390 Mouache Drive

Ignacio, Colorado

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. Ross



SUIMA

Kwanachigani pø’əkwatə
“Eagle’s Nest”

Atukach: Growing their Ute language

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The infant-toddler level (Atukach) has been growing their Ute language as SUIMA has started a semi-immersive language program. One of the Ute Language teachers spends two weeks at a time in one classroom for most of the morning. Data collection has been occurring and the trends show an increase in the use and understanding in the young students as well as the classroom teachers-guides.

The pre-K/K level (Pawaa) has been focusing on math, language, and science. In every classroom, there are students working busily on their addition, CVC words, reading beginning reader books, and enjoying experiments specific to snow.

The lower elementary level (Kuch) has been learning about fractions through cooking as well as learning about three types of rocks and understanding the difference between rocks and minerals. They also attended the elder storytelling program hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

The Upper Elementary students will be holding a couple of fund raisers for their end of the year trip, which will take them to Santa Fe, N.M. where they will tour the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) college, visit an art museum, and enjoy some time at Meow Wolf. With the help of their teacher and a parent volunteer, they are close to reaching their monetary goal.

Due to the weather and school being canceled as a nəwva-tavay our February Family Night event was moved from Feb. 15 and re-scheduled on Feb. 22. The theme of a Valentine Dance was still being followed, and though the crowd was small, everyone (pa’amani) had a wonderful time. This active group has held three fundraisers, with their next one scheduled for March 11 at the SunUte (Tawa-Núuchi) Rec Center.

Montessori Tidbits

In an article out of the magazine Tomorrow’s Child, Sept. 2010, there are some key points regarding Montessori schools. I pulled a few of those points out of the article to put in this edition of the Eagle’s Nest.

Montessori students rarely rely on texts or work-



Sacha Smith/SU Drum archive

The then SUIMA Ute Language Guide, Stacey Oberly looks over Ute Language materials from fellow guides in 2016.

books because many of the skills and concepts that children learn are abstract and textbooks simply don’t bring them to life. Montessori relies on hands-on concrete learning materials where students can “feel” the math problem and move manipulatives around to help a math problem become alive.

Learning is not focused on rote drill and memorization. The goal is to develop students who really understand their schoolwork.

Students develop a love for the natural world. Natural science and outdoor education is an important elementary of our children’s experience.

Students learn not to be afraid of making mistakes; they come to see their mis-

takes as natural steps in the learning process.

We are very fortunate to have the Montessori method as the curriculum chosen for SUIMA. If you are not familiar with the Montessori method, I invite you to reach out to the school if you have any questions about what makes it different than the traditional way of teaching.

Positions advertised

Just like schools all over the nation, we have some job openings throughout the school. 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

Even though it may seem like tamaritə is around, we are still in təmeri. Repetition helps with the retention of language, please continue using the Ute language at home.

- túu-táa – coat
- səpə’a – cold
- ‘agharat’aqh təəravachi? How is the weather?
- Nəvwayaqh. it is snowing.
- Its muddy – təchaghari
- Its turning spring – tamari’iqh

Upcoming events

- Feb. 27 – Elementary students ice skating
- Mar. 8 – March Family Night (possible)
- Mar. 9 – visiting teachers from our Sister Tribes
- Mar. 10 – No School for students – Teacher Workday
- Mar. 13 & 14 – Little Shop of Physics from CSU
- Mar. 20-24 – Spring Break
- Mar. 28 – PAG via Zoom

IT Fundamentals



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Faren Burch preps for the final exam, Tuesday, Feb. 14, as part of the ITF+ technology course being offered through Southern Ute Education. The Education Department partnered with Pueblo Community College (PCC) in October 2022, to offer an Information Technology Fundamentals Certification (ITF+) to the Ignacio community. PCC was awarded an Adult Learner Success grant, which launched the “Ute Adult Credential Program” for the Ute Mountain Ute and Ignacio communities. O.H. Perry Pepper IV, Director of Academic Services at PCC, and the Higher Education staff wanted to ensure this program was as local as possible.

The Education Dept. hired Valerie Sanchez and Philman Lopez, SUSS employees, to facilitate the ITF+ course two evenings a week at the Education Center. Eight community members are enrolled in this course. Sanchez is seen instructing the final class, Tuesday, Feb. 14 in the computer lab.



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 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.



What: Scholastic Book Fair!!!

When: April 3 – April 7, 2023

Where: Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Dining Hall

More Information Coming Soon

Multi-Purpose Facility

Sewing with a Pattern Class

Tuesday & Thursday March 7 & 9, 2023

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Do Sewing patterns intimidate you?

- learn to read a pattern
- learn to understand and cut fabric
- learn basic sewing skills to following pattern

Call to sign-up space is limited

Supply list available at the MPF

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Call for more information 970-563-2641 or 970-563-2640



Indigenous Business summit



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Council Treasurer, Darwin Whiteman Jr. welcomes Fort Lewis College students and other guests to the American Indigenous Business Leaders' summit hosted at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Saturday, Feb. 11. This summit brought together students and business leaders, the mission of the American Indigenous Business Leaders is to increase the representation of American Indians and Alaska Natives in business and entrepreneurial ventures through education and leadership development opportunities.

Pre-School Coming to Ignacio School District

AUGUST 2023

SIGN UP NOW



Governor Polis has cleared the way for Universal Preschool (UPK) across the state. The Ignacio School District and IELP will be working in collaboration to serve our pre-kinder students. All children who are four years old (one year away from kindergarten) will qualify for at least 15 hours per week beginning in August of 2023. Children with at-risk factors will qualify for 30 hours per week.

Please consider signing up for preschool in Ignacio as soon as possible. It must be done on the State website at [UPK.Colorado.gov](https://upk.colorado.gov). Please select the Ignacio Early Learning Program (IELP).

It is important to know how many students will be attending in the fall to ensure staffing, classrooms, and resources will meet the needs of our learners.

For questions, contact Chris deKay at 970-563-0501 or Shauna Branch at 970-563-0630

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: Introducing BGC's newest member, Matthew Tuni

Watts and Cundiff: BGC youth of the month

Staff report

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

What does club mean to you?

"Club is a place where I can go to have fun" – BGC club member

Youth of the Month

For the month of February, we will be recognizing two club members.



Olyvia Watts
Youth of the Month

First is our Junior Youth of the Month which is awarded to Olyvia Watts. Olyvia is one of the kindest club members we have at BGC. She makes sure everyone is included during programming and she is super friendly to all club members - new and old. Olyvia is also very respectful toward everyone including staff. We want to thank her for being a positive asset in club.



Kennedy Cundiff
Youth of the Month

Our second Youth of the Month award goes to Kennedy Cundiff. Kennedy has been a club kid for about five years. She comes to club with the attitude of being a role model to the littles in programming. Kennedy is super caring, outgoing, and has leadership characteristics. She speaks her mind, is funny, and is willing to help the younger club members when needed. She has grown a lot, and we hope to continue seeing her at club.

Congratulations to both Olyvia and Kennedy on behalf of BGCSU staff!



Matthew Tuni
Student Intern
Fort Lewis College

BGC Highlights

FLC Intern: The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is proud to announce our newest Program Aide staff, Matthew Tuni.

He has been working with BGC since mid-January 2023. Matthew is currently a student at Fort Lewis College majoring in Sociology and minoring in Criminal Justice. He will be graduating in Fall of 2023.

When asked how he feels about working at BGC he said he likes building new relationship and experiences while working with new people and kids.

We want to thank him for being a part of our BGC team.



Carol Lorac
Sky Ute Casino Resort

BGC Shoutouts

Thanks to all 20-participating business and Southern Ute tribal departments who took part in our 2023 Valentine Heart Fundraiser!



Robin Duffy-Wirth
SunUte Community Center

Heart Fundraiser

As our Valentine Heart Fundraiser comes to an end this year, we want to thank everyone involved. This fundraiser takes place during the month of February and has been happening for more than five years. The Heart Fundraiser is a collaborative effort of businesses aiding in selling BGC paper hearts to help support club.

This year we had the support of some Southern Ute tribal departments, and we want to say thank you! Our gratitude goes out to all departments and businesses, and to everyone who purchased a heart this year. We look forward to 2024.

CEO Summit

BGC CEO, Bruce LeClaire, attended the Colorado Boys & Girls Club Alliance strategic planning session, Monday, Feb. 6 (see photo below). The following day, LeClaire also attended the 2023 CEO Summit. The Summit involves all BGC CEOs across the state of Colorado to come together to network, discuss, and elevate important BGC items.

The summit agenda included: CO Alliance Legislative Overview, Colorado Education Panel (Expanded Learning Opportunities Manager CDE, CO Children's Campaign, Out-of-School Time Manager, CDE), Youth Substance and Mental Health Forum, Attorney General, Rise Above, and CO Workforce Development.

BGC Announcements

- February Birthday Shoutout: Landyn, 10 years old
- March 20th-24th 2023: Spring Break - All Day Club



courtesy Bruce LeClaire/BGC

BGC CEO, Bruce LeClaire (third from left), attended the Colorado Boys & Girls Club Alliance strategic planning session, Monday, Feb. 6.



Night Sky Party at the Ignacio Community Library

Join us as we view the conjunctions of Venus and the Moon! We'll begin with a short program inside and then move outside to view the events and sky with our telescopes.

Friday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Shout Out

To the following businesses/dept. for partaking in our 2023 Heart Fundraiser. We greatly appreciate all the support.

Ignacio Floral & Gifts

Thriftway

The Rose Café

Lil Bit Ranchy

Ignacio Community Library

Rolling Thunder Lanes

Ignacio Chiropractic

Walkers True Value

Farmers Fresh

Town of Ignacio

Rolling Thunder Grill

Sky Ute Casino Resort

Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop

Southern Ute Community Center

Southern Ute Health Center

Southern Ute Police Department

Porky's Smokehouse

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

Tribal Information Service

Pine River Chiropractic Massage & Acupuncture





LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Local students selected to participate in National Rural Electric Youth Tour

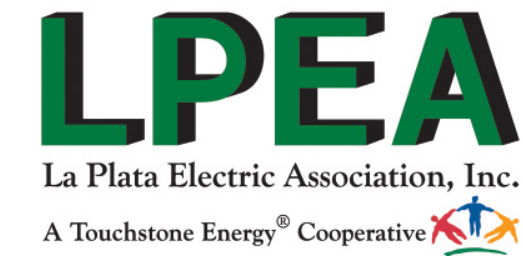
Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) selected four local high school juniors to spend a week in the nation's capitol as part of the National Rural Electric Youth Tour. The cooperative received 20 applications for this year's youth tour program. Recipients were selected based on merit and leadership and will join 34 student delegates from Colorado.

"After a few years off due to COVID, we were happy to see such a strong pool of applicants for this year's youth tour to Washington, D.C.," LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock said. "This is a great opportunity for our future local leaders to learn more about political processes and the electrical industry, and to make connections with others that could shift the trajectory of their lives."

The 2023 LPEA delegates are as follows:

- Katie Killinen from Bay-



field High School. "I love traveling, meeting new people, seeing new places, and having new experiences," Killinen said. "This leadership tour means so much to me because I get to do all that in one trip."

- Aisha O'Neil from Durango High School. "To me, attending the youth tour presents a unique opportunity to learn about my country and my own aspirations outside of my small community," O'Neil said.
- Devante Montoya, Ignacio High School. "One opportunity used wisely can change your life dramatically," Montoya said.

- Rachael Berndt, Pagosa Springs High School. "I'm completely grateful to be given this incredible opportunity to go on the LPEA Youth Tour," Berndt said. "I'm beyond thrilled to explore new places and to dive deep into all kinds of history, culture, and experiences."

Students will learn about the utility cooperative business model, visit historical monuments and memorials, and meet elected officials from June 12-18, 2023. The trip is fully sponsored by LPEA and the Colorado Rural Electric Association. More than 1,800 students from 45 states will participate this year.

GATES FAMILY FOUNDATION
Gates Family Foundation's Capital Grants
program deadline

March 15 is the first of two 2023 deadlines to apply for a grant from Gates Family Foundation's Capital Grants program this year — and our team is hosting office hours to help you navigate the application process. If you are planning to submit for the March 15 deadline and have questions, sign up today for a 30-minute Zoom session with Senior Program Officer Lisa Rucker.

What do we fund? Our capital grants are generally limited to comprehensive capital campaigns, which are typically for building purchases, construction, expansion, renovation, and/or land acquisition. Only nonprofit organizations with capital projects that benefit Colorado and its residents are qualified to apply. Full eligibility requirements and restrictions are here.

What do we prioritize? We make capital grants in five priority areas — arts & culture, community development, education, parks & recreation, and well-being of children, youth & families. You can see examples of what we fund in each of these areas here. The program is highly competitive, and not every application will be funded; when making award decisions, we prioritize:

- Projects that address root problems with substantive solutions
- Projects with strong evidence of support from the community and the organization's board
- Projects in rural and low-income areas across Colorado where there are fewer individuals and institutions providing support for capital projects
- Projects that serve individuals and communities of color who have faced historic inequities and lack of access to funding
- Projects that reinforce the foundation's strategic priorities in K-12 public education, natural resources, community development and informed communities
- Projects that address climate change, and/or incorporate green building and sustainable development practices

How do I apply? More information on the process can be found online at: <https://gatesfamilyfoundation.org/engage/how-to-apply/>; if you have additional questions, please sign up to join Lisa for office hours! <https://gatesfamilyfoundation.org/types-of-support/capital-grants/>. Gates Family Foundation, 1390 Lawrence St., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80204-2081.

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Family Literacy Night

Let us take the work & planning out of family night & just give you the fun!
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Screening of the documentary film
UNDETERRED
FRIDAY, MARCH 3 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT THE IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Join us as we watch a documentary about community resistance in the rural border town of Arivaca, Arizona. *Undeterred* is an intimate and unique portrait of how residents in a small rural community, caught in the crosshairs of global geo-political forces, have mobilized to demand our rights and to provide aid to injured, often times dying people funneled across a wilderness desert.

FLC professor Benjamin Wadell will be facilitating and the filmmaker will be joining online after the screening for a discussion.

Benjamin Wadell

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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 through this pandemic.

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PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT's Stasia Lanier is retiring after 30 years with the station

Listeners can record a farewell message for Lanier

Staff report
FOUR CORNERS PUBLIC RADIO

Stasia Lanier has worn many hats during her three-decade tenure at KSUT. She was hired initially in 1993 as the office manager. But since KSUT is a radio station, it wasn't long before the broadcasting bug bit her. She started doing on-air shows and eventually took on the role of music director.

"Enormous gratitude to the KSUT family, my colleagues past and present, and our amazing listening community for a fulfilling and rewarding career. It's been a privilege and a joy to live and work in this beautiful region and be a part of KSUT's community on the air," Lanier said.

She ascended to the position of station manager in the mid-2000s. After some time in that role, she focused on being a Music Blend host and overseeing KSUT's music and marketing departments.

Stasia's last day at KSUT is Thursday, March 2. The KSUT family would like to extend a fond farewell and best wishes to her as she spends more time with her family and in the great outdoors of Southwest Colorado.

Among her many accomplishments:

- She's been the longtime host of the popular Saturday morning music



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Stasia Lanier, who was overseeing KSUT's music and marketing departments, will be retiring from KSUT, as she signs off Thursday, March 2.

show San Juan Sunrise.

- She played a direct role in helping KSUT evolve into a regional media organization.
- She's been a valuable part of the station's dig-

ital-web production efforts.

But now, she's going to try something new on for size: retirement!

Thank you, Stasia! We love you!

Record your farewell to Stasia

When you and your microphone are ready, follow this link, www.speakpipe.com/StasiaLanier and hit the 'start recording' button.

NATIVE LENS

KSUT and partners to hold first Native Lens Media Fellowship in Durango

By Colten Ashley
KSUT TRIBAL MEDIA CENTER
COORDINATOR

KSUT, with partners Rocky Mountain PBS (RMPBS), Vision Maker Media, and the Durango Independent Film Festival (DIFF) will present the first Native Lens Media Fellowship in Durango, Colo., Sunday, Feb. 26, through Saturday, March 4. Part of the Native Lens initiative, the fellowship is a training program for young Native American adults, offering hands on experience in filmmaking, public media distribution, networking, and training about film financing through non-profits such as Vision Maker Media.

Participants will create two projects, from planning to delivery during the week-long fellowship. They will premiere at the Durango Independent Film Festival as part of a showcase of Native Lens stories. This free showcase takes place Saturday, March 4, at the Durango Arts Center at 5 p.m. Meet the Native Lens Fellowship participants and other DIFF filmmakers at a public reception that afternoon at the Sorrel Sky Gallery from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

NATIVE LENS

Native Lens is a collaboration between Rocky Mountain PBS, KSUT, and the Colorado Health Foundation to amplify Native American voices during the pandemic. The initial concept allowed for the evolution of a program that now seeks to empower Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and First Nations people – through grassroots, first-person, narratives. This has fostered the production and distribution of dozens of stories from individuals since 2020, which continue to be submitted and finalized for publication. The success of this program, com-



courtesy Colten Ashley/KSUT

Native Lens Lead Editor, Charine Gonzales (San Ildefonso Pueblo) on location filming.

bined with the launch of the Tribal Media Center in Ignacio, has allowed Native Lens to expand its mission by offering hands-on media trainings, such as the Native Lens Fellowship, and other educational opportunities in the Four Corners and beyond.

THE FELLOWSHIP PARTNERS

KSUT is a community-supported public broadcasting organization dedicated to serving the multicultural community of the Four Corners by providing eclectic entertainment, education, in-depth news and community and public information services promoting multicultural awareness and understanding through two terrestrial signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Tribal Radio.

Four Corners Public Radio can be heard at 90.1 FM in Durango & La Plata County; 89.3 in Central Durango; 88.1 in Pagosa Springs, Farmington and Northwest New Mexico; 106.3 in Cortez, Mancos, and Montezuma County; and 91.1 in Silverton.

Tribal Radio can be heard at 91.3 FM in Ignacio, and on Southern Ute and Jicarilla Apache tribal lands; 89.7 in Farmington, Northwest New Mexico and Navajo tribal lands; and 100.9 in Towaoc and on Ute

Mountain Ute tribal lands.

Listeners can also stream both KSUT signals at www.ksut.org and www.tribalradio.org.

Rocky Mountain PBS is Colorado's first public television station and is now Colorado's only statewide television network, with stations in Denver, Pueblo/Colorado Springs, Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction and Durango. RMPBS serves over a million Coloradans by providing provocative and inspiring local, national, and international programming.

Vision Maker Media is a non-profit from Lincoln, Neb. that works with Native producers to develop, produce, and distribute programs through public broadcasting. In addition to helping produce content Vision Maker Media works with established Native filmmakers to help educate the next generation of Indigenous storytellers through workshops and fellowships like their collaboration with Native Lens.

The Durango Independent Film Festival began in 2006 and works to showcase a wide variety of independent films for the community – including Native American cinema and outdoor/venture cinema. In addition to the festival, DIFF works to bring film education and appreciation to local schools with their REEL Learning School Program.

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Tribal member Danny Abeyta uses a fish finder to locate a potential catch.



Wildlife Fisheries Biologist, Ben Zimmerman weighs a fish outside the Lake Capote Store to determine its place on the board. The tournament was hosted by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division.

Photos by Samantha Maez
Southern Ute Tribal Information Services

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division hosted an Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Lake Capote. Tribal families and community members enjoyed a day of fishing and friendly competition. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three winners for adult and youth categories including trout and bass. Overall winner, Jim Vaughn took home the side pot challenge for overall biggest fish – weighing in at 117.8 ounces.



courtesy Alex Pena

Jim Vaughn shows his winning catch which won the overall side pot for the largest fish pulled from Lake Capote.



Jaxx Pena and his father Alex Pena take a trout he caught to weigh in at the Lake Capote Store during the Ice Fishing Tournament.



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Valentine's Powwow at the Multi-Purpose



During the event, multiple special contests were held for all to participate in. During the two-step contest, partners followed one another in line holding hands and roses in celebration of the Valentine's Day theme. Couples were then selected by judges for prizes based on their dancing skills.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute tribal member, Alana Watts and her partner, Tricia Rose dance hand in hand with roses during the two-step special contest.



Russell Blackbird dances during the final sessions of gourd dance during the MPF Valentine's Powwow.



MPF Facilities Operations Manager, Elise Redd takes the mic following grand entry to thank all staff and volunteers for their hard work in organizing the event, she also gives thanks to attendees for their time and participation.

The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility hosted a Valentine's Day Powwow on Saturday, Feb. 11, featuring gourd dancing, a potluck dinner, arts and crafts vendors, and a variety of special contests in theme with the holiday. Head staff included Alfred Wall Jr., Micco Wesley, Terry Knight, Shilo Harjo, Henry Whiteskunk, Grace Gonzales, and the Southern Ute Veteran's Association. This event, organized by the Multi-Purpose Facility staff and community volunteers, proved to be a great success.

Jammin' at the Multi-Purpose



Red Spirit Singers of Ft. Duchesne, Utah attended the round dance as invited singers, sharing songs throughout the night.



Visitors from near and far join hands for an evening of round dance songs, members of the Ute sister tribes – Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe – also made the trip to visit with friends and family.

Native Love hosted a round dance in Ignacio, Friday, Feb. 10 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The event welcomed singers, dancers, vendors and spectators, the event also featured a potluck style meal to be shared with visitors from local and surrounding communities.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Emcee Afrem Wall welcomes everyone to the round dance held at the Multi-Purpose Facility, Friday, Feb. 10. Wall, along with Stick Man Ignacio Colorow help to keep the event organized and on schedule.



Members of Southern Ute Royalty and volunteers help to cut and hand out slices of cake to visitors during the MPF Valentine's Powwow.



MPF host birthday celebration



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility hosted the February Sip, Chat and Chew event in conjunction with a birthday celebration for tribal elder, Vida B. Peabody on Friday, Feb. 17 in the Gathering Room. Southern Ute Tribal Council and facility staff serve the prepared food for those in attendance during the luncheon and birthday celebration.



Krista Richards/SU Drum



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's elementary students sang a song with Southern Ute tribal elder and former Ute Language teacher Georgia McKinley during the gathering at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

Ute Mountain Ute member Colleen Cuthair won a pair of slippers during Sip, Chat, and Chew on Friday, Feb. 17 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

VIDA B. PEABODY • FROM PAGE 1

the mic to wish Peabody a happy birthday and thank her for her years of dedication. "When I got on to Tribal Council in 2014, Vida was very instrumental in helping me become a leader for our tribe," Eagle said. "She was there to let me know what was expected as a council member – I really enjoyed her giving me advice and showing me the ropes in serving on Tribal Council, so thank you Vida, I appreciate that."

Peabody was presented with a gift from Tribal Council after many heartfelt words, then a group of students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gathered to sing a Betty Howe song in her honor. Led by Daisy Bluestar, the students sang in Ute alongside Peabody.

Peabody thanked everyone who came to enjoy

a meal and celebrate this monumental event with her and the family.

"Thank you for coming and I appreciate each and every one of you," Peabody said. "That's where I get my strength is the love that comes from each and every one of my family, because without their love, I don't think I could have survived. I hope that everything turns out well for you, and I thank you for coming, I will never forget this day. Thank you very much – God bless you."

To wrap up the momentous event, members of the Southern Ute Royalty and Southern Ute Tribal Council helped to cut and hand out slices of birthday cake. Attendees enjoyed a raffle, often put on during the Sip, Chat, and Chew events, which concluded

the celebration.

Peabody's great granddaughter, Gibran Silva, also expressed how grateful and proud the family is to have a strong and loving role model in their lives.

"It made me feel really good to see her hit that accomplishment and it made me proud of her too," Silva said. "[Vida] used a lot of her inner strength to guide us, and that taught everyone in our family how to find their inner strength and use that, and still be compassionate and graceful."

"I think it's really important that she knows how proud we are of her and how appreciative [we are] that she stuck around the community, and was passionate in everything she did," Silva said. "We appreciate everything that she's ever sacrificed for us."

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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats lose regular-season finale, 34-32

Defense not enough at Montezuma-Cortez

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As dramatic as the finish Thursday night, Feb. 16, inside raucous Montezuma-Cortez High School gymnasium ended up being, both basketball teams' bosses seemed quite amazed that the final score turned out being so low.

Even M-CHS head coach Michael Hall, his side prevailing 34-32 after two Isaak Lewis free throws with 0:03.7 left in the fourth quarter all but clinched victory – even though Ignacio's Devante Montoya managed to rebound a teammate's missed desperation three-pointer and net a buzzer-beating deuce.

"We're getting good looks, and our defense is always pretty decent. We've just got to score the ball," said Hall. "That's never been an issue for us, but in the first half I think we missed 14 layups; we've got to score."

"Ignacio ... they're a good team; I don't want to take anything away from Coach Valdez's boys – they played us hard! And I hate playing against him; he's such a good coach, zones us up (defensively) and hurts us."

"Defense has saved our butt all year," IHS skipper Chris Valdez said. "And our problem is, we can't put offense with it sometimes; our defense holds us in the game, and when we have a decent offensive effort, we win. When we don't, we lose. And that was tonight; when our offense ... couldn't hit shots, that cost us the game."

Able to hold four of Hall's special Senior Night starting five scoreless, the Bobcats began the second half the same way they'd begun the first – with an 8-2



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Cox jump-steps through the defense of Montezuma-Cortez's Isaak Lewis (30) during IML action Thursday night, February 16, at Montezuma-Cortez. Cox totaled ten points in a tight 34-32 road loss, but provided valuable rebounding.

run increasing a 16-13 half-time lead to 24-15 midway through the third quarter. But as Panther junior post Miles Frost's buzzer-beating put-back baskets concluding the first and second quarters had already indicated, nothing would be over until it officially was.

Beginning with the first of sophomore guard Caidin Leonard's two clutch three-pointers and ending with the second, M-CHS rallied back to 24-23 with 2:15 still to play in the third. Neither squad gained or lost any more ground as time expired – with Bobcat senior guard Eppie Quintana's last-ditch three-point try narrowly missing – and the 3A/4A Intermountain League action accelerated into the final

eight-minute frame. "Mental toughness. That's all it's about, you know?" Frost said. "You can't lose yourself; you've got to keep your composure. This was what you'd expect to come out for; you've got to be ready for everything that comes your way."

And Montezuma-Cortez (7-12 overall, 3-7 IML) certainly appeared to be. Lewis made a go-ahead trey with 6:19 to go, and Leonard then put the Panthers up 28-24 by rebounding and cleaning up sophomore Tay Wheat's missed breakaway layup.

Contained effectively all game, junior center/forward Gabe Cox responded for 3A

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BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats run away from M-CHS

Brunson-fueled second half yields 46-31 win

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Throughout a scoreless first half personally, Ignacio point guard Laci Brunson frequently heard head coach Trae Seibel shouting 'High percentage!' when it came to the sort of shot she – and her fellow ball-handlers – should seek to set up.

And fortunately, the Lady Bobcats were able to do so enough during two back-and-forth quarters Thursday evening, Feb. 16, inside Montezuma-Cortez H.S. Gymnasium, with senior forward/center Harmony Reynolds and junior center/forward Solymar Cosio combining for six field goals and 16 of the visitors' 24 total points.

But with the hosting Lady Panthers looking to deliver unto Amiyah Ogo a Senior Night win, 3A M-CHS not only recovered from squandering a game-starting 7-0 lead, but also entered intermission trailing by just a point, 24-23, after managing to erase 3A IHS' 22-16 lead during the last 4:29 of the second stanza.

Having already cashed a left-wing three-pointer tying the 3A/4A Intermountain League contest at 22-all, junior sniper Cyriah Begay drilled another equalizer from out of a corner early in the third, re-knotting the score at 28.

Not long after, Seibel hollered a new command: 'Spread! Spread!' Music to a certain senior's ears. "I turned her loose," a grinning Seibel quipped afterwards.

Powered by two successful Brunson drives – one producing an 'and-one' bonus free throw – through a less-congested lane, Ignacio strung together seven unanswered points before Montezuma-Cortez managed a basket trimming a growing deficit back down to 35-30 beginning the fourth quarter.

But after Reynolds (15 points, 3-4 FT) and Cosio (9, 1-2 FT) each crashed inside for close-range buckets, countered by only a single Kalea Ogo free throw, Brunson began putting the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (34) takes contact while snaring a rebound during IML action Thursday evening, February 16, at Montezuma-Cortez. Reynolds totaled a game-high 15 in the Lady Bobcats' 46-31 win.

finishing touches on what ended up a 46-31 road victory. First came a three-pointer, assisted by junior guard Maci Barnes, out of the corner with 3:52 left in regulation, with two FTs – resulting from an Amiyah Ogo foul – then following with 2:43 remaining.

Able to keep M-CHS junior Savannah Haselroth (8 first-half points, 1 second-half) in check while also surrendering no more Begay treys the rest of the way, the Lady 'Cats maxed out their lead with one final Brunson take to the hoop.

"Coach just told us that we had to play disciplined, because [the game] kept going back and forth," said Brunson (3-3 FT), who totaled 14 points. "When we had a lead, we had to just move the ball and take our time to get a good shot."

Key to IHS' efforts early, Barnes ended up with six points – all in the first half – and sophomore Marissa Olguin chipped in her two during the first frame in response to a Haselroth three putting

M-CHS up 10-9 – and halting a 9-0 Ignacio spree wiping out the Lady Panthers' initial seven-point burst.

Begay totaled three threes and nine points for Montezuma-Cortez (4-14, 2-8 IML), and junior Kayce Tom scored five with her first four – two via a buzzer-beating, close-range baseline basket – coming during the wild, tone-setting first quarter. Junior Markylla Jones booked four points, while Kalea Ogo, a sophomore, and freshman Sariah Jackson each managed two.

"We came out on a high note, which is really good especially with us in a new league," Brunson said. "So, we're excited to just go on, see what we can do ... in the postseason."

Ignacio (10-9, 4-6 IML) will next see action in the upcoming IML District Tournament, hosted by Centauri.

Montezuma-Cortez, meanwhile, was to host the play-in game – Bayfield (4-14, 0-10) a likely opponent – on Tuesday, Feb. 21, but results were unavailable at press time.

JV end seasons in tourney



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

DJ Hendren makes the steal in a game against the Centauri Falcons in the first of two games during the JV Basketball tournament, hosted by the Montezuma-Cortez High School, Saturday, Feb. 18 in Cortez, Colo. Both Ignacio High School boys and girls competed in the all-day, season finale tournament. The Boys lost to Centauri 42-58, but defeated Cortez 54-52 in their final game of the tourney.



Bayfield Wolverine, Neato Wilbourn (54) drives the ball down court after getting the rebound in action against Centauri. The Wolverines lost to Centauri, 48-84.

Autumn Sage (23) looks for an open teammate, as she inbounds the ball during the JV girls' game against the Lady Falcons of Centauri. The Lady Cats defeated the Bayfield Wolverines, 45-17 in their first game, but lost to Centauri in their final game, 27-51.

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

Ignacio avoids State empty-handedness

Four qualify, three log at least one win

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Making new Ignacio Wrestling history while concluding her all-too-short prep career, senior Faye Hackett logged one victory in three tries at the 2023 CHSAA Girls' Wrestling State Championship, Feb. 16-18 inside Ball Arena.

Unlucky in her two bouts at the same event last winter, Hackett handled business right off the bat in Denver and pinned Colorado Springs-based 4A Mesa Ridge sophomore Nevaeh Nomura 1 minute, 33 seconds into the opening two-minute period. 4A Broomfield junior Samantha White, however, then pinned Hackett in an elapsed 2:51 of their quarterfinal, and Hackett's run at 130 pounds then ended early as 4A Denver North sophomore Neveah Torres notched a pin 26 ticks into the second period.

Coincidentally, White (14-9 overall) ultimately defeated Torres (22-15) by 15-3 major decision in the fifth-place bout.

19-10 when a junior, Hackett finished the '22-23 campaign an outstanding 25-5 – earning all four of IHS' team points, which tied 2A Walsenburg John Mall for 55th place in the single-classification standings. 5A Littleton Chatfield captured first with 133, barely bettering 4A Colorado Springs Discovery Canyon's 128, with 5A Arvada Pomona (116), 4A Loveland (88) and 5A Grand Junction Central (80) filling out the top five of

67 scoring squads.

Also qualifying for the 2A-level Lady 'Cats, freshman Larissa Espinosa (8-14) competed at 190 pounds. Dealt a tough first-round draw in 5A Centennial Eaglecrest senior Blythe Cayko, Espinosa went 0-2 after losing to the eventual State Champion (who ended up 25-2) by pin in 40 seconds, and then in consolation-round action to 4A Aurora Vista PEAK Prep junior Taryn Holloway. Holloway, however, had to work from first to last whistle in winning 12-9.

Her survival was brief; 5A Fort Collins Poudre Ezry Bonomo eliminated her in the next round via first-period pin.

In the 2023 CHSAA Class 2A Boys' State Championship standings, Ignacio totaled four points in sharing 39th place with Holyoke, Walden North Park and Peyton.

Finishing his first season 15-14 overall, freshman 106-pounder Aven Bourriague went 1-2 with a first-period, consolation-round pin of Cedaredge's Devin Saenz. He'd then be eliminated by Pueblo-based Dolores Huerta Prep sophomore A.J. Jaramillo, who stuck Bourriague 1:33 into the second two-minute period. Powering through to the third Mile High City night, Fowler junior Waitley Sharon (43-2) ultimately won the State Championship, 3-2 over Wray freshman Austin Collins (29-1).

Relegated to the bracket's left side by Ordway-based

Crowley County freshman Derreck Buford in the winners' quarterfinals, Jaramillo (31-5) responded most emphatically. Including his defeat of Bourriague, he strung together four consecutive consolation-round victories – capped by a second-period pin of, ironically, Buford (32-10) in the third-place test.

IHS freshman Lincoln deKay (19-18) also notched one victory – a 10-8 sudden-victory result over County Line's Ty Michael – in his three bouts at 138. Initially dropped into the consolation rounds by a Day 1 loss to CCHS senior Dillon Buford, who prevailed by pin in 1:45, deKay was eliminated on Day 2 by Merino senior Tyler Frank, who earned a pin in an elapsed 3:51.

Avenging his younger brother – while personally earning his third State title – WHS' Brady Collins polished off a 48-0 senior season pinning Buford (31-5) 1:09 into the grand finale's third period. Frank (29-11), meanwhile, fell 5-3 to Monte Vista senior DeAngelo Archuleta (26-9) in the fifth-place clash.

Piling up 183 points, Wray won the team title after outlasting Meeker (169.5). Representing well the San Juan Basin League, Mancos (119.5) came in third – junior Cole Dainty-Guilfoyle won the 175-pounders' crown, and classmate Levi Martin was second at 132 – with Buena Vista (91) and Rocky Ford (87) rounding out the top five of 45 teams managing at least a point.

NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

NABI announces Ak-Chin Indian Community as tournament sponsor

By Melissa Kaszuba
URIAS COMMUNICATIONS

Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) is proud to announce that the Ak-Chin Indian Community will be the presenting sponsor of the annual NABI tournament. NABI was founded in 2003 and is celebrating its 20th anniversary in July. NABI is North America's largest all-Native American basketball tournament, representing over 150 tribal nations. This year, a record-breaking 172 teams applied to participate in the tournament.

"In being the presenting sponsor for NABI, Ak-Chin is giving Indigenous youth a chance to showcase their talents for an overall positive path moving forward," Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent said. "An exciting journey is on the horizon, not only for the teams, coaches, and players themselves, but for the fans and

spectators as well."

NABI is scheduled to take place July 17-23 in Phoenix, Ariz. and will feature inspiring educational components presented by the Phoenix Indian Center, including the NABI College & Career Fair and NABI Educational Youth Summit. The championship games will be played at the Footprint Center, home of the Phoenix Suns and Mercury. Two graduating seniors will stand on the center court during halftime to receive \$10,000 in college scholarships.

"Our 20th anniversary will be our biggest to date. Having Ak-Chin Indian Community alongside NABI has been instrumental in our growth and our commitment to providing a quality basketball program to our youth," said GinaMarie Scarpa, president and founding member of NABI.

NABI semi-final and championship games will

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To register for NABI Founder's Golf Classic, visit www.birdease.com/NABIFoundersGolfClassic. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the NABI College Scholarship Fund and Phoenix Indian Center.

For more information on NABI, visit www.NABInation.com. To learn more about the Ak-Chin Indian Community, visit www.ak-chin.nsn.us.

Youth hold court at SunUte



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The second games of the Sun Ute Youth Basketball League season started at 9a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 in the SunUte Community Center gymnasium. 10-12U teams, Pariyu (black jerseys) went up against Tuku (red jerseys).

Meonahan "Joe" Howell goes up to block the ball against Kuchu (blue jerseys) on Saturday Feb. 11 in the SunUte Community Center gymnasium.



Wrestlers send-off to State



courtesy Maria Eliza Trujillo

State qualifiers Lincoln D'Kay, Marlene Martinez-Perez, Larissa Espinosa, and Aven Bourriague stand together with girls wrestling coach, Aimee Larsen on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 15 after a small send-off celebration. The wrestlers also went to the Ignacio elementary and middle schools before traveling to Denver for the State Championships beginning Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Ball Arena.

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Ignacio (5-14, 1-9) with a strong take to the hoop, but Leonard (10 points) countered with another layup. Wheat then crashed through a defender for a hard-earned two points, upping 3A M-CHS' lead to 32-26 with 4:22 remaining.

Cox (10 points) managed another basket despite the Panthers began milking the clock when possible, and junior Phillip Quintana (2 points) parlayed a Montoya steal into a basket at the other end, bringing the 'Cats back to 32-30 with 1:37 left. And that's when things got nerve-racking.

Put in the 1-and-1 with 53.1 ticks remaining, M-CHS couldn't capitalize. Gabe Crowley, one of M-CHS' five saluted seniors, twice missed the front end of the bonus, and Leonard did so with 25.6 to go. IHS then attempted to tie via a two-point shot by freshman Ambrose Valdez, but it was off-target and the rebound deflected off Phillip Quintana's hand and out of bounds.

Poised to either dribble out the still-remaining 12.3

seconds, or get sent again to the foul line, the Panthers inexplicably gave the Bobcats one last realistic chance to at least send the contest into overtime when senior Austin Wood lost control of the rock near Ignacio's bench. Fortunate that Montoya (4 points) was not given his fifth personal foul on the play, IHS inbounded with 9.6 to go, but Eppie Quintana couldn't get a shot up through defenders Lewis and Crowley.

Forced to foul, he then did so – picking up his own disqualifying fifth and exiting with 10 points to his name.

Lewis then stepped to the charity stripe, did what needed doing most, and 3.7 ticks later, irrespective of Montoya's heads-up clean-up, the home fans' celebration went into overdrive. Likely securing a spot in the upcoming IML District Tournament, M-CHS avoided a tie-breaker scenario with Ignacio (still plus-3 offensively in going 1-1 against the Panthers) in the league standings.

"Feels really good," said

Frost, who came in off Hall's bench – as did Leonard – to score a game-high 12 points, despite playing with a braced left thumb and deeply-bruised middle knuckle on his right hand. "The seniors, it's their last year, and I've been playing with them since I was little. So, I've wanted to give them everything I can this year."

M-CHS' only senior to score in the battle, Lew- is totaled six points, as did Wheat.

In defeat, Bobcat senior forward/center Dylan McCaw provided IHS a third-quarter spark and finished with six points.

"He absolutely did," Chris Valdez said. "When we couldn't get the ball to Cox, we went to Dylan and Dylan was able to do some stuff ... hit some nice shots. Our kids played hard and I'm proud of them. We'll move forward from here."

The 'Cats were expected to next see action in the aforementioned tournament's play-in phase Tuesday, Feb. 21. Results, however, were unavailable at press time.



OBITUARY



FLOYD – Marie Campbell Floyd was born and raised in the Spring Creek area near the town of Ignacio, Colorado. She attended Mason school and the Ignacio Public Schools. She graduated in 1941 and attended Fort Lewis College at Hesperus, Colorado for two years, then transferred to Colorado Agricultural and Mechanic Arts College (now Colorado State University) and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1944. Soon after her graduation she traveled to Alhambra California where she married her high school boyfriend, Elbert Floyd, who had returned to California from combat duty with the U.S. Marines in the Southwest Pacific area.

Marie spent her early adult life making a home for her husband and family. She and Bert have three Children: Suzanne Irene

Ley, Nancy Lee Wilson and John Lincoln Floyd, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. After Bert retired in 1978, she pursued her passion for flower gardening and judging. She grew roses and was an outstanding flower arranger. She won ribbons at the International Flower Shows in Rochester, New York and Nashville, Tennessee and nearly always received special honor awards at shows in the Denver metropolitan area. She served the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs as State President for the 1985-1987 term. She was an accredited Master Flower Show Judge with the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Marie continued to enter flower arrangements at the local county fair often receiving Grand Champion ribbons. Her love of flower arranging lasted through her 98 years.

Marie and Bert hiked the Continental Divide from the New Mexico border to North Cochetopa Pass west of Saguache. They also climbed many fourteens including Mt. Elbert, Mt. Massive and of course Mt. Lincoln. They hoped to climb Mt. Blanca to celebrate their 70th birthday. When Marie was 80 she and her son John hiked up to Hanging Lake.

Bert and Marie relocated from Golden, Colorado to Battlement Mesa, CO then to Grand Junction, CO and finally to Steamboat Springs, CO in 2016.

Marie is survived by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. A celebration of life will be held on April 22, 2023 (her 99th Birthday) in Steamboat Springs, CO.

This obituary was submitted to the Drum by the Southern Ute Education Dept.

MENTAL HEALTH

StrongHearts responds to gun violence

Staff report

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Less than two full months into 2023, our country has already experienced more than 70 incidences of gun violence. Michigan State University is the latest to experience a mass shooting in a school setting. StrongHearts Native Helpline stands with the victims and survivors of gun violence, their family and friends, as they process their horrific experience.

“When we think about survivors of trauma from the standpoint of domestic and sexual violence, we know that these experiences take time and effort to heal,” Lori Jump, CEO StrongHearts Native Helpline said, “Likewise, gun violence has become a constant source of trauma in America – turning our schools, shopping centers, and our homes into a battleground.”

Jump explained survivors of trauma need mental health services for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that is more often than not unavailable in poor communities where gun violence is prevalent.



“There is a dire need for health professionals to mobilize and respond to the increasing number of gun violence cases that plagues our country,” Jump said. StrongHearts Native Helpline supports common sense legislation to ensure the safety of all citizens in the United States. We understand that gun violence is not a standalone issue. America's mental health system is broken and fails to meet the most basic needs of its citizens.

StrongHearts Native

Helpline supports the Strengthening Protections for Domestic Violence and Stalking Survivors Act, recently introduced by Senator Klobuchar (MN) and Representatives Dingell (MI) and Fitzpatrick (PA) and implore our elected representatives to take swift action to improve the safety of our citizens.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally appropriate helpline for Native Americans impacted by domestic and sexual violence. For support and advocacy, call or text: 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

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.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0002-CV-PR
Albie Lino Vigil, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **APRIL 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 15th of February, 2023.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2023-0013-CV-PR
Robb Mato-Waruthin Goodtracks, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for

hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of February, 2023
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2023-0008-CV-PR
Donald Kuebler, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 3rd of February, 2023.
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Native Helpline



NEW EMPLOYEES



Garrett Peachey

Job title: Wildlife Biologist

Description of duties: Wildlife Management

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, hiking, and snowboarding

Family: Australian Shepard puppy named Kenai

Comment: Excited to be a wildlife biologist for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Mar. 10

Deadline:
Mar. 6

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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.

Motor Pool Route 970-563-0280: North of Ignacio, West of Pine River Breen & Red Mesa Area Airport & Weasleskin.

Custom Farm Route 970-563-0220: Snow Plowing for Livestock only.

Forestry Fuels Crew 970-563-4780: WALKWAYS - (Roof snow at entry only). Shovel walkways for: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) the Disabled or Frail Elders; Roof rake at entry only with accumulation of 12" or more.

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, SUIIMA 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Internal Audit Support Services

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Internal Audit Dept., PO Box 737, MS #56, 356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Internal Audit Support Services. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Internal Audit Department located at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, 356 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 5 p.m. MST, on March 10, 2023. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. Contact the Internal Audit Department for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-2239 or ia@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the proposal deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Environmental Consulting Support Services of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Brownfields Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to perform on demand environmental services including assessments, sample collection, cleanup and/or remediation for the Tribe's 128(a) Brownfields Program. The selected Consultant will enter into a three (3) year contract, not to exceed \$450,000. All work requested by the Tribe under this RFP will occur on the Reservation. The Tribe will engage the Consultant, as needed, to perform services including site assessments, hazardous materials site cleanup and/or remediation, structure demolition, and recycling and/or disposal of hazardous materials or regulated wastes, to fulfill the objectives of the Brownfields Program. Email proposal submittals and questions to the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Sharon LeBeau, Brownfields Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: slebeau@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2217. Full RFP details are found online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/. Proposals will be received through March 3, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Construction of Stream Restoration Projects and General Earthwork Services

The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for construction of stream restoration projects and general earthwork services for the Environmental Programs Division. The selected Consultant will enter into a three (3) year contract, not to exceed \$400,000. All work requested by the Tribe under this RFP will occur on the Reservation. The Tribe will engage the Consultant, as needed, to perform services, including: management, design, and construction of stream restoration projects; construction of watertight fences across streams; installation of Low-Tech Process-Based Restoration structures; fence building; tree planting; spraying weeds; and performing various earthwork tasks utilizing heavy equipment. Email proposal submittals and questions to the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Steve Kem, Water Quality Specialist §319 Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. Email: skem@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2295. Full RFP details are found online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/. Proposals will be received through March 3, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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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 March 2023

March 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

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

Division of Social Services
116 Capote Dr.
Ignacio, CO 81131
(970) 563-2332



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Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

This class is free of charge and consists of 8 sessions that may last up to three hours. We ask that you commit your-self to completing each session. You will need the Microsoft Teams App and access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) in an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services at 970-563-2332 for more information or to sign up.



Positive Indian Parenting
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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:
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rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or 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. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open until filled – KSUT now has 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, 970-563-5780.

POWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Maykh! 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.

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 Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

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.**



Southern Ute Utilities Division

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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



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

FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Member Customers: February 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$10.34 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet). Expect higher than normal gas bill.
- Contact the Utilities Division to discuss your monthly billing arrears — pay to keep your balance current

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

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Friendly Reminders

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April 5th / May 3rd**

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- Utilities Drop Box at Office
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- Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions.

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Criminal Analyst/Assistant

Closes 2/28/23 – Provides secretarial and clerical support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Criminal Investigations office. Performs support work associated with evidence collection and crime scene assistance by logging and documenting evidence items, packaging and sealing evidence bags, etc. Utilizes comprehensive programs and statistical data to map possible criminal activity, creates and conducts visual presentations for law enforcement personnel, researches a variety of criminal behaviors, identifies criminal trends, and manages National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), gathers, verifies, and analysis of data. Pay grade N10; pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Detention Officer

Closes 2/24/23 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

Executive Assistant – Forestry & Range Divisions

Closes 3/2/23 – Performs administrative, clerical, and Information System support to the Forestry, Forestry Fuels, and Range Programs/Divisions. Will provide clerical and administrative support to the B.I.A. Forestry Branch. Pay grade E12; pay begins at \$45,236.26/year.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

Closes 3/2/23 – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Recreation Assistant will greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions, clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings, and assist with site development and improvements. Position is seasonal/full-time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Nurse Case Manager

Closes 2/24/23 – Under general supervision of the Chief Nursing Officer, is responsible for facilitating patient's overall healthcare needs. Coordinates with physicians, nurses, social workers, other health team members, contract healthcare providers and facilities to expedite medically appropriate and cost affective care for patients on and off the reservation. Functions as an advisor to Tribal Health clinical leadership team and participates in multi-disciplinary committees to improve clinical quality management and overall patient care coordination of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe membership. Pay grade N15; pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health Department employees must have received the primary COVID series.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – 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.

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 Tech. (So. 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.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – 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. 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.

Controller

Open Until Filled – Responsible for the integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal

and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade X19; pay starts at \$95,745.85/year.

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

Economic Development Project Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will assist with projects to develop, plan, organize 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.

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. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

Field Technician

Open Until Filled – Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for Tribal lands currently served by Custom Farm. Evaluates agricultural noxious weed management needs; completes weed management plans. Conducts cropland evaluation and develops farm plans. Provides technical assistance and irrigation water delivery information to Tribal agriculture producers. Pay grade E12; pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

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.

Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – 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

VEHICLE AUCTION 2010 Ford F-150 “As-Is”

63,867 miles, White. View at Growth Fund Office Building Parking Lot, NW Corner, 14929 Highway 172, Ignacio, CO. Sealed Bids due by 4 p.m., March 3, 2023. Drop sealed bids off at front desk of Growth Fund Office Building, 14929 Highway 172, Ignacio, CO. Bid Opening on March 6, 2023. Vehicle awarded to highest bid. Include bidders name, phone number, and bid dollar amount. Payment required prior to pick up (Cashier's Check Required). Auction open to Southern Ute tribal members only.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

Information, job descriptions and applications: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

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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.

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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.

Investment Associate (So. 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 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. Position 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. The trainee 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 temp/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/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.

Social Worker

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

TEAM Worker (So. Ute members only)

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

TERO Compliance Officer (Temp/part-time)

Open Until Filled – TERO Compliance Officer has the general authority to enforce compliance with the TERO Ordinance of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A point of contact for all development activities occurring on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and surrounding service areas. Works closely with contractor(s), other tribal departments, and non-tribal organizations to meet the mandates of TERO. Maintains a database of potential Indian Owned Businesses and Contractors. Pay grade N11; pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

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

Tribal Attorney

Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Dept. 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 Captain

Open Until Filled – 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.

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.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

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.

Office Administration Specialist – GF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/3/23 – Provides direct support to Growth Fund Executive staff and is responsible for efficient office management, coordinates selected day-to-day office administrative and support functions, communication, and performs other office administrative duties. Provides support in order to meet deadlines and ensure files, documents, and other paperwork are accurate and organized. Interacts with Growth Fund and Southern Ute Tribal staff, and the public in an efficient, courteous, and helpful manner.

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

Closes 3/6/23 – Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records.

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

Closes 3/6/23 – Obtains and maintains orderly

and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. This position provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

Petroleum Business Systems Analyst – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/6/23 – Performing systems analysis and maintaining integrity of monthly engineering and production databases. Provides data management, evaluation and presentation support for acquisitions/divestitures, budgeting, planning, economics, reserve and financial lookback evaluation processes. Interfaces and works collaboratively across Red Willow departments, basin teams, in both onshore and offshore business units.

Revenue Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering Co. – Durango, CO

Closes 3/8/23 – Revenue activities and producer/pipeline gas imbalance of Red Cedar Gathering Company, assuring accuracy, consistency, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. Provide support to the Measurement and Revenue Accounting Manager and provide timely and accurate reports and information to other departments, management, and external parties.

Facilities Assistant Manager – GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/10/23 – Maintenance management services and assistance to the Facilities Manager and the Property Maintenance Manager to include monitoring and maintaining Growth Fund- properties, Quichas Apartment Complex, and developed and vacant land at Three Springs. Will assist with addressing tenant requests; processing work-orders; coordinating contracted and maintenance work; coordination and supervision of capital improvement projects.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

***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.

***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.

***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.

***Security Officer (Full-time)**

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

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

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.

***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.

***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.

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

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

***Slot Technician II (Full-time)**

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

Willows Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. Taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift covers breakfast and lunch only.

***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.

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**

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

***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. Responsible for communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions.

***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.

***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.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

***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, it assists in researching new benefit programs, assessing and improving existing programs, and providing analytical and technical support in program delivery.

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. Will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

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.

***49 Lounge Bartender**

Provide an exceptional lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4545/4517.

- Addiction Counselor
- Assist. Div. Director – Road Runner Transit
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Tech.
- P/T Monitoring Technician (3 positions)
- Substitute Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

TERO – Job announcements

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

Inspector II

Open Until Filled – Bonfire is looking for an Inspector II. Position would consist of 80% field work and 20% administrative support. Support the Construction Manager, Operating partners, and engineering with day-to-day construction operations. Qualifications: High School Diploma or Equivalent. Valid driver's license and be insurable. Must live within 50 miles of project. Must have working experience with sub-contractors. Ability to communicate clear and accurate information regarding quantity and deliverables to the Construction and Project Managers. Working knowledge of permits, ISA's, and traffic control safety measures. Pay base: \$60,000. Contact TERO at 970-563-0118 for a full job description and how to apply. Native American Preference will apply.

**STATE OF COLORADO HISTORY COLORADO
Education Coordinator**

State Of Colorado invites applications for the position of Education Coordinator for the Ute Indian Museum, located in Montrose, CO. This position is open only to Colorado state residents.

CLOSING DATE: FEB. 26, 2023
SALARY: \$1,730.77 - \$1,923.07 Biweekly; \$3,750.00 - \$4,166.66 Monthly.

DESCRIPTION OF JOB: This position at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, Colorado oversees the operations and management of education programs, community partnership and outreach, including systems and services provided by the Ute Indian Museum.

HOW TO APPLY: Please submit an online application for this position at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado. Reach out to the Department Contact to apply using a paper application, including any supplemental questions. Failure to submit a complete and timely application may result in the rejection of your application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that application materials are received by the appropriate Human Resources office before the closing date and time listed.

IF NOT APPLYING ON-LINE, SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Online is the preferred method of application for this announcement, however, if you need help please contact Dany.McCoy@state.co.us.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION: Dany.McCoy@state.co.us
FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: www.coloradohistory.org

HISTORY COLORADO has a strong commitment to diversity, inclusion and cultural competency, because of that, we are continuously seeking to recruit individuals who will enhance this diversity and ultimately the effectiveness of our organization. We believe that equity, diversity, and inclusion drive our success, and we encourage candidates from all identities, backgrounds, and abilities to apply. History Colorado and the State of Colorado is an equal opportunity employer committed to building inclusive, innovative work environments with employees who reflect our communities and enthusiastically serve them. Therefore, in all aspects of the employment process, we provide employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, medical condition related to pregnancy, creed, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, or military status or any other protected status in accordance with applicable law.

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STATE OF COLORADO

Summary of bills sponsored by Colorado State Rep. McLachlan

Staff report
OFFICE OF REP. BARBARA
McLACHLAN

We are a little more than a third of the way through our legislative session, and the wave of bills is reaching tsunami proportions. All 100 General Assembly members can submit five bills, so we have quite a few starting through the process. Here is a summary of some bills I am sponsoring:

House Bill 23-1093 has passed through the House and is headed to the Senate. Fort Lewis College employees gave me the idea; higher education employees throughout Colorado support it. Professors, according to statute, may take sabbaticals, as long as they work on something that helps their students, departments and schools. And only with permission from the school. This bill gives that same right to staff members, defined as an employee in a management position, including a director up to a vice president. The bill is good for students, schools and staff retention.

House Bill 23-1087 allows payments for charitable food organizations using state grant money to pay in advance when purchasing state agricultural products. Under statute, Colorado generally prohibits pre-payment until the work is done, with some exceptions: ad-

vertising, construction permits, catering, IT, service agreements, etc. Prepayment is not a new, untested model. Instead, this will help our growers by giving them funding up front, and it will give the state a sense of what kind of food needs the state charitable programs have. This bill has also passed through the House and moves on to the Senate.

House Bill 23-1036 focuses on avoiding the dangers of lead poisoning. Originally, this bill set up a process for hunters to voluntarily trade lead bullets for non-lead bullets and be educated as to the necessity. Hunters who eat their prey are subject to lead poisoning, as are their children, pregnant wives, and the eagles who eat the small game and domestic pets who consume the food scraps. The fiscal note, which estimates a bill's budget impacts, on the original version of the bill was large, and included raising the cost of hunting licenses.

After a great deal of stake holding with hunting, outdoor recreation, and wildlife advocate groups, we amended the bill to become a pilot program in small sections of the state to gauge interest. Funding for the bullet vouchers and education will come from non-governmental agencies, for the most part, and the fiscal note was cut significantly. This bill passed through the Agriculture Com-

mittee and is now headed toward Appropriations.

House Bill 23-1177 is designed to keep our students safe, preventing drivers from blasting through school bus stop signs. The bill will add cameras to the stop arms or bus sides to capture a license plate photo and fine the offender. This will only apply to school buses that transport students. We are meeting soon with fiscal analysts and law enforcement to see how we can whittle the fiscal note and enforce the law.

House Bill 23-1194 is also a work in progress. It comes from the La Plata County Commissioners concerning the Bayfield landfill, and was supported by 100 percent of the Colorado Counties, Inc. membership. It requires the Department of Public Health to work with local governments on landfill issues before implementing fines and establish a process for resolving disputes. Many times, commissioners are struggling to find money to fix their landfills, but the fines they incur meanwhile prevent the remediation from happening.

Lots of work is happening under Colorado's gold dome, with more to come. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, is serving her fourth term representing La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta, and San Juan counties. She has been a journalist and teacher.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Colorado welcomes nearly \$86M from bipartisan infrastructure law

Funding to address contaminants in drinking water

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper welcomed nearly \$86 million in grant funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and made available through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address emerging contaminants like Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in drinking water in Colorado. This funding will be made available to communities through the EPA's Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (E-SDC) Grant Program and will promote access to safe and clean water in small, rural, and disadvantaged communities while supporting local economies.

"We must urgently eradicate PFAS from our drinking water, especially in historically overlooked areas in rural Colorado. We fought for this funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to do just that," Hickenlooper said.

On Monday, Bennet and Hickenlooper also joined

U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) in urging the Biden Administration to provide detailed funding plans for a broad range of agencies and programs in their upcoming budget request to more comprehensively address the challenges posed by PFAS.

"For years, I've sounded the alarm on PFAS contamination and the urgent need to protect our communities, drinking water, and ecosystems from this threat. All Coloradans deserve clean air and clean water, and this funding will help historically underserved communities eradicate harmful chemicals from their water," Bennet said.

"Too many American communities, especially those that are small, rural, or underserved, are suffering from exposure to PFAS and other harmful contaminants in their drinking water," EPA Administrator Michael Regan stated. "Thanks to President Biden's leadership, we are investing in America and providing billions of dollars to strengthen our nation's water infrastructure while safeguarding people's health and boost-

ing local economies. These grants build on EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap and will help protect our smallest and most vulnerable communities from these persistent and dangerous chemicals."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$5 billion over five years to help communities that are on the frontlines of PFAS contamination reduce PFAS in drinking water. The EPA announced the funds for Colorado as part of an allotment of \$2 billion to states and territories that can be used to prioritize infrastructure and source water treatment for pollutants, like PFAS and other emerging contaminants, and to conduct water quality testing.

Last year, Bennet and Hickenlooper urged the U.S. Air Force to address water contamination in El Paso County from PFAS, which was found in firefighting foam used at Peterson Space Force Base. They also introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would reimburse local water districts for PFAS contamination cleanup.

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7 Reasons Canvas Bags Are Better than Plastic Bags

1. Eco-friendly
Doesn't end up in landfills and oceans.
2. Protects Wildlife
Won't harm marine animals and wildlife.
3. Recyclable
Natural canvas will easily biodegrade after you've used it for years and years.
4. Stronger, More Durable
Canvas is much stronger than the plastic disposable bags, so you won't drop your groceries!
5. Carbon Neutral
With 8 Billion Trees, the footprint required to make the bag is erased with afforestation offsets.
6. Sustainable
Canvas material, unlike fossil fuel made plastics, reduces ecological impact.
7. Healthier
Microplastics that invade drinking water aren't good for anyone.

Source: The Canvas Grocery Bag That Saves Animals (Reviewing Top 8 Reusable Shopping Bags) (8billiontrees.com)

In most places you are now required to bring your own bags or pay for the plastic bags the stores have. Consider this the next time you opt to pay for those plastic bags. Canvas bags reduce waste from disposable store packaging this cuts down fossil fuel usage and greenhouse gases required for the ongoing production of single-use disposable bags, they are reusable lowering the burden on natural resources because you can use the same bag for multiple purposes, over and over again, and can you recycle the bag to help build a better planet through environmentally sustainable and recyclable materials.

Please contact the Assistant Environmental Programs Manager, Teana Cavallo, at 970-563-2272 or tcavallo@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.

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.

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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Feb. 24

Cloudy 38°F
20% chance snow showers

Saturday, Feb. 25

Mostly sunny 50°F
Windy

Sunday, Feb. 26

Mostly cloudy 39°F
70% chance snow showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

February 20 February 27 March 7 March 14 March 21

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Feminine half, in the East
4 Playing hard to get
7 Dark purple
8 Agreeable fragrances
12 Speck
13 Woven by the Navajo
14 Carrier that folded in 1991
16 Lighter than lite
17 It's left to horses
19 Chartbuster
20 Fijians, for example
25 Gaza group
26 Gymrat's pride
27 Walt Disney's middle name
30 Mongrels
34 Burrowing rodent
36 Unrealistic land
37 Cold evidence
38 Ferocious cat
39 B.A. or Ph.D., for example
40 Small amount of money

Down

1 Ute ancestors
2 Clickable image
3 The --- Half-Breed Reservation, NE, disbanded in 1861
4 Rotter
5 "... thunder, lightning, --- rain?" (Shakespeare, "Macbeth")
6 Up and down amusement
7 Blather
9 Yemeni coffee city
10 From the top
11 River-mouth deposits
15 "... the only animal that blushes. Or needs to." (Mark Twain)
18 "Charlotte's ---"
20 Some movie files
21 --- Pompeo, of Grey's Anatomy
22 France's longest river
23 Lush
24 "The --- of the King" (Tennyson)
28 Retired
29 Surface filler
31 Drop for a ten-count
32 The --- Abenaki tribe, Vermont's smallest
33 Woodwind instrument that's not wooden
35 Part of a race

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

Answers for February 10, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Scad, 5 RFK, 8 Charr, 9 Creek, 12 Out to, 13 Malmo, 14 Wit, 15 Nap, 17 Pep, 18 LEM, 19 Tins, 20 Acidified, 23 Drub, 24 Sup, 25 Imp, 26 PhD, 27 Cep, 30 Scene, 32 Dhaka, 34 Sonar, 35 Lased, 36 OHV, 37 Egad.

Down: 1 Shui, 2 Catt, 3 Art, 4 Droned, 5 RCMP, 6 Fra, 7 Kelpie, 8 Cow, 10 Emend, 11 Kops, 16 Amish, 18 Lib, 19 Tip, 20 Armco, 21 Cupeno, 22 Fuddle, 23 Diss, 26 Perv, 27 Casa, 28 Eked, 29 Pad, 31 Nah, 33 Hag.